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Appointments

Dartmouth College

September 2022-Present

Postdoctoral Research Associate and Manager of the Class of 1964 Policy Research Shop

Education

University of Missouri

2022

Ph.D. in Political Science, Truman School of Government and Public Affairs

Concentrations: Public Policy and Administration, International Relations

Committee: Jake Haselswerdt (chair), Lael Keiser, Peverill Squire, Weijie Wang

Dissertation: Evaluating the Performance of Performance-Based Budgeting: How Do States Intend to Use Performance Measures in the Budget Process, and Do They Do It?

University of Missouri

2010

M.P.A, Truman School of Public Affairs

Missouri State University

2005

B.S., Political Science

Minors in Journalism and Religious Studies

Additional Training

Online Teaching Certification, University of Missouri System, 2020

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, 2019

Summer Statistics Institute, University of Texas at Austin, 2018

Research and Teaching Interests

Policy/program evaluation; public budgeting and finance; policy analysis; state politics and policy; public policy processes; foreign policy analysis; religion and politics; research methods; political economy.

Research

Under Review

“Rebel Resource Efficiency and the Escalation of Civil Conflict.” (With Dongjin Kwak, Bryce Reeder, and John Smith)

Conference Presentations

- “The Welfare Effects of Local Income Taxes Relative to Other Forms of Taxation.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2022.
- “Does Anyone Care About Performance Measures? Legislator and Public Opinion on the Effect of Performance on Appropriations.” State Politics and Policy Conference, Tallahassee, FL, April 2022.
- “Religious Freedom for Everybody, Everywhere, All the Time? An Evaluation of the International Religious Freedom Act.” International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 2021.
- “Does Anyone Care About Performance Measures? Legislator and Public Opinion on the Effect of Performance on Appropriations.” Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Conference, Washington, DC, September 2021.
- “Ag Aid in Aggregate: Agricultural Foreign Aid Effectiveness and the Macro-Micro Paradox.” Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Conference, Washington, DC, September 2021.
- “How Should Legislators Respond to Performance Information? Results from Surveys.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Student Research Online Seminar, May 2021.
- “How Measures Matter: The Impact of Performance Measures on the Budget Cycle in Texas.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 2021. (With James Harrington)
- “Ag Aid in Aggregate: Agricultural Foreign Aid Effectiveness and the Macro-Micro Paradox.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2020. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19)
- “Rebellion on the Efficient Frontier: Assessing the Link between Rebel Resourcing Efficiency and Conflict Behavior.” International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 2019. (With Dongjin Kwak, Bryce Reeder, and John Smith)
- “Measuring the Impact of Court-Mandated Redistricting on Policy Outcomes.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2019.

Working Papers

- “Measuring the Performance of Performance Measurement: What are the Results of Budgeting for Results in Illinois?”

Teaching Experience

At University of Missouri:

Instructor of Record

Public Policy, Spring 2022

Religion and Politics, Fall 2021

American Government, Summer 2021 (online)

International Relations, Summer 2020 (online), Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Lab Instructor

Introduction to Political Research, Fall 2019

International Relations, Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant

The Science of Politics, Spring 2020

Constitutional Rights, Spring 2019

American Foreign Policies, Spring 2018

Global Human Rights, Spring 2018

Constitution and Civil Liberties, Fall 2017

Relevant Professional Experience

Budget Analyst, Texas Legislative Budget Board, 2014-2017

Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, 2010-2014

Awards, Grants, and Funding

Carsey Scholar, State Politics and Policy Conference, Spring 2022

Conference Presentation Travel Award, University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council, Fall 2021

Research Funding, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Summer 2021

Robert N. Epsten Scholarship for International Studies, Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation, 2020

Scholarship for ICPSR Summer Program, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Summer 2019

Summer Research Funding, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Summer 2018

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Fall 2017-Present

Skills

Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Canvas, Panopto

Professional Memberships

The Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

International Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management

Service

Treasurer, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, University of Missouri, 2019-2020

Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2018-19

Department Representative, Graduate Student Association, University of Missouri, 2018

References

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