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## Academic Positions

Auburn University  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2018–present

American Political Science Association  
Congressional Fellow, 2017-2018

## Education

2017: University of Georgia, Ph.D. Political Science

2013: University of Michigan, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research

2011: University of Alabama at Birmingham, B.A. Political Science Honors, *cum laude*

## Teaching and Research Interests

Congress and Legislative Procedure, Congressional Elections, Institutional Development,  
U.S. Presidency, Research Design, Causal Inference

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Questions of Order in the United States Senate: Procedural Uncertainty and the Role of the Parliamentarian.” Forthcoming. *Social Science Quarterly*. with Anthony Madonna and Michael Lynch.

“Candidate Ideology and Electoral Success in Congressional Elections.” 2018. *Public Choice*. 176: 175-192. with Jamie Carson.

“The Vice President in the U.S. Senate: Examining the Consequences of Institutional Design.” 2018. *Congress & the Presidency*. 45(2): 145-165. with Michael Lynch, Anthony Madonna, and Mark Owens.

“Public Attitudes Toward Presidential Veto Powers.” 2018. *Research & Politics*. 5(1): 1-6. with Joel Sievert.

“Institutional Control of Redistricting and the Geography of Representation.” 2017. *Journal of Politics*. 79(2): 722-726. with Michael Crespin, Barry Edwards, and Maxwell Palmer.

“Re-evaluating the Effects of Redistricting on Electoral Competition, 1972-2012.” 2014. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. 14(2): 162-174. with Jamie Carson and Michael Crespin.

## Other Publications

“Candidate Emergence in the Era of Direct Primaries.” 2018. In *Handbook of Primary Elections*. Robert Boatright, editor. Routledge. with Jamie Carson.

“Introduction to Congressional Elections.” 2016. In *Guide to U.S. Elections 7<sup>th</sup> ed.* Deborah Kalb, editor. Congressional Quarterly Press. with Jamie Carson.

## Selected Working Papers

“Examining the Effects of Partisan Redistricting on Candidate Entry Decisions.”  
*Invited to Revise & Resubmit at Election Law Journal.*

“Policymaking by the Executive: Examining the Fate of Presidential Agenda Items.”  
with Jason Byers and Jamie Carson.  
*Invited to Revise & Resubmit at Congress & the Presidency.*

“Nationalization and the Incumbency Advantage.” with Jamie Carson and Joel Sievert.  
*Under Review.*

“Who Gets Blamed When Congress and the President Collide?” with Joel Sievert.

“Challengers, Choices, and Competition in Congressional Primaries.” with Jason Byers and Jamie Carson.

“Interbranch Warfare: Senate Amending Process and Restrictive House Rules.”  
with Anthony Madonna and Jordan McKissick.

“The Rhetoric of Healthcare: A Topic Model of Congressional Speeches, 1944-2012.”  
with James E. Monogan III and James Strickland.

“Constituent Evaluations of U.S. Senators Over the Electoral Cycle.” with Joel Sievert.

## Media Contributions

“[The story of the midterms is the triumph of the moderates – on both sides.](#)”  
LSE’s daily blog on American Politics and Policy. with Jamie L. Carson.

“[Alabama GOP Still Dominant Despite Challenges from Democrats.](#)”  
*Interview with WBHM NPR.*

“[Alabama among 7 states allowing straight-ticket voting; That won’t soon change.](#)”  
*Interview with AL.com*

“[How the Dems Could Win the House in November.](#)” *Newsweek.* with Jamie L. Carson.

“[Why taking moderate positions may help the Democrats to retake the House this fall.](#)”  
LSE’s daily blog on American Politics and Policy. with Jamie L. Carson.

[“This is how to get rid of gerrymandered districts.”](#) Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*. with Michael Crespin, Maxwell Palmer, and Barry C. Edwards.

[“Michelle Nunn’s midterm result shows that Georgia’s demographics may be shifting to favor the Democrats.”](#) LSE’s daily blog on American Politics and Policy. with Jamie L. Carson and Joel Sievert.

[“2014 Midterms: Key Issues in the Georgia Senate Race.”](#) The Brookings Institute. with Jamie L. Carson.

[“In order to increase competition in U.S. House races, states should look to extra-legislative bodies to redraw congressional boundaries.”](#) LSE’s daily blog on American Politics and Policy. with Jamie L. Carson and Michael H. Crespin.

## Conference Participation

### Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association: 2013-2019  
Southern Political Science Association: 2014-2017, 2019  
American Political Science Association: 2015-2018  
Congress and History Conference: 2015, 2016  
Society for Political Methodology: 2014, 2015  
State Politics and Policy Conference: 2016  
Georgia Political Science Association Conference: 2016

### Discussant

Midwest Political Science Association: 2016-2019  
Southern Political Science Association: 2014-2015, 2017, 2019  
American Political Science Association: 2016

### Chair

Midwest Political Science Association: 2017

## Grants and Awards

Congressional Research Grant sponsored by the Dirksen Congressional Center  
Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award  
Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award  
Richard A. Baker Graduate Student Research Travel Grant  
University of Georgia Graduate School Outstanding Teaching Award  
University of Georgia Department of Political Science Excellence in Teaching Award

## Courses Taught

### Auburn University

POLI 1097: Honors American Government in a Multicultural World (Fall 2018)  
POLI 3310: The Legislative Process (Spring 2019)  
POLI 3400: Political Parties and Interest Groups (Fall 2018)  
POLI 6210: Voting Behavior and Representation (Spring 2019)

## **University of Georgia**

POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

POLS 4520: Electoral Behavior (Spring 2015)

POLS 4600: Legislative Process (Fall 2016)

POLS 4610: U.S. Presidency (Fall 2016)

POLS 4650: State Politics (Spring 2017)

GRSC 7770: Graduate Teaching Assistant Seminar (Fall 2015)

## **Manuscript Reviewer**

*American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, American Politics Research, Party Politics, Applied Geography, Law & Policy, Open Journal of Political Science, Social Sciences, SAGE Publishing*

## **References**

Available upon request

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