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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA May 2013
Major Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics
Dissertation: The Causes and Consequences of Registering with a Political Party
Dissertation Committee: Michael P. McDonald (Chair), Robert Dudley, Bryan Caplan

Bachelor of Arts, Behavioral Biology
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD May 2006

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina Aiken
Assistant Professor of Political Science August 2015 - Present
Director, Social Sciences and Business Research Lab August 2015 - Present

Frederick Community College
Adjunct Instructor August 2014 - May 2015

George Mason University
Instructor August 2012 - May 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications Political Science

- Thornburg, Matthew P. (2018). "Explaining Oklahoma Party Registration and Its Delayed Realignment," *Oklahoma Politics*, Vol. 28
- Thornburg, Matthew P. (2014). "Party Registration and Party Self-Identification: Exploring the Role of Electoral Institutions in Attitudes and Behaviors," *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 36, p. 137-148
- McDonald, Michael P. and Matthew P. Thornburg (2012). "Interview Mode Effects: The Case of Exit Polls and Early Voting," *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Vol. 76, No. 2, p. 326-349

Peer Reviewed Publications Neuroscience

- Kapogiannis, Dimitrios, Gopikrishna Deshpande, Frank Krueger, Matthew P. Thornburg and Jordan Henry Grafman (2014). "Brain Networks Shaping Religious Belief," *Brain Connectivity*, Vol. 4, No. 1

- Krueger, Frank, Raja Parasuraman, Vijeth Iyengar, Matthew P. Thornburg, Jaap Weel, Mingkuan Lin, Ellen Clarke, Kevin McCabe and Robert H. Lipsky (2012). “Oxytocin Receptor Genetic Variation Promotes Human Trust Behavior,” *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, Vol. 6

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

Political Science

- McDonald, Michael P. and Matthew P. Thornburg (2010). “Registering the Youth Through Voter Preregistration,” *N.Y.U. Journal of Legislation and Public Policy*, Vol. 13
- McDonald, Michael P. and Matthew P. Thornburg (2008) “Redistricting” in *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, ed. Donald Haider-Markel (Washington DC: CQ Press, 2008)

Non-Peer Reviewed Research Reports

Publications of the Social Sciences and Business Research Lab

- Thornburg, Matthew P., Bob Botsch, Allison Hamilton and Erin McCullough (2017). *City of Aiken Citizen Benchmark Study, 2017: A Survey of Citizen Opinion on Living in Aiken, City Services and Taxes, Development and Communication with City Government*. Aiken: University of South Carolina Aiken Social Sciences and Business Research Lab.
- Thornburg, Matthew P. (2017). *The 2016 Exit Poll of Aiken County*. Aiken: University of South Carolina Aiken Social Sciences and Business Research Lab.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- *The 2018 Exit Poll of Aiken County and State House District 81* (A project of the University of South Carolina Aiken Social Sciences and Business Research Lab currently being written)
- “The Dynamics of Crossover Voting in Closed and Semiclosed Primaries” (Paper under preparation).
- “The Straight Ticket Voting Option and Roll-off in Nonpartisan Races” with Shiro Kuriwaki (Paper under preparation).
- “Candidate Ethnicity as a Proxy for Partisanship in Nonpartisan Races” (Paper under preparation).
- “Partisanship as a Breakwater in the Blue Wave of 2018: A Study of State House Races in South Carolina” with Sarah Young, Shiro Kuriwaki and Bob Botsch (Paper under preparation).

TEACHING

University of South Carolina Aiken

All Courses as Instructor of Record

- POLI 121: Introduction to Politics (8 times)
- POLI 201: American National Government (10 times) (Writing Intensive)
- POLI 301: Scope and Methods in Political Science (Research Methods) (4 times) (Writing Intensive)
- POLI 368: Civil Society and the Individual in American Politics (1 time)
- POLI 399: Independent Study in Political Science (7 times) (Includes internships and directed independent study projects)
- POLI 461: Congressional Politics (1 time)
- POLI 465: Political Psychology (2 times)
- POLI 467: The American Election (2 times)
- IDST 398: Data Analytics in the Social Sciences (Scheduled for Fall 2019)

Frederick Community College

All Courses as Instructor of Record

- PI 104: American Government (3 times)

George Mason University

All Courses as Instructor of Record

- GOVT 103: Introduction to American Government (2 times)
- GOVT 300: Research Methods and Analysis (2 times)
- PUAD 511: Problem Solving and Data Analysis I (Graduate Methods) (1 time)

Courses Under Preparation/Areas of Interest

- POLI 463: Presidential Politics
- POLI 493: Conspiracy Theories and the Truth in American Politics
- POLI 493: Game Theory and Formal Modeling in Political Science

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Recent Conference Presentations Made or Pending

- “The Dynamics of Crossover Voting in Closed and Semiclosed Primaries”, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2019 (Proposal Accepted).
- “Sooner or Later: Gauging Latent Party Registration in Oklahoma”, South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2018.
- “Race of Interviewer Effects in Exit Polling”, South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2017.
- “A Critical Evaluation of the Stickiness of Party Registration: A Comparative Approach”, Annual State Politics and Policy Conference, May 2016.
- “Making Sense of Party Registration”, South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2016.

