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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri, May 2018

Dissertation: Non-Emergency Exits: Voluntary Retirements from Legislatures

Committee: L. Marvin Overby (Chair), Peverill Squire, Laron K. Williams, Mark M. Carroll

B.A., *Cum Laude*, Political Science and Religious Studies, University of Dayton, May 2012

Academic Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, Department of Political Science, July 2018-present

Peer Reviewed Publications

“Joining the Great Majority: An Analysis of Senate Deaths, 1919-2015.” (With Hanna K. Brant and L. Marvin Overby). Forthcoming. *Social Science Quarterly*.

“Dynamics of Senate Retirements.” (With L. Marvin Overby). 2017. *Political Research Quarterly* 70 (1): 184-193.

Other Publications

“John McCain’s passing reminds us that death has always been an important part of life in the US Senate” (With Hanna K. Brant and L. Marvin Overby). August 2018. London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog.

“Another reason Democrats will have difficulty retaking the US Senate this fall: Republicans’ historical advantage in holding open seats” (With Hanna K. Brant and L.

Marvin Overby). July 2018. London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog.

“Republicans prefer to serve in the Senate over the House: for them, it represents the ultimate realistic office.” (With L. Marvin Overby). March 2017. London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog.

Research Interests

Legislative careers, Congress, legislative elections, judicial elections, state supreme courts, Western Europe, EU politics

Ongoing Research

“Filling the Void: Retired Senators and Their Successors.” With Hanna K. Brant and L. Marvin Overby. Under Review.

“Sub-Issue Ownership: #MeToo and the Matter of Sex Crimes.” With Kenneth Bryant Jr.

“Exiting the Continent: Retirements from the European Parliament.”

“Yielding the Floor for the Last Time: Senate Retirement Dynamics, 1919-2014.” With Hanna K. Brant, Anurag Chandran, and L. Marvin Overby.

Conference Presentations

“Flipping the Script: Senatorial Retirements, Electoral Defeats, and the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2018.

“Filling the Void: Retired Senators and Their Successors,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2017 with Hanna K. Brant and L. Marvin Overby.

“Joining the Great Majority: An Analysis of Senate Deaths, 1919-2014,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2017 with Hanna K. Brant and L. Marvin Overby.

“Exiting the Continent: Euroscepticism and Voluntary Departures from the European Parliament,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

“Yielding the Floor for the Last Time: Senate Retirement Dynamics, 1919-2014,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2016 with L. Marvin Overby, Hanna Brant, and Anurag Chandran.

“Special Interests and State Supreme Court Elections: The Partisan Divide,” Paper expected to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2016.

“Dynamics of Senate Retirements,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2015 with L. Marvin Overby.

“The Vintage Incumbency Advantage: Former House Members as Challengers,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, 2015.

“Comfort in Numbers: Parties, Legislative Experience and Retirements in the U.S. Senate,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, 2015.

“Understanding Darfur,” panelist at the Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium for Undergraduate Research, Dayton, OH, 2012.

Other Research Experience

Research Assistant

- Spring 2013 – Gathered and formatted public opinion data for professor Laron Williams for his paper “The ‘Most Important Problem’ Dataset (MIPD): A New Dataset on American Issue Importance,” (Published in *Conflict Management and Peace Science*).

Teaching Interests

Congress and legislative process, the presidency, electoral institutions, political parties, judicial politics, Western European politics, politics of the EU, religion and politics (American and comparative), sports and politics (American and comparative)

Teaching Experience

Wabash College

PSC 111 – Introduction to American Government & Politics

PSC 210 – Congressional Elections

PSC 497 – Senior Seminar

University of Missouri

Graduate Instructor (Spring 2016-Spring 2017) – American Government

Co-facilitator (Fall 2016) – Elections and Political Science – Course designed to mentor Freshman political science majors and help them assimilate into college life.

Teaching Assistant with independent discussion sections (Spring 2015) – Comparative Political Systems, Professor Laila Sorurbakhsh

Teaching Assistant (Fall 2012-Spring 2015)

- Fall 2014 – Constitutional Rights, Professor Justin Dyer
- Spring 2014 – The Presidency, Professor William Horner
- Fall 2013 – Congress and Legislative Policy, Professor L. Marvin Overby
- Spring 2013 – Comparative Political Behavior, Professor Laron Williams
- Fall 2012 – American Government, Professor Sean Nicholson-Crotty

Awards and Support

Travel Grant, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, 2018

Graduate Fellowship in Political Thought & Constitutionalism, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, 2017-18

Graduate Student Association Most Outstanding Graduate Student Award, University of Missouri, 2017

David M. Wood Excellence in Political Science Research Award, University of Missouri, 2017

Prestage-Cook Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association, 2017

APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2016

Jeffrey D. Byrne Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2016

J.G. Heinberg Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2015

Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2012-present

Induction into Alpha Sigma Tau, University of Dayton, 2012

Service

Guest Instructor, Missouri Scholars Academy, 2017

Journal reviewer: *Political Behavior*

APSA discussant: 2016 (*Congress and the Bureaucracy*)

President, Graduate Association of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2014-15

Vice-chair, Academic Affairs Committee (also member of the Executive Committee), University of Dayton, 2010-11

- Elected college-wide, in charge of reviewing and approving all curriculum changes in the College of Arts & Sciences

Professional Development

Short course – Designing Courses for Significant Learning, Dee Fink & Associates, February 2016

Preparing Future Faculty, University of Missouri, 2015-16

Blackboard Teaching and Design Boot Camp, University of Missouri, September 2014

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association

- Legislative Studies Section
- Political Science Education Section

Midwest Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

References

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