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Education

PhD, 2012 University of Florida, Political Science
Dissertation: “Institutions, Policy, and Politics in the Cases of Space and the Environment”
Committee: Larry Dodd (chair), Richard Conley, Beth Rosenson, David Hedge, and Matthew Jacobs

MA University of Florida, Political Science

MA University of Central Florida, Political Science

BA (Summa cum laude and University Honors) University of Central Florida, Political Science

Academic Positions

June 2019-Present **Associate Professor of Strategy and Security Studies, US Air Force School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL**
Courses: Foundations of International Politics, Space Power

August 2013-2019 **Associate Professor, Political Science, Cameron University, Lawton, OK**
Courses: American Federal Government, Media in American Politics, State and Local Government, Legislative Process, Research Methods, Public Administration, Political Parties and Interest Groups, Zombies and Politics, American Presidency, Public Opinion, Formation of Public Policy, American Political Thought, International Studies, US Foreign Policy, Comparative Government

2008-2013 **Adjunct Instructor, Political Science, Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL**
Courses: American National Government, State and Local Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations

2008 **Adjunct Instructor, Political Science, Valencia College, Orlando, FL**
Courses: American Federal Government

2007-2008 **Adjunct Instructor, Political Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL**
Courses: American National Government

Areas of Research

US space policy
Cancer politics
Science, technology, and health policy

Books

Privatizing Peace: How Commerce Can Reduce Conflict in Space. 2020. New York: Routledge.

Political Science Today. 2019. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

The CQ Press Career Guide for Political Science Students. 2017. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

The Politics of Cancer: Malignant Indifference. 2017. Denver: Praeger.

Unbroken Government: Success and the Illusion of Failure in Policymaking. 2013. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer Reviewed Articles

“The South and NASA: Public Opinion Differences and Political Consequences.” Forthcoming.
Astropolitics

“Snapshot of a Shifting Senate: Senator Robert Kerr and Space, 1961-62.” 2018. *Quest: The History of Spaceflight Quarterly*, 25 (1): 29-40.

“Turning the Classroom Upside Down: Experimenting with the Flipped Classroom in American Government.” 2016. *Journal of Political Science Education* 12 (1): 1-14.

“Trending Now: Using Big Data to Measure Public Opinion on Space Policy.” 2015. *Space Policy*, 32: 11-16.

(with Richard Conley) “Presidential Vision or Congressional Derision? Explaining Budgeting Outcomes for NASA, 1958-2008.” 2012. *Congress and the Presidency*, 39 (1): 51-73

“Who Supports Space Activities? An Issue Public for Space Policy.” 2012. *Space Policy*, 27 (4): 234-239.

“Conspiracy Laws,” in *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*, eds. John Vile, David Schultz, and David Hudson, CQ Press, 2008.

Other Articles

“The UAE’s Mars mission seeks to bring Hope to more places than the red planet,” *The Conversation*, 13 July 2020. <<https://theconversation.com/the-uaes-mars-mission-seeks-to-bring-hope-to-more-places-than-the-red-planet-142439>>.

“SpaceX reaches for milestone in spaceflight—a private company launches astronauts into orbit,” *The Conversation*, 22 May 2020. <<https://theconversation.com/spacex-reaches-for-milestone-in-spaceflight-a-private-company-launches-astronauts-into-orbit-138765>>.

“Making a Moral Case for Nonconflict in Space: Expanding Strategic Norm to Taboo,” *Wild Blue Yonder*, 16 March 2020. <<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Wild-Blue-Yonder/Article-Display/Article/2106715/making-a-moral-case-for-nonconflict-in-space-expanding-strategic-norm-to-taboo/>>.

“Indian Moon probe’s failure won’t stop an Asian space race that threatens regional security,” *The Conversation*, 10 September 2019. <<https://theconversation.com/indian-moon-probes-failure-wont-stop-an-asian-space-race-that-threatens-regional-security-123144>>.

