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Employment

2024-present Director, University Honors Program, Loyola University New Orleans

2015-present Associate Professor of Political Science, Loyola University New Orleans

2009-2015 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Loyola University New Orleans

2007-2009 Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington, D.C.

2006-2007 Instructor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

2005-2007 Adjunct Instructor, University of California Washington Center (UCDC), Washington, D.C.

2005 (fall) Adjunct Instructor, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Degrees Earned

2006 Ph.D. Political Science. University of California, San Diego.
Dissertation title: "The Strategic Use of Political Consultants in U.S. House Elections"
Dissertation Committee: Gary Jacobson (chair), Samuel Kernell, Samuel Popkin, Michael Schudson, Garrett Glasgow.

2002 M.A. Political Science. University of California, San Diego.

1998 B.A. Government and Politics. University of Maryland, College Park.

Courses Taught

- Loyola University New Orleans
  - Introduction to American Government, Scope and Methods in Political Science, Statistical Methods for Politics, Polling and Voting Behavior, Money and American Politics, Political Parties and Pressure Groups, Legislative Process, American Political Development, Politics and the Media, Senior Capstone, Introduction to Public Policy, American Empire (a First-Year Seminar), Ignatian Colloquium, Honors Ethics & Political Choice
- American University
  - Introduction to American Government, Elections and Voting Behavior, Introduction to Public Policy, American Presidency, Politics of Mass Communication (mixed undergraduate and graduate seminar), Applied Politics and Public Policy (graduate seminar), Voting, Campaigns & Elections (graduate seminar)
- University of Maryland, College Park
  - Introduction to American Government, American Presidency
- University of California Washington Center
  - Washington Research Seminar, Washington Community (seminar on elite professions and power inside the Beltway)
- George Washington University
  - American Presidency

Research Interests

- American politics
- Comparative politics
- Political economy
- State & society
- Campaigns and elections
- Legislative politics & policymaking
- Political parties
- Ideology
- Political representation

Publications

(Blind peer-reviewed articles)

2019 "Oversight and legislative activity concerning Pacific Island territories of the United States: a balancing of partisanship and autonomy." *Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration*, 41(2): 72-84.

2017 "Better Know a District: Competition, Demographics, Ideology and the Use of Pollsters in the 2010 U.S. House Elections." *Journal of Political Marketing*, 16(2): 180-205.

2015 "Leviathan's Reach?: The Impact of Political Consultants on the Outcomes of the 2012 Republican Presidential Primaries and Caucuses." *Presidential Studies Quarterly.* 45:1 (March 2015): 132-156.

2013 "Fundraising Consultants and the Representation of National and Local Campaign Donors in U.S. House Election Campaigns." *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics.* 11:2 (August 2013): 157–178.

2013 "Political consultants and Party-Centered Campaigning: Evidence from the 2010 U.S. House Primary Election Campaigns." *Election Law Journal*. 12:1 (March 2013): 2-17.

2011 "An Elite Theory of Political Consulting and Its Implications for U.S. House Election Competition." *Political Behavior.* 33:3 (September 2011): 375-405.

(Non-blind-peer-reviewed publications)

2020 "Book Review: David Magleby, Jay Goodliffe, and Joseph A. Olsen, *Who Donates in Campaigns: The Importance of Message, Messenger, Medium, and Structure.* New York: Cambridge University Press. 2018. 482 pp., reviewed by Sean Cain." *American Review of Politics*, 37:1 (January 2020): 155-56.

2017 "Book Review: Robert G Boatright, Congressional Primary Elections, reviewed by Sean A Cain." *Party Politics*, 23:1 (January 2017): 77-78.

2016 "Even an Outsider Needs Insiders," in *The Science of Trump: Explaining the Rise of an Unlikely Candidate; Revised and Updated Essays from the Washington Post's Monkey Cage Blog*. eds. John Sides and Henry Farrell. The Monkey Cage. p. 14.

2015 "Trump Wants to Run His Campaign Outside the GOP Establishment. Here's Why That Hurts Him." The Monkey Cage Blog. *Washington Post*. August 11.

Manuscript Reviewer

- *American Political Science Review*
- *American Journal of Political Science* (designated an *AJPS* Super Reviewer in 2014)
- *American Politics Research*
- Edinburgh University Press
- *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*
- *Journal of Political Science*
- *Legislative Studies Quarterly*
- *Party Politics*
- *Political Research Quarterly*
- *Politics & Policy*
- *P.S.: Political Science*
- *Shima Journal*
- *Social Science Quarterly*
- *Sociological Inquiry*
- *Urban Affairs Review*

Conference Papers (since 2015)

2026 "Partisan Economic Shocks, the Political Business Cycle, and Presidential Accountability for Fiscal Policymaking" paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 14-17, 2026.

2024 "Endogenous Myopic Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1932 to 2020." paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10-13, 2024.

2023 "Legislative and Economic Accountability in Elections to the U.S. House of Representatives, 1790-2020." paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida, January 12-14, 2023.

2022 "Congressional Committees, Logrolling, and Distributive Politics: The Case of the Territorial Delegates and the House Committee on Natural Resources." paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (and Zoom), April 7-10, 2022.

2021 "U.S. House Legislative Effectiveness in Two Dimensions." paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (and Zoom), April 14-18, 2021.

2020 "Puerto Rico's Political Status Quo: A Two-dimensional Model of Policymaking on American Empire." paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 9 – 11.

2019 "Held to a Higher Standard: The Electoral Implications of Gendered Perceptions of U.S. Representatives' Competence and Ideological Distance," with Mallory Dickerson, paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 4- 7, 2019.

2019 "Why are the Non-voting U.S. House Delegates Effective Legislators?" with Grace Quisenberry, paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 4- 7, 2019.

2018 "Clarity of Responsibility and Campaign Spending Effects in U.S. House Elections." paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 4-6.

2017 "Reigning in Subgovernment or Representation?: the Case of the Non-voting U.S. House Delegates from the Insular Territories and the District of Columbia." paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6 – 9.

2016 "The Committee of the Whole and Bill Cosponsorship in the U.S. House of Representatives: The Case of the Non-voting House Members." paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7 – 9.

2015 "Racial Diversification and Ideological Distance in U.S. House Elections." paper presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 15-18.

2015 "Natural Experiment Study of Elections to the U.S. House from the Insular Territories and D.C." paper presented at the annual conference of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 15-17.

Intramural Presentations (since 2015)

2024 "Director's Vision of the University Honors Program" address and conversation with faculty and staff, May 2.

2024 "The Freedom of Ideological Innocence in Jesuit Higher Education" Loyola University Honors Program faculty lecture, February 1.

2023 "News Literacy Project: The Neutral Ground Side" faculty guest lecturer on news media use and civics education for Loyola's Bateman team public relations campaign competition, March 2.

2021 "Political Accountability" panelist at Loyola's Student Peace Conference, March 29.

2018 "Women Rising: Politics of Running for and Serving in Office" Forum panelist and co-organizer with Patricia Boyett of Loyola's Women's Resource Center, co-sponsored by the Loyola Society for Civic Engagement and Department of Political Science; presenter of "Legislative Activity of Women in the House of Representatives, 1973-2014." Loyola University New Orleans, October 25.

2016 "From Social Media to Social Movements." Panelist in forum sponsored by the Loyola Society for Civic Engagement. Loyola University New Orleans, February 18.