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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

B.S., Political Science, 2007

B.S., American Studies, 2007

Minor in European History

Summa Cum Laude

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Employment

Instructor II, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University, 2020-

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

Instructor, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University, 2014-2020

Lecturer, Texas A&M University, 2014

Instructor, Texas A&M University, 2012-2014

Publications

Ferguson, Grant, James G. Gimpel, Mark Owens, and Daron R. Shaw. *Forthcoming*. “Campaign Ads and the Differences Between Soliciting Donations and Mobilizing Volunteers.” *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*.

Ferguson, Grant, Kathryn Haglin, and Soren Jordan. 2024. “The Personality and Politics of Cryptocurrency Investors.” *American Politics Research* 52(3):290-305. DOI: 10.1177/1532673X231220653

- Featured in *PsyPost* psychology blog:

- <https://www.psypost.org/new-research-dispels-the-crypto-bro-stereotype/>

- & *TCU Endeavors* & *TCU Magazine*:

- <https://magazine.tcu.edu/endeavors-2024/bitcoin-cryptocurrency-demographics/>

- <https://magazine.tcu.edu/summer-2024/crypto-cryptocurrency-demographics-politics/>

Haglin, Kathryn, Soren Jordan, and Grant Ferguson. 2024. “They’re Coming for You! How Perceptions of Automation Affect Public Support for Universal Basic Income.” *Social Science Computer Review* 42(3):620-635. *Partially funded by a Hayek Fund award for \$3,000*. DOI: 10.1177/08944393231212252

Ferguson, Grant. 2024. “Representation and Legislative Roles in Congress: Evidence From the 1950s.” *Congress and the Presidency* 51(1):1-30. DOI: 10.1080/07343469.2023.2274632

Jordan, Soren, Grant Ferguson, and Kathryn Haglin. 2022. “Measuring and Framing Support for Universal Basic Income.” *Social Policy & Administration* 56(1):138-147. *Partially funded by a Hayek Fund award for \$3,000*. DOI: 10.1111/SPOL.12760

Lovett, John and Grant Ferguson. 2018. "An Economic Analysis of the 1st Nationalist Movement of 1783." In *Public Choice Analyses of American Economic History: Volume 2*, eds. Joshua Hall and Marcus Witcher. New York, NY: Springer Cham, 1-26. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-95819-4

Jordan, Soren, and Grant Ferguson. 2016. "Extremism In Survey Measures of Ideology." *Research and Politics* 3(3):1-4. DOI: 10.1177/2053168016669743

Ferguson, Grant. 2016. Politics and Partisanship. In *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.

Working Projects

James G. Gimpel, Daron R. Shaw, Mark Owens, and Grant Ferguson. "Implementing Large Scale Grassroots Canvassing in a Statewide Campaign." *Revise and resubmit at Political Science Quarterly*

Owens, Mark, James G. Gimpel, Daron R. Shaw, and Grant Ferguson. "Benchmarking Opinions to State Action: Attitudes to Trigger Laws and the 2022 Election."

Ferguson, Grant, James G. Gimpel, Mark Owens, and Daron R. Shaw. "The New Challenges and Professionalization of Voter Canvassing."

Haglin, Kathryn, Soren Jordan, and Grant Ferguson. "Moral Values and Public Support for Universal Basic Income."

Grant Ferguson, Kathryn Haglin, and Soren Jordan. "Personality, Science Attitudes, and Emerging Technology and Ideas."

Selected Recent Research Conference Presentations

“Universal Basic Inflation: Economic Evaluations and Support for Universal Basic Income.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2023; and the International Society of Political Psychology, Montreal, Canada, July 2023. With Kathryn Haglin and Soren Jordan.

“The Politics and Personality of Cryptocurrency Investors.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete Beach, FL 2023. With Kathryn Haglin and Soren Jordan.

“Campaign Ads and the Differences Between Soliciting Donations and Mobilizing Volunteers.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete Beach, FL 2023. With James G. Gimpel and Mark Owens and Daron R. Shaw.

“The Value-Oriented Dynamics of Ideological Support for Universal Basic Income.” At the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2022. With Kathryn Haglin and Soren Jordan.

