

Department of Political Science,
Mercer University.

Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to apply for the position of Assistant Professor of Political Science as advertised on APSA's ejobs board. I am a doctoral candidate specializing in political economy with particular focus on America politics, formal theory, political communication, and timing of elections. I will complete my Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in May 2022.

I am extremely interested in joining the faculty of Mercer. As a member of the department, I will contribute to its focus on political science education, continue my research on strategic communication, and lead departmental service activities. I find Mercer's tradition for teaching and its research philosophy very stimulating. I am confident that my enthusiasm for teaching, my theoretical and empirical approach to studying socially relevant topics, and my track record for collaborative work make me an excellent fit for the position in your department.

My research examines issues in political economy. In my job market paper, I theoretically and empirically analyze how politicians strategically vary ad content and placement to mobilize their base and demobilize the opposing one. In other work, I examine whether candidates of the same party, who advertise in the same district, free ride off of each others ads. In joint work, my co-author and I characterize conditions such that voting outcomes are independent of voting order.

In addition, I have a strong interest in teaching. As I mention in my teaching statement, I have extensive teaching experience in a range of topics. During my doctoral studies at Illinois, I was honored to be selected by my students among the top 10% of teachers in the university.

Included in my application are copies of my CV, my job market paper titled "Messaging the Bases: Tailoring Political Ads to Audiences", and other requested materials. Letters in support of my application from Professors Dan Bernhardt (Chair), George Deltas, and Stefan Krasa will be sent under a separate cover.

I can be reached via email at ecnstnt2@illinois.edu or by phone at +1-217-721-5834.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any additional information that I can provide.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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