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Education:

Ph.D. University of Houston; Political Science; December 2008
M.A. University of Houston; Political Science; December 2006
B.S. Stephen F. Austin State University; Political Science; *Magna Cum Laude*; May 2003

Areas of Specialization:

American Politics (Public Opinion, Voting Behavior, & Presidency). Quantitative Methodology, and Public Administration

Dissertation:

"Responsive & Responsible Parties: Public Opinion, Polarization, and Platform Promise Keeping"
Committee: Kent L. Tedin (Chair), Noah J. Kaplan, Richard W. Murray, and A Gary Dworkin

Teaching Experience:

Professor, September 2021 - present
Associate Professor, September 2014 - August 2021
Assistant Professor, January 2009 - August 2014
Instructor, September 2008 - December 2008
Visiting Lecturer, January 2007 - August 2008
Adjunct Faculty, September 2006 - December 2006

Courses Taught:

SFA 101 – Freshman Seminar
CJS 575 – Advanced Graduate Studies
EPS 589 – Thesis Research
EPS 590 – Thesis Writing
PBA 400 – Organization and Management
PSC 141 – Intro to American & Texas Government: Theory and Politics
PSC 142 – Intro to American & Texas Government: Structure and Function – Honors, GenJacks, and FLC
PSC 303 – Introduction to Political Science
PSC 398 – Honors Reading and Research
PSC 399 – The Politics of Harry Potter
PSC 399 – Voting Behavior
PSC 499 – Intern in Political Science
GOVT 2107 – Federal and Texas Constitutions
GOVT 2305 – Federal Government

GOVT 2306 – Texas Government
GOVT 3300 – Political Research Methods
GOVT 3347 – U.S. Congress
GOVT 4175 – Special Problems
GOVT 4341 – Political Media Research
GOVT 4342 – Public Opinion & Survey Design
GOVT 4343 – Campaigns & Elections
PADM 5175 – Public Administration Capstone (MPA course)
PADM 5176 – Public Administration Capstone Completion (MPA course)
PADM 5305 – Research Methods for Public Administration (MPA course)
PADM 5307 – Applied Methods for Public Administration (MPA course)

Teaching Interests:

Political Behavior – Voting & Elections and Public Opinion
Political Institutions – Presidency, Congress, and Bureaucracy
American Politics – Political Development, Political Parties, and Women & Politics
Methods – Research Design, Survey Design, and Quantitative Statistics
Public Administration – Public Budgeting and Public Organizational Theory
Policy – Policy Implementation, Environmental Policy, and Welfare Policy

Publications (Refereed):

- “An Introductory Study of Texas Court Structure and Judicial Elections: Does Having Two High Courts Matter?” (co-authored with Billy Monroe and Nathan K. Mitchell). *Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy* (Law review associated with the South Texas College of Law Houston). Vol. 4, No. 1 (Summer 2021).
- “Judicial Primary Elections: A Study of Texas High Courts.” (co-authored with Billy Monroe and Nathaniel Mitchell). *Mid-South Political Science Review*, Vol. 20 (Fall 2019).
- “Texas Judicial Elections: A Quantitative Analysis” (co-authored with Billy Monroe and Nathan K. Mitchell). *Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 44 (Fall, 2016).
- “An Exploratory Analysis of Judicial Elections in Texas: Does Subject Matter Jurisdiction Matter?” (co-authored with Billy Monroe and Nathan K. Mitchell). *Journal of Politics and Law*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (March 2015).
- “Decentralization in the United States of America.” *The Theories of Decentralization and Local Government*. Stephen F. Austin State University Press: Nacogdoches, TX (2013).
- “‘If Elected I [Still] Promise:’ American Party Platforms 1980 – 2008.” *Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 41 (Fall, 2013).
- “Welfare Reform in the States: Does the Percentage of Female Legislators in State Legislatures Effect Welfare Sanction Policies?” *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (Fall, 2013).
- “Judicial Selection in Texas: A study of General Election Outcomes, 1988-2004” (co-authored with Billy Monroe). *Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 40 (Fall, 2012).
- “Constitution of the United States of America.” *Social History of Crime and Punishment*, Sage Publications: Washington DC, (2012).
- “The Transition of a Texas County from ‘Dry’ to ‘Wet’ and a Comparison of DWI Arrest Rates Before and After” (co-authored with Walt Scalen). *South-Western Journal of Criminal Justice*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Fall, 2011).
- “No Race in Any Direction: State Welfare and Income Regimes” (co-authored with Harrell R. Rodgers and Glenn Beamer), *Policy Studies Journal*, Vol. 36, No. 4 (Nov., 2008).
- “Child Poverty in the American States: The Impact of Welfare Reform, Economics, and Demographics” (co-authored with Harrell R. Rodgers), *Policy Studies Journal*, Vol. 35, No. 1 (Feb., 2007).

