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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University, 2019-
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, James Madison University, 2017-2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2017

Fields: American Politics (First), Political Methodology (Second)

Dissertation: “The Politicization of Federal Agencies and Its Consequences: Agency Design, Presidential Appointments, and Policy Expertise”

Committee: David Lewis (Chair), Joshua Clinton, Kevin Stack, Edward Rubin, & Alan Wiseman

M.A., Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2016

M.P.A., Concentration in International Economic Policy, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, 2011

B.S. in Business Administration, Economics, Concentration in Finance, *Magna Cum Laude*, University of Tennessee at Martin, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2019. “Politicization and Expertise: Exit, Effort, and Investment.” *Journal of Politics*. 81(3): 878-891.

★ Winner of the Joseph L. Bernd Award for the best paper published in the *Journal of Politics* in 2019.

2019. “Lawmaking in American Legislatures: An Empirical Investigation.” *Journal of Public Policy*. 39(1): 143-175. With Joshua D. Clinton.

2018. “Elite Perceptions of Agency Ideology and Workforce Skill.” *Journal of Politics*. 80(1): 303-308. With Joshua D. Clinton and David E. Lewis.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2020. "OMB In Its Management Role: Evidence From Surveys of Federal Executives." In Meena Bose and Andrew Rudalevige, ed. *Executive Policymaking: The Role of the OMB in the Presidency* Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press. With David E. Lewis and Eric Rosenthal.

INVITED PUBLICATIONS

2022. "The Politicization Conversation: A Call to Better Define and Measure the Concept." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 52(1): 10-37. With Scott Limbocker and Jennifer L. Selin.

2021. "The Very Best People: President Trump and the Management of Executive Personnel." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 51(1): 51-70. With David E. Lewis.

WORKING PAPERS

"Evaluating Turnover Intention as a Proxy for Behavior in the Federal Public Service: Evidence from Two Surveys of Senior Civil Servants." With Scott Limbocker. *Under Review*.

"Personnel, Politics, and the Trump Presidency." With Brian Libgober. *Revise and Resubmit, PLOS ONE*.

"Personnel System Under Stress: Results of the 2014 Survey on the Future of Government Service." With David E. Lewis.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"When Vacancies Matter for U.S. Federal Agency Performance." With David E. Lewis and Christopher Piper.

"Interest Groups and the Politics of Agency Design: A Model of Agency Insulation."

"Ideology and Presidential Appointment Strategies."

"The Politics of Careers in the U.S. Civil Service." With Scott Limbocker.

"Insulated from Politics? An Examination of Political Appointments, Leadership Stability, and Employee Tenure." With Scott Limbocker and Jennifer Selin.

"Putting Problems Out to Pasture: Geographic Reassignments as a Tool of Bureaucratic Control in the EPA." With Scott Limbocker.

"When Do Elections Matter? Appointments and Bureaucratic Resistance in the United States." With David E. Lewis.

HONORS & AWARDS

Joseph L. Bernd Award for the best paper published in the Journal of Politics in 2019 for "Politicization and Expertise: Exit, Effort, and Investment."

Best Graduate Student Conference Paper for "Politicization and Expertise: Exit, Effort, and Investment," Vanderbilt Department of Political Science, 2015-2016 Academic Year

TEACHING

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

GOVT 720: American Government Field Workshop III - Political Institutions, Fall 2019, Fall 2021 (Graduate)
GOVT 220: The American Presidency, Spring 2020, Spring 2021 (Undergraduate)
GOVT 767: Political Institutions, Spring 2020, Spring 2021 (Graduate)
GOVT 501: Analysis of Political Data, Fall 2020, Fall 2021 (Graduate)
GOVT 520: Approaches/Topics in American Politics, Fall 2020 (Graduate)

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

POSC 295: Research Methods in Political Science, Spring 2018, Spring 2019
POSC 380: The U.S. Presidency, Spring 2018
POSC 225: U.S. Government, Fall 2017
PPA 492: Senior Seminar in Public Policy, Fall 2017, Spring 2019

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Teaching Assistant, David Lewis, PSCI 3893: Introduction to Public Administration, Spring 2017
Grader, Alan Wiseman, PSCI 259: Political Strategy and Game Theory, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, & Fall 2012
Teaching Assistant, Alan Wiseman, PSCI 2256: Politics of Public Policy, Spring 2016
Teaching Assistant, Kristin Michelitch, PSCI 357: Statistics for Political Research II, Spring 2014
Teaching Assistant, Cecilia Mo, PSCI 356: Statistics for Political Research I, Fall 2013
Teaching Assistant, David Lewis, PSCI 245: The American Presidency, Spring 2012

FELLOWSHIPS

University Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2011-2016
Chilstrom Fellow, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, 2010-2011 Academic Year
Chancellor's Award Academic Scholarship, University of Tennessee at Martin, 1999-2000 Academic Year

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

College of Arts and Letters Diversity Council, James Madison University, Spring 2018
Graduate Student Adviser to Vanderbilt's Delegation to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, 2011-2016
Graduate Student Liaison, American Politics, Faculty Search Committee, Vanderbilt University Fall 2013
Co-President, Vanderbilt Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2012-2013 Academic Year

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Graduate Intern Analyst, United States Government Accountability Office, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Washington, DC, Summer 2010

Associate Examiner, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas, TX, July 2008 - August 2009

Capital Markets Specialist and Associate Examiner, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, December 2005 - June 2008

Bank Examiner, Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions, Nashville, TN, October 2003 - December 2005

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Award Committee, Joseph L. Bernd Award for 2020 (JOP)

Program Committee, Bureaucratic Politics Section Chair, Southern Political Science Association, 2019

Reviewer: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Public Administration, Election Law Journal, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Public Administration, Public Administration Review, Public Performance & Management Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Regulation & Governance*