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Employment

2016 – current Baylor University
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

2014 - 2015 Kinder Research Fellow, University of Missouri, Columbia

2010 - 2016 Baylor University
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Education

Ph.D. The University of Texas at Austin
Dec. 2009 Government
Dissertation: *The Governing Cycle and the Dynamics of New Majority Formation* (Chair: Jeff Tulis)

M.A. Georgia State University
July 2004 Political Science

B.S. The United States Military Academy at West Point
June 1991 History (European)

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

2016 “Congressional Attacks on the Supreme Court: A Mechanism to Maintain, Build, and Consolidate,” with Dave Bridge, *Law and Social Inquiry*. 41 (1): 100-125.

 “Executive Behavior and the Influence of Religious Factors: Evidence from Gubernatorial State of the State Addresses, 2000-2013,” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 4 (1): 47-62 .

2015 “Reagan Reorders the Political Regime: A Historical-Institutional Approach to Analysis of Change,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 45 (4): 703-726.

 “Public Opinion and the Military: A Multivariate Exploration of Attitudes in Texas,” *Politics and Military Sociology: An Annual Review*. 43 (1): 75-105.

2014 “Modern Reconstructive Presidential Leadership: Reordering Institutions in a Constrained Environment,” *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Politics in Contemporary Society*. 12 (2): 281-304.

 “Court-Curbing via Attempt to Amend the Constitution: An Update of Congressional Attacks on the Supreme Court from 1955–1984,” with David Bridge and Adam Carrington, *Justice System Journal*. 35 (4): 331-343.

2013 “Military Family Attitudes towards Civilian Leaders in the United States,” with David Leal, *Armed Forces and Society*, 39 (1): 53-77.

2012 “The Presidential Ranking Game: Critical Review and Some New Discoveries,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 42 (2): 275-299.

- 2011 “The Presidency and the Political Order: In Context,” *Polity*, 43(4): 513-532.
- 2010 “Exploiting the Opportunity for Reconstructive Leadership: Presidential Responses to Everted Political Regimes,” with Adam S. Myers, *American Politics Research*. 38 (5): 806-841.

Prospective Monographs at University Presses

1. *A Tide in the Affairs of Presidents: Response to the Recurrent Crisis of Governing Legitimacy*— working sole-authored book.
(Targeted publishers: Cornell University Press; University of Michigan Press; University Press of Kansas; University of Missouri Press).
2. *Controlling the Mischiefs of Faction: The Supreme Court and Decline of the New Deal Coalition* — working co-authored book, with Dave Bridge.
(Advance contract signed with University of Missouri Press).

Other Published Articles / Book Chapters

- 2018 “Grover Cleveland: The Enemies He Has Made,” with Jeremy Schmuck in *Hatred of America’s Presidents: Personal Attacks on the White House from Washington to Trump*, ed. Lori Cox Han. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio: 153-160.
- 2014 “Forum Response: The Influence of Religious Identity and Context on Gubernatorial Decision Making,” *The Presidency and Executive Politics Review*. Spring: 18-19.
- 2012 Book review of “Designing a Polity: America’s Constitution in Theory and Practice” by James W. Ceaser; *American Political Thought*, 1 (2): 340-343.
- 2010 “Latino Veterans and Income: Are there Gains from Military Service,” with David L. Leal and Jeremy Teigen in *Latino’s and the Economy: Integration and Impact in Schools, Labor Markets and Beyond*, eds. David L. Leal and Stephen J. Trejo. New York: Springer: 193-212.
- 2009 “Reconsidering Realignment from a Systemic Perspective,” *Clio*, 19 (2): 3, 50-53.

Academic Conferences (select)

- 2018 “The Second Wave of Political Time Scholarship” presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting. August 31st, Boston, MA.
- 2017 “Grover Cleveland and the ‘Double Troubled’ Presidency” presented at the Shawnee Trail Regional Seminar on Constitutional Democracy, Austin, TX. May.
- 2016 “An Endogenous Account of the Crisis of Governing Legitimacy” presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting. August.
- 2015 “Assessing President Obama’s Place in Political Time” presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting. September.
- “The Country-Republican Origins of the Recurrent Crisis of Governing Legitimacy” presented at the Shawnee Trail Regional Seminar on Constitutional Democracy, at the University of Missouri, Columbia. May.
- “Reagan Reorders the Political Regime: A Historical-Institutional Analysis” at the *Western Political Science Association* meeting. April.

