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Purdue University
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Education

Candidate, Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science Expected Graduation Spring 2022
Purdue University, College of Liberal Arts, West Lafayette, Indiana

Dissertation: “Deindustrial Dealignment: Economic Change and Sub-National Party System Volatility
in Appalachia”

Committee: Jay McCann (Chair), Eric Waltenburg, Mark Tilton, Patricia Boling

Master of Arts in Political Science Graduated Spring 2016
University of Akron, College of Arts and Science, Akron, Ohio

Master of Public Administration Graduated Spring 2012
The Ohio State University, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Columbus, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Major, Economics Minor, Cum Laude Graduated Spring 2010
Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio

Washington Semester, Economic Policy Program Completed Fall 2008
American University, Washington, D.C.

Academic Work Experience

Purdue University, College of Liberal Arts, Department of Political Science Graduate Assistant
Beering Hall 100 N. University Street W. Lafayette, IN 47907 August 2016 – Present

Independent Lecturer

- POL 101 American Government and Politics: Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant

- POL 373 Campaigns and Elections: Fall 2020
- POL 372 Indiana State Government and Policy: Spring 2021, Fall 2021
- POL 300 Introduction to Political Analysis: Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018
- POL 231 Environmental Politics: Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020
- POL 101 American Government and Politics: Spring 2021

Research Assistant

- Research Assistant for Dr. Eric Waltenburg: Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant

- POL 462 The Supreme Court and Civil Liberties: Fall 2015, Spring 2016
- POL 201 Introduction to Political Research: Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2015
- POL The Supreme Court and the Constitution: Spring 2016
- POL Politics of Criminal Justice Spring 2016

Government and Political Work Experience

Rocky River Municipal Clerk of Court Deputy Criminal and Traffic Clerk of Court
21012 Hilliard Boulevard Rocky River, Ohio 44116 February 2014 – August 2014

Stow Municipal Clerk of Court Deputy Criminal and Traffic Clerk of Court
4400 Courthouse Drive Stow, Ohio 44224 July 2013 – December 2013

Ohio House of Representatives, 36th District Election Campaign Manager
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio June 2012 – November 2012

United States House of Representatives, Representative Betty Sutton [OH-13] Congressional Intern
Akron District Office, Akron, Ohio May 2009 – August 2009

United States House of Representatives, Representative Betty Sutton [OH-13] Congressional Intern
Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. September 2008 – December 2008

Research

Past Academic Conference Presentations

“Why Republican ‘Leaning’ Independent Voters, Do Not Identify as Belonging to the Republican Party.”
69th Annual Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists Conference
October 23, 2009, Ashland University; Ashland, Ohio

“Why Republican ‘Leaning’ Independent Voters, Do Not Identify as Belonging to the Republican Party.”
17th Annual Heidelberg University Student Research Conference
February 16, 2010, Heidelberg University; Tiffin, Ohio

“Private Security Contractors in Iraq.”
17th Annual Heidelberg University Student Research Conference
February 16, 2010, Heidelberg University; Tiffin, Ohio

“Why Republican ‘Leaning’ Independent Voters, Do Not Identify as Belonging to the Republican Party.”
68th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference
April 23, 2010, Palmer House; Chicago, Illinois, Poster Presentation

“Taking it to the People: A Twenty-First Century Strategy for Reversing Union Membership Decline.”
7th Annual Battleground States Conference
February 23-26, 2012, Bowling Green State University; Bowling Green, Ohio

“Taking it to the People: A Twenty-First Century Strategy for Reversing Union Membership Decline.”

1st Annual Glenn Graduate Student Research Conference
February 27, 2012, The Ohio State University; Columbus, Ohio

“Finding a New Boss: Worker Resistance to the Hugo Boss Factory Closings in Brooklyn, Ohio.”

77th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference
April 4-7, 2019, Palmer House; Chicago, Illinois

“Economic Change and Electoral Volatility in Sub-National Party Systems: The Case of West Virginia”

78th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference
April 14-18, 2021, Palmer House; Chicago, Illinois

Upcoming Academic Conference Presentations

“Deindustrialization and Party System Volatility in Appalachian OH and PA”

117th Annual American Political Science Association National Conference
September 30-October 3, 2021, Seattle, Washington

Professional Development, Activities and Awards

Teaching Development

Completed Summer 2021 Course, “Teaching Political Science and Public Policy”

Purdue University Department of Political Science
May 17 – June 11, Purdue University; West Lafayette, Indiana

Attended the 2021 Conference on “Maximizing Student Potential”

Purdue University Division of Diversity and Inclusion
March 17, 2021, Purdue University; West Lafayette, Indiana

Certificate of Foundations in College Teaching

Purdue University Center for Instructional Excellence
Spring 2020, Purdue University; West Lafayette, Indiana

Completed the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training - Faculty, Postdoctoral, and Graduate Students

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)
Completed October 31, 2020, Expires October 30, 2025

Completed Training in “Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discrimination Prevention”

September 29, 2014, University of Akron; Akron, Ohio

Invited Talks

“The Front Porch Campaign of 1880”

The Friends of James A. Garfield, 2014 Garfield Symposium
November 15, 2014, Lakeland Community College; Kirtland, Ohio

“Voter Fraud”

Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association (WALLA) Spring 2019 Term: “Voting Matters Mini-Course”
April 8, 2019; West Lafayette, Indiana

“Solution in Search of a Problem: Voter Suppression and the Pursuit of Eliminating Election Fraud”

Purdue Chapter of American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette: “Voting Rights and Voter Suppression: The Race for Representation”

March 4, 2020; Lafayette, Indiana

Memberships

Political Science Graduate Student Association – *Faculty Committee Graduate Student Representative (2019)*

Midwest Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

Alpha Lambda Delta (National Academic Honor Society)

Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)

Tau Pi Phi (National Business Honor Society)

Honors and Awards

First Place Undergraduate Political Science Research Paper

“Why Republican ‘Leaning’ Independent Voters, Do Not Identify as Belonging to the Republican Party.”

69th Annual Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists Conference

October 23, 2009, Ashland University; Ashland, Ohio

Heidelberg University

John I. Kolehmainen Scholarship, 2007 Outstanding Freshman in Political Science

John C. Shinn Award Scholarship, 2009 Outstanding Junior in Political Science

“Skip” Oliver Award Scholarship, 2010 Outstanding Senior in Political Science

American University

Dean’s Scholarship Award, 2008

United States House of Representatives

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, 2009