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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis. Department of Political Science, Ph.D. 2005.

Fields: American Politics, Public Law, and Methodology.

Dissertation: "An Activist Mediated Model of Presidential Elections: Campaigns to Structure Voting Behavior."

Committee: Benjamin Highton (Chair), Robert Huckfeldt, Brian Sala, and Walter Stone.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI. Summer Training Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2001.

Goshen College, Goshen, IN. B.A. 1994. History major, Spanish minor.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Kent State University, Fall 2016 - present.

Graduate Coordinator, 2015-2017, 2023-present.

Associate Professor, Kent State University, Fall 2010 – Spring 2016.

Assistant Professor, Kent State University. Fall 2005 – Spring 2010.

Graduate Fellow, UC Davis—Washington Center. 2004-2005 school year.

Instructor, UC Davis. Summer, 2004.

Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant, UC Davis. 2000-2004.

BOOKS

Djupe, Paul A. and Ryan L. Claassen. Editors. 2018. *The Evangelical Crackup? The Future of the Evangelical-Republican Coalition*. Temple University Press.

Claassen, Ryan L. 2015. *Godless Democrats and Pious Republicans? Party Activists, Party Capture, and the "God Gap."* Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Claassen, Ryan L. and Michael Ensley. Forthcoming. 2026. "The Voting Wars: Public Opinion about Battles Over Voting Rules." *American Politics Research*. 54:1. 15-26.
- Claassen, Ryan L. and John Barry Ryan. 2025. "Biased Polls: Investigating the Pressures Survey Respondents Feel." *Acta Politica*. 60: 821-843.
- Claassen, Ryan L., Michael Ensley and John Barry Ryan. 2025. "Do Fans Make Poor Referees? Exploring Citizens' Reactions to Partisan Gamesmanship" *Political Behavior*. 47: 1295-1315.
- Claassen, Ryan L., Paul Djupe, Andy Lewis, and Jacob Neiheisel. 2021. "Which Party Represents My Group? The Group Foundations of Partisan Choice and Polarization." *Political Behavior*. 42:2. 615-636.
- Claassen, Ryan L. and John Barry Ryan. 2016. "Social Desirability, Hidden Biases, and Support for Hillary Clinton." *Special Election Issue of PS: Political Science and Politics*. 49: 730-735.
- Claassen, Ryan L. and Michael Ensley. 2016. "Motivated Reasoning and Yard-Sign-Stealing Partisans: Mine is a Likable Rogue, Yours is a Degenerate Criminal." *Political Behavior*. 38: 317-335.
- Claassen, Ryan L. and J. Quin Monson. 2015. "Does Civic Education Matter? The Power of Long-Term Observation and the Experimental Method." *Journal of Political Science Education*. 11: 404-421.
- Claassen, Ryan L., and Stephen P. Nicholson. 2013. "Extreme Voices: Interest Groups and the Misrepresentation of Issue Publics." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 77: 861-887.
- Claassen, Ryan L., David B. Magleby, Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson. 2013. "Voter Confidence and the Election-Day Voting Experience." *Political Behavior*. 35: 215-235.
- Herrnson, Paul, Ryan L. Claassen, Richard Niemi, and Kelly Patterson. 2013. "Exceeding Expectations: Determinants of Satisfaction with the Voting Process in the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election." *Journal of Politics*. 75: 464-477.
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2011. "Political Awareness and Partisan Realignment: Are the Unaware Unevolved?." *Political Research Quarterly*. 64: 818-830.
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2011. "Awareness Effects and Campaign Effects: Maximum Effects for Minimum Citizens?." *Political Behavior*. 33: 203-223.
- Claassen, Ryan L. and Andrew Povtak. 2010. "The Christian Right Thesis: Explaining Longitudinal Change in Participation among Evangelical Christians." *Journal of Politics*. 72: 2-15.
- Claassen, Ryan L. and Benjamin Highton. 2009. "The 'Choice Context' and the Political Significance of Political Awareness." *Political Research Quarterly*. 62: 538-551.

