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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of South Carolina, August 2014
M.A., Political Science, University of South Carolina, December 2013
B.A., Political Science, Susquehanna University, May 2004

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Administrative

Associate Chair, Dept. of Political Science, Virginia Commonwealth University 2016-present

Teaching

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Virginia Commonwealth University 2017-present

Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, Virginia Commonwealth University 2014-2017

Instructor, University of South Carolina system 2011-2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introductory Level Courses

United States Government (POLI 103) *†

“Study Away” Courses – these courses involved original curriculum development, extensive networking, and advanced on-site preparation

Political Campaigns & Communications: New Hampshire Primary (POLI 304) ^ - 10-night trip to New Hampshire

Politics of the Civil Rights Movement (POLI 302, AFAM 302) ^ - 9-night trip to Atlanta, Birmingham, Selma, Tuskegee, Montgomery

Other Upper-Level Courses

Political Campaigns & Communications (POLI 305) ^

U.S. Parties & Elections (POLI 301) ^

Public Opinion, Polling & the Media (POLI 303)

The Politics of Race, Class & Gender (POLI 318, AFAM 318, GSWS 318)

U.S. Congress (POLI 306)

Research-Oriented Courses

Research Methods in Political Science (POLI 320) *

Senior Seminar (POLI 490)

Field Work

Director, Political Science Internships (POLI 493) 2016-2019
Independent Studies (POLI 492), includes (but is not limited to) Independent Studies associated with *RPSR*

* includes Online offering

^ includes Service Learning offering

† General Education offering

FACULTY ADVISOR – VCU POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH JOURNAL

Founder & Faculty Advisor - *The Ramerican Political Science Review* 2016-present
The Ramerican Political Science Review (RPSR) recruits student authors and student editors to participate in a highly selective peer-reviewed process that includes issuing R&Rs prior to publication.

TEACHING AWARDS

CHS Nominee – VCU Distinguished Teaching Award 2021
Distinguished Teacher in Humanities & Sciences Award - Virginia Commonwealth University 2019
Best Graduate Student Teacher Award- University of South Carolina 2012, 2013

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - TEACHING PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

CHS Leaders for Inclusive Learning Program 2021-2022
Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning workshop 2022
APSA Short Course: “Teaching American Government in Turbulent Times,” Washington, DC 2019
APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Baltimore 2018
CTLE Summer Workshop 2015
Safe Zone Training 2015

PUBLIC TEACHING

In addition to countless VCU POLI panels and election-related media interviews:

William & Mary, Pilgrimage, Racial Injustice, and Experiential Learning, Panelist 2021
Suppressed 2020: The Fight to Vote, Panelist 2020
Protest, Progress and *The Vote*: Modern Lessons Learned from Women’s Suffrage, Panelist 2020
Choose Your Own Election Adventure! – Interactive online voting tool for students & community members 2020
Berglund Seminar Series, VCU Honors College - “Understanding the Limits of Rationality in U.S. Politics” 2019
HIGHER Ground Women’s Leadership Conference, GEHLI - “Women in Politics” Panel 2018
Wilder Symposium: Popular Politics, Populism, and Donald Trump - “Populist Resentment in the Race for the White House” 2017
Richmond First Society - “What’s Going On? Understanding the Limits of Rationality” 2017
Panel Discussion on the U.S. Election w/ the visiting Tajikistan Delegation 2016
Skype Lecture w/ students from Moscow State University, Russia - “The Rocky Road to Cleveland and Philly: Understanding Political Parties and the Presidential Nominating Process” 2016
Wilder Symposium: Race and American Society - “Communication Strategies in the Presidential Election” 2016
Berglund Seminar Series, VCU Honors College - “Politics and Privilege” 2015

GRANTS FUNDED – TEACHING

\$3,500: Re-engagement Grant via CHS (w/ Amanda Wintersieck) for the development of a VCU Votes course that introduces innovative and sustainable practices in the classroom that lead to increased retention, heightened engagement, and improved teaching and learning.

