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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 2024-
Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, West Virginia University, 2023-2024
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, West Virginia University, 2020-2023
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Texas at Arlington, 2015-2020

AFFILIATIONS

RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service, Faculty Fellow, University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School, 2025-
Extreme Weather Adaptation Lab, University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School, 2026-
US Policy Agendas Project, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, Faculty Associate, University of Texas at Austin, 2015-

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Government, University of Texas at Austin, 2015
Fields: Public Policy and American Politics
Dissertation: Contagious Agendas: The Spread of Issue Attention in the Policy Process
Committee: Bryan D. Jones (chair), Frank R. Baumgartner, Christopher Wlezien, Sean M. Theriault, Brian E. Roberts
M.A. Government, University of Texas at Austin, 2011
M.A. Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2009
B.A. Political Science and B.Phil. Information Studies with honors and high distinction, Pennsylvania State University, 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policy process, agenda-setting, organized interests and lobbying, revolving door politics, public health, disaster response and recovery

BOOK

LaPira, Timothy M. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2017. *Revolving Door Lobbying: Public Service, Private Influence, and the Unequal Representation of Interests*. University Press of Kansas.

- Covered in *Roll Call*; reviewed in *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Choice*

ARTICLES

24. Sledge, Daniel and Herschel F. Thomas. Compounding Crises: Non-state Service Provision in the Context of Multiple Extreme Events, *Risk, Hazards, & Crisis in Public Policy*, forthcoming.
23. Dwidar, Maraam A. and Herschel F. Thomas. Administrative Lobbying and the Bureaucratic Revolving Door. *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, forthcoming.
22. Workman, Samuel and Herschel F. Thomas. 2025: The Other Side of Chaos: COVID-19, Federal Spending, and Local Government Volatility, *Journal of European Public Policy*, forthcoming.
21. Sledge, Daniel and Herschel F. Thomas. 2025. Risk Communication and Large Language Models. *Risk, Hazards, & Crisis in Public Policy*, 16(3).
20. Fagan, E.J., Alexander Furnas, Chris Koski, Herschel F. Thomas, Samuel Workman, and Corinne Connor.* 2024. The Dynamics of Issue Attention in Policy Process Scholarship. *Policy Studies Journal*, 52(3): 481–492.
19. Bayram, Burcu, Daniel Sledge, and Herschel F. Thomas. Ideology, Local-Level Policymaking, and International Governmental Organizations. 2024. *International Studies Quarterly*, 68(3).
18. Overton, Michael, Stephen Kleinschmit, Mary Feeney, Federica Fusi, Nick Hart, Spiro Maroulis, Kayla Schwoerer, Eric Stokan, Herschel F. Thomas, and Samuel Workman. 2023. Administrative Informatics: A Roundtable on the Conceptual Foundations of a Public Administration-centered Data Science Subfield. *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, 6 (1-31).
17. Epp, Derek A. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2022. When Bad News Becomes Routine: Continuous Information Moderates How Governments Respond to Policy Problems. *Political Research Quarterly*, 76(1), 3-13.
16. Sledge, Daniel, Herschel F. Thomas, Bai Linh Hoang, and George Mohler. 2022. Impact of Medicaid, Race/Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice Referral on Opioid Use Disorder Treatment. *Journal of the American Association of Psychiatry and the Law*, 50(4), 1-11.
15. Sledge, Daniel and Herschel F. Thomas. 2021. Public Perceptions of the Role of Government and Non-State Actors in Responding to COVID-19. *Risk, Hazards, & Crisis in Public Policy*, 12(3): 266-282.
14. Fagan, E.J.*, Zachary A. McGee*, and Herschel F. Thomas. 2021. Power of the Party: Conflict Expansion and the Agenda Diversity of Interest Groups. *Political Research Quarterly*, 74(1): 90-102.
13. LaPira, Timothy M. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2020. The Lobbying Disclosure Act at 25: Challenges and Opportunities for Analysis. *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 9(1): 257-271.
12. Marchetti, Katie, Timothy M. LaPira, and Herschel F. Thomas. 2019. Gender Politics in the Lobbying Profession. *Politics & Gender*, 16(3): 816-844.
11. Sledge, Daniel and Herschel F. Thomas. 2019. From Disaster Response to Community Recovery: Nongovernmental Entities, Government, and Public Health. *American Journal of Public Health*, 109(3): 437-444.

