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Contact Information

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Academic Employment

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

- Assistant Teaching Professor, 2022-present
- Director, Pre-Law Advising, 2023-present
- Associate Director, Office of Student Fellowships, 2020-present
 - Interim Director, 2022-2023
- Academic Year Lecturer, 2014-2022

Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL

- Adjunct Associate Professor, 2013-2014
- Interim Assistant Professor, 2012-2013
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2008-2012

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- Instructor, 2011, 2013
- Graduate Fellow/Assistant, 2008-2012

Park Vista Community High School, Lake Worth, FL

- Teacher, 2006-2008

Education

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- Ph.D., Political Science (May 2018)
 - Subfields: American Government, Political Behavior, Political Methodology
 - Dissertation: "The House Shall Choose Their Speaker: Rethinking Agenda Control in the House of Representatives"
 - Committee: Lawrence C. Dodd (chair), Beth A. Rosenson, Daniel A. Smith, Michael D. Martinez, William A. Link
- M.A., Political Science (May 2011)

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

- M.A., Political Management (May 2006)

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

- B.A., Political Science (May 2004)

Research and Teaching Interests

U.S. Political Institutions
Congressional Politics and Process
U.S. Presidency
Public Policy Process and Analysis

U.S. Political Development
Political Parties and Interest Groups
State and Local Government
Sports & Politics in the U.S.

Publications

[Review of *Choosing the Leader: Leadership Elections in the U.S. House of Representatives*, Matthew N. Green and Douglas B. Harris. *Congress & the Presidency* 47\(2\): 264-265.](#)

[Op-Ed: “PRO: House Democrats Should Retain Nancy Pelosi as Speaker” for McClatchy/Tribune News Service, placed in 28 outlets including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Sacramento Bee*, and *Arizona Daily Star*, November 14, 2018.](#)

[Brodbeck, Josh, Matthew T. Harrigan, and Daniel A. Smith. 2013. “Citizen and Lobbyist Access to Members of Congress: Who Gets and Who Gives?” *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 2\(3\): 323-342.](#)

Conference Papers and Presentations

“Infusing the Political Science Curriculum with Considerations of Power & Identity.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Teaching & Learning Conference, Alexandria, VA, 2025

“Identifying Role Models: An Exercise in Finding Those Whose Paths We Might Follow” (with Naomi Levy and Stephen Carroll). Presented at the biannual Conference of the National Association of Fellowship Advisors, Remote, 2021

“The Logic of the Partisan Speakership: Reconsidering Agenda Control in the House of Representatives.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, 2019

“The Rules of Polarization: From Open to Closed Debate in the Contemporary House of Representatives.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2014

“Citizen and Lobbyist Access to Members of Congress: Who Gets It and Who Gives It?” (authored with Josh Brodbeck and Daniel A. Smith). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, 2011

“Pledging Democracy: Congressional Support for a National Advisory Initiative and Referendum” (authored with Daniel A. Smith). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2011

Invited Talks, Campus Presentations, and Continuing Education Courses

Teacher, Short Courses at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Santa Clara University, 2020-present

- “Sports & Politics in the United States,” Spring 2025
- “Federalism: One Nation of Fifty States,” Winter 2021
- “Congress v. The Presidency,” Spring 2020

Participant in “Ethics of an Impeachment Trial” panel hosted by the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, January 21, 2020

[Panelist on “Impeachment 101”, episode of *Other Voices* television program hosted by the Peninsula Peace & Justice Center, December 3, 2019](#)

Organizer of and Participant in “The Mueller Report: Findings and Implications” panel, Santa Clara University, May 2, 2019

Invited Speaker, “Government Shutdown: Dialogue about the U.S. Government Shutdown and Its Impact”, co-sponsored by the Office for Multicultural Learning and the Loyola and Unity Residential Learning Communities, Santa Clara University, February 26, 2019

Participant in “Pizza and Politics” 2018 Midterm Election Preview panel, co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Modern Perspectives Residential Learning Community, Santa Clara University, October 16, 2018

Participant in “What Happened Sunday Night: Bans, Refugees, and Public Action” panel on Trump Administration Travel Ban, Santa Clara University, February 9, 2017

Participant in 2016 Presidential Election Analysis panel, Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University, November 11, 2016

