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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri,	2016 - 2019 (expected)
M.A., Political Science, Northern Illinois University	2013 - 2015
B.A., Politics, Saint Vincent College	2009 - 2013

Research

Kushner, Aaron. "Written in Blood: The Cherokee Freedmen and Developing Views of Citizenship." *Under Review*.

Kushner, Aaron. "The Imposition of Freedom: Why the Cherokee Resisted Citizenship for Their Former Slaves." *Under Review*.

Butcher, Jordan M. and Aaron Kushner. "Chutes and Ladders: How Ambition Plays Out in Term-Limited Legislatures." *Under Review*.

Kushner, Aaron. "Faith and the Democratic Mind: How Religion and Party Influence Identity."

Kushner, Aaron. "Blood of the Blood: The Declaration of Independence as a Source of National Identity."

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught:

- University of Missouri
 - Freshmen Interest Group 10: Political Science and Elections, Fall 2017
- Northern Illinois University
 - American Government and Politics, Spring 2016
- Elgin Community College
 - UB Political Science I, Summer 2015, Summer 2016
 - UB Political Science II, Summer 2015, Summer 2016
 - UB Political Science IV, Summer 2015

Teaching Assistant and Lab Instructor:

- University of Missouri
 - Political Parties and Election Campaigns, Professor Jay Dow, Fall 2016
 - Northern Illinois University
 - Democracy in America, Professor S. Adam Seagrave, Spring 2015
 - Public Policy and Debate, Professor Heidi Koenig, Fall 2013, Spring 2014
 - American Government and Politics, Professors Rebecca Hannagan and Artemis Ward, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014
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Research Experience

- Research Assistant- Northern Illinois University
 - Matthew Streb, PhD, Spring 2015, Fall 2015 – *Rethinking American Electoral Democracy 3rd Ed.*, 2016; *The Battle for the Court: Interest Groups, Judicial Elections, and Public Policy*, 2017.
 - Research Assistant- University of Missouri
 - Jay Dow, PhD, Summer 2018.
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Conference Presentations

“The Imposition of Freedom: Why the Cherokee Resisted Citizenship for their Former Slaves”, Shawnee Trail Regional Conference (Colorado Springs, CO), April 2018

“Chutes and Ladders: How Ambition plays out in Term-Limited Legislatures” (With Jordan Butcher), Southern Political Science Association Conference (New Orleans, LA), January 2018

“Reigning Together on the Same Soil: How Religion and Party May Coexist for the Sake of Public Discourse”, Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2017

“The Fault in Our Founders: Political Parties and Participation in America”, Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2016

Blog Postings

“No, Term Limits Won’t #DrainTheSwamp. We did the Research.” Washington Post Monkey Cage. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/05/08/no-term-limits-wont-draintheswamp-we-did-the-research/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.cdaaca70392c May 8, 2018 (with Jordan Butcher)

Awards and Distinctions

- Bryan L. Forbis Scholar in American Politics, 2018
- Graduate Fellowship, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, 2017 – present

- Southern Political Science Association Conference Scholarship, 2018
 - University of Missouri Travel Grant, 2017-2018
 - Northern Illinois University Travel Grant, 2015-2016
 - Phi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Society
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Professional Development

- Editorial Assistant and Communications Coordinator, *Starting Points: A Journal of American Principles and American Practices* (Kinder Institute), 2017 – present
 - President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, University of Missouri, 2017 – 2018
 - President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Northern Illinois University, 2015 – 2016
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References

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