

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Experience

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M International University, since 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.

Research Assistant and Survey Supervisor, Social Science Research Laboratory and Public Policy Research Center, University of Mississippi, August 1998–August 2000.

## 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.

## Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Lawrence, Christopher N. and Michelle L. Dion. 2010. "Blogging in the Political Science Classroom." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43(1): 151–56.

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. 2010. "Busing/Anti-Busing," "Civil Rights Movement," "George C. Wallace," and "New South." In Thomas Langston, ed., *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History*, vol. 6. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.
- 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 Eddelbuettel. 2005. "Quantian: A Comprehensive Scientific Computing Environment." *The Political Methodologist* 13(2): 10–13.

### Working Papers

- "The Truth is Never Black and White: The Persistence of Race-Related Interviewer Effects in Today's South," with Scott H. Huffmon and Adolphus G. Belk, Jr. (both at Winthrop University). Previously presented at the 2010 Southern Political Science Association (preliminary results) and 2010 Midwest Political Science Association conferences.
- "Accounting for the 'Known Unknowns': Incorporating Uncertainty in Second-Stage Estimation." Previously presented at the 24th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 2007.
- "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.

### Awards

- National Science Foundation-sponsored grant to participate in the OPOSSEM (Online Portal of Social Science Education in Methodology) Project to develop open course content for undergraduate research methods courses, co-sponsored by ICPSR and McMaster University (\$1,500 travel support).
- Texas A&M International University Research Travel Grant, April 2010 (\$1,000 travel support).
- Edward R. Artinian Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association, January 2010 (\$250 travel support).
- National Science Foundation-sponsored grant to attend the Washington University Summer Institute in the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, June 2007 (\$1,500).
- 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.

### Recent Conference Papers

"Political Knowledge, Partisanship, and the Public's Response to Changing Economic Conditions." To be presented at the 2010 American Political Science Association Conference.

"Geographic Data Visualization Using Open-Source Data and R." Poster presented at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

"Reforming Research Methods at a Minority-Serving Institution," with Lynne L. Manganaro (TAMIU) and Marcus A. Ynalvez (TAMIU). Presented at the 2009 APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning.

"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.

"Estimating Cross-Over Voting in the 2005 Jackson, Miss. Democratic Mayoral Primary via Ecological Inference." Presented at the 2006 Southern Political Science Association conference.

"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 (Winthrop University) and Bobbi Gentry (Winthrop University; now Millikin University). Presented at the 2003 American Political Science Association conference.

### Invited Presentations

"The 2008 Presidential Election," U.S. Consulate General, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, November 4, 2008.

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.

### Courses Taught

At Texas A&M International University:

- PSCI 2305, American National Government: Fall 2008, Summer 2009, Fall 2009 (two sections), Summer 2010.
- PSCI 2306, American State Government (Texas state and local government): Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Summer 2010, Fall 2010 (scheduled).
- PSCI 3301/SOCI 3305, Research Methods in the Social Sciences (political science and sociology): Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010 (scheduled).
- PSCI 3320, Congress and the Presidency: Spring 2009, Spring 2010.
- PSCI 4320, The Political System of the United States (topics: political parties, interest groups, and mass political behavior): Spring 2009, Spring 2010.
- PSCI 5303, American Political Institutions (graduate seminar): Fall 2009.
- PSCI 5308, American Political Behavior (graduate seminar): Spring 2009.
- PSCI/SOCI 5321, Social Inquiry (first graduate course in social scientific research for political science, public administration, and sociology): Fall 2010 (scheduled).
- PADM 5382, Public Policy Development and Implementation (MPA graduate course): Fall 2008.

At Tulane University:

- POLS 101, Introduction to Political Science: Fall 2007.
- POLA 210, American Government: Spring 2008.
- POLA 301/302, Southern Politics: Fall 2007 (two sections), Spring 2008.

At Saint Louis University:

- POLS 100, American Government: Fall 2006, Spring 2007.
- POLS 300, Research Methods: Fall 2006, Spring 2007.
- POLS 316, Electoral Behavior: Fall 2006.
- POLS 317, Legislative Politics: Spring 2007.

At Duke University:

- POLSCI 91, The American Political System: Fall 2005.
- POLSCI 138, Quantitative Political Analysis: Fall 2005, Spring 2006 (two sections).
- POLSCI 200A, Senior Seminar in Southern Politics: Spring 2006.

At Millsaps College:

- PLSC 1000, Introduction to American Government: Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Summer 2005.
- PLSC 2550, Research Methods: Fall 2004.
- PLSC 3140, Constitutional Law: Fall 2004, Summer 2005.
- PLSC 3150, Civil Liberties: Spring 2005.
- PLSC 3220, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior: Spring 2005.
- Independent study in Campaigns and Elections: Fall 2004.
- Independent study in Southern Politics: Spring 2005.

At the University of Mississippi:

- POL 101, American Government: Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Fall 2001.
- POL 251, Political Science Research Methods: Spring 2002.

### University and Departmental Service

Department of Social Sciences, TAMIU:

- Graduate Admissions Committee (2008–present).
- Tantangelo and Cuéllar Scholarships Committee (2009–present).
- Search Committee, Political Theory/International Relations position (2008–09).
- MPA Advisory Board (2009–present).
- Department webmaster (2009–present).

### Professional Activities

Senior honors thesis supervisor for Carlos Cantú, TAMIU, 2009–10 academic year.

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.

Member, *Project Vote Smart* Texas Key Votes advisory panel, 2009–present.

Discussant, American Political Science Association Conference on Teaching and Learning, “Teaching Research Methods” tracks, 2006–09.

Conference paper discussant and/or panel chair: MPSA 2005, 2007–10; SPSA 2007, 2009, 2010.

Reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Politics and Policy*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *The Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, *The Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries*, O’Reilly Media, W.W. Norton, Routledge, CQ Press, and Allyn & Bacon/Longman Publishing (Pearson Education).

AP Reader, United States Government and Politics Examination, Educational Testing Service, 2006–10.

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), 2007–08.

### Computing Skills

Survey programming and administration using Sawtooth WinCATI.

Extensive statistical computing expertise in the R, S-PLUS, PASW/SPSS, and Stata environments under Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux.

### Memberships

American Political Science Association.

Sections: Political Methodology and Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior.

Midwest Political Science Association.

Southern Political Science Association.

Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honorary society).

## References

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