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## ACADEMIC RECORD

PhD, in Political Science, University of Houston, May 2013

MA, in Political Science, University of Houston, December 2012

MPA, Public Administration, University of Illinois at Chicago, May 2004

BA, French, University of Illinois at Chicago, May 2002  
Institute for American Universities in Avignon, France

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Lamar University, Fall 2013 – present.

## COURSES TAUGHT

*Graduate:* Human Resource Management, Introduction to Public Administration, Public Policy Analysis, Public Organizations, State Law & Policy

*Undergraduate:* American Government: National, State, and Local I & II, Introduction to Public Administration, Judicial Process, Introduction to Public Policy

## GRADUATE STUDENTS

2017            Serving on comprehensive exam committee for one MPA student.  
2016            Chaired a comprehensive exam committee for one MPA student.  
2015            Served on comprehensive exam committee for three MPA students.

## FIELDS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

American and state institutions and politics, public policy, federalism and intergovernmental relations, interest groups, judicial process and behavior.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Lamar University Reaud Honors College Professor of the Year, 2017-2018  
Lamar University Summer Research Fellowship 2017  
Lamar University Research Enhancement Grant 2016  
Lamar University Active and Collaborative Engagement for Students (ACES) Fellowship, 2013-2014.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer-Refereed Articles*

“The Ties That Bind Beyond the Battlefield: An Examination of the Diffusion Patterns of Veterans Treatment Courts.” 2017. *Social Science Quarterly*. 98(5): 1622-1641.

“Judicial Responsiveness to Valence Issues: An Event History Analysis of the Initial Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Laws.” 2016. *Law & Policy* 38(1): 4-23.

“Playing Politics with Sex Offender Laws: An Event History Analysis of the Initial Community Notification Laws Across American States.” 2015. *Policy Studies Journal* 43(3): 355-378.

*Book Chapters*

“Money in U.S. Elections: An Ongoing Revolution” in *The People and American Government*, 2011. Kent Tedin, ed. New York: Pearson Custom Publishing (with Susan Scarrow).

*Professional Practitioner-Oriented Publications*

“Newfound Benefits of Social Media for Seniors” *PA Times*, December 13, 2016.

“NCLB and Multiple Choice Exams in College Courses” *PA Times*, September 13, 2016.

“What Makes the Next Generation of Public Servants So Different?” *PA Times*, June 14, 2016.

“Can Campus Carry Laws Fit into University’s Emergency Response Planning?” *PA Times*, March 8, 2016.

“Preparing New Public Servants for a MultiSector Career.” *PA Times*, July 31, 2015.

*Book Reviews*

Review of Alissa R. Ackerman and Rich Furman, ed., *The Criminalization of Immigration: Contexts and Consequences*. 2014. Durham: Carolina Academic Press. *Law and Politics* 24 (8):372-375.

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

“Counterbalancing the Disadvantages of the ‘Have Nots’: An Examination of the Impact of Amicus Participation in State Supreme Court Cases.”

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*It's My Choice, Isn't It? An Examination of States' Receptivity to End-of-Life Policy Innovations.*

“A Patient’s Right to Choose: An Examination of States’ Receptivity of End-of-Life Policy Innovations.”

“Self-interest, Ideology, and Attitudes about the Affordable Care Act” (with Jennifer Haynes Clark).

“Neighborhood Watch Gone National: States’ Responsiveness to Federal Intervention in Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Laws.”

“Judicial Response to Legislative Delegation of Authority: The Non-Delegation Doctrine in the Fifty States” (with Gbemende Johnson).

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

“A Patient’s Right to Choose: An Examination of States’ Receptivity of End-of-Life Policy Innovations.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science, Chicago, IL. April 2016.

“Soldier Down: An Examination of the Diffusion Patterns of Veterans Treatment Courts.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science, Chicago, IL. April 2015.

“So Many Sex Offender Laws, So Few Sex Crimes: The Diffusion of Registration and Notification Laws in the American States.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2013.

“Setting State Appellate Court Agendas: An Event History Analysis of Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification (SORN) Laws.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, LA. March 2013.

“Decision-making in State Criminal Courts: The Impact of Prosecutor’s Press Releases and Case Saliency” (with Salmon Shomade). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. March 2011.

“When You Really Need a ‘Friend:’ Examining the Impact of Amicus Participation in State Supreme Court Criminal Cases” (with Chris Nicholson). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. March 2011.

“Felons Need ‘Friends’ Too: Examining Amicus Participation in Criminal Cases before State Supreme Courts” (with Chris Nicholson). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2011.

“Separating from the Pack: State Supreme Court Judicial Decision-making in Criminal Cases.” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, TX. April 2010.

#### **INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“A Tale of Two Parties: Politics and Partisanship in the United States” (with Kevin Dodson, James P. Nelson, and Stuart Wright), hosted by Lamar University’s Honors Student Association, March 6, 2018.

“Academic Job Market Workshop,” hosted by Ling Zhou, University of Houston, June 19, 2017.

“Graduate School Experience Workshop” (with Melissa Hudler, Millicent “Millie” Musyoka, and Michael Orrin Way (Texas A&M University)), hosted by Lamar University’s McNair Scholars Program, May 2, 2015.

“Missing the Forest for the Trees: The Media’s Role in Perpetuating Criminal Stereotypes” (with Jennifer Scarduzio), Cardinal Conversations: An Evening of Discussion, hosted by Lamar University President Ken and Nancy Evans, President’s home, January 29, 2015.

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2018 – present  
Council for Scholarships and Fellowships Advisement Faculty Representative for Truman Scholarship, 2015 – present  
Gray Library Representative, 2014 – present  
Department Representative to Arts & Sciences Council, 2014 – 2017  
Lamar University Faculty Feedback Team for Strategic Planning Committee, 2014-2015  
Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Steering Committee, 2014 – present  
Student Advising and Retention Services (STARS) Mentoring Program, 2013 – 2016  
Political Science Department Study Abroad Coordinator, 2013 – 2015

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

##### *Referee*

Justice System Journal  
Policy Studies Journal  
Journal of Politics  
State Politics and Policy Quarterly

*Professional Conferences*

Discussant, "State Constitutions and Courts." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science, Chicago, IL. April 2016.

Discussant, "Judicial Selection in the American States." Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, LA. March 2013.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southwestern Political Science Association