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ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Jacksonville University

Coordinator/Chair, Department of Political Science, 2018-2021

- Led departmental growth, resulting in a 67% increase in declared majors through strategic curricular planning and increased program visibility initiatives.
- Oversaw a comprehensive overhaul of the department's public-facing profile, including redesigning its presence on the University website by authoring a new mission statement, and promoting updated academic programs to prospective students.
- Directed semester course scheduling, coordinating full-time faculty assignments to meet enrollment demands and ensure curriculum coherence across offerings.
- Evaluated candidate resumes for adjunct teaching needs and recommended hires to Social Sciences Division Chair.
- Chaired departmental assessment initiatives, serving as the primary liaison with University officials to align learning outcomes with institutional priorities and reporting requirements.

Saint Leo University

Editor, *Kaleidoscope: Integrating Research Across Disciplines*, College of Arts, Sciences, and Allied Services, 2024-2026

- Managed full peer-review and editorial workflow processes, including initial coordination of peer reviewers, tracking submissions, and ensuring timely publication of second issue.
- Led a five-member, cross-disciplinary faculty committee within the Dean's Faculty Council to oversee all operations, including editorial strategy, peer review coordination, and publication timelines.
- Coordinated copy-editing and proofreading processes with an interdisciplinary group of faculty members.
- Liaised with authors across disciplines to provide constructive editorial feedback, manage revised manuscripts, and guide works from submission to publication for interdisciplinary journal.

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Lead, Department of Social Sciences, 2025-2026

- Worked directly with institutional QEP Director as liaison between Department of Social Sciences and University Office of Assessment and Institutional Research (AIR).
- Supported department faculty in identifying and creating Key Assignments (KAs) to fully address all Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's) in needed courses across four academic programs, including History, International Studies, Political Science, and Psychology.
- Served as resource for updating existing QEP assignments, rubrics and related pedagogical resources.
- Served as member of QEP Impact Report Working Team.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Saint Leo University, Department of Social Sciences, 2022-Present
- Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (2024-2025)

Assistant Professor, Jacksonville University, Department of Political Science, 2018-2021
- Joint Appointment with Public Policy Institute (2021)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Jacksonville University, Department of Political Science, 2017-2018

Visiting Instructor, Illinois College, Department of History and Political Science, 2016-2017

Visiting Lecturer, Murray State University, Department of Political Science and Sociology, 2014-2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2017

Major Field: American Political Institutions

Minor Field: Comparative Politics

Dissertation: The State House and the White House: Gubernatorial Rhetoric During the Obama Administration

Committee: Richard Waterman (Chair), Justin Wedeking, Edward Jennings, Jr. (Martin School)
Nicolai Petrovsky (Martin School), Alan DeSantis (Department of Communication)

M.A., Political Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2015

Graduate Certificate, College Teaching and Learning, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2013

M.A., Political Science, American University, Washington, D.C., 2010
Concentration: American Politics

B.A., Political Science, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, 2008
Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Political Science

TEACHING INTERESTS

American Government, American Presidency, Congress, Constitutional Law, State and Local Politics
Public Policy, Popular Culture, Scandal and Corruption, Political Rhetoric, Comparative Politics,
Media and Politics, Research Methods, American Foreign Policy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Lower-Division Courses

AI Unlocked: Skills for Life, Work, and Society	(Traditional and Online Formats)
American National Government	(Traditional and Online Formats)
Democracy in Troubled Times	
Introduction to Comparative Politics	(Traditional and Online Formats)
Introduction to Political Theory	
Introduction to Politics	
State and Local Politics	
World Politics	(Graduate Teaching Assistant)

Undergraduate Upper-Division Courses

American Foreign Policy	
American Political Parties and Elections	
Career Development Seminar	(Cross-Listed with History Program)
Classical and Medieval Political Philosophy	
Comparative Political Systems	(Traditional, Hybrid, and Online Formats)
Congressional Politics	(Traditional and Hybrid Formats)
Constitutional Law: Powers and Constraints	
Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties	
Methods of Social Research	(Traditional and Hybrid Formats)
Modern Political Philosophy	
Political Parties and Politics	
Political Philosophy	
Public Policy	(Traditional and Hybrid Formats)
State and Local Government	
The American Presidency	(Traditional and Online Formats)

Undergraduate Honors Courses

Great Speeches
Research Methods
Scandal and Corruption in Politics
Seminar in Comparative Politics

Undergraduate Special Topics Courses

Comparative Executives
Politics and Popular Culture
Scandal and Corruption in American Politics

(Traditional and Online Formats)

Graduate Courses

Political Institutions, Processes, and Public Policy
Public Policy Analysis

(Traditional and Online Formats)
(Online Format)

Selected Independent Study Courses

Comparative Tax Policy
Founding Documents and Public Policy*
Judicial Politics
Political Leadership
Political Psychology
Presidential Campaign Rhetoric*
The American Judicial Process
U.S. Presidential Elections

*Graduate Course

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Presidential Leadership and Communication, Gubernatorial Rhetoric, State Politics, Political Travel,
Comparative Executives, Campaigns and Elections, Faith and Politics, Political Scandal and Corruption,
Curricular Change in Higher Education

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Pomante II, Michael J., and Austin Trantham. 2024. *Historical Dictionary of the Donald Trump Administration*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Journal Articles

Trantham, Austin, and Brandon Rottinghaus. 2026. "Dear President Nixon: Re-examining public correspondence during the Watergate scandal." *International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics* 20(3): 309–326. https://doi.org/10.1386/macp_00106_1

Trantham, Austin, Valerie Kasper, Cristina Reinert, and Emily Kochanski. 2025. "Promoting Classroom Engagement and Career Preparation with Virtual Experiences and Immersive Learning." *Florida Scholarly Review*, 133-146.