10. Thomas, Herschel F. 2017. Modeling Contagion in Policy Systems. *Cognitive Systems Research*, 44:74-88.
9. Thomas, Herschel F. and Timothy M. LaPira. 2017. How Many Lobbyists Are in Washington?: Shadow Lobbying and the Gray Market for Policy Advocacy. *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 6(3):199-214.
8. Boydston, Amber E., Shaun Bevan, and Herschel F. Thomas. 2014. The Importance of Attention Diversity and How to Measure It. *Policy Studies Journal*, 42(2): 173-196.
7. LaPira, Timothy M., Herschel F. Thomas, and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2014. Washington Lobbyists in the Core and on the Periphery. *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 3(3): 219-245.
6. Jones, Bryan D., Herschel F. Thomas, and Michelle Wolfe. 2014. Policy Bubbles. *Policy Studies Journal*, 42(1): 146-171.
5. LaPira, Timothy M. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2014. The Revolving Door and Interest Representation. *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 3(1): 1-26.
4. Theriault, Sean M. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2014. The Diffusion of Support for Same-Sex Marriage in the US Senate. *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 47(4): 824-828.
3. Halpin, Darren R. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2012. Evaluating the Breadth of Policy Engagement by Organized Interests. *Public Administration*, 90(3): 582-599.
2. Halpin, Darren R. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2012. Interest Group Survival: Exploring Mortality Anxiety. *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 1(2): 215-238.
1. Maitland, Carleen, Herschel F. Thomas, and Louis-Marie Ngamassi. 2012. Internet Censorship and the Protection of Human Rights: An Organizational Informatics Perspective. *Journal of Information Technology*, 27(4): 285-300.

* indicates graduate student co-author at the time

BOOK CHAPTERS/OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Bradley, Griffin*, Timothy M. LaPira, and Herschel F. Thomas. 2024. Revolving Doors and Public Policy Advocacy. In David Coen and Alexander Katsaitis (eds.), *Handbook on Lobbying and Public Policy*. Edward Elgar. Pgs. 220-231.
- LaPira, Timothy M. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2019. How Big a Political Footprint? Interest Groups as Influence Enterprise. In Allan J. Cigler, Burdett A. Loomis, and Anthony J. Nownes (eds.), *Interest Group Politics* (10th). Roman & Littlefield: Lanham, MD.
- Jones, Bryan D. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2017. The Cognitive Underpinnings of Policy Process Studies: Introduction to a Special Issue of Cognitive Systems Research. *Cognitive Systems Research*, 27(4): 285-300.
- Jones, Bryan D. and Herschel F. Thomas. 2012. Bounded Rationality and Public Policy Decision-Making. In E. Araral, S. Fritzen, M. Howlett, M. Ramesh, and X. Wu (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Public Policy*. New York, NY: Routledge.

