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### Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, <i>West Virginia University</i>	2018-Present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, <i>West Virginia University</i>	2013-2018
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, <i>University of New Orleans</i>	2009-2013
Instructor (Tenure Track), Department of Political Science, <i>University of New Orleans</i>	2008-2009

### Education

Ph.D. Political Science, <i>University of Rochester</i>	2009
M.A. Political Science, <i>University of Rochester</i> Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Methodology	2006
B.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering, <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>	2000
B.A. Philosophy, <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>	2000

### Publications

“The Evolution and Implications of Perceptions of Barack Obama’s Ideological Positioning.” forthcoming. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.

“Public Opinion on Government Funding of the Arts in the United States: Demographic and Political Factors.” forthcoming. *International Journal of Cultural Policy*.

“Testing Policy Responsiveness with Dynamic MRP Estimates: Direct Democracy and Same-Sex Relationship Policies in the U.S.,” with Daniel C. Lewis. 2017. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 17(4): 441-464.

“From Black and White to Left and Right: Race, Perceptions of Candidates’ Ideologies, and Voting Behavior in U.S. House Elections.” 2015. *Political Behavior* 37(3):595-621.

“Public Opinion and Judicial Behavior in Direct Democracy Systems: Gay Rights in the American States,” with Daniel C. Lewis and Frederick Wood. 2014. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 14(4):367-388.

“Is Transgender Policy Different? Policy Complexity, Policy Diffusion and LGBT Nondiscrimination Law,” with Jami Taylor, Daniel C. Lewis, and Brian S. DiSarro. 2014. In *Transgender Rights and Politics*, Jami K. Taylor and Donald Haider-Markel, eds. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

“Race and Perceptions of Representatives’ Ideologies in U.S. House Elections.” 2014. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 39(2):261-291.

“Religion and Perceptions of Candidates’ Ideologies in U.S. House Elections.” 2013. *Politics & Religion* 6(2):342-372.

“Barking Up the Wrong Tree: Why Bo Didn’t Fetch Many Votes for Barack Obama in 2012,” with Daniel C. Lewis. 2013. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 46(1):49-59.

“Content and Complexity in Policy Reinvention and Diffusion: Gay and Transgender-Inclusive Laws against Discrimination,” with Jami Taylor, Daniel C. Lewis, and Brian S. DiSarro. 2012. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 12(1):75-98.

“Does Public Financing of State Election Campaigns Increase Voter Turnout?” with Jeffrey Milyo and David M. Primo. 2011. In *Public Financing in American Elections*, Costas Panagopoulos, ed. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

“Estimating the Impact of State Policies and Institutions with Mixed-Level Data,” with David M. Primo and Jeffrey Milyo. 2007. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 7(4):446-459.

### **Papers Under Review**

“Attendance, Affiliation, and Relationships Between Religiosity and Racial Attitudes in the United States”

### **Conference Papers**

“Mass Polarization in the U.S. States: Estimates and Effects.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2019.

“Attendance, Affiliation, and Relationships Between Religiosity and Racial Attitudes in the U.S.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, 2018.

“Why We Should Not Regret Using the Racial Resentment Scale.” Presented as a poster at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, 2018.

“Demographic and Political Influences on Public Support for the Arts.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2018.

“The Effects of Irregular Attendance: Born-again and Evangelical Christians’ Racial Attitudes.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2017.

“Racial Stereotypes and Perceptions of Black Candidates’ Ideologies Across Offices.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, Austin, 2017.

“The Evolution and Implications of Perceptions of Barack Obama’s Ideological Positioning.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2017.

“Enabling Gridlock?: Bureaucratic Discretion and Legislative Productivity,” with Jason A. MacDonald. Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2016.

“Mass Polarization in the U.S.: Neither Myth nor Monster,” with Patrick T. Hickey. Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2016.

“Reassessing Minority Protests as a Determinant of Congressional Behavior.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2016.

“Policy Feedback and Cross-State Variation in Latino Partisanship and Ideology.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015.

“When the Left is Not the Right Fit: Descriptive Representation, State-Level Policy, and Variation in Latino Ideology and Partisanship.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2015.

“Explaining Heterogeneity in Latino American Partisanship and Ideology.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2015.

“Testing Policy Responsiveness with Dynamic MRP Estimates: Direct Democracy and Gay Rights in the U.S.,” with Daniel C. Lewis. Prepared for the State Politics and Policy Conference, Bloomington, IL, 2014.

“Twice as Hard: The Dual Perceptual Disadvantage Faced by Black Female Candidates in U.S. House Elections.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2014.

