***Curriculum Vitae***

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**Education**

2010 Ph. D. *Political Science*, Washington State University

2006 M.A. *Political Science*, Washington State University

1992 B.A. *Political Science/International Relations*, UCLA

**Academic Positions Held**

2022- University of South Florida—Assistant Professor of Instruction

2021-2022 Valencia College Visiting Professor (9-month appointment)

2021-Present University of Central Florida-Adjunct Public Affairs (Graduate)

2020-Present Valencia State College-Political Science Faculty (P/T)

2012-2017 Mississippi State University—Undergraduate Coordinator

2010-2017 Mississippi State University—Assistant Professor

2009-2010 Mississippi State University—Instructor

2004-2008 Graduate Assistant—Washington State University

2003-2004 Instructor—Distance Degree Program—Washington State University

**Teaching**

UCF Multivariate Statistics I (PAF 7804)/Statistics for PA (PAD 6701)

Valencia American Government, International Politics

Mississippi State American Political Institutions (PhD), Political Analysis, American Government (Honors & General), Media & Politics, Legislative Process, Chief Executive, Intergovernmental Relations, Research Design (PhD), Judicial Process, Media & Politics

Washington State American Government, Constitutional Law, Judicial Process

**Selected Conferences and Research Activity**

2006 Does the Media Agenda Reflect the Candidate’s Agenda? (Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL on April 23, 2006)

2007 The End of the Roller Coaster? The 2007-2009 Washington Budget (Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Las Vegas, NV on March 9, 2007)

2007 "Presidential Campaigning in Midterm U.S. House Elections: Measuring the Effect on Voter Turnout in 2006"(Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Las Vegas, NV on March 9, 2007)

2007 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, June 24 to July 20, 2007 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Engaged in intensive study of advanced statistical methods for social science research

2009 Presidential Midterm Campaign Visits: Voter Turnout in 2002 & 2006. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA on January 8, 2009. (Under Review)

2010 The President and the Midterm: Effects of Campaign Visits on Candidate Vote Share 1982-2006. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta, Georgia, January 7-9, 2010. (Under Review)

2010 The Effect of Presidential Midterm Campaign Visits on U.S. House Elections, 1982-2006. Paper presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C., September 2-5, 2010. (Under Review)

2011 Amidst a Sea of Red: Independent Expenditures and the Midterm Elections of 2010. Paper presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA on January 6, 2011. (Under Review)

2011 Independent Expenditures, Presidential Party Seat Losses, and the 2010 Midterm Election. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA on November 19, 2011.

2012 The American Political Environment 2010-2012 and Beyond. Presentation prepared for the John C. Stennis Institute of Government Education Policy Fellowship Program on September 12, 2012. Starkville, MS.

2013 Independent Expenditures & The Obama Index. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Orlando, FL January 3-5, 2013. (w/ Brad Dickerson)

2013 Going Negative: Voter Turnout in the 2012 Presidential Election. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL April 11, 2013.

2014 The Myth of the Six-Year Itch: President Obama and the 2014 Midterm Elections. Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA on January 11, 2014. (w/ Hannah Carlan)

2015 Presidential Party Building: A Qualitative Comparison of Presidential Midterm Party Building Efforts from Carter to Obama. Paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL on April 17, 2015.

2017 The Interactive Effects of Electoral Competition and Unemployment on Personal Consumption Expenditures. Paper prepared for presentation at 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL. April 2017.

**Publications**

2007 “Does the Media Agenda Reflect the Candidate’s Agenda?”

*Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics*. 4, 2007; Vol. 12: pp. 44-62. (w/ Travis N. Ridout)

2007 “A Return to Fiscal Balance: The 2007-09 Washington Budget”

*Proceedings: Budgeting in the Western States* (w/ Dr. Lance T. LeLoup)

2013 “Predicting Presidential Appearances: The President and House Candidates, 1982-2010.” *American Politics Research,* 41(2) pp. 328-347. (w/ Kathleen Searles)

2015 “Midterm Mobilization: The Effect of Presidential Appearances on Midterm House Elections, 1986-2006.” *White House Studies*, 13(2) pp. 187-200. (w/ Kathleen Searles)

**Grants and Awards**

2006 Department of Political Science travel grant ($200) for travel to Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL

2007 Department of Political Science travel grant ($200) for travel to Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association in Las Vegas, NV

2007 Washington State University Graduate School grant ($218) for travel to Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association Meeting in Las Vegas, NV

2007 Department of Political Science grant ($500) towards cost of tuition at ICPSR Summer Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2010 Prestage-Cook award ($250) from Southern Political Science Association

2010 APSA Travel award ($200) for travel to American Political Science Association meeting in Washington, D.C.

2010 ACADEX award for travel to American Political Science Association annual meeting in Washington, DC. ($976)

2011 SPSA Artinian Award ($250) for travel to the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting in New Orleans, LA.

2011 Stennis summer research award from the department of political science and public administration ($5000)

2011 State Pride Award for teaching, research, and service at Mississippi State University ($2500)

**Academic Service**

University Institutional Effectiveness Committee (SACS Accreditation)

Political Science Development Committee—Chair

Undergraduate Scholarship Committee

Political Science Undergraduate Curriculum Committee—Chair

Ph. D. Public Policy Exam Committee

Political Science Advisory Committee

Undergraduate Program Coordinator (2012-present)

**Professional Affiliations And Memberships**

American Political Science Association (2003—present)

Pacific Northwest Political Science Association (2004—2008)

Midwest Political Science Association (2005—present)

Western Political Science Association (2006—2008))

Southern Political Science Association (2008--Present)

Northeast Political Science Association (2011-present)

**Professional References**

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