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WORKING PAPERS

- Party Cohesion During War: Ukraine's Servant of the People, 2019-2024 (with Geir Flikke, Erik Herron, and Khrystyna Pelchar*, *invited to revise and resubmit*)
- Blame Attribution After Disaster (with Daniel Sledge, Martha Kropf, Regina Branton, Erik Herron; presented at SPSA 2025, MPSA 2025; *under review*)
- Voter Access and Election Integrity: Perceptions of Procedural Legitimacy After Hurricane Helene (with Regina Branton, Martha Kropf, Erik Herron, and Daniel Sledge; *under review*)
- Persuade Your Foes or Inform your Friends? Partisan Context and Adaptive Lobbying Strategy (with Timothy LaPira and Isabel Laterzo-Tingley; presented at Policy Agendas Project Workshop 2025, CAP 2025, APSA 2025, Copenhagen Business School Money in Politics Workshop 2026)
- Agenda Disruption in Wartime Ukraine (presented at SPSA 2025, with Erik Herron and Khrystyna Pelchar*)
- Government Attention and the Policy Agenda of Social Scientific Research (presented at MPSA 2026, CAP 2026, APSA 2026, with EJ Fagan, Zander Furnas, Samuel Workman, Chris Koski, and Jiyeon Lee*)
- Revolving Door Inspectors (to be presented at APSA 2026, with Yongtae Kwon* and Mary Evans)
- Kurtosis Revisited: What Distributions Can Tell Us about Political Institutions (with Derek Epp, Max Goplerod, and Chu-ling Tseng*)
- Democracy and Media Attention Dynamics (presented at CAP 2026, with Diego Romero)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Examining Adherence to Conflicting Prostate Cancer Screening Guidelines (with Daniel Sledge, Michael G. Machiorlatti, Heather Hollen)
- The Politicization of Disaster Aid Preferences?: A Conjoint Analysis of Public Good Provision and Deservingness (with Regina Branton, Martha Kropf, Erik Herron, and Daniel Sledge)
- Perceptions of Private-Public Capacity in Disaster Response (with Anna Gunderson and Daniel Sledge)
- Public Preferences for Investment in Extreme Heat Mitigation: Exposure, Time, and Ideology (with Daniel Sledge and Halley Reeves; presented at Policy Agendas Project Workshop 2025)
- Multi-hazard Threat Perception (with Daniel Sledge, Halley Reeves, Sarah Traore*, and Yuer Wang*)

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EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 2025 National Science Foundation: “(Award #2502630) Collaborative Research: RAPID: Elections During Crises: The Effects of Hurricane Helene on Election Administration and Perceptions of Integrity in North Carolina” (with Daniel Sledge and Erik Herron; \$67,766.00 via WVU)
- 2025 City of Austin, TX: “Analyzing Land Development Policy in Austin” (with Daniel Sledge; \$57,856)
- 2021 National Science Foundation: “(Award #2130062) Collaborative Research: RAPID: Non-state Service Provision in the Context of Multiple Extreme Events” (with Daniel Sledge; \$92,365; \$44,661 to WVU)
- 2018 National Science Foundation: “(Award #1800302) RAPID: Supplementing State Capacity: Non-State Action and Public-Private Coordination During Times of Crisis” (with Daniel Sledge; \$71,473 to UT-Arlington)
- 2014 The Dirksen Congressional Center (with Timothy M. LaPira; \$3,500)

INTERNAL FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2026 UT-Austin, LBJ School, Extreme Weather Adaptation Lab, “Workshop on Disaster Governance and Crisis Decision-making” (\$14,500)
- 2026 UT-Austin, LBJ School, Gary Chapman Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program, “Democracy and Media Attention Dynamics: Large-scale Validation of Machine Topic Codes.” (with Diego Romero, \$6,833)
- 2026 UT-Austin, LBJ School, Policy Research Institute: “Perceptions of Private-Public Capacity in Disaster Response.” (with Anna Gunderson and Daniel Sledge, \$11,552)
- 2025 UT-Austin, LBJ School, Policy Research Institute: “Revolving Door Inspectors” (with Mary Evans, \$18,614)
- 2023 WVU, Dept. of Political Science, Woolwine Fund Grant: “Examining State Capacity and Non-profit Response to Crises in Comparative Perspective: Earthquakes, Drought, and Flooding in the Emilia-Romagna Region of Italy” (\$5,232, declined)
- 2021 WVU, Dept. of Political Science, Woolwine Fund Grant: “Understanding Policy Responses to Slow-moving Problems: Interviews with Legislators, Staffers, and Lobbyists” (\$8,807)
- 2021 WVU, Research and Scholarship Enhancement Grant: “(#2524) Referring Adolescents with Opioid Use Disorder for Treatment” (\$7,500)
- 2021 WVU, Faculty Travel/Development Grant (\$700)
- 2021 WVU, Summer Undergraduate Research Experiences (SURE) Program: Summer Support for Undergraduate Research Assistant (via Giana Loretta, \$4,000)
- 2016 UT-Arlington, College of Liberal Arts (From Cure to Care: Advancing Human Well-being through Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (iC2C) Seed Grant): “Mapping the Politics of