- “State Poverty Rates: Do the New Welfare Policies Make a Difference?” (co-authored with Harrell R. Rodgers and Serguei Chervachidez), *Review of Policy Research*, Vol. 23, No. 3 (May, 2006).
- “Appendix: Child Poverty in the American States” (co-authored with Harrell R. Rodgers), *Review of Policy Research*, Vol. 23, No. 3 (May 2006).

Publications (Non-Refereed):

- “Physically Challenged Singles.” *Single Adults: Lives Well Lived*. Editor, Jim Towns. Stephen F. Austin University Press: Nacogdoches, TX (2018).
- “Public Opinion in Texas.” *Texas Government: Theory and Politics*. Kendall Hunt Publishing: Dubuque, IA (2017).
- “Interest Groups in Texas.” *Texas Government: Theory and Politics*. Kendall Hunt Publishing: Dubuque, IA (2017).
- “The Tragedy of the Commons and Climate Change.” *Towards a More Livable World: Social Dimensions of Sustainability*. Stephen F. Austin State University Press: Nacogdoches, TX (2012).
- “Dealing with Disabilities.” *Reverse Mentoring: Critical Journeys*. Editor, Jim Towns. Stephen F. Austin State University Press: Nacogdoches, TX (2011).
- “Integration of Language Techniques into ESL Preschool Classrooms in Rural East Texas: A Pilot Study” (co-authored with Carol Abel, Dottie Gottshall, and Jana Nerren). *Faculty Research Academy*, (2009).
- “Dealing with Disabilities.” *Reverse Mentoring: What My Students Taught Me*. Editor, Jim Towns. Xulon Press: Longwood, FL (2005).

Working Papers:

- “Assessing Public Opinion Issue Distance, Party Preferences, and the Effect of Respondent Political Knowledge and Campaign Exposure on Issue Evaluation”
- “Media Effects: Framing Pro-Life Groups and the Effects of Political Knowledge and Issue Sophistication on Group Affect, Opinion Self-Placement, and Tolerance”

Conference Presentations & Contributions:

- “Primary Elections for the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals, 1988-2004” (co-authored with Billy Monroe). Southwestern Political Science Association; April 2014; San Antonio, TX. Contributor.
- “Agenda 21: Conservative Politics and Texas Local Government” (co-authored with Cindy Pressley). Southwestern Political Science Association; April 2014; San Antonio, TX.
- “Pet or Stray?: Ethnobiological Perceptions in Animal Control, Rescue, and Adoption” (co-authored with Karol Chandler-Ezell, Catherine Chmidling, and Cindy Pressley). Society of Ethnobiology "Climate Change and Ethnobiology;" May 2013 Denton, TX. Contributor.
- “Where is a Pet a Stray?: GIS-Detection of Gaps in Animal Control and Welfare Agencies in East Texas” (co-authored with Karol Chandler-Ezell, Catherine Chmidling, and Cindy Pressley). Society of Ethnobiology "Climate Change and Ethnobiology;" May 2013 Denton, TX. Contributor.
- “Animal Management Organizations: Traditions of Sustainability in a Modern Organization” (co-authored with Cindy Pressley and Karol Chandler-Ezell). American Society for Public Administration; March 2013; New Orleans, LA. Contributor.
- “Public Perceptions of Alternative Energy Facilities: Nacogdoches Biomass Facility” (co-authored with Cindy Pressley). Southern Political Science Association; January 2012; New Orleans, LA.
- “If Elected I [Still] Promise: American Party Platforms 1980 – 2008.” Southern Political Science Association; January 2011; New Orleans, LA.
- “Welfare Reform in the States: Does the Percentage of Female Legislators in State Legislatures Effect Welfare Sanction Policies?” Southwestern Political Science Association; April 2010; Houston, TX

