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Employment

Siena College (Loudonville, NY)

Assistant Professor, Fall 2014-

University of Georgia (Athens, GA)

Instructor, Fall 2011–Spring 2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 2009–Spring 2010, Spring 2011 Graduate Research Assistant, Fall 2008–Spring 2009, Fall 2010

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Georgia, 2014

Committee: Jamie L. Carson (chair), Keith T. Poole, Ryan Bakker, and Michael H. Crespin (UT-Dallas)

Fields: American Government (Major Field) and Research Methods (Minor Field)

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, 2011

B.A. Political Science, Louisiana State University, 2008 (summa cum laude)

B.A. Spanish, Louisiana State University, 2008 (summa cum laude)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Vining Jr., Richard L., Teena Wilhelm, and Jack D. Collens. 2015. "A Market-Based Model of State Supreme Court News: Lessons from Capital Cases." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 15(1): 3–23.

Bovitz, Gregory L., Jamie L. Carson, and Jack D. Collens. 2012. "Re-centralizing the U.S. House Appropriations Process, 1919-20." *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History* 45(1): 41–53.

Under Review

Collens, Jack D. "Consultants, Contrast Ads, and Strategy in U.S. House Elections."

Wanless, Emily O. and Jack D. Collens. "The Personal Vote and Progressive Ambition before One Man, One Vote."

Papers in Preparation

"Women in Congressional Primaries: An Exploration." In progress.

"The Tea Party and Congressional Primary Participation, 2010–2012." In progress.

"Breaking Free: Ballots, Income, and the Rise of Candidate-Centered Politics in U.S. House Elections." In progress.

"Liberating Airwaves? Television and Candidate-Centered Politics." In progress.

"War before the Floor: Committee Leaders, Preferences, and Parties in the U.S. House." In progress.

Conference Presentations

"Determinants of Voter Participation in Primary Elections for the U.S. House of Representatives: An Exploration." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 18, 2015.

"A Market-Based Model of State Supreme Court News: Lessons from Capital Cases." Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Seattle, WA. April 17–19, 2014.

"Liberating Airwaves? Television and Candidate-Centered Politics." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 3, 2014.

"Ballots, Economics, and the Rise of Candidate-Centered Politics in U.S. House Elections." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 9–11, 2014.

"Breaking Free: The Rise of Candidate-Centered Politics in U.S. House Elections." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 11–14, 2013.

"The Personal Vote and Progressive Ambition: The Unintended Impact of 'One Man, One vote'." With Emily O. Wanless. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Orlando, FL. January 3–5, 2013.

"Breaking Free: The Rise of Candidate-Centered Politics in U.S. House Elections." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. August 30–September 2, 2012.

"Correcting the Urban Advantage: Progressive Ambition as an Unintended Consequence of One Person, One Vote." With Emily O. Wanless. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 12–15, 2012.

"War before the Floor: Committee Leaders, Preferences, and Parties in U.S. House Elections." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 12–14, 2012.

"Comparative Advertising and Strategy in U.S. House Elections." Presented at the pre-conference of the Political Communication Section of the American Political Science Association. Seattle, WA. August 31, 2011.

"Comparative Advertising: Strategy in the 2002 and 2004 Congressional Elections." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 6-8, 2011.

"A Memorable Campaign? Negative Advertising and Salience in the 2004 and 2008 Presidential General Elections." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association. Savannah, GA. November 11-13, 2010.

"Newspaper Coverage of State Supreme Court Decisions." With Richard L. Vining, Jr. and Teena Wilhelm. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 22-25, 2010.

Research Interests

American institutions, campaigns & elections, political communication, political parties, American political development, quantitative analysis

Teaching Interests

Introduction to American Government; Congress; Campaigns & Elections; Political Communication; The Presidency; American Political Development; Political Parties; Research Methods

Honors, Grants, and Awards

University of Georgia Graduate School Outstanding Teaching Award, 2012

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2012 Annual Meeting (\$250)

SPIA Outstanding Research Assistant, Prof. Jamie Carson, Fall 2010

SPIA Outstanding Teaching Assistant, POLS 1101, Spring 2010

SPIA Outstanding Teaching Assistant, POLS 1101, Fall 2009

Courses Taught

Siena College

POSC 182: Political Research II (Fall 2015)

POSC 178: Political Research I (Spring 2015)

POSC 100: Contemporary U.S. Politics (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015)

POSC 313: American Political Parties (Fall 2014)

University of Georgia

POLS 4550: Government and the Mass Media (Spring 2014)

POLS 4790: Special Topics, Campaign Advertising (Fall 2013)

POLS 4105: American Political Development (Summer 2013, Spring 2014)

POLS 2000: Intro. to Political Science (Spring 2013)

POLS 4515: Campaign Politics (Fall 2012)

POLS 1101: Intro. to American Government (Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2012, Spring 2013)

GRSC 7770: Seminar for New Teaching Assistants (Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013)

Teaching Workshops and Courses

GRSC 7770, Fall 2009 (Training Seminar for new teaching assistants)

University of Georgia Dept. of Political Science Teaching Workshop, Spring 2009

Professional Service

Reviewer for:

American Journal of Political Science
American Politics Research
State Politics & Policy Quarterly
New England Journal of Political Science
CQ Press
W.W. Norton & Company

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Political Communication Section Political Organizations and Parties Section Legislative Studies Section

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Software

L'IEX, R, Stata, WinBUGS, SPSS

Professional References

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