Rhodes, Marissa, and Austin Trantham. 2024. "Hit Me With Your Best Shot: A Genealogy of American Vaccination Policy." *Kaleidoscope: Integrating Research Across Disciplines* 1(1): 5-30. ISSN 3065-1611. <http://bit.ly/4l0qApb>

Voris, Ryan E., and Austin Trantham. 2024. "Oh, the Places They'll Go: A Geographic Analysis of Gubernatorial Campaigns." *American Politics Research* 52(4): 389-402. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X241253259>

Foote, Paul, and Austin Trantham. 2023. "Centralizing the Selection of Circuit Court Nominees in the George W. Bush, Obama, and Trump Administrations." *The Commonwealth Review of Political Science* 6(1): 24-40. <https://doi.org/10.61611/2994-0044.1042>

Bailey, Kendall L., and Austin Trantham. 2021. "Racial Politics and the Presidency: Analyzing White House Visits by Professional Sports Teams." *Social Science Quarterly* 102(2): 897-919. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12944>

Olson, Jeremiah, Yu Ouyang, John Poe, Austin Trantham, and Richard W. Waterman. 2012. "The Teleprompter Presidency: Comparing Obama's Campaign and Governing Rhetoric." *Social Science Quarterly* 93(5): 1402-1423. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1540-6237.2012.00925.x>

Book Chapters

Trantham, Austin. Forthcoming. "Virtual Depictions of Presidential Leadership and Legacy." In *Imagining Presidential Legacies: Critical Perspectives on American Presidential Libraries and Museums*, eds. Marie-Alice L'Heureux and Kapila Silva. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, xxx-xxx.

Trantham, Austin. 2026. "Ideas, Institutions, and Individuals: Comparing Constitutions Around the World." In *Short Games and Active Learning in Political Science: Beating the Clock*, eds. Mark Harvey, James Fielder, Ryan Gibb, and Derek Glasgow. New York: Routledge, 146-150.

Trantham, Austin. 2026. "Candidates, Campaigns, and Communication: Investigating Presidential Election Advertisements." In *Short Games and Active Learning in Political Science: Beating the Clock*, eds. Mark Harvey, James Fielder, Ryan Gibb, and Derek Glasgow. New York: Routledge, 222-227.

Trantham, Austin, and Kendall L. Bailey. 2023. "Virginia's Second Congressional District: New Redistricting

in the Old Dominion.” In *The Roads to Congress 2022: Controversies and Competing Visions for America’s Future*, eds. Sean D. Foreman, Marcia L. Godwin, and Walter Clark Wilson. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 209-229. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-42749-7_11

Trantham, Austin, Connor J.S. Sutton, Margaret M. Ochner, and Jennifer E. Lamm. 2022. “A Limited Time Offer: Exploring Adjunct, Visiting, and Fixed-Term Positions.” In *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*, eds. Kevin G. Lorentz II, Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, Dawn Phoenix, and J. Cherie Strachan, Washington, D.C.: American Political Science Association, 283-288. <https://www.apsanet.org/gradschool>

Encyclopedia Entries *Student Co-Author

Trantham, Austin. Forthcoming. “Teaching At: Liberal Arts Institutions.” In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science*, eds. Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, and Joseph Roberts. Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Rackaway, Chapman, and Austin Trantham. Forthcoming. “Information Literacy.” In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science*, eds. Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, and Joseph Roberts. Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Trantham, Austin, and Erin Johnson.* 2026. “Julian Bond.” In *Youth Activism in America: an Encyclopedia of Ideals in Action*, eds. Shamira Gelbman and Bobbi Gentry. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Trantham, Austin, and Lucas Bauer.* 2026. “James Meredith.” In *Youth Activism in America: an Encyclopedia of Ideals in Action*, eds. Shamira Gelbman and Bobbi Gentry. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Trantham, Austin, and Hunter Scott Compton.* 2026. “Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.” In *Youth Activism in America: an Encyclopedia of Ideals in Action*, eds. Shamira Gelbman and Bobbi Gentry. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Trantham, Austin. 2026. “Diane Nash,” “National Youth Administration,” “Rock the Vote,” “James Zwerg.” In *Youth Activism in America: an Encyclopedia of Ideals in Action*, eds. Shamira Gelbman and Bobbi Gentry. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Trantham, Austin. 2025. “American Rescue Plan,” “Biden Cabinet,” “Bidenomics,” “Doug Emhoff.” In *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*, 5th edition, eds. Michael A. Genovese, and Alison D. Howard. New York: Infobase Publishing.

Trantham, Austin, and Natalia Edmonson.* 2025. “Jill Biden.” In *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*, 5th edition, eds. Michael A. Genovese, and Alison D. Howard. New York: Infobase Publishing.

Trantham, Austin, and Brandon Sillen.* 2025. “Lloyd Austin III.” In *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*, 5th edition, eds. Michael A. Genovese, and Alison D. Howard. New York: Infobase Publishing.

Trantham, Austin, and Colin Pelletier.* 2021. “Brett Kavanaugh.” In *American Political Leaders*, ed. Alison D. Howard. New York: Infobase Publishing.

Trantham, Austin, and Hannah Van Curen.* 2021. “Amy Coney Barrett.” In *American Political Leaders*, ed. Alison D. Howard. New York: Infobase Publishing.

Trantham, Austin. 2021. “Elaine Chao,” “Andrew Cuomo,” “Mario Cuomo,” “Gavin Newsom.” In *American*

Political Leaders, ed. Alison D. Howard. New York: Infobase Publishing.

Trantham, Austin. 2021. "Domestic Policy," "Federal Court Appointments." In *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*, eds. Michael A. Genovese and Alison D. Howard. New York: Infobase Publishing.

Book Reviews

Trantham, Austin. 2024. Invited Review of *Presidential Swing States*, 3rd ed., eds. David Schultz and Rafael Jacob. *Florida Political Chronicle* 29(2): 90-93.