“Women are less supportive of space exploration—getting a woman on the moon might change that,” *The Conversation*, 9 July 2019. <<https://theconversation.com/women-are-less-supportive-of-space-exploration-getting-a-woman-on-the-moon-might-change-that-118986>>.

“How SpaceX lowered costs and reduced barriers to space,” *The Conversation*, 1 March 2019. <<https://theconversation.com/how-spacex-lowered-costs-and-reduced-barriers-to-space-112586>>.

“Will China’s moon landing launch a new space race?” *The Conversation*, 4 January 2019. <<https://theconversation.com/will-chinas-moon-landing-launch-a-new-space-race-109359>>.

“George H.W. Bush’s overlooked legacy in space exploration.” *The Conversation*, 6 December 2018. <<https://theconversation.com/george-h-w-bushs-overlooked-legacy-in-space-exploration-108148>>.

“What is a Space Force anyway? And what does it have to do with NASA?” *The Conversation*, 1 October 2018. <<https://theconversation.com/what-is-a-space-force-anyway-and-what-does-it-have-to-do-with-nasa-102472>>.

“How Will Cancer Research Fare Under Trump?” 2017. *The Scientist Magazine*, April 2017. <<http://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/48983/title/How-Will-Cancer-Research-Fare-Under-Trump-/>>.

“Isolating America: The Consequences of Withdrawing from the World Stage.” *Oklahoma Humanities Magazine*, Fall 2015.

Book Reviews

“Joan Johnson-Freese, *Space Warfare in the 21st Century: Arming the Heavens.*” 2017. *Astropolitics*, 15 (2): 209-215.

Conference Presentations

“MAD in Space? The Potential Application of Nuclear Principles to Space-Based Conflict.” Paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 11 January 2020.

“The South and NASA: Public Opinion Differences and Political Consequences.” Paper presented at NASA in the South Symposium, Huntsville, AL, 29 March 2019.

“Mental Health Policy in the United States: The Political Contours of Federal Spending.” Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. 31 August 2018.

“Mental Health Policy in the United States: The Political Contours of Mental Health Spending at the Federal Level.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 6 April 2018.

“Parties in Space: Political Party Position Taking.” Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 1-4 September 2016.

“Malignant Indifference: Funding for Cancer.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. 8 January 2016.

“Location, Location, Location: Presidential Speeches and the Oval Office.” Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. 4 September 2015.

“The Death of NASA: Policy Momentum, Inertia, and Change.” Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. 15 January 2015.

“Trending Now: Policies and New Measures of Issue Saliency.” Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. 9 January 2014.

“Trending Now: Policies and New Measures of Issue Saliency.” Paper Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. 31 August 2013.

“One Size Fits All? Political Control of NASA.” Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL. 4 January 2013.

“Presidential Success in Policy: An Institutionally-Based Theory of Policy Development.” Paper Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. 13 April 2012.

“Congressional Consideration of New Policy Problems: The Cases of Environmental and Space Policies.” Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA. 12 January 2012.

“Perils of Presidential Leadership on Space Policy: The Politics of Congressional Budgeting for NASA, 1958-2008.” Paper Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC. 3 September 2010.

“Presidential Success in US Space Policy: A Comparative Case Study.” Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. 7 January 2010.

“Presidential Success in US Space Policy.” Paper Presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL. 2009.

“A New Paradigm of Government Decline.” Paper Presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference, Tampa, FL. 2008.

Conference Participation

Chair, “Military Personnel and Culture,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. 10 January 2020.

Discussant, “Perceptions on Representatives and Legislative Compromise,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 1 September 2019.

Chair, “Mechanisms Explaining Policy Attitudes,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 31 August 2019.

Discussant, “The Public Presidency,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 30 August 2019.

Chair, “The Pull of Tradition: When Women Challenge, or Resist, Change,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 29 August 2019.

Chair, “The Unilateral Power of the Presidency,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 1 September 2018.

Roundtable Participant, “What to Expect as a Faculty at a Regional University,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 7 April 2018.

Discussant, “Public Supports for Health Policy: The Roles of Knowledge, Belief, and Trust,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 6 April 2018.