\$7,000: Funding via the AltLab for the development of two new online courses: Research Methods for Political Science (POLI 320) and United States Government (POLI 103)

\$10,000: Funding helped offset student costs for the 10-night trip to New Hampshire (2020) during Intersession's POLI 304 course; received via Service Learning grant and a VCU Political Science alumni donation

\$40,000: Funding sponsored the entire 9-night trip to the American South (2019) during summer's POLI 302 & AFAM 302 courses; received via Service Learning grant, Giving Tuesday crowd-funding, and alumni donations

\$50,000: Funding sponsored the entire 10-night trip to New Hampshire (2016) for every student enrolled in Intersession's POLI 304 course; received via Service Learning grant, contributions from the Global Education Office and the Strategic Enrollment Office, and donations from VCU Political Science alumni. This course served as a pilot for the Baldacci family, eventually leading to their \$1,000,000 commitment to fund the Baldacci Experiential Learning Endowed Fund the following year.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Associate Chair	2016-present
DEI Committee	2020-present
Curriculum Committee	2017-present
Academic Program Review member	2021-2022
Ad Hoc Committee on Structural Racism & White Supremacy	2020-2021
Committee to update P&T Documents	2019
Internship Director	2016-2019
Awards Committee	2015-2018
Search Committees (6 faculty searches & 3 staff searches – includes a SOCY & a CHS search)	2014 - as needed

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SCIENCES & VCU

CHS Awards Committee for the Baldacci Experiential Learning Scholarship	2018-present
CHS GROWTH Award Task Force	2022
VCU Votes Advisory Council	2016-2021
CHS Dean's Budget Advisory Committee	2021
CHS Dean's Equity Task Force	2020
CHS Strategic Planning Leadership Committee	2018
CHS Commencement Task Force	2018

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Board Member - Virginia Social Science Association	2017-present
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - SERVICE PROGRAMS

NASPA Student Affairs Administrators Conference on Student Success in Higher Education 2022
VCU Leadership Development Program, Grace E. Harris Leadership Institute (GEHLI) 2017

GRANTS FUNDED – SERVICE

\$1,000: Service Learning Faculty Fellowship - Virginia Commonwealth University 2019-2020

RESEARCH - PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Arnold, J.R., Reckendorf A., & Wintersieck, A.L. (2021). Source Alerts Can Reduce the Harms of Foreign Disinformation. *Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*.

RESEARCH – WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Curricular Agenda Setting & Framing: Does it Impact Students’ Civic Engagement?”

“Experiential Learning & Study Away in the ‘First in the Nation’ Primary State” with Deirdre Condit and Maddie Quigley & Hollie Wilburn (undergraduate Research Assistants)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panel Organizer

“Presidential Campaign Politics & the 2016 New Hampshire Primaries” featuring students from Intersession’s Political Campaigns & Communications course, 2016 Virginia Social Science Association, Lynchburg, VA

Presenter

“Experiential Learning & Study Away in the ‘First in the Nation’ Primary State” with Deirdre Condit, 2023 APSA Teaching & Learning, Baltimore, MD

“Curricular Agenda Setting & Framing: Does it Impact Students’ Civic Engagement?” 2022 American Political Science Association (APSA), Montreal, CAN

“Source Alerts Can Reduce the Harms of Foreign Disinformation” with Amanda Wintersieck and Jason Arnold 2021 Southern Political Science Association Conference, Virtual

“Political Socialization through Pop Culture Phenomena” with Shelby Horner (POLI undergraduate student) 2018 Virginia Social Science Association Conference, Richmond, VA

“The Impact of Citizens’ Ideological Incongruence on U.S. Political Parties” 2017 Virginia Social Science Association Conference, Richmond, VA

“Are We Post-Racial Yet? Expectations and Realities of Race Relations in 21st Century America” 2014 Southern Political Science Association Conference. New Orleans, LA

“The Effects of Perceived Prejudice on Racial Policy Preferences: A Meta-Level Analysis” 2013 Northeastern Political Science Association Conference. Philadelphia, PA

“Psychological Loyalties: Linking Partisan Strength and Religious Attachment via Social Identity Theory” with Lauren Smith
2013 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL

“The Effects of Ideological Cross-Pressures on Party Favorability and Levels of Party Interest & Activism”
2012 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

“Perceiving Prejudice: Analyzing the Accuracy of Reported Levels of Racial Stereotyping via Meta-Level Analyses”
2012 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

“Partisan Strength & Religious Commitment,” with Lauren Smith
2011 Georgia State University Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Atlanta, GA

“Not In My Backyard: Situating the NYC Cordoba House in the Political, Psychological and Physical Landscaping of de Crevecoeur’s America,” with Nora Nassri
2011 South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Greenwood, SC

“Presidential Campaigns & Voter Mobilization: The Effects of Candidate Evaluations on November Turnout”
2011 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

“Putting Practical Political Knowledge to Use: Policy Preferences and the Potential Strategizing of the Electorate”
2010 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

GRANTS FUNDED – RESEARCH

USC Institute for African American Research Fellowship (\$1,500)	2013
USC West Forum Small Fellowship for Summer Dissertation Research (\$1,500)	2011