- 2014 “Explaining Executive Tone: The Rhetorical Dynamics of Gubernatorial State of the State Addresses,” presented at both the *American Political Science Association* meeting and *Conference on State Political Institutions and the Executive Branch*, August.
- “The Influence of Religious Identity and Context on Gubernatorial Decision Making: Evidence from State of the State Addresses, 2000-2013,” presented at the *Western Political Science Association* meeting, April.
- 2013 “Bending the Curve of History through Multiple Modes of Change: Reconstructive Presidential Leadership in a Constrained Environment,” presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting, August.
- 2012 “Congressional Attacks on the Supreme Court: Court-Curbing from a Regime Politics Perspective,” with David Bridge and Adam Carrington, presented at the *Western Political Science Association* meeting, March.
- 2011 “The Presidential Rankings Game: Critical Review and Some New Discoveries,” presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting September.
- 2010 “Controlling for Context in Presidential Leadership Surveys” presented at the *Midwestern Political Science Association* meeting April.
- 2009 “Veterans and Income: Is there a Penalty for Military Service” with David Leal and Jeremy Teigen, presented at the *Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society* meeting, October 2009.
- “The Neo-institutional Origins of Governing Cycles in American Politics” poster presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting, September.
- “New Insights About Critical Junctures: Lessons From the Study of Governing Majority Formation in American Politics” with Adam Myers, presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting, September.
- 2008 “Significant Outliers: An Initial Investigation Into When Anomalies Happen” with Dan Franklin, presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting, August.
- “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Exploiting the Opportunity for Reconstructive Leadership” with Adam Myers, presented at the *Midwestern Political Science Association* meeting, March.
- 2007 “Deployment, Army Life, and Attitudes Towards Bush, Rumsfeld, and Powell: Evidence from the Military Families Survey,” with David L. Leal, presented at the *Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society* meeting, October.
- “Race, Ethnicity, and Attitudes Toward the U.S. Military” with David L. Leal, presented at the *Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society* meeting, October.
- “Predicting Attacks on the Supreme Court: A Partisan Regime Approach,” presented at the *Western Political Science Association* meeting, March.
- 2005 “Coalitional Realignment: Pouring New Wine into Old Bottles,” poster presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting, September.
- 2004 “Challenge and Response: Revisiting Skowronek’s Regime Theory,” with Dan Franklin, presented at the *Midwestern Political Science Association* meeting, April.

Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

- 2017 Baylor University Teaching Development Grant, \$1500.00; deferred.

- 2016 College of Arts and Sciences, Summer Sabbatical Award, Baylor University.
- 2015 Baylor University Research Leave Award – Fall.
The Artinian Travel Award at the 2015 SPSA Conference – \$250.00.
- 2014 The Kinder Research Fellowship for 2014 - 2016 at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Kinder Forum on Constitutional Democracy – \$40,000.00 per year (2015-16 renewable option declined).
University Research Committee Small Grant – \$3668.00. (6/1/14 – 5/31/15).
- 2013 College of Arts and Sciences, Summer Sabbatical Award, Baylor University.
University Research Committee Small Grant – \$2621.00. (12/16/13 – 5/31/14).
- 2011 College of Arts and Sciences, Summer Sabbatical Award, Baylor University.
- 2010 “Best Alumni Paper” \$500 award for paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association meeting, for “Controlling for Context in Presidential Leadership Surveys” by the University of Texas, Department of Government, Graduate Student Organization.
- 2009 APSA Presidency Research Section, “Best Paper by a Graduate Student” presented at a conference in 2007-2008, for: *“The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly: Exploiting the Opportunity for Reconstructive Leadership”* (co-authored with Adam Myers).
Malcolm Macdonald Summer Research Internship, University of Texas.
- 2007-2008 Joe R. Long Research Fellowship, University of Texas.
- 2006 “Best Graduate Paper” \$250 Award, for: *“Coalitional Realignment: Pouring New Wine into Old Bottles,”* University of Texas.

Advanced Training

- 2008 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Arizona State University, Tempe, January.

Teaching Experience

Baylor University (Undergraduate)

- PSC 2302 ~ *Constitutional Development.*
- PSC 3330 ~ *The American Presidency.*
- PSC 4350 ~ *American Political Parties.*
- PSC 4094 ~ *Caribbean Politics.*

Baylor University (Graduate)

- PSC 5321 ~ *Seminar in Public Law ~ Judicial Politics.*
- PSC 5330 ~ *Seminar in American Political Development.*

Professional Service

- Co-convener “Shawnee Trail Regional Seminar on American Constitutionalism and Politics”, Columbia, University of Missouri, 2015-2018. (Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy).
- Section chair (Presidency and Executive Politics): WPSA 2015.

- Manuscript reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *Congress and the Presidency*, *Journal of Politics*, *Palgrave*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.
- Member: American Political Science Association, (Politics and History & Presidents and Executive Politics sections), Midwestern Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society.

University and Department Service

Baylor University

- Faculty Senator (elected for three-year term) 2017 – 2020.
- Dissertation committee member, ongoing, Jordan Cash and Josh Boucher.
- Dissertation committee member for Dr. Matt Brogdon; Dr. David Capper; Dr. James Odom and Dr. Nathan Warf.
- M.A. thesis committee member for Kyle Vint ~ Communications.
- Senior undergrad thesis advisor (Chieh [Flora] Chang).
- American Politics Search Committee (successful senior hire; Dr. Lee Ward).
- Army-Baylor MHA/MBA Program oral defense committee member (San Antonio, TX); 2014 & 2016.
- Baylor University “Constitution Day” keynote speaker, 9/17/13.
- Baylor Student organization faculty advisor.
- Department representative for “Premiere” (student recruitment).
- Volunteer Commencement Marshal.

University of Texas at Austin

- Graduate Student Organization (GSO): co-president (2007-2008).