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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Taylor University <i>Tenured Associate Professor</i>	Upland, IN 2023 - Present
Taylor University <i>Associate Professor</i>	Upland, IN 2021 - 2023
Taylor University <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Upland, IN 2017 - 2021

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Ph.D Political Science Advisor: Thomas Nelson, Ph.D. Thesis: "All of the People, All of the Time: An Analysis of Public Reaction to the Use of Deception by Political Elites"	Columbus, OH May 2017
Purdue University B.A. Political Science	West Lafayette, IN May 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Taylor University Constitutional Law I and II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked with the Halbrook Distinguished Chair of Government to deliver a sophisticated constitutional law course• Involved high-profile guest speakers, including former solicitor-general Fisher	Upland, IN
Taylor University Campaigns and Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arranged guest speakers to give students real-world practical experience, such as Senator Crane of the Sagamore Leadership Initiative• Managed professional volunteer work for students through campaign partnerships	Upland, IN
Taylor University Politics and Opinion Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked with Dr. Alan Blanchard and Russell Pulliam to create a cross-disciplinary collaborative course teaching students to produce published political journalism content	Upland, IN
Taylor University History and Politics Through Board Games <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborated with Dr. Elizabeth George to create class focused on games as a method of engagement with historical and political content	Upland, IN

Taylor University Upland, IN
Introduction to American Politics

- Received a grant from the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana to redesign this course to use open academic materials.

Taylor University Upland, IN
Political Thinking

Taylor University Upland, IN
Political Behavior

Taylor University Upland, IN
Research in Political Studies

- Student final projects from this class have been presented at both Taylor's Celebration of Scholarship as well as national conferences

Taylor University Upland, IN
Public Policy

Taylor University Upland, IN
Congress and the Presidency

- There is currently a textbook application under review based on material produced for this class

Taylor University Upland, IN
United States Constitutional Development

The Ohio State University Columbus, OH
Instructor, Introduction to American Politics January 2015 - 2017

The Ohio State University Columbus, OH
Instructor, The American Presidency May 2014 - 2016

- Conducted an original advanced seminar on the presidency to 30-50 senior political science students
- Fostered student involvement in the political process, including debate- and speech-watching events

The Ohio State University Columbus, OH
Guest Lecturer, Data Analytics Autumn 2014

- Taught a small seminar of graduate students the principles of bootstrapping

Education Training:

Course Design Institute

- Studied best practices for course design, including rubrics, course planning tools, outcome measurement, and more

Bedi Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence

- Underwent training on assessment, Title IX, student learning modes, advising, technology use, and accommodating students with special needs, among many others

Faith Integration Workshop

- Studied with Dr. Bird on the integration of faith and our academic disciplines, producing a paper currently under review

University Center for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT)

- Underwent training on course design and feedback, academic misconduct prevention, grading accuracy and efficiency improvement, and student relationship management

Ohio State University Political Science Teaching Workshop Series

- Received personal training on Political Science-specific instructional methods from senior Ohio State Political Science faculty

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Engaging Teaching Today Presenter <i>Engaging Students as Scholars</i>	Upland, IN 2024
Baylor Law School Pre-Law Conference Taylor Representative	Waco, TX 2024
Indiana Political Science Association Presenter <i>Creating Political Scientists</i>	David Letterman Building, IN 2023
Indiana Academy of Social Sciences Presenter <i>Speaking the Same Language: Political Language Use by Members of Congress</i>	Gary, IN 2023
Intercollegiate Studies Institute: Little Platoon Seminar Host and Presenter <i>Freedom of Speech in the Modern Era</i>	Wilmington, DE 2022
National Council on Undergraduate Research Mentor <i>Religion vs. Politics: Which Wins at a Christian Liberal Arts University?</i>	University of North Carolina, NC 2022
The Ray C. Bliss Institute State of The Parties Conference Presenter <i>Orwell's Collapse: Partisan Polarization and Its Effect on Language Use</i>	Akron, OH 2021
The Intercollegiate Studies Institute Colloquium Panelist <i>Shakespeare and Plutarch: Liberty and Tyranny</i>	Philadelphia, PA 2021
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference Presenter <i>Polarization and Language Use</i>	Chicago, IL 2020
Kuyers/INCHE Conference Presenter <i>Teaching Politics in a Changing Political Context</i>	Grand Rapids, MI 2019