Research Interests

The politics of emerging technology and ideas
Voting behavior, campaigns, & elections
Political psychology
The historical & contemporary Congress
Leadership
Public opinion
Survey research methodology
Polarization

Teaching Interests

American & Texas government
Campaigns & elections
Political psychology
Congress
Leadership
Public opinion
Science fiction & politics
Capitalism & socialism

Teaching Experience

Texas Christian University

Instructor

POSC 10133: American & Texas Government (9-32 undergraduate students)
Fall 2014, Spring 2015 (2 sections), Fall 2015, Spring 2016 (2 sections), Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018 (2 sections), Fall 2018, Spring 2019 (2 sections), Fall 2019, Spring 2020 (3 sections, partly in-person, partly synchronous online course over Zoom), Spring 2021 (2 sections, synchronous online course over Zoom), Fall 2021 (2 sections), Spring 2022 (2 sections), Fall 2022 (2 sections), Spring 2023 (2 sections), Fall 2023 (2 sections), Spring 2024

Instructor

POSC 40960: Civic Literacy Internship (5-24 undergraduate students)

Spring 2015-Present, every fall, spring, and summer semester

Instructor

POSC 20123: Intro to American Politics (10-32 undergraduate students)

Fall 2014 (2 sections), Summer 2015, Fall 2015 (2 sections, 1 of which was an Honors section), Fall 2016 (2 sections), Fall 2017 (2 sections), Fall 2018 (2 sections), Fall 2019 (2 sections), Fall 2020 (2 sections, synchronous online courses over Zoom), Winter 2020 (synchronous online course over Zoom), Spring 2021 (synchronous online course over Zoom), Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Instructor

POSC 31113: Campaigns & Elections (25-39 undergraduate students)

Spring 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2020 (partly in-person, partly synchronous online course over Zoom), Spring 2022, Spring 2024 (2 sections)

Instructor

POSC 31723: Science Fiction & Politics (10-20 undergraduate students)

Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2020 (synchronous online course over Zoom), Summer 2021 (synchronous online course over Zoom), Summer 2022, Summer 2023 (synchronous online course over Zoom))

Instructor

POSC 31143: Political Psychology (25-37 undergraduate students)

Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2023

Instructor

MALA 60970: Special Problems: The Politics of Science Fiction (13 graduate students)

Fall 2022 (fully asynchronous online course for graduate students in the Master of Liberal Arts program)

Instructor

Classic American Leadership (3 undergraduate students)

Spring 2022 (reading course not for credit), Fall 2021 (reading course not for credit)

Instructor

POSC 32003/31003: Capitalism and Its Critics (51 undergraduate students team-taught with political theorist Sam Arnold)

Fall 2020 (synchronous online course over Zoom)

Instructor

Capitalism and Its Critics (6 undergraduate students team-taught with political theorist Sam Arnold and comparative politics scholar Mark Daku)

Fall 2018 (reading course not for credit)

Instructor

POSC 40970: Independent Study: Science Fiction and Political Science (2 undergraduate students)

Spring 2017

Instructor

POSC 40970: Independent Study: Understanding the Gender Gap in Equal Pay, & Public Opinion on Equal Pay (1 undergraduate student)

Spring 2016

Texas A&M University**Instructor**

POLS 206: American National Government (Spring 2014)

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

Instructor

POLS 206: American National Government (Fall 2013)

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

Instructor

POLS 435: Voting Behavior (Fall 2013)

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

Honors and Awards

- Clark Society Endowed Faculty Fund Award nominee (did not win), *Spring 2024, Spring 2021*
- Invited Guest, Sigma Phi Epsilon Faculty Appreciation Breakfast, *Spring 2022*
- Alpha Delta Pi Professor of the Month, *Fall 2019*
- Hayek Fund for Scholars Award, \$3,000, *Institute for Humane Studies, 2019*
- Guest Coach, TCU Basketball *January 2019 & Baseball March 2018*
- Last Lecture series, nominated and selected Speaker, TCU Senior Class *2018*
- Event And Operations Grant, \$380, *Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 2018*
- Nominee, Wassenich Award for Mentoring in the TCU Community *2017*
- SGA Faculty Member of the Year, TCU AddRan College of Liberal Arts, *2015-2016*
- Outstanding Reviewer Award, *Political Research Quarterly, 2016*
- Faculty Partnership Grant, \$3,100, \$1,780, \$1,895, *Institute for Humane Studies, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015*
- Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute for Humane Studies, 2013, 2014 (declined 2014)*
- 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*

Professional Memberships

Southern Political Science Association
Heterodox Academy

Other Professional Activities and Service

Invited Talks

- “The November 2023 Texas Constitutional Amendments”
 - Presented to the Tarrant County Republican Hispanic Assembly in Fort Worth, TX, 10/2023.

