

Curriculum Vitae

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Experience

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M International University, August 2008–.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science:

Tulane University, July 2007–May 2008.

Saint Louis University, August 2006–May 2007.

Duke University, August 2005–May 2006.

Millsaps College, August 2004–August 2005.

Teaching Assistant, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences,
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, July–August 2003; July–August 2004.

Instructor of Political Science, University of Mississippi, August 2000–May 2002.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, University of Mississippi, December 2003.

Fields: American Politics and Political Methodology.

The Impact of Political Sophistication on the Decision-Making Processes of Voters.

Readers: Harvey D. Palmer (chair); John M. Bruce; Charles E. Smith, Jr.; John P. Bentley.

Program Scholar, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences,
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, 2001 and 2002.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Memphis (formerly Memphis State University),
May 1998. Also completed undergraduate coursework at Georgetown University and
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Awards

National Science Foundation grant to attend the Washington University Summer Institute in the
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, June 2007.

H.O.P.E. (Honoring Our Professors' Excellence) Award, Residence Life and Housing Services,
Division of Student Affairs, Duke University, 2005–06 Academic Year.

First recipient of the Warren E. Miller Scholarship to attend the ICPSR Summer Program in
Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences, University of Michigan, 2001.

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Lawrence, Christopher N. 2007. "Of Shirking, Outliers, and Statistical Artifacts: Lame-Duck Legislators and Support for Impeachment." *Political Research Quarterly* 60(1): 159–62.
- Brandon, Amy, Mitchell Brown, Christopher Lawrence, and Jennifer van Heerde. 2006. "2006 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference: Teaching Research Methods Track Summary." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 39(3): 535.

Other Publications

- Lawrence, Christopher N. 2008. "Voter Knowledge and Ignorance." In Kenneth F. Warren, ed., *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Campaigns, Elections, and Electoral Behavior*. Thousand Oaks, Ca.: Sage.
- Lawrence, Christopher N. 2007. "Regime Stability and Presidential Government: The Legacy of Authoritarian Rule, 1951–1990." Published in translation in *Ойкумена* (Oikumene, the journal of the National Institute for Strategic Studies, Kiev, Ukraine) 5: 45–64.
- Lawrence, Christopher N., and Dirk Eddebuettel. 2005. "Quantian: A Comprehensive Scientific Computing Environment." *The Political Methodologist* 13(2): 10–13.

Working Papers

- "Should Voters Be Encyclopedias? Measuring the Political Sophistication of Survey Respondents in the United States and the Netherlands." Previously presented at the 2007 Southern Political Science Association and Midwest Political Science Association conferences.
- "Political Sophistication and Conditional Strategic Behavior in U.S. Presidential Elections." Previously presented at the 2005 Southern Political Science Association conference.
- "The Role of Political Sophistication in Retrospective Evaluations of Coalition Performance and Vote Choice in a Multiparty Democracy." Revised version of a paper presented at the 2002 Southern Political Science Association conference.
- "Heuristics, Hillary Clinton, and Health Care Reform: A Bivariate Ordered Probit Analysis of Public Attitudes on Health Care Policy." (With Harvey D. Palmer.) Previously presented at the 2002 Midwest Political Science Association conference and the 2003 South Carolina Political Science Association conference.

Recent Conference Papers

- "Return to Normalcy? The 2007 Elections in New Orleans." Presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- "Textbook Methodology: Undergraduate Research Methods as Depicted in Textbooks." Presented at the 2008 APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning.
- "Known Unknowns and Unknown Knowns: Incorporating Uncertainty in Second-Stage Estimation." Presented at the 24th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 2007.
- "Estimating Cross-Over Voting in the 2005 Jackson, Miss. Democratic Mayoral Primary via Ecological Inference." Presented at the 2006 Southern Political Science Association conference.

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2006. "Integrating Blogs into an Introductory Course in Political Science." Presented at the 2006 Southern Political Science Association conference.

"Voting Behavior and Political Attitudes in the 'New' South: Results from an Exit Poll in Jackson, Miss." Presented at the 2005 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

"Iraq, 9/11, and the War: Understanding Mass Belief in the Threat of Saddam Hussein and Support for War." Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

"Rock and Roll Will Never Die? A Discussion of the Seeming Failure of 'Rock the Vote.'" (Co-authored with Scott H. Huffmon and Bobbi Gentry.) Presented at the 2003 American Political Science Association conference.

