

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Experience

Assistant Chair, Department of History and Political Science, Middle Georgia State University, August 2014–present.  
Associate Professor of Political Science, Middle Georgia State University, July 2017–present.  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2012–June 2017 (tenured July 2016).  
*Formerly known as Macon State College, August 2012–January 2013; Middle Georgia State College, January 2013–June 2015.*  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Virginia Tech, August 2011–May 2012.  
Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure-track), Texas A&M International University, August 2008–August 2011.  
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.

## Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, University of Mississippi, December 2003.  
Fields: American Politics (major) and Political Methodology (minor).  
*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.  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Memphis, May 1998, with a minor in Computer Science. Additional undergraduate coursework at Georgetown University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

## Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Lawrence, Christopher N. and Julie A. Lester. 2018. "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Adopting Open Educational Resources in an Introductory American Government Course." *Journal of Political Science Education* 14(4): 555–66.  
Gentry, Bobbi, Christopher N. Lawrence, and Erin Richards. 2016. "The Tie that Binds: Exploring Community College Curriculum Design." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 49(3): 535–40.  
Huffmon, Scott H., Christopher N. Lawrence, and Allie Briggs. 2016. "Describing Ourselves: Identity Overlap and Fault Lines Regarding How Southerners Would Describe the South to Non-Southerners." *Hungarian Journal of English and American Studies* 22(1): 53–78.  
Lawrence, Christopher N. and Scott H. Huffmon. 2015. "Keeping Up with the Congressmen: Evaluating Constituents' Awareness of Redistricting." *Social Science Quarterly* 96(1): 65–75.  
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.

## Books

Contributing author, *American Government*, by Glen Krutz, et al., Houston: OpenStax, 2016.

## Book Chapters

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2016. "Geography of Representation: Gerrymandering, Representation, and Turnout." In Bridgett A. King and Kathleen Hale, eds., *Why Don't Americans Vote? Causes and Consequences*. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 124–35.

Lawrence, Christopher N. and Scott H. Huffmon. 2013. "Incumbency, Influence, and Race: Redistricting, South Carolina Style." In William J. Miller and Jeremy D. Walling, eds., *The Political Battle over Congressional Redistricting*. Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 43–65.

## Encyclopedia Entries

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2017. "Districting." In Fathali M. Moghaddam, ed., *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage.

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2011. "Monarchy," "Despotism," "Popular Sovereignty," "Class Conflict," "Majoritarianism," "Social Democracy," "Executive Power," "Judicial Power," "Socialism," and "Globalization." In Steven L. Taylor, ed., *30-Second Politics*. New York: Metro Books.

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, Calif.: Sage.

## Other Publications

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2011. Book review of Desmond King, et al., 2009. *Democratization in America: A Comparative-Historical Analysis*. *The American Review of Politics* 31: 380–82.

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2007. "Regime Stability and Presidential Government: The Legacy of Authoritarian Rule, 1951–1990." Published in Ukrainian translation in *Ойкумена (Oikumene)*, the journal of the National Institute for Strategic Studies, Kiev, Ukraine) 5: 45–64.

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.

Lawrence, Christopher N., and Dirk Eddelbuettel. 2005. "Quantian: A Comprehensive Scientific Computing Environment." *The Political Methodologist* 13(2): 10–13.

## Working Papers

Belk, Adolphus G., Scott H. Huffmon, and Christopher N. Lawrence. "The Truth is Never Black and White: The Persistence of Race-Related Interviewer Effects in Today's South."

Lawrence, Christopher N. "Political Knowledge, Partisanship, and the Public's Response to Changing Economic Conditions." Previously presented at the 2010 American Political Science Association Conference, 2011 Western Political Science Association Conference (revised), and 2011 European Political Science Association Conference (further revised).

### Recent Conference Papers

- “Group Decision-Making in Open Source Development: Putting Condorcet’s Method in Practice.” Revised and updated paper presented at the 2017 Georgia Political Science Association Conference.
- “Macon a New Government: The First Election in a Newly Consolidated City-County.” Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Conference and 2014 International Political Science Association Conference.
- “Assessing Multiple Learning Outcomes in American National Government.” Presented at the 2014 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- “American Identity: Explaining Public Opinion Toward Immigrants and Immigration,” with Maruice Mangum (Texas Southern University). Presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- “Group Position and Voting: Explaining Turnout in Presidential Elections,” with Maruice Mangum (TSU). Presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- “What’s core in the undergraduate curriculum of Political Science?” with Bobbi Gentry (Bridgewater College). Presented at the 2011 APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning.
- “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 (TAMU) and Marcus A. Ynalvez (TAMU). Presented at the 2009 APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning.
- “Textbook Methodology: Undergraduate Research Methods as Depicted in Textbooks.” Presented at the 2008 APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning.
- “Accounting for the ‘Known Unknowns’: Incorporating Uncertainty in Second-Stage Estimation.” 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.
- “Estimating Cross-Over Voting in the 2005 Jackson, Miss. Democratic Mayoral Primary via Ecological Inference.” Presented at the 2006 Southern 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 (Bridgewater College). Presented at the 2003 American Political Science Association conference.