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 - Presented to Project Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, 10/2023.
- “The Politics and Personality of Cryptocurrency Owners”
 - Presented to the Bastiat Society of Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, 6/2023.
- “The Personality and Politics of Cryptocurrency Owners”
 - Presented to the Northwest Arlington Rotary Club in Arlington, TX, 4/2023.
- “The Personality and Politics of Cryptocurrency Owners”
 - Presented to TCU Political Science Distinction in Fort Worth, TX, 3/2023.
- “The Permanent Welfare of UBI, & What Makes People Oppose It”
 - Presented to the Northwest Arlington Rotary Club in Arlington, TX, 1/2023.
- “What Happened In The 2022 Midterms”
 - Presented to Project Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, 11/2022.
- “The Permanent Welfare of UBI, & What Makes People Oppose It”
 - Presented to True Texas Project of Johnson County in Cleburne, TX, 9/2022.
- “The Permanent Welfare of UBI, & What Makes People Oppose It”
 - Presented to True Texas Project of Erath County in Stephenville, TX, 9/2022.
- “Is the Constitution Still Meaningful? What YOU Can Do About It”
 - Presented at Lone Star Patriots in Burleson, TX, 6/2022.
- “The Permanent Welfare of UBI, & What Makes People Oppose It”
 - Presented to Project Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, 6/2022.
- “Value-Oriented Preferences for Universal Basic Income in a Deteriorating U.S. Economic and Political Environment.”
 - Presented to the Real Utopias for Social Europe Workshop, DIGCLASS Project: Social Classes in the Digital Age, Joint Research Centre-JRC at the European Commission, 6/2022. With Soren Jordan and Kathryn Haglin.
- “Politics Are Broken. How Did We Get Here? How Can We Fix It?”
 - Presented to the Institute for Humane Studies in Fountain Hills, Arizona, 3/2022.
- “I Saw It With My Own Eyes: Where They Are Coming From”
 - Presented to Project Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, 10/2021.
- “Measuring and Manipulating Support for Universal Basic Income”
 - Virtually presented to TCU Political Science Distinction in Fort Worth, TX, 10/2020.

- Guest Lecture on “Maintaining Work/Life Balance While Succeeding In Teaching and Research”
 - Virtually presented to graduate students in POLS 681: Professional Development and Teaching in College Station, TX, 4/2020.
- Program Panelist, “Discussing the 2020 Democratic Primary”
 - Presented to TCU Political Science Distinction in Fort Worth, TX, 2/2020.
- “La Cultura Y Palabras De Colombia”
 - Presented in Spanish to TCU Professor Karen Martin’s Intermediate Spanish I class in Fort Worth, TX, 6/2019.
- “The Politics and Culture of Colombia”
 - Presented to the TCU Professor Elva Orozco Mendoza’s Latin American Politics class in Fort Worth, TX, 11/2018.
- “Forecasting the 2018 Congressional Midterms”
 - Presented to the Tarrant County Young Republicans in Fort Worth, TX, 9/2018.
- “TCU Civic Literacy Internship Program”
 - Presented to Tarrant County Delegation Roundtable in Fort Worth, TX, 10/2015.
- “Explaining the Strength of Partisanship Scale”
 - Presented at the Conference on Partisanship and Polarization, Texas A&M University, in College Station, TX, 2/2015.

Debate or Candidate Forum Moderator

- “Tarrant Regional Water District Board Candidate Debate”
 - Hosted at Project Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, April 2023.
- “Johnson County Municipal Candidate Debate”
 - Hosted at Lone Star Patriots in Burleson, TX, March 2023.
- “Tarrant County College Board of Trustees Candidate Debate”
 - Hosted at Project Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, February 2023.
- “Fort Worth District Attorney Candidate Forum”
 - Hosted at Project Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, February 2022.
- “Texas Gubernatorial Candidate Forum”
 - Hosted at Lone Star Patriots in Cleburne, TX, October 2021.
- “Texas Gubernatorial Candidate Forum”
 - Hosted at Project Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, July 2021.
- “Fort Worth Mayoral Candidate Forum With Mattie Parker”
 - Hosted at Project Fort Worth in Fort Worth, TX, April 2021.

