

## ***Vitae***

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### **Education:**

- Ph.D. University of Houston; Political Science; December 2008  
Major Fields: American Politics, Public Administration, and Quantitative Methodology  
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
- M.A. University of Houston; Political Science; December 2006
- B.S. Stephen F. Austin State University; Political Science; *Magna Cum Laude*; May 2003

### **Experience:**

#### **Stephen F. Austin State University**

Associate Professor, Fall 2014 to present  
Assistant Professor, Fall 2009 to Fall 2014  
Instructor, Fall 2008 to Spring 2009  
Visiting Lecturer, Spring 2007 to Spring 2008  
Adjunct Faculty, Fall 2006 to Spring 2007

#### **University of Houston**

Research Assistant – Assisted Dr. Harrell R. Rodgers with data collection and analysis for welfare reform research, Summer 2005  
Teaching Fellow, Fall 2003 to Spring 2006

### **Courses Taught:**

#### **Stephen F. Austin State University**

SFA 101 – Freshman Seminar  
PBA 400 – Public Organizational Theory  
PBA 505 – Research Methods for Public Administration (MPA course)  
PBA 507 – Applied Methods for Public Administration (MPA course)  
PSC 141 – Introduction to American & Texas Government: Theory and Politics  
PSC 142 – Introduction to American & Texas Government: Structure and Function (honors and regular)  
PSC 303 – Political Research Methods  
PSC 399 – The Politics of Harry Potter  
PSC 399 – Voting Behavior  
PSC 411 – Political Media Research  
PSC 412 – Public Opinion & Survey Design  
PSC 447 – U.S. Congress

### **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):**

- “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:**

- “Presidential Partisan Rhetoric: Bush and Obama”
- “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:**

- “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.
- “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.
- “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.
- “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.
- “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
- “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
- “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 Contributions:**

- 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:**

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:**

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:**

#### **Stephen F. Austin State University**

Member – Executive Committee, Fall 2014 - Spring 2016

Member – Criminal Justice Search Committee, Fall 2014 - Spring 2015 (Hired George Day)

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 - present

Member – Executive Committee, Fall 2012 - Spring 2014

Representative – Honor's Banquet, Spring 2012 (Katie Counts)

Member – Public Law Search Committee, Fall 2011

Member – PSC Core Curriculum Assessment Committee, Fall 2011 - present

Member – Graduate Assistant Hiring and Assessment Committee, Fall 2011 - present

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 - present

Member – MPA Graduate Admissions Committee, Fall 2008 - present

Contributor – PSC 141 Texas Workbook: Interest Groups and Public Opinion, Fall 2008 - present

Member – Political Science Search Committee, Spring 2008 (Hired Marilyn Grouble)

Webmaster – Summer 2007 - present

### **College Service:**

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, 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 Member – GenJacks Success Coach, Fall 2017 - Spring 2021  
Instructor – GenJacks PSC 142, Fall 2017  
Faculty Advisor – International Youth and Students for Social Equality, Spring 2017 - present  
Member – ADA Advisory Board, Fall 2016 - present  
Instructor – GenJacks PSC 142 class, Fall 216  
Member – Early Alert Pilot Program, Summer 2016  
Faculty Advisor – Acacia Fraternity, Fall 2015 - present  
Faculty Advisor – Nac NORML Student Organization, Fall 2015 - present  
Member – STEP 2.0 Evaluation Team, Spring 2015  
Member – STEP 1.0 Tablet Pilot Program, Spring 2015  
Panelist – Diversity Week; Disability Inclusion, Spring 2014  
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:**

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. Aired 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.

### **Honors, Awards, Faculty Development, & Certificates:**

Faculty Learning Community, Spring 2016 - Fall 2017

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

University of Houston, Teaching Fellowship, 2003 - 2006

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

**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
- Southern Political Science Association
- American Association for Public Opinion Research

**Academic Affiliations:**

- Alpha Chi – National College Honor Scholarship Society
- Honor Student Association at Stephen F. Austin State University
- Pi Sigma Alpha – National Political Science Honor Society