### Invited Presentations

- “The 2008 Presidential Election,” U.S. Consulate, 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.
- “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.

**Courses Taught**

## Undergraduate:

- American National Government.
- Campaigns and Elections.
- Comparative Federalism and Multilevel Governance
- Congress and the Presidency.
- Congress/Legislative Politics.
- Constitutional Law: Institutions and Processes.
- Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties.
- Introduction to Comparative Politics.
- Introduction to Global Issues (International Relations).
- Introduction to Political Science.
- Introduction to the European Union.
- Parties and Elections.
- Political Participation.
- Politics of the American South.
- Politics of the British Isles (U.K. and Ireland).
- Public Opinion and Voting Behavior/Electoral Behavior.
- Research Methods (political science and sociology).
- State and Local Government (Texas Government).

## Graduate (M.A./M.P.A.):

- Research Design (political science, public administration, and sociology).
- Applied Quantitative Methods (political science, public administration, and sociology).
- American Political Institutions.
- American Political Behavior.
- Public Policy Development and Implementation.

**Computing Skills**

Extensive programming experience in Bourne shell, C, C++, Perl, and Python; additional background in Ada, assembly language (6502, 680x0, MIPS), BASIC, Java, JavaScript, and Pascal.

Survey programming and administration using Sawtooth WinCATI.

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

Geographic information systems (GIS) expertise using ESRI ArcGIS, PostGIS, QGIS, R (sp/maptools/rgeos packages), and OpenStreetMap.

Web design and content creation using HTML5 and Javascript.

**Awards**

Open Educational Resources (OER) Research Fellowship, the Open Education Group/The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, 2015–16 (≈\$5,000 travel support and stipends).

Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grant for POLS 1101 (American Government), University System of Georgia, co-P.I. with Julie A. Lester, 2015 (\$10,800).

Scholar of the Year (Social Sciences), College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M International University, 2010.

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, University of South Dakota, and McMaster University (≈\$6,000 travel support).

Texas A&M International University Research Travel Grants (competitive): April 2010 (\$1,000 travel support); February 2011 (\$1,086 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.

## Languages

English (native); French (intermediate); Spanish (elementary)

## Professional Activities

Faculty member, University System of Georgia EC London Study Abroad Program, summers of 2017 and 2018.

Section Chair (Public Opinion), 2015 Southern Political Science Association conference.

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.

Discussant, American Political Science Association Conference on Teaching and Learning, “Teaching Research Methods” tracks, 2006–09, 2012; “Core Curriculum” track, 2011.

Conference paper discussant and/or panel chair: MPSA 2005, 2007–10, 2012–15; SPSA 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012–15; APSA 2010.

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

AP Reader, United States Government and Politics Examination, Educational Testing Service, 2006–13.

## University and Departmental Service

Middle Georgia State University:

- Faculty Senate Executive Committee member (2018–present).
- Campus Champion, University System of Georgia (USG) Affordable Learning Georgia initiative (2018–present).
- Campus representative and program coordinator, USG European Union Studies Certificate Program (2017–present).
- Search committee chair, interim department chair of Psychology & Criminal Justice and interim department chair of Teacher Education & Social Work positions (2017).
- Search committee chair, assistant professor of political science position (2014–15).
- Search committee chair, lecturer in political science position (2013–14).
- Search committee member, lecturer in political science position (2014–15, 2015–16).
- Chair, ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge campus steering committee on civic engagement (2017–present).
- Chair, Technology Resources Committee (2015–16).
- Recorder, Library and Technology Resources Committee (2013–15).
- Member, Core Centralized Scheduling Council (2015–present); Academic Assessment Council (2015–present); Gateways to Completion Steering Committee (2016–present); General Education Council (2017–present).

Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M International University:

- M.A. thesis committee chair for Prakash Mansinghani, completed May 2011.
- M.A. thesis committee member for Carlos Cantú, completed May 2011.
- Senior honors thesis supervisor for Carlos Cantú, completed May 2010.
- Graduate Admissions Committee (2008–11).
- Tantangelo and Cuéllar Scholarships Committee (2009–11).
- Search committee member, Political Theory/International Relations position (2008–09).
- MPA Advisory Board (2009–11).
- Department webmaster (2009–11).

## References

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