Conference Proposals Submitted

- “Candidate Ethnicity as a Proxy for Partisanship in Nonpartisan Races”, Proposal to South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Conference, March 2019.
- “The Straight Ticket Voting Option and Roll-off in Nonpartisan Races”, Proposal to American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 2019 (With Shiro Kuriwaki).

SERVICE

Departmental Service

University of South Carolina Aiken

- University Pre-Law Advisor 2018 - Present
- Faculty Advisor, Pacer Law Club 2018 - Present
- Member, US History Tenure Track Search Committee 2018 - Present
- Member, Constitution Week Planning Committee 2017 - Present
- Political Science Representative, Department Assessment Committee 2016 - Present
- Advisor, 29 total students 2016 - Present
- Faculty Advisor, College Democrats 2015 - Present
- Co-Chair, Assistant Professor of Political Theory Tenure Track Search Committee 2018 - 2019
- Chair, Assistant Professor of Political Theory Tenure Track Search Committee 2017 - 2018
- Author, Political Science Program Assessment Standards 2017
- Organizer, 2017 Civil Discourse Lecture Series 2017
- Political Science Internship Coordinator 2016 - 2018
- Member, Assistant Professor of Public Administration Tenure Track Search Committee 2016 - 2017
- Member, Planning Committee for Center for American Citizenship and Civil Engagement 2016 - 2017
- Faculty Advisor, Political Science Club 2015 - 2018

Service to the University

University of South Carolina Aiken

- Member, General Education University Committee 2018 - Present
- Chair, Academic Services University Committee 2017 - Present
- Member, Academic Services University Committee 2016 - Present
- Member, Gregg-Graniteville Scholarship Committee 2016 - Present
- Member, Government Documents Librarian Search Committee 2017
- Coordinator, Family Fund Drive for Department 2017
- Moderator, Student Government Association Presidential Debate 2016
- Member and Moderator, Mayoral Town Hall Planning Committee 2015

Service to the Profession

- Reviewer: *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Political Behavior*
- Panel Chair, Palmetto Connections Symposium, November 2017.

VISIBILITY IN AIKEN

Events at University of South Carolina Aiken

- "Election Night Watch Party and Commentary"* November 6, 2018
- "Gerrymandering: Where Politicians Pick the Voters"* September 19, 2018
- "What Do I Do Now?*" September 21, 2017
- Panelist, Charles Bierbauer Election Panel November 7, 2016
- "Presidential Debate Watch"* October 19, 2016
- "Understanding Local Elections: The Role of Political Parties in Aiken County"* October 18, 2016

- *The American Electoral Process*, Academy for Lifelong Learning (4 lectures) October 2016
- “Exploring the 2016 Presidential Primaries”* March 24, 2016

* Events for Inter-Curricular Enrichment (ICE) Credit at USCA

Events in the Community

- Author of Questions, Aiken County School Board Forum October 30, 2018
- Panelist, Aiken Town Hall Forum August 1, 2017
- Invited Talk on 2016 Exit Poll, Aiken County Democratic Party February 16, 2017
- Invited Talk on Volunteering, Aiken County Democratic Party January 28, 2017
- Invited Talk on 2016 Election, Heritage Council of Aiken County November 15, 2016
- Moderator, Second Congressional District Town Hall Forum October 20, 2016
- Invited Talk on 2016 Election, Security Federal Bank September 20, 2016

Media Appearances

- Interview, *Aiken Standard* September 7, 2018
- Interview, WFXG September 19, 2017
- Interview WRDW-TV Channel 12 November 7, 2016
- Interview, WRDW-TV Channel 12 May 24, 2016
- Interview, WAGT-TV Channel 26 February 19, 2016
- Interview, WRDW-TV Channel 12 February 15, 2016
- Interview, WRDW-TV Channel 12 February 5, 2016
- Interview, WRDW-TV Channel 12 January 14, 2016
- Interview, WAGT-TV Channel 26 January 14, 2016
- Interview, WJBF-TV Channel 6 November 9, 2015
- Interview, WJBF-TV Channel 6 September 17, 2015
- Interview, WRDW-TV Channel 12 August 28, 2015
- Interview, *Aiken Standard* August 7, 2015

REFERENCES

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