Trantham, Austin. 2021. Review of *The Soul of an American President: The Untold Story of Dwight D. Eisenhower's Faith* by Alan Sears and Craig Osten with Ryan Cole. *Christians in Political Science*.
<http://bit.ly/4kQYeOc>

Trantham, Austin. 2020. Review of *Making Sense of the College Curriculum: Faculty Stories of Change, Conflict, and Accommodation* by Robert Zemsky, Gregory R. Wegner, and Ann J. Duffield. *Journal of Political Science Education* 16(2): 262-263. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2019.1594848>

Trantham, Austin. 2019. Invited Review of *Advising the President: Attorney General Robert H. Jackson and Franklin D. Roosevelt* by William R. Casto. *Political Science Quarterly* 134(4): 731-733.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/polq.12984>

Trantham, Austin. 2018. Invited Review of *The Dealmakers of Downstate Illinois: Paul Powell, Clyde L. Choate, John H. Stelle* by Robert E. Hartley. *Journal of Illinois History* 18(3): 227-228.

Bigelow, Nathan, and Austin Trantham. 2008. Review of *Dancing Without Partners: How Candidates, Parties, and Interest Groups Interact in the Presidential Campaign*, eds. David B. Magleby, J. Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson. *Party Politics* 14(4): 503-505. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688080140040602>

Public Scholarship

Trantham, Austin. 2026. "Continuity and Change in Political Science." *Florida Political Chronicle* 32 (2): 12–14.

Trantham, Austin. 2026. "Bringing Core Values to Life through Civic Engagement." *Intersections* 63.
<https://tinyurl.com/core-values-civic-engagement>

Trantham, Austin. 2026. "The Cumberland County Civics Club: A Pioneering Model for Youth Civic Engagement." *Political Science Educator* 29(2). <https://tinyurl.com/cumberland-county-civics-club>

Grubbs, Morris, and Austin Trantham. 2022. "The value of contingent jobs for Ph.D.s seeking the tenure track." *Carpe Careers* (blog), *Inside Higher Ed*. November 7. <https://tinyurl.com/contingent-jobs>

Trantham, Austin. 2020. "Mapping the Geography of Gubernatorial Campaigns Using Social Media." *APSA RAISE the Vote* (blog), American Political Science Association. June 20.
<https://tinyurl.com/gubernatorial-campaigns>

Trantham, Austin. 2019. "Teaching Special Topics Courses in Political Science." *The Political Scientist* 6(1): 12-14. <https://tinyurl.com/special-topics-courses>

MANUSCRIPTS INVITED TO REVISE AND RESUBMIT

Book Chapter

“Wrongdoing in the White House: An Interdisciplinary Assessment of Presidential Scandal.” (with Kendall L. Bailey). For *Scandal in the White House: Corruption, Immorality, and the American Presidency since Reconstruction*.

Field Note

“Gubernatorial Chiefs of Staff: A Preliminary Examination” (with Kendall L. Bailey)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Book Chapter

“Cabinet Appointments and Historic Turnover: Disagreements, Departures, and Distractions.” For *The First Trump Term: Scholars Assess Its Unprecedented Impact on the American Presidency and the Future of the Republic*, eds., Robert P. Watson, Douglas M. Brattlebo, and Tom Lansford. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Books and Edited Volumes

Daring Decisions: Harry S. Truman and Executive Leadership in Foreign Policy. Under Contract with Naval Institute Press.

Scandal in the White House: Corruption, Immorality, and the American Presidency since Reconstruction. (Co-Editor with Richard V. Damms). Under Contract with Edinburgh University Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

“Civic Engagement at Faith-Based Institutions” (with William O’Brochta)

“Congressional Reactions to the State of the Union Address” (with Kendall L. Bailey)

“Debate and Switch: Presidential Priorities and Party Messaging in Gubernatorial Debate Rhetoric” (with Bethany Bowra)

“Defining Presidential Greatness: The Changing Rules of the Ratings Game.” (with Justin Vaughn and Brandon Rottinghaus).

“Southern Gubernatorial Inaugurals and the Politics of Identity, Values, and Policy” (with J. Cherie Strachan).

“Testing the Functionality of Functional Theory: An Analysis of Gubernatorial Debate Rhetoric” (with Travis N. Taylor)

“The Choices Gubernatorial Candidates Make: Do Visits Lead to Votes?” (with Ryan Voris)

“The Re-Electoral Connection: Presidential Radio Addresses and Rhetorical Strategy” (with Kevin M. Baron)

Book Chapters

“From Polarization to Participation: Modeling Civil Discourse with Unify America.” (with Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan and Jessica Gortner). For *Teaching Civic Engagement in Challenging Times: Global Perspectives on Democratic Education for All*, eds., J. Cherie Strachan, Alison Rios Millett McCartney, Euiyoung Kim, Christopher Isike, and John Ishiyama.

“Richard M. Nixon and the Legacy of Watergate.” For *Scandal in the White House: Corruption, Immorality, and the American Presidency since Reconstruction*.

Book Reviews

Invited Review of *Evaluating the Obama Presidency: From Transformational Goals to Governing Realities* for *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

Review of *Teaching Political Science: A Practical Guide for Instructors* by Amanda M. Rosen for the *Journal of Political Science Education*.

Review of *The Disney Revolt: The Great Labor War of Animation's Golden Age* by Jake S. Friedman for *The International Journal of Disney Studies*.

Public Scholarship

"Constitutional Complications and the Election of 1800." [Video Essay]. *Oxford Explains*.

"World War I, the League of Nations, and Woodrow Wilson (1919–1946)." [Video Essay]. *Oxford Explains*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Defining Presidential Greatness: The Changing Rules of the Ratings Game"

Paper to be presented at the Summer Virtual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Format, June 15-16, 2026. (with Justin Vaughn and Brandon Rottinghaus)

"Southern Gubernatorial Inaugurals and the Politics of Identity, Values, and Policy"

Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 4-6, 2026. (presented by J. Cherie Strachan)

"Southern Gubernatorial Inaugurals and the Politics of Identity, Values, and Policy"

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Saint Leo, Florida, April 18, 2026.

