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EDUCATION

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA — May, 2021
Ph.D., Political Science
- Dissertation: "Congress and Immigration Policy: A Study of the Member-level Motivations and Agenda Setting Strategies Surrounding Immigration Reform"
- Dissertation Committee: Ryan Vander Wielen (Chair), David Nickerson, Gary Mucciaroni, Steve Smith (Washington University, St. Louis [outside reader])
- Primary Subfield: American Politics (Institutions, Policy, Political Methodology)

M.A., Political Science — December, 2016
Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education — December, 2016
Certificate of Teaching Online — May, 2018

Inter-consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan USA — July, 2017

California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California USA — May, 2012
M.A., Public Policy and Administration
- Thesis: "E-Verify: A Study of its Evolution, the Implications of Adopting a Guest Worker Program, and Proposed Policy Recommendations"

B.A., Political Science; Minor in Legal Studies, Emphasis in Law and Public Policy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas USA — August, 2022 to Present
Assistant Professor of Political Science | Undergraduate Programs Director (PS & PA)
- Administrative Law, Public Administration 3340 (Spring 2025)
- Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties, Political Science 3333 (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026)
- Constitutional Law: Structures and Principles, Political Science 3332 (Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Fall 2026)
- Issues in Law and Public Policy, AOP (Summer 2025)
- Functions of American Government, Political Science 2320 (Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Summer 2026, Fall 2026))
- Public Law, Master of Public Administration 5340 (Spring 2026, Summer 2026)
- Principles of American Government, Political Science 2310 (Fall 2025)

Lecturer
- Administrative Law, Public Administration 3340 (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)
- Congress and the Legislative Process, Political Science 3323 (Fall 2023)
- Constitutional Law, Political Science 3332 (Fall 2022 [two sections], Spring 2024)
- Functions of American Government, Political Science 2320 (Fall 2022, Spring 2023 [three sections], Fall 2023 [two sections], Spring 2024 [two sections])
- Introduction to Public and Nonprofit Administration, Public Administration 3300 (Spring 2023)
- Public Personnel and Human Resources Administration, Public Administration 3330 (Spring 2023)

Stockton University, Galloway, New Jersey USA
Lecturer
- Introduction to Public Policy, Political Science 207 (Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)
- Law and the Legislative Process, Political Science 2211 (Spring 2024)
- State and Local Government, Political Science 2102 (Spring 2022)

California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California USA
Visiting Assistant Professor
- American Political Parties, Political Science 440 (Fall 2020)
- Contemporary Issues in Public Policy, Political Science 207 (Spring 2021)
- Law and Society – An Immigration Policy Approach (Spring 2021)
- Research Methods, Political Science 320 (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- Theory and Practice of American Government (Fall 2020)

Instructor of Record – Undergraduate & Graduate Studies

- Contemporary Issues in Public Policy, Political Science 207 (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)
- Global Studies, Political Science 200 (Fall 2019)
- MPPA – Policy: Theories, Practice, and Implementation, (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
- MPPA – Research Methods (Spring 2022)
- Research Methods, Political Science 320 (Fall 2021)

Lecturer – "Fifty and Better"

- American Political Parties, Political Science 440 (Summer 2020)

Pepperdine University, Malibu, California USA

Instructor of Record

- American Government, Political Science 0825 (Fall 2019 [two sections], Summer 2020 [three sections], Fall 2020, Summer 2021 [two sections])
- Advanced American Public Policy, Political Science 0421 (Spring 2021)

California State University of Northridge, Northridge, California USA

Instructor of Record

- Research Methods, Political Science 372 (Spring 2020)
- American Political Parties, Political Science 440 (Spring 2020)
- Women and Politics, Political Science 448 (Fall 2019)
- Los Angeles: Past, Present, and Future – Immigration Policy, Political Science 380 (Fall 2019)