Selected Community Involvement

- Christ Chapel Bible Church, Fort Worth, TX (2014-Present)
- Christ Chapel Bible Church Bible Study (2020-Present)
- Tarrant County Ballot Board Member (2023-Present)
- Greeter, Christ Chapel Renovate Young Professionals Church Service (2015-2022)
- Election Judge & Alternate Election Judge (2020 Primary & General Elections)

Discipline

- Manuscript reviewer for:
 - *International Studies Perspectives*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*
- Textbook chapter reviewer for *Governing Texas*, by Champagne, Harpham, Casellas, and Clark (May 2023)
- Discussant, annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Topic: Campaigns and Information (January 2023)
- Mock Interview for Political Science Ph.D. Candidate from the University of Texas at Dallas (Fall 2020)
- Discussant, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Topic: Agreeing to Disagree: How to Promote Civil Discussion on Campus (August 2019)
- Discussant, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Topic: Formation of Mass Attitudes (August 2019)
- Panel Chair, annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Topic: Measuring Partisanship (April 2015)
- Discussant, annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Topic: The Politics of Polarization (April 2013)

Department, College, and University

Department

- Advisor, undergraduates majoring in Political Science
 - 2016-2022: About 30 every semester, 2023: About 12 every semester
- Senior Thesis and Honors Committee Membership (TCU has no graduate program in Political Science)
 - Laura Lane Heathcott (2022-2023), Chandler Runnels (Chair, 2022-2023), Gloria Viera (2022), Victoria Saucedo (Co-Chair, 2021-2022), Bella Pantoja (2021), Emma Marek (Chair, 2020-2021), Laredo Lloyd (2019), Alex Noetzel (2018-2019), Alexandra Hulme (2018-2019), Sydney Gallagher (2018), Jill Leslie (2017-2018), Ryan DeTamble (Chair, 2017-2018), Daniel Boatwright (Chair, 2017-2018), Andrew Erickson (2017-2018), Jacob Velasquez (Chair, 2016-2017), Kyle Chapman (2016-2017), Madison McCauley (2016-2017), Bryan Tony (Chair, 2015-2016), Matt Miller (2015-2016), Austin Taylor (2015-2016), Alexa Aragonéz (2015-2016)

- Participant, TCU Political Science Distinction Program (2014-Present)
- Student Summer Research Program Mentor
 - Nicole Kontogiannis (2023), Chandler Runnels (2021), Nadia Forougi (2021), Emma Marek (2020), Eliza Batty (2018-2019), Azhan Hasan (2018), Madison McCauley (2016)
- Director of Outreach and Public Service Internships (2015-Present)
 - Running the Civic Literacy Internship program for TCU Political Science
- Chair (2023-) & Member (2022) of Personnel Committee, TCU Political Science
- American Politics Subfield Curricula Captain, TCU Political Science (2019-2023)
- Advisory Committee, TCU Political Science (Fall 2022)
- Teaching observation and review letter for Dr. James Scott (Fall 2022)
- Faculty Mentor, Dr. Brandy Joliff-Scott (2021-Present)
- Member, Search Committee for Hoffman Chair In The American Ideal (2021-2022)
- Chair of Curriculum Committee, TCU Political Science (2021)
- Chair, Search Committee for Visiting Lecturer In Research Methods (Spring 2021)
- Member, Methods Faculty Search Committee (2020)
- Planning Committee, TCU Political Science (2018-2020)
- Summer Chair, TCU Political Science (June 2015, June 2016, June 2019)
- Sponsor and Discussion Leader, "Constitutionalism and Liberty in The Federalist/Anti-Federalist Debates" Discussion Colloquium (Spring 2019)
- Governance Subcommittee, TCU Political Science (2018)
- Teaching observation and review letter for Dr. Brandy Joliff-Scott (Fall 2018)
- Search Committee for judicial politics position, TCU Political Science (2017)
 - Interviewed candidates at meeting of the American Political Science Association
- Assessment Committee, TCU Political Science (2017-2018)
- Chair of Curriculum Committee, TCU Political Science (2017)
- Curriculum Committee, TCU Political Science (2014-2017)
- Interviewer at annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (Fall 2016)
 - TCU Political Science search for a Big Data position
- Judge, AddRan Festival panel for Political Science (Spring 2015)
- Subcommittee on International Relations minor, TCU Political Science (Spring 2015)