- Public Health: Threat Perception, Advocacy, and Policymaking” (\$8,175, with Daniel Sledge)
- 2015 UT-Austin, Dept. of Government (J.J. Pickle Chair): Intl. Travel Grants (also 2014, 2013; \$5,900 in total)
- 2015 UT-Austin, Graduate School: Professional Development Awards (also 2013, 2012, 2011; \$2,000 in total)
- 2015 UT-Austin, Dept. of Government: Macdonald Dissertation Fellowship, Spring (provides one semester of tuition assistance and stipend of \$8,500, declined)
- 2014 UT-Austin, Dept. of Government: Macdonald Dissertation Fellowship, Fall (provides one semester of tuition assistance and stipend of \$8,500)
- 2014 UT-Austin, Edward A. Clark Center for Australian Studies: Travel/Research Grant (\$4,300)
- 2014 Mannheim Centre for European Social Research: Travel Grant (\$340)
- 2013 The Australian National University, School of Sociology: Travel Grant (\$2,400)
- 2013 Southern Political Science Association: Prestige-Cook Travel Award (\$125)
- 2012 UT-Austin, Dept. of Government: Mel Hinich Fellowship (provided tuition for the Santa Fe Institute’s Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science Modeling and Complexity; \$1,900)
- 2011 NSF, c/o University of Michigan, Political Networks Conference: Travel/Reg. Award (\$750)
- 2010 NSF, c/o University of Washington, Comparative Agendas Project Annual Meeting: Travel Award (\$500)
- 2009 UT-Austin, Graduate School: Recruitment Fellowship (provided one year of tuition assistance and stipend of \$18,000)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2026 Nominated for LBJ Excellence in Teaching Award (GPAC), LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin
- 2022 Outstanding Honors EXCEL Mentor Award, West Virginia University Honors College
- 2019 President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching (Untenured), University of Texas at Arlington
- 2017 Iowa State University, Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics (honorable mention award): “Gender and Lobbying” (\$1000, with Timothy M. LaPira and Kathleen Marchetti)
- 2013 UT-Austin, Dept. of Government: Departmental Nominee for UT Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award
- 2010 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Program: Honorable Mention
- 2009 Penn State, Dept. of Political Science: Graduation Marshal for Political Science and International Relations
- 2009 Penn State, Schreyer Honors College: Reddy Mission Award (“given to the graduating Schreyer Scholar who best exemplifies the comprehensive mission of the college”)

INVITED TALKS/LECTURES

Non-state Service Provision and American Disaster Governance, 2023, Rutgers University, Department of Political Science

Non-state Service Provision and American Disaster Governance, 2023, University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Non-state Service Provision and American Disaster Governance, 2023, Oklahoma State University, Department of Political Science

Analysis of Lobbying Using LDA Data: Best Practices and Pitfalls (with Timothy M. LaPira), APSA 2021 Short Course on Interest Group/Lobbying Data Sources

From Disaster Response to Community Recovery: Nongovernmental Entities, Government, and Public Health, Jan. 2020, West Virginia University, Department of Political Science

From Disaster Response to Community Recovery: Nongovernmental Entities, Government, and Public Health, Dec. 2020, University of Kentucky, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration.

What Medical Residents Need to Know about the Policy Process, Apr. 2018, UT-Southwestern Medical Center

Revolving Door Lobbying. University of Texas at Austin, Dec. 2016 (with Timothy M. LaPira)

Congressional Analytic Capacity and the Political Economy of Revolving Door Lobbying. University of Oklahoma, Nov. 2016

Thinking Big: How to Establish a Long-Term Research Program (Ph.D. student audience). University of Oklahoma, Nov. 2016

Contagious Agendas: The Spread of Issue Attention in the Policy Process. University of Texas at Arlington, Department of Political Science, Jan. 2015

Contagious Agendas: The Spread of Issue Attention in the Policy Process. London School of Economics, Department of Government, Jan. 2015

The Transparency Policy Failure of Revolving Door Disclosure: Uncovering Patterns of Lobbyists' Public Service and Private Influence (with Timothy M. LaPira), Sunlight Foundation, Sept. 2012

OTHER WRITING

Trump's Lobbying Ban Might Actually Make Corruption Worse, *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. Nov. 2016 (with Timothy M. LaPira)

So What if Congressional Staff Levels are Declining? New America/R Street Institute: Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, Jun. 2016 (with Timothy M. LaPira)

Bounded Rationality (with Jonathon Lewallen). 2016. In Stephen Schecter (Ed.), *American Governance*. Macmillan Reference.