- Claassen, Ryan L. 2009. "Direction v. Proximity: Amassing Experimental Evidence." *American Politics Research*. 37: 227-253
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2008. "Testing the Reciprocal Effects of Campaign Participation." *Political Behavior*. 30: 277-296.
- Claassen, Ryan L., David B. Magleby, Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson. 2008. "'At Your Service': Voter Evaluations of Poll Worker Performance." *American Politics Research* in the 2008 special issue devoted to election administration. 36:4. 612-634.
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2007. "Campaign Activism and the Spatial Model: Getting Beyond Extremism to Explain Policy Motivated Participation." *Political Behavior*. 29:3. 369-390.
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2007. "Ideology and Evaluation in an Experimental Setting: Comparing the Proximity and the Directional Models." *Political Research Quarterly*. 60:2. 263-274.
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2007. "Floating Voters and Floating Activists: Political Change and Information." *Political Research Quarterly*. 60:1. 124-134.
- Claassen, Ryan L. and Benjamin Highton. 2006. "Does Policy Debate Reduce Information Effects in Public Opinion? Analyzing the Evolution of Public Opinion on Health Care." *Journal of Politics*. 68:2. 410-420.
- Reprinted in:
- Health, Politics and Policy. 2011. Eds. Sue Tolleson-Rinehart and Mark A. Peterson. London: Sage Publications. 217-234.
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2004. "Political Opinion and Distinctiveness: The Case of Hispanic Ethnicity." *Political Research Quarterly*. 37: 4. 609-620.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Claassen, Ryan L. 2021. "Review of The Nones by Ryan P. Burge. (Minneapolis: Fortress Press.)" *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 85: 4. 1153-1155.
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2020. "Review of Rock of Ages by Jeremiah J. Castle (Temple University Press, 2019)." *Perspectives on Politics*. 18(1): 275.
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2018. "Review of First to the Party: The Group Origins of Political Transformation by Christopher Baylor (University of Pennsylvania Press)." *Politics and Religion*. 11:4. 911-914.
- Claassen, Ryan L. 2016. "Review of God Talk: Experimenting with the Religious Causes of Public Opinion by Paul A. Djupe and Brian R. Calfano (Temple University Press)." *Perspectives on Politics*. 25:1. 25-26.

Claassen, Ryan L. 2013. "Review of On Voter Competence by Paul Goren (Oxford University Press, 2013)." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 77: 825-827.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Claassen, Ryan, and Michael J. Ensley. Forthcoming. "Conspiracy Theories and Elections in the United States," in Speel, Robert, Michael J. Ensley, Heather K. Evans, Kevin Fahey, and Nicholas Pyeatt. (eds.) *Handbook on United States Voting Behavior*. De Gruyter Contemporary Social Sciences Handbooks.

Claassen, Ryan L. 2025 (online first). "Moral Issues Meet Unmovable Objects: A Review of Churn in American Religion and Politics." *Political Science Quarterly*.

* *Political Science Quarterly* invited this review article (this is a 6,000+ word review article) and subjected it to review prior to acceptance.

Claassen, Ryan L. 2020. "White evangelicals and white born again Christians in 2020." In Jackson, Daniel, Danielle Sarver Coombs, Filippo Trevisan, Darren Lilleker, and Einar Thorsen eds. *U.S. Election Analysis 2020: Media, Voters and the Campaign*. The Centre for Comparative Politics and Media Research. Poole, England.

Claassen, Ryan L. 2018. "Understanding the Political Motivations of Evangelical Voters." In Djupe, Paul A. and Ryan L. Claassen, eds. *The Evangelical Crackup? The Future of the Evangelical-Republican Coalition*. Temple University Press.

Djupe, Paul A. and Ryan L. Claassen. 2018. "Introduction." Djupe, Paul A. and Ryan L. Claassen, eds. *The Evangelical Crackup? The Future of the Evangelical-Republican Coalition*. Temple University Press.

Claassen, Ryan L. and Djupe, Paul A.. 2018. "What if...Evangelicals and the Future of American Politics." Djupe, Paul A. and Ryan L. Claassen, eds. Forthcoming. *The Evangelical Crackup? The Future of the Evangelical-Republican Coalition*. Temple University Press.

Claassen, Ryan L. 2005. "Hispanic Public Opinion." In *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Benjamin Radcliff and Samuel Best, eds. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press. 297-304.

Claassen, Ryan L. and J Quin Monson. 2013. "American Politics Syllabus and Blogging Lab." Posted as an online supplement to Teaching Civic Engagement. Eds. Alison Rios Millett McCartney, Elizabeth A. Bennion, and Dick Simpson. Washington, DC: APSA.

UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

"Shy Trump Voters and Social Desirability Bias in 2024." Revise and resubmit at *American Politics Research*. (with Michael Ensley and Patrick Miller).

“Motivated Reasoning and Acceptable Uses of AI in Campaigns.” Under review at *Political Behavior*. (with Michael Ensley and Patrick Miller).

“Gaming the System: Supporting Voting Laws to Win Elections.” Working paper. (with Michael Ensley and Patrick Miller).

“The Politics of Evangelicals: Race and the Value Voters.” Journal article manuscript.

GRANTS

Political Malaise: Polarization and the Loneliness Epidemic. (with Michael Beam and Michael Ensley) Healthy Communities Research Institute, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio--\$20,000. Awarded March 2026 (Grant # HCRI202601LP).

Political Malaise: Polarization and the Loneliness Epidemic. (awarded to Michael Beam in support of Healthy Communities Research Institute Grant) College of Communication and Information Research and Creative Activity Fund (RACAF), Kent State University, Kent, Ohio--\$4,500. Awarded April 2026.

A Classroom-Based Experiment to Investigate the Linkages Between New Media, Civic Learning, and Civic Action Among Young People. (with J. Quin Monson) Spencer Foundation, Chicago, Illinois--\$40,000. Awarded August 2010 (Grant #201100076).

OTHER GRANT WRITING ACTIVITY

Unhealth Politics, Unhealthy People. (with Michael Beam and Enrico Gandolfi). Transdisciplinary “LaunchPad” Award Proposal, Healthy Communities Research Institute--\$25,000. Stage I, invited to submit full proposal. Stage II, rejected, March 2022.

Rock [and Poll] the Vote: The Ohio Student Exit Poll, (with Michael Ensley and Daniel Hawes) Knight Foundation, Miami, Florida--\$100,000. Rejected. March 2015.

Discussion, Disagreement and Democracy. (with J. Quin Monson and Leah Murray) Spencer Foundation, Chicago, Illinois--\$201,313. rejected, December 2013.

Second-Wave Election Administration Reform: Is the Cure Worse than the Disease? National Science Foundation, Small Grant for Exploratory Research Proposal--\$40,077. Submitted, April 2008. Withdrawn due to political developments.

Investigating the Roots of Polarization in Order to Understand Its Consequences. National Science Foundation Grant Proposal--\$227,213. Rejected, December, 2007.

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Motivated Reasoning and Acceptable Uses of AI in Campaigns.” (with Patrick Miller and Michael Ensley). Midwest Political Science Association. 2026.

“Shy Trump Voters and Social Desirability Bias in 2024.” (with Patrick Miller and Michael Ensley). Midwest Political Science Association. 2025.

“The Voting Wars: Public Opinion about Battles Over Voting Rules.” (with John Ryan and Michael Ensley). Midwest Political Science Association. 2024.

“Citizens’ Election Fraud Attitudes: Do Fans Make Poor Referees?” (with John Ryan and Michael Ensley). Midwest Political Science Association. 2023.

“Congressional Politics of Evangelicals: How Do Republican Abortion Liberals Do Among Evangelicals?” 2019. (with Kimberly Conger, Paul Djupe, Andy Lewis, Jacob Neiheisel). American Political Science Association.

“Roundtable on *The Evangelical Crackup*?” Midwest Political Science Association. 2019.

“The Politics of Evangelicals: Race and the Value Voters.” American Political Science Association. 2018.

“Can Democrats Wear Republican Shoes: Empathy and the Future of American Politics.” (with Michael Ensley and Jason Adkins). American Political Science Association. 2017.

“Malum Religiosorum Factionum: Beliefs about the Religious Divide in Politics.” (with Paul Djupe, Andy Lewis, and Jacob Neiheisel). American Political Science Association. 2016.

“Foreign Policy Information Effects.” Southern Political Science Association. 2016.

“Evangelicals, Environmentalism, and Evolution.” (with Dominic Wells). Southern Political Science Association. 2015.

“Party Activists and the God Gap.” Southern Political Science Association. 2014.

“Et tu Brute: Perceptions About ‘The Other Side’ and Attitudes Toward Dirty Tricks.” (with Michael Ensley). Midwest Political Science Association. 2013.

“Civics, Cynicism, and Civic Action.” (with J. Quin Monson). American Political Science Association, Teaching and Learning Conference. 2013.

