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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Kentucky, Political Science, August 2020

- Dissertation: *Judicial Elections, Public Opinion, and their Impact on State Criminal Justice Policy*

M.A. University of Kentucky, Political Science, August 2019

- Fields: American Politics & Public Policy

M.P.S. The George Washington University, Political Management, May 2014

- Thesis: *The Nationalization of Local Campaigns and its Efficacy as a Campaign Strategy*

B.A. University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*, December 2010

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Kentucky, Department of Political Science

2020 – 2021

Postdoctoral Scholar

2019 – 2020

Instructor of Political Science

2016 – 2018

Teaching Assistant

New York University, School of Continuing and Professional Services

2015 – 2016

Instructor of Political Management

The George Washington University, Graduate School of Political Management

Fall 2014

Facilitator of Political Management

PUBLICATIONS

Taylor, Travis N. Forthcoming. “The Dynamic Effect of Contribution Limits and Direct Solicitation Rules on Individual Donations to State Supreme Court Campaigns.” Accepted for publication at *Judicature*.

Taylor, Travis N. Forthcoming. “Judicial Selection and Criminal Punishment: Trial Court Elections, Sentencing, and Incarceration in the States.” Accepted for publication at *Journal of Law and Courts*

Taylor, Travis N. 2020. “You’re Only Fooling Yourself: Self-Deception and Voting Behavior.” *Critique* (20)1: 58–74.

Peffley, Mark, Alexander Denison, and Travis N. Taylor. 2020. “Print, Electronic, and Social Media and the Transformation of Democratic Representation.” In *Handbook of Political Representation in Liberal Democracies*, ed. R. Rohrschneider and J. Thomassen. New York: Oxford University Press. 526–42.

WORKING PAPERS

“Elected (In)Justice? The Effects of Judicial Selection Mechanisms on Racial Disparity in State Incarceration Rates”

“Punitive Attitudes Dataset for the States: An Introduction to a Spatially and Temporally Dynamic Measure of Public Opinion on Criminal Punishment”

“The Effect of Campaign Expenditures on Trial Court Election Competition: Evidence from Louisiana”

- Awarded Best Graduate Student Paper of 2019 by Kentucky Political Science Association

“Testing the Functionality of Functional Theory: An Analysis of Gubernatorial Debate Rhetoric” with Austin Trantham, Jacksonville University

“Analyzing No-Excuse Absentee Balloting and its Impact on Voter Turnout” with Chris Crumrine, University of Kentucky

“How State Legislative Candidates Choose Their Campaign Consultants and Why It Matters”

“Controversy, the Courts and Institutional Legitimacy: Public Perceptions of Judge Selection Methods” with Justin Wedeking, University of Kentucky; Mark Peffley, University of Kentucky; and Phillip Wininger, The George Washington University

“The Press as Politicos: Presidential Debates and Moderators and Anchors as Adversaries” with Ryan Lee Teten, University of Nebraska at Kearney

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Research Presentations

- Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association: 2019
- Annual Conference of the Kentucky Political Science Association: 2017, 2019, 2020
- Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association: 2018, 2020, 2021
- Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2017, 2020
- George Washington University Research Days: 2014

Discussant

- Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2021

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Research: Campaign Effects, Campaign Strategy, Candidate Behavior, Criminal Justice Policy, Judicial Elections, Judicial Politics, Native American Government & Politics, Non-Federal Campaigns, Political Consultancy, Political Psychology, Public Opinion, State Courts, U.S. Elections, Voter Behavior

Teaching: American Institutions, Applied Politics, Campaigns & Elections, Criminal Justice & Law, Judicial Politics, Political Communication, Political Management, Political Parties, Public Policy & Administration, State Politics, State & Local Government

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate: Fundamentals of Political Management; Managing Political Campaigns

Undergraduate: American Government; Civil Liberties; Politics of Law & Courts; Political Campaigns & Elections; Judicial Politics; State & Local Government; Internship in Government

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Research & Methods Workshops

- Bayesian Multilevel Modeling (QIPSR, UK, 5/15–17/18)
- Graphics in Stata (QIPSR, UK, 1/26/18)
- Intro to LATEX (QIPSR, UK, 1/19/18)

- Intro to SPSS (QIPSR, UK, 9/1/17)
- Political Networks Analysis (APSA Political Networks Section, Ohio State, 6/14–15/17)
- Advanced Multi-Level Modeling (QIPSR, UK, 5/10–12/17)
- Stata III (QIPSR, UK, 1/27/17)
- Stata II (QIPSR, UK, 1/25/17)