- “The Language of Play: Indirect Stimulation Techniques to Enhance Early Language Development in Preschool Children” (co-authored with Carol Abel, Dorothy Gottshall, and Jannah Nerren). NAEYC Annual Conference and Expo; June 14 2009; Charlotte, NC. Contributor.
- “Integration of English Language Development Strategies into ELS Preschool Classrooms in Rural East Texas” (co-authored with Carol Abel, Dorothy Gottshall, and Jannah Nerren). ACEI Annual International Conference; March 2009; Chicago, IL. Contributor.
- “Environmental Public Opinion in Cross-National Surveys: Who’s Willing to Contribute?” Southern Political Science Association; January 2007; New Orleans, LA
- “Zimbabwe Land Redistribution: Crisis and Conflict.” Joint meeting of the Louisiana Political Science Association and Mississippi Political Science Association; February 2002; Jackson, MI.

Conference Assistances:

- Chair/Discussant – Content Analysis of 2008 Presidential Election News. Southwestern Political Science Association; April 2010; Houston, TX
- Chair/Discussant – Gender and Politics. Southwestern Political Science Association; April 2010; Houston, TX.

Professional Service:

- External Tenure Review – Dr. Kenneth Bryant, the College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Texas at Tyler, September, 2021
- External Tenure Review – Dr. Mark Owens, the College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Texas at Tyler, September, 2019
- Guest Lecture – Houston Community College lecture to Political Science faculty meeting about importance of free speech in the classroom, April 2017
- Peer Referee – *Global Media Journal*, June 2013
- Book Review – *Research Methods and Statistics for Public & Nonprofit Administration*, Sage Publications, January, 2013
- Book Review – *Survey Research Methods*, Sage Publications, February, 2012
- Book Review – *Public Organizations: A New Institutional Approach*, CQ Press, January 2012
- Peer Referee – *State & Local Government Review*, August 2009
- Peer Referee – *Policy Studies Journal*, December 2008

Community Service:

- Financial Secretary – Knights of Columbus, Fall 2020 - present
- Academic Mentor – Texas Performance Standards Project: High School/Exit Level (9-12), helped Silsbee High School student Ben Adams develop, implement, and interpret 2016 Presidential Election Survey administered to seven high schools in the Klein Independent School District, January 2017 - March 2017
- Vice-President – Board of Directors, Independence Manor, January 2015 - January 2016
- President – Board of Directors, Independence Manor, May 2011 - December 2014
- Member – Board of Directors, Independence Manor, September 2009 - January 2016

Department Service:

- Representative – Freshman Orientation (three times), Summer 2022
- Department Coordinator – Alan Baily’s Post Tenure Review, Spring 2022
- Representative – Showcase Saturday, Spring 2022
- Department Chair – CLAA Scholarship Committee, Spring 2021 - present
- Representative – Showcase Saturday, Fall 2021
- Coordinator – Political Science Program, Fall 2020 - present

Member – Political Science Alumni Scholarship Award Committee, Fall 2020 - present
 Designer – Created online, PSC 303 class, Spring 2017
 Member – Department of Government Post-Tenure Review Committee, Fall 2014 - present
 Member – Department of Government Tenure Review Committee, Fall 2014 - present
 Member – Executive Committee, Fall 2014 - Spring 2016
 Member – Criminal Justice Search Committee, Fall 2014 - Spring 2015 (Hired George Day)
 Designer – Created online, PSC 199 class, Summer 2014
 Designer – Created online, PSC 141 class, Spring 2014
 Member – Criminal Justice Search Committee, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014 (Hired Valerie Wolf)
 Representative – Honor’s Banquet, Spring 2013 (Melanie Angel)
 Representative – Alumni Networking, Fall 2012 - Spring 2014
 Member – Executive Committee, Fall 2012 - Spring 2014
 Representative – Honor’s Banquet, Spring 2012 (Katie Counts)
 Member – Public Law Search Committee, Fall 2011
 Administrator – Post Course Syllabi & Faculty CVs to SFA Course Information Webpage, 2011 - 2021
 Member – PSC Core Curriculum Assessment Committee, Fall 2011 - Spring 2014
 Member – Graduate Assistant Hiring and Assessment Committee, Fall 2011 - Spring 2014
 Coordinator – SWPSA Undergraduate Presentations (Four Students), Spring 2010
 Member – Public Law Search Committee, EEO Coordinator, Fall 2009 - Spring 2010
 Member – Executive Committee, Fall 2009 - Spring 2011
 Member – Political Science Alumni Scholarship Award Committee, Fall 2008 - Spring 2014
 Member – MPA Graduate Admissions Committee, Fall 2008 - Spring 2014
 Designer – Created online, PBA 507 class, Fall 2011
 Contributor – PSC 141 Texas Workbook: Interest Groups and Public Opinion, Fall 2008 - Spring 2017
 Member – Political Science Search Committee, Spring 2008 (Hired Marilyn Grouble)
 Webmaster – Summer 2007 - Summer 2019