“New Media, Civic Learning, and Civic Action Among Young People.” (with J. Quin Monson). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2012. (Winner of the Best Paper award for the Political Science Education section.)

“Voter Loyalty and the Religious Composition of Partisan Activists.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.

“Party Activism and Religion.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2011.

“Captured by Evangelicals? The Changing Composition of Partisan Campaign Activists, 1960-2004.” (with Ann Coleman). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2010.

“Does Membership Matter?” (with Stephen Nicholson and Benjamin Highton). Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. 2010.

“The Christian Coalition Effect” (with Andrew Povtak). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2009.

“Information Effects and Campaign Effects: Maximum Effects for Minimum Citizens?” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2008.

“Voter Confidence and the Election-Day Voting Experience.” (with David B. Magleby, Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson). Annual Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Joint Statistical Meeting. 2008.

“‘At Your Service’: Voter Evaluations of Poll Worker Performance.” (with David B. Magleby, Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2007.

“Floating Activists: What Causes Moving and Shaking Among the Movers and Shakers?” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2007.

“The ‘Choice Context’ and the Political Significance of Political Awareness.” (with Benjamin Highton). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2006.

“Ideology and Evaluation in an Experimental Setting: Comparing the Proximity and the Directional Models.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2006.

“Political Change and Information: Who Decides Which Party Occupies the White House?” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2005.

“Information, Public Discourse, and the Evolution of Public Opinion.” (with Benjamin Highton). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2004.

“Campaign Activism and the Spatial Model.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2004.

“Citizen Participation in Presidential Campaigns: Responsiveness to Changes in the Political Environment.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2003.

“Hispanic Political Opinion: An Explanatory Model of Distinctiveness.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2003.

“Predicting Gridlock: A Multivariate Analysis of Roll Call Voting, 1789-1998.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. 2002.

“The Effect of Electoral Rules on Tax Policy Stability.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2001.

INVITED TALKS AND BLOG POSTS

Election Post-Mortem for the KSU Retirees Association (KSURA, with Mike Ensley). “The Campaigns and the Polls.” November 13, 2024.

Department Colloquium, KSU (with Mike Ensley), Feb. 29, 2024.

Department Colloquium, KSU (with Mike Ensley), Oct. 2, 2023.

Forum at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cleveland. “Political Parties, Polarization and the Future (with Jonathan Entin).

<https://uucleveland.org/events/frank-talk-on-political-parties-polarization-and-the-future/>. November 7, 2021.

Political Behavior Journal Blog. “Views About the Religious Composition of the Parties Affect Polarization.”

<https://politicalbehavior.wordpress.com/2019/09/30/views-about-the-religious-composition-of-the-parties-affect-polarization/>. October 7, 2019.

Religion in Public Blog. “Views About the Religious Composition of the Parties Affect Polarization.”

<https://religioninpublic.blog/2019/10/01/views-about-the-religious-composition-of-the-parties-affect-polarization/>. October 7, 2019.

North Philly Notes Blog Post about *The Evangelical Crackup?*

<https://templepress.wordpress.com/2018/10/17/the-evangelical-crackup-the-future-of-the-evangelical-republican-coalition/>. October 17, 2018.

Religion in Public Blog Post about *The Evangelical Crackup?*

<https://religioninpublic.blog/2018/10/11/the-evangelical-crackup-the-future-of-the-evangelical-republican-coalition/>. October 11, 2018.

Poynter Ethics Workshop 2017: Fake or Fact. Invited to participate on a panel about fake news and the 2016 election. September 21, 2017.

London School of Economics Blog Post. “‘Mine is a likable rogue, yours is a degenerate criminal.’ When it comes to ‘dirty campaign tricks’ partisans tend to ignore bad news about their own.” with Michael Ensley.

“Godless Democrats and Pious Republicans.” Invited talk. Fresno Pacific University. February 8, 2017.

“Impolite Conversation #17: The “God Gap” and Final 2016 Campaign Thoughts.” Podcast on Marginalia, A Los Angeles Review of Books Channel. November 1 2016.

“Colloquium on Gender Bias in Politics.” Kent State University, School of Communication Studies.
November 4, 2016.

“The Scientific Study of Voters: Culture Wars, Gender Gaps, and Other Divisions in the 2016 Presidential Electorate.” Science Cafe, Sponsored by Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH. October 13, 2016.

