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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Expected Spring 2018.

Title: "Partisanship and Political Participation in the U.S. Civil Service"

Committee: Joshua D. Clinton, David E. Lewis, Alan Wiseman, Hye Young You,
Jason A. Grissom

M.A. Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. 2016.

M.A. Political Science, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. 2012.

B.A. Political Science, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. 2010.

PUBLICATIONS

The Political Geography of Campaign Finance: Fundraising and Contribution Patterns in Presidential Elections, 2004-2012. Palgrave Macmillan, 2015. With Joshua L. Mitchell, Karen Sebold, Andrew Dowdle and Patrick A. Stewart.

"Party Cohesion in Presidential Races: Applying Social Network Theory to the Pre-Primary Multiple Donor Network of 2004 and 2008." *Party Politics* 21.4 (2015): 638-648. With Song Yang, Andrew Dowdle and Patrick Stewart.

The Invisible Hands of Political Parties in Presidential Elections: Party Activists and Political Aggregation from 2004 to 2012. Palgrave Pivot, 2013. With Andrew Dowdle, Song Yang, Patrick Stewart and Karen Sebold.

"The Political Geography of Campaign Finance: Contributions to 2008 Republican Presidential Candidates." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 45.04 (2012): 688-693. With Karen Sebold, Andrew Dowdle and Patrick Stewart.

WORKING PAPERS

“Why Do Bureaucrats Give? Campaign Contributions to Presidential Candidates 2004-2012.” *Under Review*.

“Controlling Agency Choke Points: Presidents and Turnover in the Senior Executive Service.” With Kathleen Doherty and David Lewis. *Under Review*.

-Featured in *Washington Post* on the [Monkey Cage blog](#).

-Winner of the 2015 Kenneth J. Meier Award at MPSA.

“The Politics of Civil Servant Turnover” *Presented at MPSA 2017*

“How ‘Political’ are Federal Agencies?” *Presented at MPSA 2017*

“Campaign Style: Candidates' Expenditure Allocation Strategies in the U.S. House, 2003-2014.” With Hye Young You. *Presented at MPSA 2016, EPSA 2017*.

“Pay for Performance or Pay for Politics?” With Mark Richardson. *Presented at MPSA 2016*.

AWARDS

Winner of the 2015 Kenneth J. Meier Award presented for the best paper in bureaucratic politics, public administration, or public policy at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Paper with Kathleen Doherty and David Lewis.

Winner of the Prestage-Cook Travel Grant to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Received fellowship stipend from NSF grant SES-0851084 supporting the Political Networks workshop and conference at the University of Colorado at Boulder on June 2012.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Campaign Style: Evidence from U.S. House Elections” Coauthored paper presented by Hye Young at the Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association; Milan Italy. June 2017.

“The Politics of Civil Servant Turnover” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago IL, April 2017.

“How ‘Political’ are Federal Agencies?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago IL, April 2017.

“Why do bureaucrats give? Campaign contributions to presidential candidates, 2004-2012.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of The Southern Political Science Association; New Orleans, LA, January 2017.

“Buying Office? Characterizing the Electoral Impact of Candidates' Expenditure Allocation Strategies in the U.S. House, 2003-2014.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago IL, April 2016. With Hye Young You.

“Pay for Performance or Pay for Politics?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago IL, April 2016. With Mark Richardson.

“Why do bureaucrats give? Campaign contributions to presidential candidates, 2004-2012.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of The Southern Political Science Association; San Juan Puerto Rico, January 2016.

“Politics or Performance in Agency Personnel Turnover.” Paper presented the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago IL, April 2015. With David Lewis and Kathleen Doherty.

“Contributing Bureaucrats: Determinants of Bureaucrats' Contribution Behavior and the Implications for Congressional-Bureaucratic Relations?” Paper presented the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago IL, April 2015.

“Why Give? Elite Donor Motivations in the Targeted House Races of 2012.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans. LA. January 2014.

“Party cohesion in presidential races: applying social network theory to the 2011 preprimary.” Paper presented at PLEAD '12 Proceedings of the first edition workshop of Politics, elections and data. Pp. 11-14. With Andrew Dowdle, Song Yang, Patrick Stewart and Karen Sebold

“Redefining the Third Face of Parties: Multiple Donor Networks in the Invisible Primary Stage of Presidential Nomination Campaigns, 2003-2011.” Paper accepted for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: New Orleans. LA. September 2012. With Andrew Dowdle, Song Yang, Patrick Stewart and Karen Sebold

“Party Cohesion in Presidential Races: Applying Social Network Theory to the Pre-Primary Multiple Donor Network of 2004 and 2008.” Paper presented at the 5th Annual Political Networks Conference; Boulder, CO, June 2012. With Andrew Dowdle, Song Yang, Patrick Stewart.

“Constructing a Fourth Face of Parties Using the 2008 Presidential Nomination Process.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago IL, April 2012.

“Where Does the Money Come From? The Timing and Geography of Campaign Contributions Presidential Candidates in 2000 and 2008.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Seattle, WA, September 2011. With Andrew Dowdle, Song Yang, Patrick Stewart and Karen Sebold.

“Do Individual Contributions Predict State Level Presidential Primary and Caucus Results?: Evidence From the 2008 Democrat and Republican Nomination Contests.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association; Las Vegas, NV, March 2011. With Andrew Dowdle.

SERVICE

Invited member of the Vanderbilt Task Force on University Athletics (2015). Two-year appointment tasked with investigating the intersection of Vanderbilt’s academic mission and athletic commitments.

Referee for *Political Behavior*, *PS*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly* and *The American Review of Politics*.

Graduate Student Affiliate of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions at Vanderbilt, 2013-present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: American National Government (four sections) at the University of Arkansas, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012 on campus and at a satellite location.

Teaching Assistant: Politics of Public Policy (Wiseman), Political Culture (Swain), Business and Public Policy (Wiseman), Introduction to Public Administration (Lewis), Political Parties (Hetherington), Introduction to American Government (Hetherington, Parry at University of Arkansas)

Grader: Introduction to Game Theory (Wiseman)

Research Assistant: David Lewis, Andrew Dowdle

REFERENCES

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