"Debate and Switch: Presidential Priorities and Party Messaging in Gubernatorial Debate Rhetoric"

Paper accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 14-17, 2026. (with Bethany Bowra)

"Civic Engagement at Faith-Based Institutions"

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, September 11-14, 2025.

"Teaching AI Literacy and Fluency Across Disciplines"

Presentation given at the Teaching and Learning with AI Conference, Orlando, Florida, May 28-30, 2025. (presented by Amy Harris)

"Rating Presidents in a Polarized Era: Findings of the 2024 Presidential Greatness Project Expert Survey"

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6, 2025. (with Brandon Rottinghaus and Justin Vaughn)

"The Re-Electoral Connection: Presidential Radio Addresses and Rhetorical Strategy"

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6, 2025. (with Kevin M. Baron)

"Gubernatorial Chiefs of Staff: A Preliminary Examination"

Paper presented at the Saint Leo University Center for Research Virtual Research Symposium, Virtual Format, January 8, 2025.

“Promoting Classroom Engagement with Virtual Experiences and Immersive Learning”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Jacksonville, Florida, November 15-17, 2024. (with Valerie Kasper and Emily Kochanski)

“Gubernatorial Chiefs of Staff: A Preliminary Examination”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Gainesville, Florida, March 9, 2024.

“The Choices Gubernatorial Candidates Make: Do Visits Lead to Votes?”

Paper presented at the APSA Virtual Research Meeting, Virtual Format, February 8-9, 2024. (with Ryan Voris)

“Gubernatorial Chiefs of Staff: A Preliminary Examination”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10-13, 2024.

“Analyzing Congressional Reactions to the State of the Union Address”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Virtual Format, March 27, 2021. (with Kendall L. Bailey)

“The Choices Gubernatorial Candidates Make: Do Visits Lead to Votes?”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Format, January 6-9, 2021.

“Comparing Presidential Nominations of Circuit Court Judges”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Format, January 6-9, 2021. (presented by Paul D. Foote)

“The Medium is the Message: Analyzing Congressional Reactions to the State of the Union Address”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Format, January 6-9, 2021. (with Kendall L. Bailey)

“Racial Politics at the White House: Analyzing White House Visits by Professional Sports Teams”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Virtual Format, November 11-13, 2020. (with Kendall L. Bailey)

“The Choices Gubernatorial Candidates Make: Does Polling Influence Campaign Activity?”

Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 16-19, 2020. (with Ryan Voris) (Canceled Due to COVID-19).

“Testing the Functionality of Functional Theory: An Analysis of Gubernatorial Debate Rhetoric”

Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 16-19, 2020. (with Travis N. Taylor) (Canceled Due to COVID-19).

“Testing the Functionality of Functional Theory: An Analysis of Gubernatorial Debate Rhetoric”

Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, DeLand, Florida, April 4, 2020. (Canceled Due to COVID-19).

“Taking Their Cues: Comparing Presidential Nominations of Circuit Court Judges.”

Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, DeLand, Florida, April 4, 2020. (Canceled Due to COVID-19).

“Testing the Functionality of Functional Theory: An Analysis of Gubernatorial Debate Rhetoric”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association, Morehead, Kentucky, March 6-7, 2020. (presented by Travis N. Taylor)

“The Changing Senior Population in Florida: The Real Base of the Trump Coalition”

Paper presented at The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, South Carolina, March 5-6, 2020. (with Michael J. Pomante II)

“Wrongdoing in the White House: An Interdisciplinary Assessment of Presidential Scandal”

Paper presented at the Managing Scandal in the White House Conference, Starkville, Mississippi, October 24-25, 2019. (with Kendall L. Bailey)

“Measuring Gun Control Policy in the American States”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Tampa, Florida, March 2, 2019. (with Michael J. Pomante II)

“Oh, the Places They’ll Go: A Geographic Analysis of Gubernatorial Campaigns”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Austin, Texas, January 17-19, 2019. (with Ryan Voris)

“Oh, the Places They’ll Go: A Geographic Analysis of Gubernatorial Campaigns”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia, November 8-10, 2018. (with Ryan Voris)

“Talking But Not Doing: Congressional Opposition Cohesion and Presidential Foreign Policy Involvement”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2-4, 2015. (with Daniel S. Morey)

“Going Abroad: Domestic Politics as a Stimulus for Foreign Policy Involvement”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014. (with Daniel S. Morey)

RESEARCH TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, 2012

Modules: Typologies and Typological Theory; Tools of Comparative Research; Content Analysis; Strategies of Causal Inference; Historiography, Interviews, Archival Research

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Honors and Awards

Award of Appreciation, Florida Political Science Association, 2026

Faculty Excellence in Service Award, Saint Leo University, (\$1,500), 2025

Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Saint Leo University, 2024-2025

First Place, Faculty Leaderboard, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Saint Leo University, 2024-2025

First Place, Faculty Leaderboard, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Saint Leo University, 2023-2024

Alumni Feature, Austin College 175th Anniversary Celebration, 2023

Invited Participant, *Archives a la Carte* Faculty Research Program, Illinois College, 2017

Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2010-2014

Graduate Honor Award, School of Public Affairs, American University, 2008-2010

Academic Excellence Scholarship, Austin College, 2004-2008

Robert Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship, Austin College, 2006

Grants

Professional Development Subsidy, Law School Admissions Council, (\$600), 2026

Conference Scholarship, Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors, (\$1,000), 2026

Travel Grant, Presidents and Executive Politics Section, American Political Science Association (\$600), 2025

Conference Grant, Brandes Fund for Religious Activities, Texas Lutheran University, (\$4,353), 2024

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (\$200), 2023

Travel Grant, Presidents and Executive Politics Section, American Political Science Association (\$1,000), 2023

Virtual Faculty Development Grant, ORSP, Jacksonville University, (\$100), 2021

Travel Grant, ORSP, Jacksonville University, (\$1,800), 2020

Artinian Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$500), 2019

Travel Grant, ORSP, Jacksonville University (\$250), 2019

Travel Grant, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP), Jacksonville University (\$1,500), 2018