College Service:

Member – CLAA Scholarship Committee, Spring 2021 - present
 Chair – College of Liberal & Applied Arts Council, Fall 2014 - Spring 2015
 Member – Advising Subcommittee, Summer 2014
 Member – Bright Ideas Conference Committee, Spring 2014
 Member – Strategic Planning Subcommittee, Spring 2013
 Member – College of Liberal & Applied Arts Council, Fall 2012 - Spring 2015
 Contributor – Sustainability Textbook, Chapter - “Tragedy of the Commons”
 Contributor – Livable World Workbook presented at Workshop on Sustainable Living, Austin, TX; May 2010
 Director – Center for Applied Social Research (CASRE), Spring 2008 - Spring 2012

University Service:

Faculty Advisor – Woman’s Club Soccer, Spring 2021 - present
 Faculty Advisor – Turning Point USA, Fall 2021 - present
 Faculty Member – GenJacks Success Coach, Fall 2017 - Spring 2021
 Instructor – PSC 142 GenJacks, Fall 2017
 Faculty Advisor – International Youth and Students for Social Equality, Spring 2017 - Fall 2017
 Instructor – SFA 101, Fall 2017
 Member – ADA Advisory Board, Fall 2016 - present
 Instructor – PSC 142 GenJacks/FLC, Fall 216

Member – Early Alert Pilot Program, Summer 2016
 Faculty Advisor – Acacia Fraternity, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
 Faculty Advisor – Nac NORML Student Organization, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
 Instructor – PSC 142 Tablet Piolet Program Spring 2015
 Member – STEP 2.0 Evaluation Team, Spring 2015
 Member – STEP 1.0 Tablet Pilot Program, Spring 2015
 Panelist – Diversity Week; Disability Inclusion, Spring 2014
 Instructor – SFA 101, Fall 2013
 Faculty Advisor – Young Americans for Liberty, Fall 2012 - Fall 2013
 Panelist – Diversity Week; Religious Tolerance, Spring 2012
 Member – Make an Impact @ SFA Advisory Council, Fall 2011 - Spring 2017
 Faculty Advisor – Young Conservatives of Texas SFA Chapter, Fall 2011 - Fall 2013, Spring 2019 - Present
 Faculty Advisor – College Republicans SFA Chapter, Fall 2011 - present
 Member – Quality Enhancement Plan Design Team, Fall 2010 - Spring 2011
 Faculty Advisor – Knights of Columbus SFA Chapter, Fall 2010 - present
 Faculty Advisor – Spatz Home-brewers; Stephen F. Austin State University, Spring 2008 - Fall 2009
 Faculty Advisor – Students for Ron Paul; Stephen F. Austin State University, Fall 2007 - Spring 2008
 Faculty Advisor – Kappa Alpha; Stephen F. Austin State University, Fall 2006 – present

Media Contributions:

“Political science professor offers insight on gubernatorial race”
 The Pine Log, November 3, 2022.
https://www.thepinelog.com/news/article_72f3219c-5bbe-11ed-8224-632f68c1170e.html

“University Coronavirus safety protocols still in place”
 The Pine Log, March 5, 2021.
http://www.thepinelog.com/article_0c8a21f4-7dde-11eb-ace1-7fe0858c7b4f.html?fbclid=IwAR1JKvgleScioXLtGhK-2RLZrgikS8kRFP2gnMD7QVsJOMOIHolCxHjhf_o