College

- Search Committee Member, Department of Spanish & Hispanic Studies (Spring 2023)
 - Met with and interviewed job candidates, primarily in Spanish
 - Observed teaching demonstrations and provided a summary report of feedback to the Department of Spanish & Hispanic Studies
- Panelist, Experience TCU Faculty Panel for AddRan College of Liberal Arts (Spring 2022)
- Ad Hoc Member, AddRan College Advisory Committee (2021-2022)
- Review of my classes for TCU Social Science Core Assessment (Fall 2018, Spring 2021)
- AddRan Experiential Learning Team meeting (Spring 2019)
- Letter of recommendation for Mary McKinney (Department of Spanish and Hispanic Studies) for American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) Teacher of the Year (Spring 2018)
- Teaching observation for Jonathan Steplyk, U.S. History Since 1865, TCU Department of History (Spring 2018)

University

- TCU Pre-Law Adviser (2021-Present)
- College 101 Mentor
 - 2023 (Jeremy Engler), 2022 (Dimitrios Evgeniou), 2021 (Paul McMahon)
- Faculty Adviser, TCU College Republicans (2023-Present)
- Faculty Adviser, Young Conservatives of Texas (2021-Present)
- Faculty Adviser, Young Americans for Freedom (2016-2022)
- Faculty Adviser, Young Americans for Liberty (2018-2021)
- Chancellor's Scholars Interviewer (2017-2021, 2023)
- Mondays at TCU – Political Science Representative (2015-Present)
- Boller Award Competition Judge (Spring 2016)
- Faculty Volunteer, Frog Camp: Summit (August 2015)
- Faculty Presenter, Chancellor's Scholar Retreat (August 2015)
- Faculty Volunteer, TCU House Calls (Fall 2014)

Selected Media Appearances

- “The Importance of Mid-Term Voting”
 - Invited guest on The White Hat Law Show with Warren Norred & Friends, Fort Worth, TX (October 2018)
- “Why Are People Democrats, Republicans, and Independents?”
 - Invited guest on The Bryan Blue Show, Fort Worth, TX (September 2016)
- “Does My Vote Count?”
 - Invited guest on The Bryan Blue Show, Fort Worth, TX (April 2016)

Skills

- Computer:
 - *Proficient*: R
 - *Intermediate*: L^AT_EX
 - *Beginner*: Stata, Excel
- Methodological training:
 - Maximum likelihood estimation
 - Text analysis
 - Survey design
 - Time series
- Service:
 - Campaign consulting
 - Experienced debate moderator
 - TV & radio experience
 - Master of Ceremonies
 - Story design & creative thinking
- Language:
 - American (native)
 - Spanish (Full Professional Proficiency - IRL Level 4)
- Cultural Experience:
 - Colombia (1 year, visited 17 out of 32 departments)
 - Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Belize, Panama, Ecuador, Bolivia, Argentina (short trips)

Other Professional Development

- Certified to teach fully online, asynchronous classes by TCU's Koehler Center
- CITI Certification in Human Subjects Research (2019, 2023)
- Koehler Center Workshop on Laughter and the Serious Teacher: Using Humor Judiciously in the Classroom with Steve Sherwood (Spring 2022)
- Tarrant County Election Judge Training (Spring 2020)
- Inclusive Course Design and Pedagogy in Political Science workshop (Spring 2020)
- Participant, Strengths Deployment Inventory I, TCU Summer Leadership Conference (Summer 2019)
- Follow-up Meeting to the Koehler Center's "Smart Syllabus Design" workshop with Joanna Schmidt (Summer 2019)
- Participant, Koehler Center Workshop on "Smart Syllabus Design" (Spring 2019)
- Participant, Koehler Center Workshop on "Pedagogy in Practice: Contemplative Practices in the Classroom" (Fall 2018)
- SPAN 42603: Spanish for Business Professions 2 (Spring 2018)
 - I audited Spanish for Business Professions 2 and received an A-
- SPAN 31603: Spanish for Business Professions 1 (Fall 2017)
 - I audited Spanish for Business Professions 1 and received an A-
- SPAN 20113/20213: Intensive Intermediate Spanish 1/2 (Spring 2017)
 - I audited Intensive Intermediate Spanish 1 & 2 at TCU & received an A- in both

Hobbies

- Adventurous travel
- Two-step and salsa dancing
- Powerlifting
- Texas A&M & TCU football
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Election forecasting
- Music: Texas country, heavy metal, house & electro EDM, Latin music

References

Available upon request