Indiana Political Science Conference	Evansville, IN
Presenter	2018
<i>Expectancy Violations and Elite Deception</i>	
Southern Political Science Annual Meeting	San Juan, PR
Presenter	2016
<i>All the People, All of the Time?</i>	
Decision Sciences Collaborative Annual Research Forum	Columbus, OH
Presenter	2015
<i>Public Reaction to Elite Deception</i>	

RESEARCH EFFORTS

Redeem Project/NCLC	Indiana
Criminal Record Expungement Research	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with the Redeem Project to study the economic benefits of criminal record expungement for Indiana counties 	
C-SPAN	Nationwide
C-SPAN 2021 Survey of Presidential Leadership	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with C-SPAN to provide reviews of all past presidential leadership • Partnered with C-SPAN on research promotion and engagement efforts 	
Taylor University	Upland, IN
Energy in the Executive	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentored Students in a project to research the use of presidential executive orders • Guided students through multiple research presentations, both at Taylor and outside academic conferences 	
Taylor University	Upland, IN
Orwell's Collapse	Fall 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a grant to engage in a project examining language use as a barometer of political unrest • Worked with students to grant research experience and career preparation 	
The Ohio State University	Columbus, OH
Student Researcher (Dissertation)	Summer 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed an original survey experiment to examine new hypotheses about how citizens' partisan affiliations can affect their processing of political deception revelations • Fielded a large-scale research project (800 participants) using innovative and efficient sampling techniques • Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data to reveal previously-undiscovered patterns of American political responses • Used publicly available data and a natural experiment design to replicate these findings at the national level 	
The Ohio State University	Columbus, OH
Student Researcher	Spring 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and ran an original survey experiment to examine new hypotheses about how citizens process deception from their leaders • Worked with undergraduate students in order to examine political psychological reactions to deception threats • Presented results at the Behavioral Decision-Making Conference, Columbus, OH 	

The Ohio State University
Research Assistant

Columbus, OH
 Summer 2013

- Organized an ongoing research effort into constructing network analyses of early American Congress-members for P.I.'s Gregory Caldeira and William Minozzi
- Oversaw outside research companies while digitizing high volumes of low quality records
- Undertook data management duties including cleaning, standardization, and archival to enable project progress
- Resulted in "Social Influence in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1801-1861". Prepared for the Congress & History Conference, Vanderbilt University, May 22-23, 2015

The Ohio State University
Collaborator

Columbus, OH
 Spring 2013

- Collaborated with Sergio Diaz-Sierra on the design of a survey instrument to track Burkean conservatism
- Organized the collection of respondents for survey data
- Performed factor analysis and post-tests to evaluate the effectiveness of the newly devised scale

Technical Training

The Ohio State University

- **Statistical Packages:** R, Stata, SPSS, Minitab
- **Selected Techniques:** OLS, MLE, Event-History Models, Multi-Level Modeling, Bootstrapping, Randomization Inference, Agent-Based Modelling
- **Methodology:** Experimental Design, Survey Design, Survey Sampling
- **Programming:** R, Python
- **Security:** KnowBe4 Fraud Prevention

Research and Event Grants

- **Class of 1970 Redeem Project Support Grant**
- **Community Engaged Alliance Turnout and Voter Engagement Grant**
- **Redeeming Babel Project Funding and Speaking Stipend for Campus Bible Study**
- **Private Academic Library Network of Indiana Course Redesign Grant**
- **Women's Giving Circle *With Dr. George*: Funding to examine the pedagogical application of tabletop games**
- **ALL IN Voter Outreach Grant** Funding for Student Voter Outreach and Election Watch Event
- **Election Event Grant** Funding for Election Student Engagement Event
- **Digital Connection Grant** Funding for Election Student Engagement Event
- **FMUS** Mentored two students in Summer 2020
- **Women's Giving Circle** \$1,000 to fund a political language investigation
- **CEEP** \$1,000 to fund a student-level GOTV effort on Taylor's Campus, including registration drive and election watch
- **National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (Applied)** \$17,510 to fund a national survey experiment
- **Behavioral Decision Making Initiative/Decision Sciences Collaborative Grant (2013)** \$770 for political behavior research

Grant Training

National Science Foundation Workshop Series

Summer 2015

- Received one-on-one instruction and coaching from professionals and former NSF board members in order to create winning grant proposals

PUBLICATIONS

“The Zacchaeus Option: Encouraging Young Christian Students to Engage in the Study of American Politics.” *International Journal of Christianity and Education*. Currently under review.

