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Education:

University of Pittsburgh 2014–2019
Ph.D. *Expected 2019*

Dissertation:

“Playing the Game: The Impact of Governors and State Legislatures on the Issuing of Executive Vetoes”

Committee: Kris Kanthak (Chair), Chris Bonneau, Jon Woon, Justin Kirkland (University of Houston)

Fields: American Politics, Behavior

MA

April 2016

Thesis:

“Playing the Game: The Impact of Time Constraints for Governors and State Legislatures on the Issuing of Executive Vetoes”

Committee: Kris Kanthak (Chair), Sharece Thrower

Utah State University 2012–2014

Brigham Young University 2006–2010

BA in Political Science *April 2010*

Work in Progress:

“Political Disasters: The Influence of Emergency Declarations on Gubernatorial Approval,” co-author Michelle Wier

“Trump is not a (Condorcet) loser! Social Choice and the 2016 Republican Primary nomination”, co-authors Jon Woon, Sean Craig, and Matt Tarpey

“Filling the Gap: The Role of Journal Editors in Alleviating the Gender Citation Gap”, co-authors Chris Bonneau, Kris Kanthak, and Shane Redman

Conferences:

State Politics and Policy Conference

- 2018

- “Playing the Game: The Impact of Time Constraints for Governors and State Legislatures on the Issuing of Executive Vetoes”, *Poster: Graduate Student Poster Session*

American Political Science Association

- 2018
 - “Filling the Gap: The Role of Journal Editors in Alleviating the Gender Citation Gap”, co-authors Chris Bonneau, Kris Kanthak, Shane Redman, *Panel: Gender Gaps and Elections*
- 2017
 - “Playing the Game: The Impact of Time Constraints for Governors and State Legislatures on the Issuing of Executive Vetoes”, *Panel: Institutional Politics in the States*
 - “Political Disaster: The Influence of Emergency Declarations on Gubernatorial Approval”, co-author Michelle Wier, *Panel: Frontiers in Disaster Research*

Midwestern Political Science Association

- 2017
 - “Playing the Game: The Impact of Time Constraints for Governors and State Legislatures on the Issuing of Executive Vetoes”, *Panel: Institutional Politics: Executives and State Legislatures*
 - “Political Disaster: The Influence of Emergency Declarations on Gubernatorial Approval”, co-author Michelle Wier, *Poster: Public Opinion*
- 2014
 - “The Religious Rhetoric of American Presidents”, *Poster: Executive*

Pennsylvania Political Science Association

- 2017
 - “Playing the Game: The Impact of Time Constraints for Governors and State Legislatures on the Issuing of Executive Vetoes”, *Panel: State Politics*
 - “Political Disaster: The Influence of Emergency Declarations on Gubernatorial Approval”, co-author Michelle Wier, *Panel: State Politics*

Teaching Experience:

University of Pittsburgh

Instructor of Record

Interest Group Politics (PS 1230), Fall 2017

Introduction to American Politics (PS 0200), Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant

Political Attitudes and Public Opinion (PS 1232)

Instructor of Record: Dr. Victoria Shineman, Spring 2018

Political Psychology (PS 1233)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Emily West, Spring 2018

Political Science Research Methods (PS 0700)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Steve Finkel, Spring 2016

Political Science Research Methods (PS 0700)
Instructor of Record: Dr. George Krause, Fall 2015

Utah State University

Teaching Assistant
Political Science Research Methods (POLS 700)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Damon Cann, Spring 2014

Introduction to American Politics (POLS 1100)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Michael Lyons, Fall 2012

Service Activities:

University of Pittsburgh

Executive Administrator, Graduate and Professional Student Government, 2018-2019
TA Mentor, 2017-2018

Graduate Student Elected Counsel (GSEC)
Social Chair, 2017-2018
2nd Year Representative, 2015-2016

Undergraduate Research Mentor:
Adele Bejjani and Geneva Trovato; Summer 2017
Azad Niroomand, Aliza Berger, and Stefano Signer; Spring 2017
Lillian Cannon and Hailey Mook; Spring 2016

SPPQ Editorial Assistant, 2016-2017
Politics of Representation Research Team (PORRT), 2015-2017

Utah State University

Graduate Association of Political Science Students (GAPSS)
Founding President, 2013-2014

Additional Training:

ICPSR Spatial Dependence, Summer 2016

Technical Skills:

STATA, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office Suite