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## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2014

*Fields:* American Politics, International Relations, U.S. Public Opinion & Participation

*Dissertation:* The Conflict-Oriented Group Identity of Partisanship

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

M.A., Political Science, 2010

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

B.S., Political Science, 2007

B.S., American Studies, 2007

Minor in European History

*Summa Cum Laude*

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

## Professional Positions

Instructor of Political Science

& Director of Outreach & Public Service Internships, Texas Christian University, 2014-

Lecturer, Texas A&M University, 2014

Instructor, Texas A&M University, 2012-2014

## Publications

Jordan, Soren, and Grant Ferguson. 2016. "Extremism In Survey Measures of Ideology" *Research and Politics* 3(3):1-4.

Ferguson, Grant. 2016. "Politics and Partisanship." *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, ed. Ali Farazmand. Basel: Springer International Publishing.

Ferguson, Grant, Paul M. Kellstedt, and Suzanna Linn. 2013. "How Does the Economy Shape Policy Preferences?" *Electoral Studies* 32(3):544-550.

## Works in Progress

"An Economic Analysis of the 1st Nationalist Movement of 1783" (with John Lovett, forthcoming in an edited Springer volume, citation information not yet final)

"Personality Types and Explaining Political Behavior" (working paper)

"Gender Variation in the Effects of Education on Partisanship" (working paper)

## Research Interests

- Public opinion
- Political behavior
- Mass polarization
- Campaigns & elections
- Survey research methodology

## Teaching Interests

- American government
- Voting behavior
- Political psychology
- Introductory econometrics
- Research design
- Public opinion
- Congress

## Teaching Experience

### **Instructor**

POSC 31003: Topics in American Politics: Science Fiction & Politics (Summer 2016)  
*Sole instructor for an upper-level seminar of 16 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: Unavailable*

### **Instructor**

POSC 31113: Campaigns and Elections (Spring 2016)  
*Sole instructor for an upper-level seminar of 39 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: 4.6 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 10133: American & Texas Government (Spring 2016)  
*Sole instructor for 2 lecture courses of 28 and 31 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Ratings: 4.45 and 4.53 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 20123: Issues in American Politics (Fall 2015)  
*Sole instructor for 2 lecture courses of 31 and 9 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Ratings: 4.53 and 4.76 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 10133: American & Texas Government (Fall 2015)  
*Sole instructor for a lecture course of 14 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: 4.52 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 20123: Issues in American Politics (Summer 2015)  
*Sole instructor for a lecture course of 9 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: Unavailable*

### **Instructor**

POSC 31143: Political Psychology (Spring 2015)  
*Sole instructor for an upper-level seminar of 25 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: 4.56 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 10133: American & Texas Government (Spring 2015)  
*Sole instructor for 2 lecture courses of 10 and 29 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Ratings: 4.6 and 4.44 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POSC 20123: Issues in American Politics (Fall 2014)

*Sole instructor for 2 lecture courses of 35 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*

*Ratings: 4.65 and 4.43 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POSC 10133: American & Texas Government (Fall 2014)

*Sole instructor for a small seminar of 10 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*

*Rating: 4.25 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POLS 206: American National Government (Spring 2014)

*Sole instructor for a large lecture course of 150+ undergraduates at Texas A&M University*

*Rating: 4.84 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POLS 206: American National Government (Fall 2013)

*Sole instructor for a large lecture course of 250+ undergraduates at Texas A&M University*

*Rating: 4.75 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POLS 435: Voting Behavior (Fall 2013)

*Sole instructor for an upper-level seminar for undergraduates at Texas A&M University*

*Rating: 4.82 out of 5*

## **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association

Heterodox Academy

American Society of Bogotá

## Honors and Awards

- SGA Faculty Member of the Year, TCU AddRan College of Liberal Arts, *2015-2016*
- Outstanding Reviewer Award, *Political Research Quarterly*, *2016*
- Faculty Partnership Grant, *Institute for Humane Studies*, *2015*
- Faculty Partnership Grant, *Institute for Humane Studies*, *2014*
- Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute for Humane Studies*, *2014 (declined)*
- Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute for Humane Studies*, *2013*
- Professional Development Grant, *Texas A&M University*, *2013*
- Excellence in Teaching Award, *Texas A&M University*, *2013*
- Head's Bursary for Assistance in Teaching Political Science as a STEM Field, *Texas A&M University*, *2013*
- Regent's Fellowship, *Texas A&M University*, *2010*
- Emerging Scholar Fellowship, *Texas A&M University*, *2010*
- Charles E. Lanni Summer Research Fellowship, *University of Rochester*, *2009*

## Conference Presentations

- “Personality Types and Explaining Political Behavior”
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (2016)
- “Gender Variation in the Effects of Education on Partisanship”
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2015)
- “Conflict, Groups, and the Gender Gap in Strength of Partisanship”
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (2014)
- “The Conflict-Oriented Group Identity of Partisanship”
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2013)

- “The Dynamics of the Economy and Preferences for Government Activism in the U.S.: A Reconsideration” (with P. Kellstedt and S. Linn)
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2012)

## Invited Presentations

- “Understanding and Explaining The 2016 Election”
  - Presented to the Northeast Tarrant County chapter of American Association of University Women, Hurst, TX (2016)
- “What To Expect From The 2016 Presidential Primaries”
  - Presented to the World Affairs Council of Dallas Fort Worth, Dallas, TX (2015)
- “Explaining the Strength of Partisanship Scale”
  - Presented at the Conference on Partisanship and Polarization, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX (2015)

## Professional Service

- Chancellor’s Scholars Interviewer, Texas Christian University (Spring 2017)
- Faculty Adviser, TCU Young Americans For Freedom (2016 - Present)
- Boller Award Competition Judge, Texas Christian University (Spring 2016)
- Mondays at TCU Political Science Representative (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Faculty Presenter, Chancellor’s Scholars Retreat, Texas Christian University (August 2015)
- Faculty Volunteer, Frog Camp: Summit, Texas Christian University (August 2015)
- Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*
- Member, Curriculum Committee for Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University (Fall 2014 - Present; Chair, Fall 2016 - Present)
- Summer Chair, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University (June 2015, June 2016)
- Panel Chair, “Measuring Partisanship,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2015)
- Discussant, “The Politics of Polarization,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2013)

- Adviser for Student Research and Theses:
  - Jacob Velasquez (Chair) - 2017
  - Kyle Chapman - 2017
  - Bryan Tony (Chair) - 2015, 2016
  - Matt Miller - 2015, 2016
  - Austin Taylor - 2015, 2016
  - Alexa Aragonez - 2015, 2016
  - Madison McCauley (Chair, Summer Student Research project) - 2016

## Media Appearances

- “Why Are People Democrats, Republicans, and Independents?”
  - Invited guest on The Bryan Blue Show, Fort Worth, TX (April 2016)
- “Does My Vote Count?”
  - Invited guest on The Bryan Blue Show, Fort Worth, TX (April 2016)

## Skills

- Computer:
  - *Proficient*: R
  - *Intermediate*:  $\LaTeX$
  - *Beginner*: WinRATS, Stata, Excel
- Service:
  - Film, TV, & radio experience (catch me in Season 3 of the Netflix series *El Chapo!*)
  - Master of Ceremonies experience
- Language:
  - American (native)
  - Spanish (Speaking: U.S. State Department Proficiency Level 3 - Minimum Professional Proficiency; Reading: U.S. State Department Proficiency Level 2+ - Limited Working Proficiency+)

## References

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