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA

Instructor of Record

- Quantitative Methods, Political Science 0825 (Spring 2019)
- Directed Study: Congressional Bill Text as Data, Political Science 4891 (Fall 2018)
- State and Local Government, Political Science 2102 - online (Summer 2018)
- State and Local Government, Political Science 2102 (Spring 2016 [two sections])

Teaching Assistant

- Local Government and Community Advocacy, Political Science (Spring 2018)
- State and Local Government, Political Science 2102 (Spring 2015)
- American Constitution II: Civil Rights, Political Science 3123 (Fall 2015)
- Evidence and Knowledge, Political Science 2503 (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
- The American Political System, Political Science 1101 (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA August, 2016 to June, 2019

Assistant Research Director

The Institute for Public Affairs (IPA): Center on Regional Politics

- Recruited, organized, and mentored undergraduates for IPA-sponsored internships: *The Washington Semester* and *PA Capitol Semester*
- Conducted state- and local-level research oriented toward policy prescriptions and recommendations: Southeast Philadelphia Region Econ Analysis, Public Arts Funding – A Case Studies Analysis, Explaining School Fund Balances, The Financial Future of PA School Districts, The Problem of Funding Pensions

HONORS & AWARDS

Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas USA

- Seed Grant: $2,500 (2024)

California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California USA

- CULVER Research Fellowship Mentor: $2,500 (2021)

The Dirksen Center, Pekin, Illinois USA

- Congressional Research Grant: $3,500 (2018)

Temple University, College of Liberal Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA

- Travel Grant, 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Politics Science Association (2019)
- Travel Grant, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2018)
- College of Liberal Arts Graduate Teaching Award Nominee (2017)
- Travel Grant, 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2017)

Temple University, Department of Political Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA

- Travel Grant, 2019, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2019)
- Dissertation Grant, Geography and Urban Studies Graduate RA (2019)
- Dissertation Grant, ABBYY OCR Software (2018)
- Travel Grant, 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2018)
- Travel Grant, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2018)
- Travel Grant, 2017 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association (2017)
- Funding, 2017 Inter-consortium for Political and Social Science Research [ICPSR] (2017)
- Travel Grant, 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2017)
- Travel Grant, 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2016)

Temple University, Institute for Public Affairs, Philadelphia, PA

- Funding, 2017 Inter-consortium for Political and Social Science Research [ICPSR] (2017)

Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA

- Lanahan Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Nominee (2017)
- Identity Politics Section's Best Paper Related to Gender Issues, Nominee (2017)
- Lanahan Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Nominee (2015)

REFEREED ARTICLES

"Time Dependent Legislative Behavior and Electoral Punishment." *Party Politics* (2021) 27(3): 565-580. With Ryan Vander Wielen.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Enhancing Election Trust Through Technology Understanding." *In progress.* With Ju Long and Garry White.

"Congressional Bill Text as Data: The Immigration Policy Dimension Reimagined." *In progress*.

"Congressional Bill Text as Data: Estimating and Scaling an Immigration Policy Domain in the Absence of Left-Right Party Politics." *In Progress.*

"Unskilled-Labor Demand as Mechanism for Expansionist Immigration Reform." *In progress*.

"Congress and Immigration Policy: A Study of the Strategic Considerations of U.S. House Majorities in Structuring the Agenda on Immigration Reform." *In progress.*

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

"Congressional Bill Text as Data: The Immigration Policy Dimension Reimagined." Paper presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the COMPText association, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

"Congressional Bill Text as Data: The Immigration Policy Dimension Reimagined." Paper accepted to the 2023 Annual Meeting of the COMPText association, Dublin, Ireland.

"Congress and Immigration Policy: A Study of the Member-level Motivations and Agenda Setting Strategies Surrounding Immigration Reform." Paper accepted to the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science association, Chicago, Illinois.

"Congressional Bill Text as Data: Estimating and Scaling an Immigration Policy Domain in the Absence of Left-Right Party Politics." Paper digitally presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the COMPText association, Innsbruck, Austria.