Travel Grant, The Graduate School, University of Kentucky (\$400), 2015

Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky (\$650), 2015

Travel Grant, Department of Political Science and Sociology, Murray State University (\$1,400), 2015

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (\$300), 2014

Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky (\$400), 2014

Research Assistant Summer Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky (\$2,000), 2014

Ulmer Award, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky (\$1,000), 2012

Proposed Grants

Small Grant Award, Center for Effective Lawmaking, (\$1,500) (with Brandon Rottinghaus), 2023

INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interviewer (Host, *Civic Cafe* Podcast, APSA Civic Engagement Section) *Inaugural Episode

“From the Playground to the Polls: Why Early Civic Education Matters,” Diana Owen, 2025

“Building Civic Muscle,” Jae Yeon Kim, 2025

“From Theory to Action: Exploring Democratic Engagement,” Jane Mansbridge, 2023

“Taking Context Seriously: Lessons from Afghanistan and Ukraine,” Jennifer Murtazshvili, 2023

“Creating Civic Pedagogy to Serve Hispanic-Serving Institutions,” Andrew Smith, 2023

“Improving Civic Engagement and Literacy in Florida,” Judithanne McLauchlan, 2022*

Interviewee

“Florida’s new open carry law,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2026

“Faculty Voices” Feature, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Saint Leo University, 2025

“Professors Answer Questions on Constitution Day,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2025

“Florida sets 2025 special elections,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2025

“Jimmy Carter: A leader with a big heart,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2025

“Empowering the vote,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2024

“The 2024 Presidential Debate in review,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2024

“A world riddled with inflation,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2024

“Presidential debates and their influence on voters,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2023

“Freedom of Speech restricted,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2023

“Constitution Day 2023,” *The Lions’ Pride* Newspaper, Saint Leo University, 2023

“Presidential Politics and The Supreme Court,” The Hurt & Williams Show, Podcast, Murray, Kentucky, 2020

“Who will be the Democratic nominee?” *The Navigator* Newspaper, Jacksonville University, 2020

“Remembering the Iran Hostage Crisis,” *The Navigator* Newspaper, Jacksonville University, 2019

“Breanna’s Weekly Highlights Featuring Dr. Trantham,” *Dolphin Channel News*, Jacksonville University, 2019

“Are we apathetic,” Election 2014 Supplement, *The Murray State News*, Murray State University, 2014

RESEARCH TALKS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

*Co-Presenter

Research Talks

“The Choices Gubernatorial Candidates Make: Do Visits Lead to Votes?” Virtual, 2021*
APSA State Politics and Policy Section Spring Speaker Series (with Ryan Voris)

“Oh, the Places They’ll Go: A Geographic Analysis of Gubernatorial Campaigns,” Virtual, 2020*
University of Kentucky Department of Political Science Research Colloquium (with Ryan Voris)

Invited Presentations

Academic Institutions

“What Drives Civic Learning? K-12 and the Academy in Conversation,” Panelist, In-Person, 2026*
“We the People: National Symposium on Civic Education Research,”
Georgetown University, Washington, DC

“Constitutional Controversies of the Second Trump Administration,” Panelist, Virtual, 2025*
Central College, Pella, Iowa

“The Academic Job Market: Preparing Application Materials and Interviewing,” Virtual, 2023
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

“Preparing Application Materials for the Academic Job Market,” Virtual, 2022
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Community and Civic Organizations

“Scandal and Corruption in American Politics,” In-Person, 2025
OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute, Tampa, Florida

“The Judicial Branch of Government,” In-Person, 2021
Ponte Vedra Democratic Club, Ponte Vedra, Florida

“The Executive Branch of Government,” Virtual, 2021
Northwest SJC United for Progress Club, St. Johns, Florida

“The Executive Branch of Government,” Virtual, 2021
Ponte Vedra Democratic Club, Ponte Vedra, Florida

CAMPUS TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

*Co-Presenter/Panelist

Saint Leo University

“Support, Suspicion, and Scandal: Public Correspondence During Watergate,” Faculty in Focus, 2026

“Funding Your Future: Applying for Grants, Fellowships, and Scholarships,” Honors Program, 2026

“Making Your Case: LSAC and Law School Admissions,” Pre-Law Society, 2026

“Interpreting Equality: Citizenship and the Supreme Court,” SWK 210: Equity and Justice, 2026

“Hedra AI: Transforming Teaching with Virtual Guest Speakers,” FDD, 2026

“Making Your Case: LSAC and Law School Admissions,” 3+3 Accelerated Law Program, 2025

“AI Think, Therefore I am: Cultivating Critical Thinking in the Classroom,” FDD, 2025*

“Picture This: Teaching Political Science with AI-Generated Images,” CTLE Podcast, 2025

“Using Microsoft Forms to Increase Student Engagement,” Faculty in Focus: Top Teaching Tips, 2025

“AI as a Teaching Partner: Insights From the CTLE Faculty Fellows,” FDD, 2025*
 “From Concept to Contract: A Professor’s Guide to Book Publishing,” Center for Research, 2024*
 “Modeling Inclusivity and Building Community: The Unify Challenge College Bowl,” FDD, 2024*
 “Simulated Experiences, Real Results: Enhancing Performance Through Virtual Practice,” CTLE, 2024
 “Power, Persuasion, and Policy: Understanding Political Debate,” Debate Club, 2024
 “Ideas, Inquiries, and Investigations: Research in Action,” POL 231: Political Inquiry, 2024
 “AI Productivity Hacks,” Faculty Council, College of Arts, Sciences, and Allied Services, 2024
 “AI Productivity Hacks,” FDD, 2024*
 “Enhancing Student Engagement with Microsoft Tools,” FDD, 2024
 “Strategies for Collaborating with Students on Research,” Center for Research, 2024*
 “AI Productivity Hacks,” Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE), 2023*
 “Introduction to Grant Writing,” Honors Program, 2023
 “The Constitution, Emergency Powers, and Civil Liberties,” Constitution Day Event, 2023*
 “Law School 101: What You Need to Know,” HTY/POL 301: Career Development Seminar, 2023
 “AI and Immersive Learning Simulations in the Classroom,” FDD, 2023*
 “Cultivating Student Attention by Understanding Distraction,” Faculty Development Day (FDD), 2023*