“Double Trouble: Gender, Race, and Perceptions of Candidates’ Ideologies in U.S. House Elections.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2014.

“Bringing Faith to the Floor: Religion and State Legislators’ Policy Preferences.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013.

“Faith, the Forty-Ninth Parallel, and Participation: Political Involvement among American and Canadian Evangelicals.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2013.

“Testing Policy Responsiveness with Dynamic MRP Estimates and Multiprocess Models,” with Daniel C. Lewis. Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2012.

“Who Would If They Could?: Adjusting Turnout Calculations for the Proportion of Ineligible Citizens Who Would Vote if Eligible.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2012.

“A Bark Without a Bite? Why Bo Won’t Fetch Many Votes for Barack Obama in 2012.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2012.

“Barack Obama’s Ideology in the Eyes of Voters: Perceptions During the 2008 Presidential Election Campaign.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2011.

“Purchasing Perceptual Accuracy? African-American Candidates and Campaign Expenditures.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010. Earlier version presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2010.

“Elections in Black and White: Race, Perceptions, and Voting Behavior in U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009. Earlier version presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2009.

“Religion and Perceptions of Candidate Ideologies in U.S. House elections.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2009. Earlier versions presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2008, the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, KY, October 2008, and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2008.

“The Effects of Race-Based Perceptions of Candidate Ideologies on Vote Choice in U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2009.

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“Race and Perceptions of Candidate Ideologies in U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2007. Revised version presented as a poster at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2007.

### Dissertation

*Social Group Identification and Perceptions of Candidates' Ideologies in United States House Elections*

### Book Reviews

Review of *Political Communication & Strategy: Consequences of the 2014 Midterm Elections*, Sisco, Tauna S., Jennifer C. Lucas, and Christopher J. Galdieri, eds., *American Review of Politics*, 2020.

Review of *Representation and Institutional Design*, By Rebekah L. Herrick, *Perspectives on Politics*, 2013.

Review of *Boundaries of Obligation in American Politics: Geographic, National, and Racial Communities*, By Cara J. Wong, *American Review of Politics*, 2011.

Review of *Politics in the Parish: The Political Influence of Catholic Priests*, by Gregory Allen Smith, *Journal of Politics*, 2009.

### Invited Appearances and Media Publications

Invited post, “In West Virginia, Democrat Joe Manchin is tacking to the right to keep his Senate seat in an increasingly red state.” USAPP American Politics and Policy blog, *London School of Economics and Political Science*, October 2018.

Invited presentation, “Learning about Leadership: Scholarship and Experience,” *WVU Graduate and Professional Student Leadership Conference, West Virginia University*, February 2018.

Invited presentation, “Navigating to Success: A Conversation about Race and Politics in Graduate School,” *WVU Graduate and Professional Student Leadership Conference, West Virginia University*, February 2017.

Invited presentation, “Faculty Dinner Series: The 2016 Presidential Election: The New Normal?” hosted by the *Division of Student Life, West Virginia University*, October 2016.

Invited presentation, “Identity Politics and The 2016 Presidential Race,” hosted by the *Center for the Study of Government and Politics and the Department of Political Science, Siena College*, April 2016.

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Panel discussion on the 2016 U.S. Elections, organized by the *Department of Political Science, West Virginia University*, September 2015.

Invited post, “Black candidates are perceived as more liberal than similar white candidates, and this may be hurting them at the ballot box.” USAPP American Politics and Policy blog, *London School of Economics and Political Science*, October 2015.

Invited post, “Could Scott Walker’s dog allergy come back to bite him in 2016?” The Monkey Cage blog, *The Washington Post*, April 2015.

Panel discussion on Same Sex Marriage in West Virginia and the U.S., organized by the *Department of Political Science, West Virginia University*, October 2014.

Invited panel discussion on Malcolm X, organized by the *WVU Office of Multicultural Programs and International Student Affairs and Global Services, West Virginia University*, February 2014.

Invited post, “While dog owners were less likely to vote for Obama, dog ownership doesn’t affect voting decisions.” USAPP American Politics and Policy blog, *London School of Economics and Political Science*, November 2013.

Presentation on race, gender, and perceptions of candidates’ ideologies, *The Anna Julia Cooper Project on Gender, Race & Politics in the South, Tulane University*, November 2012.

Invited panel presentation on the 2012 Republican presidential hopefuls, organized by the *Women in Politics and Tulane College Republicans student groups, Tulane University*, November 2011.

Television news commentary, “Fox 8 Morning News,” WVUE-TV, July 2012; “Eyewitness News @ 5PM,” WWL-TV, July 2012; “Fox 8 News at 9,” WVUE-TV, March 2011.