“Orwell’s Collapse: Partisan Polarization and Its Effect on Language Use.” *Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics Conference Proceedings*. 2021.

“The Smokescreen Effect: Expectancy Violations and Public Reaction to Accusations of Political Deception.” *Political Science Studies*. 2019.

Reviews:

Religious Liberty in a Polarized Age. *Christian Scholar’s Review*. 2024.

American Government and Politics in the Information Age. *The Open Textbook Library*. 2024.

State and Local Government and Politics: Prospects for Sustainability. *The Open Textbook Library*. 2022.

America: The User’s Manual. *The Open Textbook Library*. 2022.

Attenuated Democracy: A Critical Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics. *The Open Textbook Library*. 2021.

Acknowledgements:

America: The User’s Manual Second Edition. *The Open Textbook Library*. 2022.

Minozzi and Caldeira. “Congress and Community: Coresidence and Social Influence in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1801–1861.” *American Political Science Review*. 2021.

Mentored Research:

“Examining the Aggregate Economic Impacts of Criminal Record Expungement in Marion County, Indiana.” *Lux et Fides: A Journal for Undergraduate Christian Scholars*. Zane Callison. 2024.

“GPT stands for ‘Geopolitical Tension’: How AI raises the temperature in the semiconductor cold war between the U.S. and China.” *Chicago Journal of Public Policy*. Andrew Bruner. 2024.

“Religion vs. Politics: Which Wins at a Christian Liberal Arts University?” *Political Studies Student Projects*. Amanda Williams. 2022.

SERVICE

**Admissions
HGPS Volunteer** Taylor University

**Provost’s Election Task Force
Participant** Taylor University

**Frequent Guest Lecturer
Drs. Case, Downs, Kelley, etc.** Taylor University

**One In Prayer
Prayer Leader** Taylor University

**Lux et Fides
Board Member** Taylor University

Faculty Development and Candidate Interview Committee Co-chair	Taylor University
Carnegie Lecture Series Speaker	Marion Public Library
Indiana Voter Outreach Project Voting Outreach Coordinator	ALL IN Organization
God's Purpose for your Organizational Life Bible Study Leader	Redeeming Babel
Politics and International Relations Department Tenure Review Outside Consultant	Wheaton University
Redeem Project Faculty Sponsor	Taylor University
FACET Committee Member	Taylor University
Politics and Law & Politics and Public Service Major Coordinator	Taylor University
Ray Fitzgerald Lecture Committee Member	Taylor University
MLK Day 2021 Speaker	Taylor University
FMUS Research Lunches Speaker	Taylor University
2020 Student Engagement Election Panel Panelist	Taylor University
Voter Registration Drives Organizer/Leader	Taylor University
Politics Departmental Review Lead Author	Taylor University
2019 Empower Institute Guest Speaker	Taylor University
The Echo Numerous articles/interviews	Taylor University
Zondervan Library External Review Interview Participant	Taylor University
Colleague's College 2018 Presenter	Taylor University
Academic Technology Committee Committee Chair	Taylor University
Library BGC Committee Member	Zondervan Library, Taylor University

The Ohio State University Graduate Mentor	Columbus, OH
Pearson Education Textbook Reviewer	Columbus, OH
Methods Research Series Guest Host and Discussant	Columbus, OH
OSU Political Science Department Undergraduate Research Pool Organizer	Columbus, OH
American Politics Dissertation Workshop Founder	Columbus, OH
Workshop in American Politics Co-ordinator	Columbus, OH

MEMBERSHIPS

Chapter Advisor:

- Pi Sigma Alpha

Professional Member:

- Christians in Political Science
- Initiative on Faith and Public Life
- American Political Science Association
- Indiana Political Science Association
- Past: Midwest Political Science Association
- Past: Southern Political Science Association

Member:

- Upland Community Church
 - Sunday School Teacher
 - Men's Ministry
 - Albright Small Group