Jacksonville University

“Civic Engagement, Politics, and Society,” University Scholars Program, 2021
 “Understanding the Electoral College,” Political Science Society, 2020
 “The History and Importance of Voting,” Athletics Department, 2020*
 “The Psychology of Voting,” Political Science Society, 2020*
 “The Importance of Impeachment,” Political Science Society, 2019
 “Debate on Gun Control Policy,” Philosophy Slam, 2019*

Murray State University

“Race, Ethnicity, and Politics,” SOC 343: Race and Ethnicity, 2015

STUDENT RESEARCH SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP

Supervisor, Political Science Research Internship, Saint Leo University

Isabella Picone (2026), Joshua Faieta (2026), Lucas Bauer (2025), Hunter Compton (2025), Griffin Gibson (2025),
 Colleen Kester (2024), Hannah Lynn (2024), Emily Shute (2024), Brandon Sillen (2024), Brooke Liske (2023),
 Emma Nieman (2023)

Director, Freshman Honors Apprenticeship, Saint Leo University

Gianna Phillips (2026), Brody Bouziotis (2023), Natalia Edmonson (2023), Hannah Lynn (2023), Daniela Arroyo (2022)

Advisor, Master of Public Policy Capstone Thesis, Jacksonville University
December Lee (2021), Glen Leverette (2020)

Sponsor, Undergraduate Student Symposium, Jacksonville University
Hannah Van Curen (2021)

Member, Senior Honors Thesis Committee, Murray State University
Luke King (2015)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Positions and Boards

Editor, *The Political Scientist* Newsletter, Florida Political Science Association, 2022-Present

Guest Editor, *eJournal of Public Affairs*, AI and Civic Engagement Special Issue, 2026

Editorial Board Member, *The Commonwealth Review of Political Science*, 2023-Present

Editorial Board Member, *Florida Political Chronicle*, 2022-Present

Officer Positions

*Inaugural Position

American Political Science Association

Civic Engagement Section

Director of Awards, 2023-Present*

Presidents and Executive Politics Section

Social Media Coordinator, 2022-Present*

Webmaster, 2019-2022

State Politics and Policy Section

Social Media Coordinator, 2025-2028*

Florida Political Science Association

President, 2025-2026

First Vice President, 2024-2025

Second Vice President, 2023-2024

Board and Committee Activity

*Inaugural Position

American Political Science Association

Distinguished Award for Civic and Community Engagement Committee, Member, 2022-2024

Civic Engagement Section

Civic Learning Working Group, Member, 2026-Present

Communications and Publications Committee, Member, 2022-Present

Established Leader Award Committee, Chair, 2025

Emerging Scholar Award Committee, Chair, 2024, 2023, 2022*

Ad Hoc Section Journal Committee, Member, 2023-2024

Awards Committee, Chair, 2021-2023*

Political Science Education Section

Best New Undergraduate Textbook Award Committee, Member, 2026*

Presidents and Executive Politics Section

George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award Committee, Member, 2025

Richard E. Neustadt Award Committee, Member, 2023, 2019

State Politics and Policy Section

Virginia Gray Book Award Committee, Member, 2025

Florida Political Science Association

Best Undergraduate Paper Award Committee, Chair, 2024-Present

Best Undergraduate Paper Award Committee, Member, 2023-Present

Best Graduate Paper Award Committee, Member, 2023-Present

Executive Council, Member, 2021-2023

Conference Leadership

Section Chair, "American National Politics," Florida Political Science Association, 2022-Present

Arrangements Chair, Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida, April 18, 2026.

Co-Organizer, Civic Engagement and Faith Perspectives Conference, Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Texas, October 30-November 1, 2025.

Program Chair, Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, March 30, 2025.

Program Co-Chair, Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, March 9, 2024.

Section Chair, "Undergrad: Behavior, American Politics, and Methods," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual Format, April 14-18, 2021.

Conference Participation

Roundtable Panelist, "Professional Development Opportunities for Students," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Saint Leo, Florida, April 18, 2026.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "American Political History," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Saint Leo, Florida, April 18, 2026.

Panel Chair, "Addresses and Elections," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Saint Leo, Florida, April 18, 2026.

Roundtable Panelist, "Teaching Political Science," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Saint Leo, Florida, April 18, 2026.

Panel Chair, "Controversies in Bureaucratic Politics," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science

Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, September 11-14, 2025.

Book Roundtable Panelist, *Beating the Clock: The Power of Short Games and Active Learning in the Political Science Classroom*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6, 2025.

Panel Chair, "Managing Local Governments," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida, March 30, 2025.

Roundtable Panelist, "Student Professional Development," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida, March 30, 2025.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Institutional Politics and Media Strategies," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida, March 30, 2025.

Roundtable Panelist, "Teaching Political Science," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida, March 30, 2025.

Panel Discussant, "Politics of COVID-19," Summer Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Format, June 20-21, 2024.

Panel Discussant, "Issues, Individuals, and Ideologies in the American States," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Gainesville, Florida, March 9, 2024.

Panel Chair, "Civic Education and Public Policy," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Gainesville, Florida, March 9, 2024.

Roundtable Panelist, "Undergraduate and Graduate Student Professionalization," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Gainesville, Florida, March 9, 2024.

Roundtable Panelist, "Teaching Political Science," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Gainesville, Florida, March 9, 2024.