Pedagogical Workshops

- Writing Multiple Choice Questions (CELT, UK, 9/6/17)
- Student Motivation and Engagement (CELT, UK, 4/25/17)
- Teaching in a Diverse Environment (UK Department of Political Science, 3/2/17)
- Team-Based Learning (UK Department of Sociology, 2/27/17)
- Cheating – Curbing, Catching, and Consequences (CELT, UK, 2/15/17)
- Handling Incivility in the Classroom (CELT, UK, 1/25/17)

Professional Development Workshops

- Leading with Evidence: What Works in Effective Police Training (Council on Criminal Justice 3/25/21)
- NIFLA and the Construction of Compelled Speech Doctrine (Indiana Law Journal Symposium 3/5/21)
- Compelled Speech: Rethinking the Doctrine (Indiana Law Journal Symposium 3/5/21)
- Preserving the Sixth Amendment: How to Protect the Right to a Speedy Trial Amid Current Court Closures and Re-Openings (NACDL, 9/3/20)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Graduate School

- Crum Emerging Scholar Award, Dept. of Political Science, Univ. of Kentucky (2020)
- Alumni Development Fund Research Award, Dept. of Political Science, Univ. of Kentucky, \$500 (2020)
- Best Graduate Student Paper, Kentucky Political Science Association (2020)
- Carsey Scholar Award, State Politics & Policy Section, American Political Science Association, \$300 (2020)
- Crum Emerging Scholar Award, Dept. of Political Science, Univ. of Kentucky (2019)
- Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Award, Dept. of Political Science, Univ. of Kentucky, \$1445 (2018)
- Political Science Alumni Endowed Doctoral Research and Travel Award, Dept. of Political Science, Univ. of Kentucky, \$280 (2018)
- Graduate Student Best Paper Nomination, Kentucky Political Science Association (2018)
- APSA Minority Fellowship, American Political Science Association, \$500 (2017–18)
- Lyman T. Johnson Minority Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Kentucky (2016–19)
- Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky (2016–20)
- Second Service Fellowship, The George Washington University (2012–14)

Professional

- 40 Under 40 Award Nomination, American Association of Political Consultants (AAPC) (2016)
- Bronze Pollie Award for Best Use of TV-Student, AAPC (2014)
- Silver Pollie Award for Best Use of Social Pressure, AAPC (2013)
- Bronze Pollie Award for Best Use of Social Pressure, AAPC (2013)
- Meritorious Service Award (2nd), Acadian Ambulance Service (2006)
- Meritorious Service Award, Acadian Ambulance Service (2006)

- Air Assault Badge, U.S. Army (2005)
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (2004)
- Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, U.S. Army (2004)
- Army Reserve Component's Achievement Medal, U.S. Army (2003)
- Army Achievement Medal, U.S. Army (2002)

Other Academic

- Featured Alumni, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (2016)
- Institute of Politics Fellowship, Loyola University New Orleans (2015–16)
- Political Science Distinguished Graduate Finalist, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (2010)
- Founded the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Political Science Club (2010)
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation Scholarship (2010)
- Award of Merit, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (2010)
- Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (2010)
- President's List, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (2009–10)
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette Transfer Scholarship (2009–10)
- Cherokee Nation Higher Education Scholarship (2009–10)
- Chancellor's List, South Louisiana Community College (2008)
- Dean's List, South Louisiana Community College (2006)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
 - Law & Courts Section
 - State Politics & Policy Section
 - Public Policy Section
 - Elections, Public Opinion & Voting Behavior Section
- Southern Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- American Academy of Political Science
- The American Association of Political Consultants
- The American Society of Trial Consultants
- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

UNIVERSITY, PROFESSIONAL, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

University & Professional Service

- Reviewer, *American Politics Research*
- Reviewer, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*
- Reviewer, *Journal of Law and Courts*
- Textbook reviewer, *Understanding Urban Politics: Institutions, Participation, and Policies*
- Microteaching Mentor for TA Orientation, Graduate School, University of Kentucky
- Presentation on Team-Based Learning, Dept. of Political Science, University of Kentucky
- Graduate Student Panel, External Review Committee, University of Kentucky
- Awards Committee Chair, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky
- Department Representative to the Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky
- Faculty Learning Community on Teaching Student Veterans, University of Kentucky
- Guest Editor, Ballotpedia.org: The Encyclopedia of American Politics
- Selected as a Judge for the AAPC Pollie Awards (2012–16)
- Founder, Political Science Club, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Member, University Honors Program, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

- Associate Justice, Student Government Association, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Orientation Leader, Student Orientation Staff, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Media Appearances & Commentary