“ETX Covered” Interview with David Lippman
 CBS 19, Aired on January 20 and January 24, 2021.
https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_www.youtube.com_watch-3Fv-3DMGCWF7oW8r4&d=DwMGaQ&c=2X_btuPRWkGwRX26NHlotzR6MNUgJAbf6yNNV5-qTbU&r=Hz6uurdlQFXu8nh78E7w3jXPIFhAt6-ZIZ43muZwE0w&m=-Hfqj910fLkTplDXQ3cYifFrbEpntHOo-a-nrSDqrmY&s=jYJ8yClSda3abXJRilAp211wl7sGlqG3t_JKo2pKxZA&e=

“2020 Election Night Coverage”
 KFXK FOX51, Aired on November 3, 2020.

“Discussion: 2016 Presidential Election”
 SFA TV 2, TV interview, Aired on October 17, 2016.

Washington Watch with Tony Perkins.
<http://www.frc.org/wwwlivewithtonyperkins/bill-donohue-dr-lee-payne-phil-burress>
 Nationally syndicated radio talk show. Discussed party platforms. Broadcast on October 12, 2016.

“GOP and Democratic Platforms Highlight Stark Differences on Energy and Climate.”
<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/26072016/democrat-republican-party-platforms-energy-climate-change-hillary-clinton-donald-trump>
Inside Climate News, Phil McKenna, July 26, 2016.

“We asked 8 political scientists if party platforms matter. Here’s what we learned.”

(<http://www.vox.com/2016/7/12/12060358/political-science-of-platforms>)

Vox Policy & Politics, Jeff Stein, July 12, 2016.

“Louie Gohmert faces his biggest challenge.”

(<http://thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/house/270826-firebrand-texas-republican-faces-first-ever-primary>)

The Hill, Christina Marcos, February 29, 2016.

“The Politics of Harry Potter”

KTRE, TV interview, Aired on June 2, 2015

“Troubling Trend – Censorship”

(https://www.dailysentinel.com/opinion/letters/article_617cc946-8b4a-11e5-815d-9f0329429051.html)

Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel, Letter to the Editor, November 14, 2015.

“SFA professor says paralyzing injury led him to his calling.”

(https://www.dailysentinel.com/news/local/article_8d99b39a-c031-11e2-9cf5-001a4bcf887a.html)

Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel, Justin Ikpo, May 18, 2013

“Survey tracks opinions on policies.”

(https://www.dailysentinel.com/news/local/article_4892f93c-e069-595f-b094-3118489c23ae.html)

Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel, Tyesha Boudreaux, October 31, 2008

“CASRE Survey Results: Policy Preferences in 2008 Presidential Election”

KTRE, TV interview, Aired October 2008.

Honors, Awards, Faculty Development, & Certificates:

Texas Certified Public Manager Program: Applied Statistics for Informed Decision Making, 2022

Faculty Achievement Teaching Award Nominee, Spring 2019

Faculty Learning Community, Spring 2016 - Fall 2017

Texas Certified Public Manager Program: Applied Statistics for Informed Decision Making, 2016

Texas Certified Public Manager Program: Applied Statistics for Informed Decision Making, 2015

Stephen F. Austin State University, Online Teaching Certification, Spring 2012

University of Houston, Research Assistant – Assisted Dr. Harrell R. Rodgers with data collection and analysis for welfare reform research, Summer 2005

University of Houston, Teaching Fellowship, 2003 - 2006

Stephen F. Austin State University, Pi Sigma Alpha Most Outstanding Political Science Student, 2002 – 2003

Alpha Chi – National Honor Scholarship Society

Honors Student Association – Stephen F. Austin State University

Pi Sigma Alpha – National Political Science Honor Society

Research Skills:

Extensive knowledge of SPSS and Stata statistical programs.

Skilled in advanced multivariate regression techniques: OLS; Dichotomous Logit/Probit; Multinomial Logit/Probit; Ordered Logit/Probit; Conditional Logit; Tobit; Poisson; Negative Binomial; Weibull; Exponential; and Cox distributions.

Professional Affiliations:

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

American Association of Public Opinion Research