Participant in 2016 California Primary Info Night with CyPhi Residential Learning Community, Santa Clara University, May 3, 2016

Participant in 2014 Election Preview Discussion co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Modern Perspectives Residential Learning Community, Santa Clara University October 2014

Invited Presenter, “What’s Wrong with Congress”, The Democracy Commitment at Santa Fe College, April 10, 2013

Invited Presenter, “What’s Wrong with Congress”, meeting of residents of The Village, Gainesville, FL, February 18, 2013

Courses Taught

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

- POLI 1: Introduction to U.S. Politics, 2014-2025 (traditional and online)
- POLI 150AW: The Presidency, 2014-2025 (traditional and online)
- POLI 151: The Congress, 2015-2025 (traditional and online)
- POLI 156: Politics and Mass Media, 2015-2018 (online only)
- POLI 163: State & Local Politics, 2019, 2021, 2024
- POLI 167: Making Public Policy, 2016-2021, 2024-2025 (traditional and online)
- POLI 169: Special Topics: Political Parties in the U.S., 2015
- POLI 173: Sports & Politics in the U.S., 2016, 2018-2019, 2023
- POLI 198A: Public Sector Study & Internship, 2016-2025 (traditional and online)
- UGST 101: Fellowship & Graduate School Preparation, 2023

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- American Federal Government, 2013
- The Presidency, 2013

- State & Local Government, 2011

Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL

- American National Government (traditional and online), 2009-2014
- State & Local Government (traditional and online), 2008-2014

Park Vista Community High School, Lake Worth, FL

- American Government (Advanced Placement, Honors, and Regular), 2006-2008
- Economics (Honors and Regular), 2006-2008

Awards and Fellowships

Dr. John B Drahmann Advising Award, College of Arts & Sciences, Santa Clara University, 2024

Best Upper-Division Course (voted by undergraduate majors): Sports & Politics in the U.S., Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University, 2018

H. Douglas Price Prize in American Government, University of Florida, 2013

Alumni Graduate Fellowship, University of Florida, 2008 – 2012

University and Department Service (SCU unless otherwise noted)

Single Portal for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) Application Reviewer, 2023-present

Panetta Congressional Internship Selection Committee, Department of Political Science, 2023-present

Member, Power & Identity Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, 2021-present (Interim Chair, 2022-2023)

University Pre-Law Advising, 2019-present (Director, 2023-present)

University Honors Program Thesis Advising (Mentor for 2 theses, Reader for 4 theses), 2019-present

Kronick Award for American Politics Selection Committee Member, 2018-present

Amos Dana Award for Distinction in Public Service Selection Committee Chair, Department of Political Science, 2017-present

Undergraduate Advising, Department of Political Science, 2016-present

Member, Faculty Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Lecturers and Adjuncts, 2021-2024

Invited Participant in Panel for Lecturers at New Faculty Orientation, 2023-2024

Political Science Honors Program Thesis Advising (Sponsor for 3 theses, Reader for 5 theses), 2019-2023 (Program concluded)

New Faculty Cohort Leader for Faculty Development, 2022-2023

Undergraduate Advising Liaison for Department of Political Science, 2022-2023

Invited Participant in Panel on Online Teaching, October 24, 2018

New Student Orientation Advising, 2015-2016

Invited Participant in Panel on Online Teaching, November 5, 2015

Floyd M. Riddick Model United States Senate, Assistant Faculty Advisor, Santa Fe College, 2012-2013

Political Science Junior Fellows Program, Supervisor, University of Florida, Fall 2012

Political Science Graduate Student Council, American Government Field Chair, University of Florida, 2009-2011

Service to the Discipline

Manuscript Reviewer

The Journal of Politics

Training and Certification

Workshops at Santa Clara University

- Accessible Course Materials, Fall 2024
- AI Projects for Instructors, Winter 2024
- UndocuAlly, Fall 2022
- Safe Space, Fall 2022
- Course Re-Design, Fall 2018

Microcredential in Inclusive Teaching for Equitable Learning, Association of College and University Educators, earned November 2022

JesuitNET Design Services CADE (Competency Assessment in Distributed Education) Course Design Seminar, Winter 2015

Temporary Educator Certification in Social Science (Grades 6-12), Florida Department of Education, 2006-2009