Courses Taught

American National Government (9 sections, Fall 2000–Fall 2008).

Undergraduate Methods in Political Science/Quantitative Political Analysis (8 sections, Spring 2002–Fall 2008).

Public Policy Development and Implementation (Graduate, Fall 2008, TAMIU).

Introduction to Politics (Fall 2007, Tulane, 6 students).

The U.S. Congress (Summer 2005, Millsaps, 4 students; Spring 2007, Saint Louis, 16 students).

Voting Behavior and Public Opinion (Spring 2008, Tulane, 20 students).

Electoral Behavior (Fall 2004, Millsaps, independent study w/2 students; Fall 2006, Saint Louis, 5 students).

Public Opinion and Political Psychology (Spring 2005, Millsaps, 6 students).

Constitutional Law–Institutions and Processes (Fall 2004, Millsaps, 20 students; Summer 2005, Millsaps, 4 students).

Constitutional Law–Rights and Liberties (Spring 2005, Millsaps, 16 students).

Politics of the American South (Spring 2005, Millsaps, independent study w/1 student; Spring 2006, Duke, 15 students; Fall 2007, Tulane, two sections, 40 students; Spring 2008, Tulane, 35 students).

Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

Political Behavior: Voting and Political Participation; Public Opinion and Political Psychology

Political Institutions: Parties and Interest Groups; Legislative Politics; Law and the Courts

American Sub-national Politics: State and Local Politics; Southern Politics

Research Methods: Research Design; Survey Research Methods; Quantitative Methodology.

Invited Presentations

Roundtable participant, “New Media and Politics: A Roundtable on Political Scientists as Bloggers,” 2008 Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, La., January 2008.

“Should Voters Be Encyclopedias? The (Mis?)estimation of Voter Sophistication Based on Political Knowledge Items.” Presented at the University of Missouri (Columbia, Mo.), October 2006.

“Conceptualizing and Measuring Political Sophistication.” Presented to PLSC 313/Public Opinion and HONR 201H/Voting and Political Participation, Winthrop University (Rock Hill, S.C.), September 2005.

“An Overview of the Interstate 69 Corridor.” Presented at “Trading Justice: NAFTA’s New Links and Conflicts” symposium, The University of Memphis Center for Research on Women and Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, March 2005.

Roundtable participant, “Can Academics be Bloggers? Can Bloggers be Academics?”, 2005 Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, New Orleans, La., March 2005.

“The 2004 Elections in Mississippi,” Greater Jackson (Miss.) Optimist Club, October 2004.

Professional Activities

Discussant, American Political Science Association Conference on Teaching and Learning, “Teaching Research Methods” track, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Paper discussant and/or panel chair: MPSA 2005, 2007, 2008; SPSA 2007.

Reviewer for *The Journal of Politics*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *The Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, O’Reilly Media, and Allyn & Bacon/Longman Publishing (Pearson Education).

AP Reader, United States Government and Politics Examination, Educational Testing Service, June 2006, June 2007.

Senior honors thesis committee service, Tulane University, 2007–08 academic year:
Rebecca Jade Harry, political economy (second reader)
Clarke Taggart Edwards, political economy and economics (third reader)

Junior honors thesis supervisor for Kate Jacobson, Millsaps College, 2004-05 academic year.

Webmaster:

Department of Political Science, Millsaps College, 2004–05.

Miss. Dept. of Education/NSF Evaluative Research and Capacity Building project, 2004.

Southern Political Science Association, 1999–2001.

Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Mississippi, 2000–2003.

Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi, 1999–2002.

Election Commissioner, Orleans Parish (Ward 14, Precinct 1), 2007–present.

Computing Skills

Statistical computing expertise in the R, S-PLUS, SPSS, and Stata environments.

Survey programming and administration using Sawtooth WinCATI.

Contributor to the development of the Debian GNU/Linux operating system and derived distributions (including Ubuntu, Knoppix, and Quantian).

Memberships

American Political Science Association.

Sections: Methods, Undergraduate Education, Political Psychology, and Public Opinion.

Midwest Political Science Association.

Southern Political Science Association.

References

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