A Test of Nancy Pelosi's Revolving Door Hypothesis. *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. February 7, 2014 (with Timothy M. LaPira)

Support for Same-sex Marriage in the US Senate. London School of Economics, United States Politics and Policy Blog, Nov. 2014 (with Sean Theriault)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

Money in Politics Workshop, Copenhagen School of Business (2026)

Conference on Policy Process Research: 2023

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management: 2022

Southern Political Science Association: 2025-2024, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2013 (x2), 2012, 2009,

American Political Science Association: 2026 (x3), 2025-2024, 2022-2021, 2018, 2017 (x3), 2016, 2014, 2013, 2011

Midwest Political Science Association: 2026-2023, 2021, 2019-2017, 2016 (x2), 2015-2008

Comparative Agendas Project Annual Meeting: 2025-2026 (x2), 2023⁺, 2019-2017 (x2), 2015, 2014 (x2), 2013, 2010

International Political Science Association: 2018

Southwestern Political Science Association: 2017 (x2)

US Policy Agendas Project Pre-conference Workshop: 2024

European Consortium for Political Research: 2016⁺

Australian Political Science Association: 2015⁺

Seminar Series of the Antwerp Centre for Institutions and Multilevel Politics (ACIM): 2015⁺

Workshop on Interest Group Populations in Comparative Perspective at the Univ. of Hamburg: 2015⁺
ANZSANA: 2014

Danish Society of Political Science: 2011⁺

Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy (TPRC): 2008

⁺ *indicates co-author attendance*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin:

Analysis of Policy Adoption and Implementation: 2026 (SP)

Policy Development (graduate): 2024 (FA), 2025 (SP)

Government Relations and Policy Advocacy (graduate): 2025 (SP)

Policy Research Project: Mapping Disaster Networks (graduate): 2025 (FA)

Policy Research Project: Building Non-profit Capacity (graduate): 2026 (FA)

West Virginia University

Interest Groups & Democracy: 2023 (SP)

Policy Analysis/Policy Process (graduate seminar): 2022 (FA)

Introduction to Public Administration: 2023 (FA online), 2022 (FA)

Politics of Agenda-setting (graduate seminar): 2023 (FA), 2022 (SP), 2020 (FA)

Introduction to Policy Analysis: 2023 (FA), 2022 (SP), 2021 (SP)
Policy Implementation (graduate seminar): 2021 (SP)

University of Texas at Arlington:

Research Methods and Political Analysis (graduate cross-listed): 2020 (SP), 2019 (SP), 2018 (FA; SP),
2017 (FA; SP), 2016 (FA)
Health Politics & Advocacy (online, co-taught): 2020 (SU-I), 2019 (SU-I)
Introduction to Public Policy Analysis: 2018 (SP), 2015 (FA)
Interest Groups and Political Advocacy: 2020 (SP), 2017 (FA)
Political Science Research Lab (graduate cross-listed): 2017 (SP)
Organized Interests in America: Advocacy and Influence (graduate): 2019 (FA), 2016 (FA)
Government of the United States: 2017 (SU-II; SP), 2016 (SU-I; SU-II; SP, honors cross-listed), 2015 (FA)
Public Policy Analysis (graduate): 2016 (SP)

University of Texas at Austin:

Teaching Assistant, Bethany Albertson, Intro. to American Government: 2011 (SP)
Teaching Assistant, Bryan D. Jones, Intro. to Public Policy: 2010 (FA)

STUDENTS MENTORED AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Ph.D.