- “The Republican Party should use Kentucky politics as an example in its 2020 post-mortem,” *Louisville Courier-Journal*, 30 December, 2020, Online at <https://bit.ly/381ufkh>
- “Moscow Mitch Is on It, Guys,” *The Daily Beast*, 02 August, 2019, Online at <https://bit.ly/2Nhqr3W>
- “Campus Voices” WRFL 88.1FM Midterm Election Recap, Lexington, KY, 07 November, 2018.
- “In Donald Trump era, UW prof’s rural Wisconsin insights gain national prominence,” *Wisconsin State Journal*, 19 February, 2017, Online at <https://bit.ly/2SwO2kH>
- “In Donald Trump era, UW prof’s rural Wisconsin insights gain national prominence,” *LaCrosse Tribune*, 19 February, 2017, Online at <https://bit.ly/2MQfKUE>
- “Know the Audience,” *Congressional Quarterly Roll Call Guide: How to Get What You Want Out of Congress*, 25 February, 2015.
- “Why Only Email Your Representative? An Insider Perspective,” *Congressional Quarterly Roll Call: Connectivity*, 01 July, 2014, Online at <https://bit.ly/2BnVSn0>
- “Millennials should support return to the gold standard: Unchecked inflation will impoverish youth,” *The Washington Times*, 19 December, 2012, B4.

University & Community Talks and Service

- Conducted independent public opinion poll in Cincinnati Mayoral Primary Election: April 2021
- Expert Witness on SB80, Ohio State Senate: Local Government and Elections Committee, 16 March 2021
- Expert Witness on HB149, Ohio State House of Representatives: Government Oversight Committee: 11 March 2021
- Board Member, Welcome House of Northern Kentucky, 2020–Present
- Precinct Election Official, Hamilton County (Ohio) Board of Elections, November 2020 General Election
- “Introduction to Team Based Learning,” Presentation at the Political Science Department Teaching Assistant Training, University of Kentucky, 26 April 2019
- “The Effect of Campaign Expenditures on Trial Court Election Competition: Evidence from Louisiana,” Research presentation at the Political Science Department Colloquia Series, University of Kentucky, 10 April 2019
- “What Can I Do with a Political Science Degree?” Invited panelist for PS Undergraduate Panel, University of Kentucky, 13 April 2018
- “‘The Wind...in our Face’: Congress and the 2018 Midterm Elections,” Invited talk for PS476G, Legislative Process, University of Kentucky, 06 April 2018
- “Another ‘Shellacking’? The President and the 2018 Midterm Elections,” Invited talk for PS484G, The American Presidency, University of Kentucky, 06 April 2018
- “Careers in Politics,” Invited talk for PS492, Kentucky Legislative Internship Program, University of Kentucky, 26 February 2018
- “Elected (In)Justice? The Effects of Judicial Selection Mechanisms on Racial Disparity in State Incarceration Rates,” Research presentation at the Political Science Department Colloquia Series, University of Kentucky, 07 February 2018
- “Careers in Political Campaigns,” Invited presentation scheduled to be given to Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, University of Kentucky, 24 October 2017 (meeting cancelled by organizers)

- “Congressional Campaigns: The Nuts and Bolts,” Invited presentation for PS476, Legislative Processes, University of Kentucky, 26 September 2017
- “The Role of Religion in Public Service,” Invited speech given to Baptist Village-Owasso, Owasso, OK, 10 November 2014
- “Careers in Political Campaigns,” Invited presentation for Politics & Public Policy and Media & Communications Programs, The Washington Center, Washington, DC, March 2014
- Judged campaign plans for Politics & Public Policy Program, The Washington Center, Washington, DC, November 2013
- “Careers in Political Campaigns,” Invited presentation for Journey to Careers class, Houma Junior High, Houma, LA, November 2011

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Political Account Coordinator, 2014–16. Innovative Advertising
- Consultant, 2013. Brad Tidwell for Virginia State Delegate
- Special Assistant to the President, 2012–13. American Principles in Action
- Consultant, 2012. Cherokees Demand Truth from Elizabeth Warren
- Legislative Correspondent, 2011–12. United States House of Representatives
- Consultant, 2011. Sam Little for Louisiana State Representative
- Consultant, 2011. Darrin Guidry for Louisiana State Senate
- Legislative Assistant, 2011. Louisiana State Senate
- Consultant, 2010. Hunt B. Downer for Congress
- Consultant, 2010. Kristian Magar for Congress
- Police Officer, 2007–08. Lake Charles and Lafayette (Louisiana) Police Departments
- Health Care Specialist, 2000–05. U.S. Army

REFERENCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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