“Godless Democrats and Pious Republicans.” Yoder Public Affairs Lecture. Goshen College, Goshen, IN. September 13, 2016.
“Why Polling Still Matters.” Kent State University Politically Speaking Forum. April 25, 2016.

The Plot: Politics Decoded (official blog of the European Political Science Association),
“Godless Democrats and Pious Republicans? A New Cambridge University Press Book,” Posted July 10, 2015.

Graduate Student Colloquium on the Job Market, Kent State University, Department of Political Science, Spring 2014.

Public Affairs Discussion Group, “Godless Democrats and Pious Republicans: Party Activists and the Mythical God Gulf,” Case Western Reserve University, Center for Policy Studies, Fall 2014.

Research Colloquium, “Interest Group Opinion in American Politics,” Kent State University, Department of Political Science, Spring 2013.

Thursday Discussion Group, “New Media, Civic Learning & Civic Action Among Young People,” Brigham Young University, Department of Political Science, Spring 2013 (Co-Author Presented).

MEDIA WRITING

Claassen, Ryan L. and John B. Ryan. November 13, 2020. “Why did the polls undercount Trump voters? It’s not because of ‘shy’ Trump voters, our research suggests.” The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Feature.

Claassen, Ryan L. Michael J. Ensley, and John B. Ryan. November 25, 2020. “Why so many Republican officials went along with Trump’s fraud claims: My party is trying to win. Your party is trying to cheat.” The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Feature.

Paul A. Djupe, Jake Neiheisel, Andrew R. Lewis, Ryan Claassen, and Anand Sokhey. September 15, 2017. “Roger Stone says there would be an 'insurrection' if Trump were impeached. Is he right?” The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Feature.

Claassen, Ryan L. October 16, 2015. “Ohio voters support and oppose legalizing marijuana. Wait, what?” The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Feature.

Claassen, Ryan L. and Michael Ensley. February 5, 2016. “Donald Trump Accuses Ted Cruz of dirty tricks. Will it matter?” The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Feature.

Claassen, Ryan L. and John B. Ryan. October 20, 2016. “Will sexism be the U.S. presidential election’s November surprise? Here’s what we found.” The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Feature.

MEDIA QUOTES AND APPEARANCES

WKYC (Cleveland’s NBC affiliate). About invoking Section 4 of the 25th Amendment. January 7, 2021.

<https://www.wkyc.com/video/news/politics/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-25th-amendment-and-how-it-works/95-f241ec9a-81b5-49e8-92c1-fc91addebe37>

Record-Courier. “Kent State study sheds light on bias and perception of political misdeeds.”

<https://www.record-courier.com/story/news/2021/01/07/kent-state-politics-trump-biden-election-capitol-riot-protest/6561801002/>. January 7, 2021.

Election Night Coverage on WKSU (Kent State University NPR affiliate). November 3, 2020.

Winnipeg Free Press Article by John Longhurst. “Why evangelicals keep backing Trump.”

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/life/faith/why-evangelicals-keep-backing-trump-p-500742821.html>. November 17, 2018.

Religion and Politics Newsletter, Washington University. “What is the future of the Evangelical-Republican Coalition?”

<https://religionandpolitics.org/2018/11/13/what-is-the-future-of-the-evangelical-republican-coalition/>. November 14, 2018.

Cover story of Newsweek by Nina Burleigh, “Evangelical Christians Helped Elect Donald Trump, but Their Time as a Major Political Force Is Coming to an End.” See:

<http://www.newsweek.com/2018/12/21/evangelicals-republicans-trump-millennials-1255745.html>. December 13, 2018.

Newsweek article by Nina Burleigh, “AFTER MIDTERM ELECTIONS, CAN DONALD TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS STILL COUNT ON YOUNG EVANGELICALS? WHITE CHRISTIAN VOTING BLOC IS SHRINKING.” See:
<https://www.newsweek.com/midterms-trump-evangelicals-politics-1205987>. November 8, 2018.

Election Night Coverage on WKSU (Kent State University NPR affiliate). November 6, 2018.

New Books Network Podcast About *The Evangelical Crackup?*:
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/paul-djupe-and-ryan-l-claassen-eds-the-evangelical-crackup-the-future-of-the-evangelical-republican-coalition-temple-up-2018/>. Paul Djupe interview, October 2018.