Panel Chair, "Institution Building in Historical and Contemporary Contexts," APSA Virtual Research Meeting, Virtual Format, February 8-9, 2024.

Panel Chair, "The Trump Presidency," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10-14, 2024.

Panel Chair, "Hidden Figures: Diversity in State Politics & Policy," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10-14, 2024.

Roundtable Panelist, "The Roads to Congress: Retrospective Views of 2022 and Prospects for 2024," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10-14, 2024.

Panel Discussant, "Strategies for Democratic Engagement," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, California, August 31-September 3, 2023.

Panel Chair, "Local Movements with National Implications," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science

Association, DeLand, Florida, April 22, 2023.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Media, Politics, and Popular Culture," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, DeLand, Florida, April 22, 2023.

Roundtable Panelist, "Teaching Political Science," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, DeLand, Florida, April 22, 2023.

Panel Discussant, "American Political Institutions," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Daytona Beach, Florida, March 26, 2022.

Book Roundtable Panelist, *Gaming the System: Nine Games to Teach American Government through Active Learning*, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual Format, April 14-18, 2021.

Roundtable Panelist, "Teaching Political Science," Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Virtual Format, March 27, 2021.

Panel Chair, "The Executive and Governance," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Format, January 6-9, 2021.

Panel Chair, "Legislatures and Outside Forces," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Format, January 6-9, 2021.

Roundtable Discussant, "Innovative Teaching Methods and Undergraduate Research," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, Texas, January 17-19, 2019.

Panel Discussant, "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning," Annual Meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia, November 8-10, 2018.

Manuscript Reviewer/Referee

Books and Textbooks

CQ Press

De Gruyter

Lexington Books

McGraw-Hill

Oxford University Press

Pearson

Routledge

Rowman & Littlefield

W.W. Norton & Company

Journal Articles

Congress & the Presidency

Florida Political Chronicle

Journal of Political Science Education

Papers & Publications: Interdisciplinary Journal of Undergraduate Research

Questions in Politics

The Commonwealth Review of Political Science

The Florida Geographer

External Reviewer

University of Kentucky, Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning, 2022

Other Activities

Reader, AP U.S. Government and Politics Exam, 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2021, 2019, 2016

Member, Cambridge Open Engage Panel, Cambridge University Press, 2019-2021

Member, Academic Advisory Board, *Annual Editions: American Government*, McGraw-Hill, 2019-2021

Content Creator for *Global Politics* by Boyer et al., Oxford University Press, 2019

Member, Preprints Panel, American Political Science Association, 2019

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

*Inaugural Position

Administrative and Leadership Positions

Saint Leo University

Faculty Senator, 2025-2027

Co-Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2025-Present

Secretary, University Explorations Advisory Council, 2025-Present

Editor-in-Chief, *Kaleidoscope: Integrating Research Across Disciplines*, CASAS, 2024-2026*

Chair, *Kaleidoscope* Journal Committee, College of Arts, Sciences, and Allied Services (CASAS), 2024-2026*

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Lead, Department of Social Sciences, 2025-2026*

Secretary, Planning, Budget, and Review Committee, 2023-2025

Jacksonville University

Pre-Law Advisor, 2020-2021

Editor-in-Chief, *Policy Matters Journal*, Public Policy Institute, 2019-2021*

Coordinator/Chair, Department of Political Science, 2018-2021

Assessment Coordinator, Department of Political Science, 2018-2021

Internship Advisor, Department of Political Science, 2018-2021

Social Media Manager, Division of Social Sciences, 2018-2021

American University

Editor-in-Chief, *The Public Purpose*, School of Public Affairs, 2009-2010

Program Leadership

Saint Leo University

Co-Faculty Lead, Why Vote? Campaign, 2024-2025

Jacksonville University

Organizer, Constitution Day Program, 2017-2021

Organizer and Moderator, "Into Trump's America" Presentation, 2018

Illinois College

Organizer, Presidential Debate Watch Event, 2016

Board and Committee Membership

Saint Leo University

Ad Hoc Experiential Learning Subcommittee, UEAC, 2025-Present*

Instructional Design Course Review Committee, Faculty Senate, 2025-Present*

Ad Hoc Benedictine Identity Subcommittee, UEAC, 2025-Present*

University Explorations Advisory Council (UEAC), 2023-Present*
Dean's Faculty Council, College of Arts, Sciences, and Allied Services, 2023-Present
Experiential Learning Opportunities Committee, College of Arts, Sciences, and Allied Services, 2023-Present
Faculty Committee, 3+3 Accelerated Law Program, College of Arts, Sciences, and Allied Services, 2022-Present
Ad Hoc Instructional Design Course Review Committee, 2024-2025*
Planning, Budget, and Review Committee, 2023-2025
Faculty Advisory Board, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, 2023-2025
Listening and Communication Committee, College of Arts, Sciences, and Allied Services, 2023-2025
Law, History, and Society Program Committee, Department of Social Sciences, 2023*

Jacksonville University

Ad Hoc Grade Appeal Committee, Division of Social Sciences, 2018-2021
Dean's Faculty Advisory Board, College of Arts and Sciences, 2020
Chair, Grade Appeal Committee (2 Cases), Division of Social Sciences, 2020
Grade Appeals Committee, Division of Humanities (1 Case), 2020
MPP Admissions Committee, Public Policy Institute, 2021
NASPAA Accreditation Subcommittee, Public Policy Institute, 2020-2021
MPP Governance Committee, Public Policy Institute, 2017-2021
Faculty Excellence for University Service Award Committee, 2021, 2019
Academic Standards Committee, 2018-2020
Grade Appeal Committee (1 Case), Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts, 2019
Search Committee for Social Sciences Division Chair, 2018

University of Kentucky

Graduate Committee, Student Rep., Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2012-2013
Graduate Council, University of Kentucky, 2011-2013