Jiyoon Lee (UT-Austin, LBJ School, Primary Ph.D. Mentor and Co-author), 2025-
Yuer Wang (UT-Austin, LBJ School, Secondary Mentor and Qualifying Paper Committee Member),
2025-
Sarah Traore (UT-Austin, LBJ School, Qualifying Paper Committee Member), 2025
Gauthier Fally (UT-Austin, Government, Dissertation Committee Member and Co-author), 2025-
Khrystyna Pelchar (WVU, Political Science, Dissertation Committee Member and Co-author), 2025-
Abdul Uqaily (WVU, Political Science, Dissertation Committee Member), 2021-
Hamid Baadecche (WVU, Political Science, Dissertation Committee Member), 2021-
Abe Barranca (UT-Austin, Government, Dissertation Committee Member), 2021-2025
Christiana Bugri (WVU, Political Science, Dissertation Committee Chair, Teaching Assistant), 2021-
2025; Postdoctoral Researcher, Campbell Public Affairs Institute
Michael Jones (WVU, Political Science, Dissertation Committee Member), 2021-2025
Tyler Mentzer (WVU, Political Science, Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant), 2020-2021; APSA
Congressional Fellow
Rebecca Eissler (UT-Austin, Government, Dissertation Committee), 2016-2018; Assoc. Prof. at San
Francisco State University

Masters

Lauren Trotter (UT-Austin, LBJ School, Thesis Committee Member), 2025-
Corinne Connor (WVU, Political Science, Graduate Research Assistant and Co-author), 2022-2023;
Program Analyst at Heinz Family Foundation
Griffin Bradley (WVU, Political Science, Co-author), 2024; Analyst at Ceres
Trevor Owens (UT-Arlington, Political Science, Thesis Committee Chair), 2017-2018
Josue Rodriguez (UT-Arlington, Political Science, Graduate Research Assistant), 2017-2018
DeAnne Roark (UT-Arlington, Political Science, Thesis Committee Member), 2017-2018; UNT Ph.D.,
Post-doc at Cornell University

Undergraduate

Ananya Rajan (UT-Austin, Government, Pickle Fellows, Research Mentor; Research Assistant), 2025-
Noah Keaney (UT-Austin, Government, Pickle Fellows, Research Mentor), 2025-
Teddy Sue Bean (UT-Austin, Government, Research Assistant), 2024-2025
Sydney Hickle (WVU, Research Apprenticeship Program Supervisor), 2024
DJ Lipps (WVU, Research Apprenticeship Program Supervisor), 2024
Max Hall (WVU, Research Apprenticeship Program Supervisor), 2023-2024
Jordyn Endrick (WVU, Research Apprenticeship Program Supervisor, POLS Senior Capstone Advisor),
2023-2024
Collin Street (WVU, Research Apprenticeship Program Supervisor), 2023-2024
Ronald Rakes (WVU, POLS Senior Capstone Advisor), 2023-2024
Joanna Gleeson (WVU, POLS Senior Capstone Advisor), 2023
Jacqueline Heil (WVU, Research Apprenticeship Program Supervisor), 2022-2023
Indigo Brock (WVU, Research Apprenticeship Program Supervisor), 2022-2023
Wyatt Gaines (WVU, Research Apprenticeship Program Supervisor), 2022-2023
Taidgh Dowd (WVU, Research Apprenticeship Program Supervisor, POLS Senior Capstone Advisor),
2021-2023
Giana Loretta (WVU, SURE Program Supervisor, Honors EXCEL Program Advisor, 2021-2023;
Newman and Fulbright Scholar
Stacey Ingram (WVU, POLS Senior Capstone Advisor), 2022
Aurelyn Van Kirk (WVU, POLS Senior Capstone Advisor), 2023
Joshua Spurrier (WVU, POLS Senior Capstone Advisor), 2023
Carissa O'Pry (UT-Arlington, Allan Saxe Research Fellow Supervisor), 2019-2020
Bethany Clinton (UT-Arlington, Allan Saxe Research Fellow Supervisor), 2019
Courtney Pool (UT-Arlington, Allan Saxe Research Fellow Supervisor & University of Michigan,
Emerging Scholars Program Faculty Mentor), 2017
Alyssa Hernandez (UT-Arlington, Honors College Thesis Supervisor), 2017
Minwoo Kim (UT-Arlington, McNair Scholars Program Research Mentor), 2016-2017

Julian Rangel; Bethany Clinton; Mimi LaMendola; Maranda Spencer; Courtney Pool; Cristian Villegas; Nikita Webb (UT-Arlington, Undergraduate Research Assistant Supervisor), 2016-2020