Election Night Coverage on WKSU (Kent State University NPR affiliate). November 8, 2016.

Sound of Ideas on WCPN (Cleveland’s NPR affiliate). October 10, 2016. “Second Presidential Debate and The Science of Voters.”

Sound of Ideas on WCPN (Cleveland’s NPR affiliate). March 21, 2016. “Are polls accurate?”

WKYC (Cleveland’s NBC affiliate). March 1, 2016. Television interview about Super Tuesday.

The Globe and Mail. January 22, 2016. “Trump’s halo effect extends to evangelicals Republicans.”

The Akron Beacon Journal. February 2, 2016. “Be careful painting Ohio with Iowan politics.”

The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Feature. September 4, 2015. “How Democrats became secular and Republicans became religious. (It’s not what you think.)”

WKYC (Cleveland’s NBC affiliate). October 13, 2015. Television interview and online story.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (front page, print edition). October 13, 2015. “Ohio marijuana legalization ballot issue would pass if election held today, Kent State poll finds.”

The Cincinnati Enquirer. October 14, 2015. “Kent State poll: Legalization, anti-monopoly issues both could pass.”

The Toledo Blade. October 14, 2015. “Ohio could face ‘constitutional’ crisis over marijuana issue.”

The Akron Beacon Journal. October 14, 2015. “Kent State poll shows Ohioans favor Marijuana.

The Dayton Daily News. October 15, 2015. “Ohio could face ‘constitutional crisis’ over marijuana issue.”

The Kent State poll about Issue 2 and Issue 3 (of which I was a principal investigator) was also mentioned in additional stories where I was not quoted in The Columbus Dispatch, U.S. News and World Report, The Daily Beast, FiveThirtyEight, and others.

The Monkey Cage (now owned by the Washington Post). March 25, 2013. “How Activists Misrepresent the Groups They Purport to Speak For.”

RECENT TEACHING

Fall 2023

POL 6/70003 Quantitative Methods I

Spring 2024

POL 30001 Political Methods

Fall 2024

POL 6/70003 Quantitative Methods I

Spring 2025

POL 30001 Political Methods

Fall 2025

POL 6/70101 Seminar in American Politics and Policy

Spring 2026

POL 30001 Political Methods

Fall 2026

POL 6/70003 Quantitative Methods I

POL 10101 American Government

HONORS AND AWARDS

APSA 2012 Best Paper Award, Political Science Education Section. (New Media, Civic Learning, and Civic Action Among Young People, with Quin Monson)

Faculty Excellence Awards, Department

2010-2011

2012-2013

2013-2014

2014-2015

2015-2018

2021-2022

2025-2026

*There was no merit pool in 2005-2010, 2011-2012, 2018-2021 or 2022-2025.

Faculty Excellence Awards, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

2010-2011

2012-2013

2013-2014

2014-2015

2025-2026

*There was no merit pool in 2005-2010, 2011-2012, 2018-2021 or 2022-2025.

Faculty Professional Improvement Leave. Fall 2020.

Faculty Professional Improvement Leave. Fall 2012.

Summer Research and Creative Activity Appointment, Kent State University. (Summer 2008).

5,000 Respondent-Question Experiment. TESS. (2006).

Summer Research and Creative Activity Appointment, Kent State University. (Summer 2006).

UC Davis Washington Center Graduate Fellowship, Washington, D.C. (a teaching and research fellowship providing full support for the 2004-2005 academic year).

APSA Travel Grant (for travel to the 2003 APSA annual meeting).

UC Davis Fellowships (Fall 1999, Winter 2000, Spring 2000, Winter 2001, Spring 2001, Spring 2002, Summer 2002, Summer 2003).

UC Davis Institute for Governmental Affairs Grant (for ICPSR tuition, 2001).

UC Davis Travel Awards (for travel to 2001 APSA meeting, 2001 SSSA meeting, 2002 WPSA meeting, 2003 MPSA, 2004 MPSA meeting).

UC Davis Field Exams (awarded "Superior" on American Politics and Methods exams).

