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Employment

Wilkes University (Fall 2019-)
Assistant Professor of Political Science and Criminology

Lake Superior State University (Fall 2016-June 2019)
Assistant Professor of Political Science

Miami University (August 2014-June 2016)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington (2015).

Major Field: American Politics
Minor Field: Methodology
Outside Minor: Political Communication

Dissertation Title: Selective Exposure, Source Cues, and Framing Effects: How Partisan News Impacts the American Citizen.

Committee: Margie Hershey (Chair), Ted Carmines, Christopher DeSante, and Lesa Hatley Major (Associate Dean of The Media School, Professor of Journalism)

M.A. Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington (2012).

M.A. J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, Baylor University (2010).

B.A. Political Science and Sociology, Taylor University (Upland, IN) (2006).

Research

A Paradox of Polarization? Cross-Pressured Representatives and the Missing Incentive to Moderate. *World Affairs Journal* 182, no. 1: 61-96.

What Does it Mean to be 'One of Us'? The Impact of Place and Belonging on Campaigns in Northeastern Pennsylvania in *Campaigning in PA: The Nationalization of Campaigns and Elections in a Battleground State* forthcoming from Temple University Press.

Using TV to Teach? Teaching Civics and Democratic Ideals Through *The West Wing* and *House of Cards*.
Under review

Working Papers

The End of Straight Ticket Voting and its Impact on Down-Ballot Races

The Different Paths Taken by States to Help Teens Aging Out of Foster Care

Education's Battle: How Universities and Community Colleges Fight in Scarcity

Politicizing Higher Education: Gubernatorial Appointments to State Higher Education Boards

Non-Peer Reviewed

Ohio: A Sure Bet as Battleground & Bellwether. Invited editorial for *The Ripon Society*, February 2016.
–with **Bryan W. Marshall**

Book Review of *The People's news: Media, Politics, and the Demands of Capitalism*. By **Joseph E. Uscinksi**
– *Perspectives on Politics* 14, no. 4 (December, 2016): 1228-1229.

Book Review of *Family Values and the Rise of the Christian Right*. By **Seth Dowland** –*Political Science Quarterly* 132, no. 1 (Spring, 2017): 189-191.

Media Interviews

More than 75 in calendar year 2020: YLE Press (Finnish Public Broadcasting), *Wilkes-Barre Citizen's Press*, *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*, Swedish Broadcasting Corporation, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Scranton Times*, WNEP-TV (TV and podcast), *Tokyo Shimbun* (3,000,000 daily readers), France Info (national radio), *Beacon* (student newspaper), HBL (national radio in Finland), *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (largest newspaper in Germany), *Le Point* (French weekly), *Asahi Shimbun* (one of the largest newspapers in Japan), News Agency of the Slovak Republic (TASR), *Newspaper Ilta-Sanomat* (Finland), NOS News (public broadcasting in Netherlands), Newsweek digital, SKY News, *The Sault Star*, Canadian Broadcasting Company, and Jiji Press.

Teaching

Wilkes University

Introduction to American Politics, U.S. Congress, Public Policy Analysis, Urban Politics, Media and Politics, Politics of Money and Sports, Campaigns and Elections, Politics of Race and Policing, U.S. Presidency, and Introduction to Criminal Justice

Lake Superior State University

Introduction to American Politics, State and Local Politics, Congress and the Presidency, Political Science Research and Methods, Media and Politics, Introduction to the Legal Process, Constitutional Law and Civil Liberties, Honors Seminar on *The West Wing* and *House of Cards*, Public Opinion and Campaigns in the United States, and Senior Seminar in Political Science

Miami University

Politics and National Issues; American Political System; U.S. Campaigns and Elections, Public Opinion Laboratory, Public Opinion (writing course), and Political Communication

Indiana University, Bloomington

Introduction to American Politics; State and Local Politics; Voting, Elections, and Public Opinion; and U.S. Congress.

Conference Presentations

Paul Henry Symposium on Religion and Politics (2013)

Midwest Political Science Association (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019)

Southern Political Science Association (2014, 2015, 2016, and 2020)

American Political Science Association (2018 and 2020)

Service

To The Discipline

Discussant at MPSA (2016, 2017)

Chair at MPSA (2017)

Discussant at APSA (2020)

Discussant at SPSA (2016 and 2020)

Chair at SPSA (2020)

Reviewer for *American Politics Research*, *Politics and Policy*, *Oxford University Press*, *Religion and Politics*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Penn State Press*

Committee on Best Poster Presented in Public Policy Section at APSA 2020

Graduate Assistant for Jerry Wright and the 2014 State Politics and Policy Conference hosted at Indiana University

Content Specialist (Team Lead) for Sage Press on Keeping the Republic 7th Edition Interactive Learning Program

Syllabus Collection Project for Courses on Political Parties, Interest Groups, Political Campaigns, and Elections, 2012 for the *Section on Political Organizations and Parties* of the *American Political Science Association*.-with **Marjorie Randon Hershey and Ian G. Anson**

To the University

Project Supervisor studying the efforts of Spring Valley Township (Ohio) to update administrative rules with undergraduates through the *Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs* at Miami University.

Honors Council at Lake Superior State University (2016-2019)

Advisor of the Judiciary Board at Lake Superior State University (2016-2019)

Advisor of the Elections Committee for Student Government at Lake Superior State University (2016-2019)

Faculty Committee on First Year Experience at Lake Superior State University (2017-2019)

State Relations Officer for Lake Superior State University to the Michigan Association of State Universities (2017-2019)

Pre-Law advisor for Lake Superior State University (2017-2019)

Men's Volleyball Faculty Member at Wilkes University (2019-2020)

AICUP Day on the Hill coordinator for Wilkes University (2019-)

Chess Club advisor at Wilkes University (2020-)

Academic Standards Committee at Wilkes University (2020-)

Political Society at Wilkes University co-advisor (2020-)

Pi Sigma Alpha co-advisor at Wilkes University (2020-)

Barre Scholar Program faculty representative at Wilkes University (2021-)

To the Community

Licensed foster parent

Youth soccer coach

Youth baseball coach

Northeastern Pennsylvania Citizen's Review Panel of Child Welfare System (2021-2023)

Awards/Memberships

2020-2021 Outstanding New Professor at Wilkes University (awarded to one faculty in their second or third year)

2018-2019 Advisor of the Year at Lake Superior State University (voted by student government)

2011-2012 Recipient of John V. Gillespie Memorial Scholarship for Methods Training at ICPSR (\$2,500)

2012-2013 Recipient of Outstanding Associate Instructor for Department of Political Science

American Political Science Association (2009-Present)

Southern Political Science Association (2013-Present)

Midwest Political Science Association (2013-Present)

References

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Jim Schaeffer
Professor of History
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