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University of Texas, Austin

LBJ School: Executive Committee/Budget Council (2024-), American Political Institutions/Executive Politics Faculty Search Chair (2025), Ph.D. Program Graduate Studies Committee (2024-), Ph.D. GSC Subcommittee for AI Use in Qualifying Papers (2026), Undergraduate Executive Committee (2024-), Faculty Teaching Peer Reviewer (2024-, x4), 3rd Year Faculty Review Committee (2024)

West Virginia University

Political Science: Graduate Professionalization Committee (2020-2024), Faculty Evaluation Committee (2023-2024)

University of Texas, Arlington

Political Science: Graduate Studies Committee, Retention Committee, Student Competency Committee, Student Grievance Committee (Chair, 2017-2019), Student Honors/Scholarships Committee, Technology Committee (Chair, 2017-), Co-organizer of Research Roundtable Series (2016-), American Politics Search Committee (2015-2016), Ad Hoc Committee for Exploration of Certificates (2015-2016)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Texas, Austin

Graduate Assembly (2025), Graduate Assembly Admissions & Enrollment Committee (2025)

West Virginia University

Undergraduate Research Advisory Council (2021-), Institute for Policy Research and Public Affairs Faculty Affiliate Committee (2023-)

University of Texas, Arlington

COLA Spotlight on Student Research, Poster Judge, 2018; Organizing Committee, 2019
Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students Symposium, Oral Presentation Judge, 2016
Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students Symposium, Abstract Reviewer, 2016

SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE

Editorial Board Member, *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 2025-

Conference Section/Division Chair: SPSA Public Policy, 2019; APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section (Co-chair, 2025)

Selection Committee, Best Paper Award: APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section, 2025-;
APSA Public Policy Section, 2024

Executive Nominating Committee: APSA Public Policy Section, 2022-2023

Selection Committee, Leon Epstein Outstanding Book Award: APSA Political Organizations and Parties
Section, 2023

Program Committee Member: 10th Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project, 2017

Reviewer: *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy, Business & Politics, Public Administration; Journal
of Public Policy; Policy Studies Journal; Policy Sciences; Journal of European Public Policy;
American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Journal of Politics;
Political Communication; Social Science Quarterly; Social Networks; Policy & Politics; Nonprofit
and Volunteer Sector Quarterly; Journal of International Organization Studies; Political Research
Quarterly; Political Studies Review; Congress & the Presidency; Regulation and Governance;
Governance; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Comparative Political Studies; Interest Groups &
Advocacy; MPSA Research Exchange; Administration & Society; Palgrave Macmillan; Socius;
European Political Science Review*

Panel/Paper/Book Discussant: Money in Politics, 2026; APSA, 2025; MPSA, 2025-2026; SPSA, 2025;
COPPR, 2024; SPSA, 2022 and 2024; UIC Faculty Book Workshop, 2021; APSA, 2020, 2022; CAP,
2018-2020; MPSA, 2016; SWPSA, 2017

Panel Chair: APSA, 2025; SPSA, 2022; CAP, 2018

Poster Session Discussant: MPSA, 2016

Participant, Comparative Agendas Project Data Working Group, 2023

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Consultant/Research Associate, The Organized Interest System in Australian Public Policy Project,
Darren Halpin (Australian National University), Jan.-Aug. 2015

Manager, Policy Agendas Project and Graduate Research Assistant, Bryan D. Jones (UT-Austin), 2011-
2014

Manager, Encyclopedia of Associations Project and Graduate Research Assistant, Frank R. Baumgartner
(Penn State), 2008-2009

Consultant, Developing Policy-Specific Measures of Public Opinion, James A. Stimson and Frank R.
Baumgartner (UNC), 2012

Research Assistant, Mobilization of Interests Project, Darren R. Halpin (Robert Gordon Univ., UK),
2008-2009

Research Assistant, Frank R. Baumgartner (Penn State), 2005-2008

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

University of Washington, PoliInformatics Workshop, 2014

Santa Fe Institute, Workshop in Computational Social Science Modeling and Complexity, 2012

University of Surrey (UK), Summer School on Social Simulation, 2011
University of Texas at Austin, Summer Statistics Institute, 2010-2013
University of Michigan, Political Networks Conference Training Workshops, 2011
University of Washington, Tools For Text Workshop, 2010

REFERENCES

Bryan D. Jones
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