Radio news commentary, “The Pet Buzz,” News Radio Sarasota 103.9, September 2017; “Feedback, by U92FM News” WWVU-FM, October 2016.

## Courses Taught

<i>Advanced Quantitative Methods (graduate course)</i>	2015 - 2020
<i>American Government</i>	2008 - 2020
<i>American Politics &amp; Policy (graduate course)</i>	2014, 2016, 2018
<i>Capstone: Build a Politics Podcast</i>	2017, 2018
<i>Racial and Ethnic Politics (graduate course)</i>	2017

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<i>Religion and Politics</i>	2016
<i>Public Opinion &amp; Politics</i>	2013, 2015
<i>Minority Politics Research (graduate course)</i>	2014
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<i>Political Research Methods I (graduate course)</i>	2009, 2011 - 2013
<i>Politics and Religion</i>	2010, 2011, 2013
<i>Voters and Elections</i>	2009, 2012
<i>Research in Minority Politics (graduate course)</i>	2010, 2012
<i>Politics and Religion (graduate course)</i>	2012
<i>Voting Behavior (graduate course)</i>	2011
<i>Public Opinion</i>	2009, 2011
<i>Methods of Political Research</i>	2008 - 2010
<i>Religion and Politics in the United States</i>	2007

### Administrative Appointments

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, <i>West Virginia University</i>	2015-Present
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### Professional Service

Peer reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Political Psychology*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Politics & Religion*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *European Journal of Social Psychology*, *Journal of Political Marketing*

Book manuscript reviewer, *Routledge Press*

Discussant, *Junior Scholars Symposium Session*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2019

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Discussant, *Racial Attitudes*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2019

Discussant, *The Implications of Bias for Polling, Participation, and Political Knowledge*, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2017

Discussant, *Race, Ethnicity and Identity Politics*, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2017

Discussant, *The Donald and His Crew: Anti-Immigrant Sentiments*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2016

Discussant, *Interactions between and Influences of Religious and Electoral Politics*, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015

Panel chair, *History, Religion, Race, and Political Behavior*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2015

Panel chair and discussant, *Social Capital and Connectedness*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2014

Panel chair and discussant, *Immigration and Racial Attitudes*, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2014

Discussant, *Graduate Student Research in American Politics and Policymaking*, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2014

Discussant, *Context, Race, and Turnout*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2012

Discussant, *Undergraduate Research I: Empirical Political Science*, Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Political Science Association, Baton Rouge, 2012

Panel chair and discussant, *Religion and Policy Attitudes*, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2011

Discussant, *Black Political Elites and the Evolution of Black Politics*, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2011

Panel chair and discussant, *Religion and Political Activism*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2010

Panel chair, *The Religious Politics of Multiple Categories*, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2008



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Panel chair and discussant, *Race and Campaigns*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2008

Panel chair and discussant, *Religion and Policy Making*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Toronto, 2008

Assistant to the Editor, *Perspectives on Politics*, under James Johnson, 2005-2008

### Grants and Awards

Senior personnel, National Science Foundation RAPID grant, “Rural Crisis Decision-Making: Risk Information Management and Reactions to Precaution Recommendations During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Appalachia.” Primary investigators: Daniel Totzkay and Jamison Conley, *West Virginia University*.

Gabriel Brothers Faculty Award, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, Summer 2018 *West Virginia University*

Fellowship Grant, *West Virginia Humanities Council* Summer 2017

Faculty Development Grant, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, Summer 2017  
*West Virginia University*

Course Development Grant, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, Summer 2016  
*West Virginia University*

CEO Summer Research Grant, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 2011  
*University of New Orleans*

CEO Summer Research Grant, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 2009  
*University of New Orleans*

Nominated for the Emerging Scholar Award for the best paper presented by an emerging scholar at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association 2009

Nominated for the Lucius Barker Award for the best paper on a topic investigating race or ethnicity and politics at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association 2009

Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute of Humane Studies* 2008-2009

University Fellow, *University of Rochester* 2002-2008

W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy PEPR Grants, 2006, 2007 & 2008  
*University of Rochester*

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Charles E. Lanni Summer Research Fellowships, <i>University of Rochester</i>	2003-2007
Selected Participant, Pollsters and Parishioners Workshop on Survey Research and American Religion, <i>The Henry Institute, Calvin College</i>	2007
Chancellor's Scholar, <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>	1995-2000

### Professional Associations

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

### Other Professional Employment

Project Engineer, EIT, *The Sear-Brown Group*, Rochester, NY, 2000-2002

### References

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