"Congressional Bill Text as Data: Estimating and Scaling an Immigration Policy Domain in the Absence of Left-Right Party Politics." Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science association, Chicago, Illinois.

"Time Dependent Legislative Behavior and Electoral Punishment." Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With Ryan Vander Wielen.

"Congressional Bill Text as Data: Estimating and Scaling an Immigration Policy Domain in the Absence of Left-Right Party Politics." Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts.

"Congress and Immigration Policy: A Study of the Strategic Considerations of U.S. House Majorities in Structuring the Agenda on Immigration Reform." Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

"Punitive or Progressive: How Frame Complexity Moderates House Members' Voting Behavior on Sexual Assault Policy." Paper presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. With Claire Gothreau and Ethan Fried.

"Time Dependent Legislative Behavior and Electoral Punishment." Paper presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With Ryan Vander Wielen.

"Unskilled-Labor Demand as Mechanism for Expansionist Immigration Reform." Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"Unskilled-Labor Demand as Mechanism for Expansionist Immigration Reform." Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

INVITED TALKS

- News Radio: Texas Standard Interview: https://polisci.wp.txstate.edu/2026/03/19/dr-lauren-rowlands-interview-by-the-texas-standard/ -- "SOTU"
- TV Media: Fox 7, Good Day Austin: https://www.fox7austin.com/video/1580386. – "Inauguration Monday" (January, 2025)
- Texas A&M: V.G. Young Institute of County Government – "An Institutional Perspective: Lawmaking, Federalism, and Separation of Powers – Oh, my!" (November 2024)
- Supporting Women in Politics (SWIPS) – Resume Workshop, Texas State University (October 2024)
- Supporting Women in Politics (SWIPS) – Resume Workshop, Texas State University (April 2024)
- Supporting Women in Politics (SWIPS) – What to do with your PS/PA Degree?, Texas State University (February 2024)
- Discourse in Democracy – Inklings, Congress and Immigration Policy, Texas State University (February 2023)
- *Legislative Representation in the United States*, American Political Science Association, mini-conference, Washington, D.C. (September 2019)
- *Dissent in America Teach-In*, "Congress, the Election, and Immigration Policy: Is Comprehensive Immigration Reform Possible?," College of Liberal Arts and Department of History, Temple University (October 2018)
- "State and Local Politics," Temple University, course guest-lecturer (September 2018)
- Department Workshop, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Temple University (April 2018)
- Department Workshop, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Temple University (November 2017)
- American Politics Day Presenter, Department of Political Science, Temple University (April 2017)
- "Women in Politics," California Lutheran University, course guest-lecturer (March 2017)
- "Curating Knowledge Under Digital Conditions," Meeting of The Social Science Research Council (March 2017)

DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Undergraduate Programs Director (PS & PA), Texas State University (August, 2024 to Present)
- MPA Oral Defense: Lexi Nichols (Summer 2006)

- She's the First, Faculty Advisor, Texas State University (October, 2025 to Present)
- Bobcat Day Host, Texas State University (August, 2023 to Present)
- University Writing Center, Essay Contest Judge, Texas State University (Spring 2024)
- FOCUS Mentor, California Lutheran University (September, 2020-August, 2021)
- New Graduate Student Mentor, Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA), Temple University (September, 2015-June, 2019)
- Vice President of Communications, Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA), Temple University (September, 2015-September, 2016)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Northeast Political Science Association

MISCELLANEOUS

- Computer Skills: Stata, R, Topic Modeling Tool, ABBYY Fine Reader
- Non-Academic Skills/Positions: Congressional Deputy Campaign Manager, Grassroots Outreach Coordinator (political), NPO Youth Programmer and Counselor, Los Angeles County Fire – Ocean Lifeguard, Emergency Medical Technician and First Responder

REFERENCES

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