

Gavin Riley

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Education

Master's Degree in Political Science, December 2021

University of Virginia

Thesis: Rivalry, Respectability, and Co-optation: Lessons in Social Movements from the Clinton Presidency

Advisor: Sidney Milkis Reader: Kevin Duong

GPA: 3.78

Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and History, May 2019

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

GPA: 3.71

Research Interests

Social Movements, LGBT Politics, Political Sociology, Political Behavior, and Emotions in Politics

Relevant Experience

Contracted Case Study Writer, January 2023-June 2023

UVA's Miller Center

- Wrote classroom assignments for the Miller Center's Project on Democracy and Capitalism. These 'case studies' explained concepts related to democratic governance and capitalist economics to an undergraduate student audience.
- Incorporated the DemCap Analytics tool, which amalgamates various democracy and economics datasets into one user-friendly data visualization platform, into assignment questions.
- Read recent academic texts on related topics to inform assignment construction.

Policy Research Fellowship, September 2022-November 2022

Clean Virginia

- Searched government databases of witness testimony and State Corporation Commission documentation to better understand the extent of stakeholder participation in resource planning proceedings.
- Made policy write-ups of regulatory reforms in other states to inform our legislative efforts in Virginia.

Graduate Student, August 2019-August 2021

University of Virginia Department of Politics

- Completed the core graduate methods sequence. Learned research design principles, statistical programming, and survey instrument design. (Courses: PLAD 7090 Research Methods and Design in Political Science, PLAD 7100 Politics Research with Quantitative Methods, PLAD 8310 Advanced Quantitative Applications in Political Science, PLAD 8320 Advanced Topics in Multivariate Analysis, and EDLF 7403 Survey Design and Instrument Construction).
- Created and provided validity evidence for a political behavior survey construct on LGB respectability.
- Wrote my Master's thesis on queer social movements and how internal discourse about respectability affected movement interactions with the Clinton presidency. (Master's thesis advisor Dr. Sidney Milkis)

Undergraduate Research Assistant, August 2016-August 2019

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Sociology

- Worked under then department chair Dr. Kenneth Andrews to code book-length cases on local civil rights protest activity during the 1950s-1960s. Recorded the different actors, organizations, and events associated with local movements to understand what attributes of a city made protest effective.
- Entered coded data into a relational database.
- Trained junior research associates in proper coding procedure.

Undergraduate Researcher, August 2016-May 2017

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Politics

- Recorded data on candidate quality in all 435 House of Representatives districts to discern whether filing deadlines mitigated the deleterious effect of Donald Trump's (seemingly) doomed presidential candidacy on experienced candidates' decision to run.
- Coauthored a paper with then-PhD candidate Jacob Smith on the topic, which we subsequently presented at the 2017 MPSA conference and published in *The Forum*.

Teaching Experience

University of Virginia

- PLAP 3140: Mass Media and American Politics
 - Fall 2020 TA Assignment (Professor Paul Freedman)
 - Taught students about the importance of mass media in shaping public opinion and political behavior, as well as rudimentary research design principles.
- PLCP 3110: The Politics of Western Europe
 - Spring 2021 TA Assignment (Professor Gerard Alexander)
 - Taught students about various political developments that shaped institutions in modern Europe, with particular attention paid to electoral systems.
- PLAP 3160: Politics of Food
 - Summer 2021 TA Assignment (Professor Paul Freedman)
 - Taught students about legislations and regulations pertaining to food, as well as their direct and downstream effects on the environment, public health, and democratic politics.

Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association 2017 Conference, April 7, 2017

Panel: You're Fired? The Trump Factor in the 2016 Congressional Elections

Presentation: "The Trump Effect: Filing Deadlines and the Decision to Run in the 2016 Congressional Elections"

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, History Capstone Project Presentation

Presentation: New Labour and Electoral Realignment Among Working Class Constituencies

Publication

- Riley, Gavin and Smith, Jacob. "The Trump Effect: Filing Deadlines and the Decision to Run in the 2016 Congressional Elections" *The Forum*, vol. 16, no. 2, 2018, pp. 193-210.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/for-2018-0019>

Software Proficiency

Stata, R, Qualtrics