Student Organization Advising

Saint Leo University

Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations, 2025-Present*
Faculty Advisor, Student Government Union (Supreme Court), 2025-Present*
Faculty Advisor, College Democrats, 2025-Present*
Faculty Advisor, Debate Club, 2023-Present*

Jacksonville University

Faculty Advisor, Pre-Law Society, 2020-2021
Co-Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations, 2020-2021
Faculty Advisor, College Republicans, 2018-2021
Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, 2018-2021
Faculty Advisor, Political Science Society, 2018-2021

Illinois College

Co-Advisor, Pre-Law Association, 2016-2017

Program Participation and Involvement

Saint Leo University

Session Moderator, "The Truman Effect," Honors Apprenticeship, CAE, 2026
Judge, Academic Poster Award, CAE, 2026
Reader, Annual Brain Bowl, 2026, 2025

Judge, Pope Leo XIV Essay Competition, 2025
Moderator, Constitution Day Program, 2025
Scorekeeper, Annual Brain Bowl, 2024
Session Organizer and Moderator, “Honors Student Experiences,” CAE, 2024
Session Co-Moderator, “Political Science and Sociology Internships, CAE, 2024
Session Chair, “Current Crises in Education,” Research Symposium, 2023
Session Moderator, “Political Science and Sociology Internships,” Celebration of Academic Excellence (CAE), 2023
Timekeeper, Annual Brain Bowl, 2023

Jacksonville University

Graduation Marshal, Jacksonville University, 2021
Moderator, Undergraduate Student Research Symposium, Jacksonville University, 2021
Participant, “Pizza, Professors, and Possible Professions” Program, Jacksonville University, 2019
Scorekeeper and Judge, Florida State Geography Bee, Jacksonville University, 2019
Participant, “Faculty Champions” Admissions Initiative, Jacksonville University, 2018

University of Kentucky

Session Moderator, National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Kentucky, 2014
Student Leader, New TA Orientation, The Graduate School, University of Kentucky, 2011-2014
Student Mentor for Ryan Voris, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2012-2013
Proctor, Disability Support Services, American University, 2009-2010
Presenter, Graduate Student Orientation, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2011

American University

Session Moderator, Undergraduate Research Symposium, School of Public Affairs, 2010

Other

Interviewee, Jack Eliason History Day Project, Alice B. Landrum Middle School, 2019

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dade City, Florida

Judge, Pasco County Clerk and Comptroller’s Constitution Essay Contest, 2023-Present

Jacksonville, Florida

Panelist, World Health Day Event, Jacksonville United Nations Association, 2021
Organizer, Federal Courthouse Internship Program, Bryan Simpson U.S. Courthouse, 2020-2021
Chair, Education Committee, Jacksonville United Nations Association, 2019-2021
Organizer, Peace Corps Documentary Screening with First Coast Retired Peace Corps Volunteers, 2020
Facilitator, Great Decisions, “The State Department & Diplomacy,” Southeast Regional Library, 2019
Interviewee, Jack Eliason History Day Project, Alice B. Landrum Middle School, 2019

PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES *Online Webinar/Course

Saint Leo University

“Green Zone Training,” (Military Student Population), 2026
“Microsoft Copilot 365 Teach for Study Aid Design,” 2026*
“Microsoft Copilot 365 Teach for Rubric Design,” 2026*
“Microsoft Copilot 365 Teach for Lesson Planning,” 2025*
“Exploring Microsoft Copilot365,” 2025*
“Using AI Tools for Qualitative Data Analysis,” 2025*

“How to Create a Literature Review Faster,” 2025*
 “Engaging Students with AI-Powered Classroom Games,” 2025
 “Tech Tip Tuesday: Creating Images and Using Them In Your Course, 2024*
 “Developing Engaging and Inclusive Discussions,” 2024*
 “Inclusive Teaching Practices,” 2024*
 “Building Community in Online Courses,” 2024*
 “Ready to Roar,” (Online Course Development Training), 2024*
 “AI and Higher Education: What Professors Need to Know,” 2024*
 “Mixed Methods Research,” 2024*
 Member, Faculty Learning Community, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, 2023
 “AI Strategies for the Writing-Intensive Classroom,” 2023*
 Presenter, Faculty Symposium on Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education, 2023
 “Introduction to Hybrid Teaching at Saint Leo,” 2023*
 “Introduction to Simulated Experiences at Saint Leo,” 2023*
 “Introduction to Grantseeking,” 2023*
 “Handy Video and Collaboration Tools for the Classroom,” 2023*
 “Active Learning in the Online Environment,” 2022*
 “Top Tips for the First Days of Class,” 2022*
 “Teaching at Saint Leo,” 2022*

Jacksonville University

“How Do Mini-Lectures Improve Student Engagement?,” 2021
 “What Teaching Strategies Help to Engage All Learners Online?,” 2020*
 “Seven Principles for Good Practice in Undergraduate Education,” 2019
 “Engage and Empower Students by Using Wikipedia,” 2019*
 “An Integrated Approach to Student Exams,” 2019*
 “Strategies for Making Lectures More Active, Engaging, and Meaningful,” 2018*
 “Who Am I When I Teach: Understanding Teaching Persona,” 2018*
 “Best Practices for Supporting the Learner Using Blackboard,” 2018
 “Green Zone Training,” (Military Student Population), 2017
 “Writing a Textbook,” 2017

Other

“LSAC Prelaw Advisor Newcomers Training” (Law School Admissions Council), 2025*
 “An Introduction to Ethical Publishing Behavior” (Web of Science Academy), 2025*
 “An Introduction to Peer Review” (Web of Science Academy), 2025*
 “What’s a Wikipedia Assignment?” (Wiki Education), 2025*
 “Engaging Collaborators to Enhance Your Proposal” (Hanover Research), 2024*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
 Civic Engagement Section
 Political Science Education Section
 Presidents and Executive Politics Section
 State Politics and Policy Section
 Christians in Political Science
 Florida Political Science Association
 Midwest Political Science Association
 Presidential History Network

Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors
Southern Political Science Association