RECENT SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

2023-2024

F4 Committee

AdHoc Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment Committee

Faculty Advisory Committee

Graduate Coordinator

Graduate Studies Committee

Co-chair, Department Colloquia

Library Representative

2024-2025

F4 Committee (I chaired evaluation of graduate faculty status)

Graduate Faculty Status Committee: Headed 5-year review

AdHoc Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment Committee

Faculty Advisory Committee

Graduate Coordinator

Graduate Studies Committee

Co-chair, Department Colloquia

Library Representative

2025-2026

F4 Committee

Graduate Faculty Status Committee: Headed 5-year review

AdHoc Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment Committee

Faculty Advisory Committee

Graduate Coordinator

Graduate Studies Committee

Co-chair, Department Colloquia

Dissertation Committees:

Chaired or co-Chaired:

Serhat Demir, Spring 2009. (Assistant Professor, Vizja University (University of Finance and Management) Warsaw, Poland).

James McQuiston, Summer 2013. (Associate Professor, Southern Arkansas University).

Oindrila Roy, Spring 2014. (Associate Professor, Texas A&M, Kingsville).

Seth Bordner (chair, 2017, posthumous).

Jason Adkins (chair, 2018, Associate Professor, Morehead State University).

Megan Odell-Scott (co-chair, fall 2024).

Daniel Grueber (chair, summer 2026)

Ikhsan Darmawa (chair, in Summer 2023, Auburn University, post-doc)

Michael Palmieri (co-chair, Spring 2024, Assistant Director, Ohio Employee Ownership Center, Kent State University)

Hassan Afzal (co-chair, Summer 2023, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga)

Member:

Behzat Yucedal (Spring 2010).

Andrew Povtak (Spring 2011), Chair, Department of Political Science, Brown Mackie College.

Bridgett King (Spring 2012), Associate Professor, TT, University of Kentucky.

Dongjin Chen (Spring 2012), Assistant Professor, TT, Zhejiang University.

Askat Dukenbaev (Spring 2017).

Jon Overton (Spring 2022), Sociology Department, outside member.

Matthew Pfeiffer (Fall 2022), Sociology Department, outside member.

Odeh Halaseh (Spring 2023)

Zach Morris (Spring 2026)

M.A. Committees:

Advisor, Brenna Morrelli (2026)

Advisor, Stephen Barton (2026)

Advisor, Ryan Miller (2026)

Advisor, Dwel Ja, (2024).

Member, William Franko, (2007).

Member, David Wilburn, (2009).

Member, Aejung Kim (2011).

Advisor, Michelle, Foster (2011).

Honors Theses:

Advisor, Korren Cullom

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

SB1 Public Syllabi Committee, 2025-2026

Internal Reviewer for Department of Sociology, Spring 2025

Graduate Faculty Representative, Nichole Slick, Department of Psychology, Summer 2024

Graduate Coordinators Committee 2023-present

College Advisory Committee 2022-2023

Provost's Tenure and Promotion Advisory Board, 2019-2020

Special AdHoc Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment Committee for the School of Peace and

Conflict Studies. 2018-2019.

Graduate Faculty Representative, Ying Zhu, College of Communication, Spring 2024

Graduate Faculty Representative, Andrew Kremyar, Department of Psychology, Fall 2023

Graduate Faculty Representative, Jacob House, Department of History, Fall 2021

Graduate Faculty Representative, Christian Lengyel, Department of History, Fall 2021

Graduate Faculty Representative, Timothy Rose, Department of Sociology, Summer 2019.

Graduate Faculty Representative, Eric Rindal, Department of Psychology, Summer 2017.

Graduate Faculty Representative, Mohammed Albalawi, Department of English, Spring 2016.

Graduate Faculty Representative, Sarah Garcia, Department of Psychology, Spring 2014.

Focus Group Participant, Strategic Visioning, Spring 2015.

Selection Committees for Summer and Academic Year Research and Creative Activity Appointments (fall 2010). Served on two selection committees.

Selection Committee for Summer and Academic Year Research and Creative Activity Appointments (fall 2011).

College Advisory Committee 2010-2011

College Advisory Committee 2013-2014

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

External Promotion File Reviewer for Stephanie Walls, Bowling Green State University. Summer 2022.

External Tenure File Reviewer for Ben Taylor, Kennesaw State University. Summer 2021.

Executive Committee Member for the Religion and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. 2016-2018.

Program Committee for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2015, Chair of Religion and Politics Section.

Chair of the Best Paper Award Committee. Political Science Education Section. American Political Science Association. 2014.

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