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## Academic Employment

### Florida International University

- > Visiting Assistant Professor (2017 – present)

### University of Florida

- > Graduate Teaching Assistant (2015-2017); Graduate School Fellow (2011-2015)
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## Teaching Experience

### Florida International University – Instructor of Record

- > POS 2041, **Introduction to American Government**: Fall 2017 – present
- > POS 3424, **Legislative Process**: Spring 2018 – present
- > POS 4421, **State Government and Politics** (Online Course): Fall 2017 – present
- > POS 4684, **Politics of Voting Rights**: Fall 2017

### University of Florida – Instructor of Record

- > POS 2112, **American State and Local Government**: Summer 2016
- > POS 4424, **Legislative Politics**: Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Spring 2017
- > POS 4275, **Modern Political Campaigns**: Fall 2016

### University of Florida – Graduate Teaching Assistant

- > POS 2112, **State and Local Government**: Spring 2015
  - > POS 2041, **American Federal Government**: Fall 2012; Spring 2013 (online course); Fall 2013 – Fall 2014
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## Education

### PhD – University of Florida – Summer 2019 (expected)

- > Major field: American Politics and Political Institutions
- > Minor fields: Comparative Politics, Public Policy
- > Supervisory committee: [Lawrence C. Dodd](#) (chair); [Beth Rosenson](#) (co-chair); [Leslie Anderson](#); [Richard Conley](#); [Julie Dodd](#) (external member, College of Journalism and Mass Communication)

### MA – University of Florida – 2014

- > Examination fields: American Politics and Political Institutions (Fall 2013); Comparative Politics (Spring 2014)

### BA – West Virginia University – 2010 (*summa cum laude*)

- > Degree field: Political Science (course focus: Public Policy, Comparative Politics); Minor field: Spanish
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## Additional Training

- > [Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research \(IQMR\)](#) – June 2014 – Syracuse University
  - > Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Workshop: [Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data](#) – May 2016 – University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
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## Research Interests

- > Legislative politics; U.S. Congress; Framing, language, and rhetoric in politics; political communication; media and politics; political institutions and institutional organization
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## Conference Presentations

- > “Negotiation, Impasse, and Crusade: Processes of Elite Framing in Congress” – Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2017)
- > “(No?) Experience Needed: Explaining Governors’ Conciliatory and Confrontational Uses of Power” (with Mitchell Sellers) – Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2015)

- > "Processes of Elite Framing in Congress: The Case of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'" – Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016)
  - > "The Decline of Unions and Working-Class Access to Government" (with Robert L. Mermer II) – Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016)
  - > "Evolutionary Perspectives on Message and Conflict Frames in Legislative Debate" – Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016)
  - > "On the Origins of Issue Frames: Adoption of News Media Frames in the U.S. Congress," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings (2015)
  - > "Flunking the Electoral College? Comparing Normative Critiques with Empirical Analysis of Alternative Models, 1952-2012," (with Richard S. Conley) – Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)
  - > "Debating 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell': A Critical Analysis of Elite Discourse in the Congressional Record" - Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)
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### **Selected Working Papers**

- > "The Rhetorical Congress: Framing Political Conflict in Legislative Debate" (dissertation title)
  - > "Flunking the Electoral College? Comparing Normative Critiques with Empirical Analysis of Alternative Models, 1952-2012," (with Richard S. Conley) (under review at *Congress and the Presidency*)
  - > "E Pluribus Multis: State Democratic Party Organizational Variation and Working-Class Representation" (submitted to APSA 2018)
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### **Activities and Service**

#### **Conference Participation**

- > Discussant & Chair, "Policy-Making in the U.S.: History and Politics," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017
- > Discussant, undergraduate panel on media and politics, Midwest Political Science Association (2015)
- > Panel participant, "Directions in LGBT Rights Research," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)

#### **Florida International University**

- > Department of Politics and International Relations: Undergraduate Studies Committee (2017-present)
- > United Faculty of Florida: Senator and executive committee member (2018-present)

#### **University of Florida**

- > Graduate Assistants United: Chief Steward (2015 – 2016); Communications Chair (2016 – 2017)
- > Political Science Graduate Student Council: President (2014-2015); American Politics Field Chair (2013-2014); Social Chair (2012-2013)

#### **West Virginia University**

- > The Daily Athenaeum (WVU student newspaper): columnist and opinion editor (2008-2010)
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### **Awards and Grants**

- > Douglas M. Price Award (outstanding graduate student in American Politics), University of Florida, 2016
  - > University of Florida Graduate Student Council Travel Grant (2014, 2016)
  - > University of Florida Graduate School Fellowship (2011 – 2015)
  - > Society of Professional Journalists Award (Region IV) (2010)
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### **Professional Memberships**

- > American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association