Chair/Discussant, “Examining Theories About Policymaking,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 3 September 2016.

Chair, “Dynamics of Coalitions and Collaboration in Multiple Policy Areas,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1 September 2016.

Chair, “Presidential Campaigning and Public Opinion,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. 15 January 2015.

Chair, “Motivations of Bureaucratic Behavior and Decision-Making,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. 15 January 2015.

Chair/Discussant, “The Dance of Legislation,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. 15 January 2015.

Chair/Discussant, “The Historical Presidency,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. 10 January 2014.

Discussant, “Presidents, Policy, and the Public,” Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. 10 January 2014.

Chair, “Policymaking in the US Congress,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL. 4 January 2010.

Invited Talks

Alexis Society Youth Forum Webinar Series, “The Global Space Race: Road Ahead for Cooperation and Competition in Space,” 10 June 2020.

Women United for Action Southwest Oklahoma, “Emerging Voting Trends in Lawton,” 16 February 2019.

The Politics of Cancer Book Talk, Cameron University, 23 October 2017.

March for Science Oklahoma City, “Why Science is Political,” 22 April 2017.

Appetizing Roundtables, “Online Simulations,” Teaching and Learning Series, Cameron University, 5 December 2016.

Snacks and Chats Series, “Parties and Voting and Issues, Oh My!,” Cameron University, 10 October 2016.

Workshop Presentation, “Flipping the Classroom,” Teaching and Learning Series, Cameron University. 15 November 2013.

Awards

Bhattacharya Research Excellence Award, Cameron University, 2018-2019

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association

Reviewer

Journals: *American Political Science Review*, *Politics and Policy*, *Public Administration Review*, *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Space Policy*

Textbooks: Cengage, Sage/CQ Press

University Service

Member, *Strategic Studies Quarterly* Contributing Editor Board, 2020-Present

Director, Faculty Development and Air University PhD Programs, SAASS, 2019-Present

Editor and founder, *CHiPS: The Cameron University Undergraduate Journal in History and Political Science*, 2016-2019

Faculty Advisor, Model UN, Cameron University, 2013-2019

Member, University Committee on Discrimination and Harassment, Cameron University, 2014-2019

Member, Faculty Senate, Cameron University, 2016-2018

Secretary, Faculty Committee, Cameron University, 2016-2017

Cameron University Academic Festival X: American Identities in the 21st Century; organized several events including a panel discussion on “America’s Place in Cancer Research” and speakers on the topics of “American Diplomacy in the 21st Century” and “America’s Place in Space,” 2017-2018

Member, Lectures and Concerts Committee, Cameron University, 2016-2017

Appeared in Cameron University Spring 2015 Musical, *110 in the Shade*

Appeared in Cameron University Student Documentary “To Be Or Not To Be: Marijuana in Oklahoma,” Summer 2014

Chair, Political Science Search Committee, Cameron University, Spring-Summer 2014

Faculty Co-Advisor, Law and Politics, Cameron University, 2013-2014

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Grants

Cameron University, Dr. William L. and Barbara Scarce Endowed Lectureship in Political Science, 2018-2019

Cameron University Katherine D. Lacy Endowed Lectureship in History, 2018-2019

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Cameron University, Dr. William L. and Barbara Scarce Endowed Lectureship in Political Science, 2015-2016

Cameron University Katherine D. Lacy Endowed Lectureship in History, 2015-2016

Cameron University James O. “Diz” and June Pursley Barnett Endowed Lectureship in History, 2015-2016

Cameron University Innovative Instructional Grant (iPad Minis for Model UN), 2014 -2015

Cameron University, Dr. William L. and Barbara Scarce Endowed Lectureship in Political Science, 2014-2015

University of Central Florida, Graduate Teaching Professional Development Grant, Spring 2007

University of Central Florida, Provost's Fellowship, 2007-2008

Other Activities

Faculty-Appointed Member, Board of Directors, Midwest Model United Nations, 2015-2019