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Employment & Affiliations

Director of Institute for Rural Initiatives, Arkansas State University, 2022–.
Interim Department Chair of Political Science, Arkansas State University, 2022–.
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Arkansas State University, 2019–.
Affiliate Faculty, Center for No Boundary Thinking, Arkansas State University, 2020–.
Statistical Consultant, Applied Curiosity Research, 2020–.
Affiliate Faculty, Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), 2017–2019.
Research Director, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Election & Data Science Lab, 2017–2019.
Senior Researcher, Fors Marsh Group, 2015–2017.
Post-Doctoral Fellow in Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2014–2015.
Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Arkansas State University, 2013–2019.

Education

Ph.D., Texas A&M University, 2014
M.A., Arkansas State University, 2009
B.A., Arkansas State University, 2007

Research

Journal Articles

Wimpy, Cameron. 2021. “Political Failure and Bureaucratic Potential in Africa.” 2021. *Journal of Policy Studies* 36(4): 15–25.

Wimpy, Cameron, Laron K. Williams, and Guy D. Whitten. 2021. “X Marks the Spot: Discovering the Treasure of Spatial-X Models.” *The Journal of Politics* 83(2): 722–739. DOI: [10.1086/710089](https://doi.org/10.1086/710089).

Whitten, Guy D., Laron K. Williams, and **Cameron Wimpy.** 2021 “Interpretation: The Final *Spatial Frontier*.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(1): 140–156. DOI: [10.1017/psrm.2019.9](https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2019.9).

Stewart, Charles III, R. Michael Alvarez, Stephen Pettigrew, and **Cameron Wimpy.** 2020. “Abstention, Protest, and Residual Votes in the 2016 Election.” *Social Science Quarterly* 101(2): 925–939.

DOI: [10.1111/ssqu.12757](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12757).

Meier, Kenneth J., Mallory Compton, John Polga-Hecimovich, Miyeon Song, and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2019. "Bureaucracy and the Failure of Politics: Challenges to Democratic Governance." *Administration and Society* 51(10): 1576–1605. DOI: [10.1177/0095399719874759](https://doi.org/10.1177/0095399719874759).

Walker, Matthew W., Sarah A. Evans, **Cameron Wimpy**, Amanda Berger, and Alexandria Smith. 2018. "Developing Smokeless Tobacco Prevention Messaging for At-Risk Youth: Early Lessons from 'The Real Cost' Smokeless Campaign." *Health Equity* 2(1): 167–173. DOI: [10.1089/heq.2018.0029](https://doi.org/10.1089/heq.2018.0029).

McKallagat, Chris, Flávio D. S. Souza, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring, and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2017. "Are Media at Work in Your Neighborhood? The Effect of Media Freedom, Internet Access and Information Spillover on Workers' Rights." *Social Science Quarterly* 98(3): 1078–1098. DOI: [10.1111/ssqu.12443](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12443).

Wimpy, Cameron, and Guy D. Whitten. "What Is and What May Never Be: Economic Voting in Developing Democracies." *Social Science Quarterly* 98(3): 1099–1111. DOI: [10.1111/ssqu.12444](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12444).

Garcia, Blake E., and Cameron Wimpy. 2016. "Does Information Lead to Emulation? Spatial Dependence in Anti-Government Violence." *Political Science Research and Methods* 4(1): 27–46. DOI: [10.1017/psrm.2014.18](https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2014.18). **Winner of best paper in PSRM Award from European Political Science Association.**

Book Chapters

Wimpy, Cameron, Marlette Jackson, and Kenneth J. Meier. 2017. "Administrative Capacity and Health Care in Africa: Path Dependence as a Contextual Variable." in Amanda Rutherford, Claudia Avellaneda and Kenneth J. Meier (eds). *Context and Government Performance: Public Management in Comparative Perspective*. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press, 27–48.

Whitten, Guy D., and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2015. "Stata and Political Science" in Enrique Pinzon (ed). *Thirty Years with Stata: A Retrospective*. College Station: Stata Press, 121–125.

Essays & Reviews

Reid, Irvin D., and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2013. "Defining Opposition: An Interview with Afonso Dhlakama of RENAMO." *Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies*. 37(1).

Wimpy, Cameron. 2011. "The 2009 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Mozambique." *Electoral Studies*. 30(2):366–368. DOI: [10.1016/j.electstud.2011.02.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2011.02.004).

Wimpy, Cameron. 2010. Review of: Valeri, Marc. 2010. "Oman: Politics and Society in the Qaboos State." *Digest of Middle East Studies* 19(2):340–341. DOI: [10.1111/j.1949-3606.2010.00052.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1949-3606.2010.00052.x).

Selected Works in Progress

- "Modeling Time and Space Together." (with Andrea Junqueira, Ali Kagalwala, Guy D. Whitten, and Laron K. Williams)
- "Examining Rurality as a Predictor of Health Behavior and Outcomes: An Analysis of County

Health Rankings, 2011–2021.” (with Amanda M. Carpenter)

- “Lost in Space? Tools to Make Spatial Analysis Reproducible” (with Laron K. Williams)

Research Interests

Africa | Elections & Voting | Political Economy | Political Methodology | Comparative Public Policy
| Spatial Econometrics

Grants

- 2022: “Should We Stay or Should We Go Now? Examining Americans’ Attitudes Towards Separation and Unity,” Arkansas Department of Health (CDC sub-award), \$10,000, (co-PI with Amanda M. Carpenter)
- 2021: “Should We Stay or Should We Go Now? Examining Americans’ Attitudes Towards Separation and Unity,” Arkansas State University Faculty Research Grant, \$10,000, (co-PI with William P. McLean)
- 2020: “Developing a Public Health Preparedness Dashboard for Rural Communities,” Arkansas Biosciences Institute, \$12,583, (co-PI with Amanda M. Carpenter)
- 2014: Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant, Texas A&M University, \$6,331
- 2013: Liberal Arts Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant (with Kenneth J. Meier), Texas A&M University, \$2,000
- 2013: Liberal Arts Vision 2020 Dissertation Enhancement Award, Texas A&M University, \$5,000
- 2012: Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant, Texas A&M University, \$4,000
- 2010–2011: Fieldwork grants for research in South Sudan, Texas A&M University, \$5,000
- 2009: Middle East Studies grant for Arabic study and fieldwork in Yemen, Arkansas State University, \$5,000
- 2006: Middle East Studies grant for Arabic study and fieldwork in Oman and the United Arab Emirates, Arkansas State University, \$5,000

Selected Conference Presentations

Webb, Clayton and **Cameron Wimpy**. “Presidential Focus, Domestic Politics, and Foreign Policy.” Texas A&M University European Union Center Conference on Analyzing Compositional Variables in the Study of Politics and Policy. College Station, TX. June 2022.

- Carpenter, Amanda, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “Exploring the Interaction Between Rurality and Race as a Predictor of Health Outcomes: An Analysis of County Health Rankings, 2011–2020.” American Public Health Association Annual Meetings. Virtual Presentation, October 2021.
- Carpenter, Amanda, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “Examining Rurality as a Predictor of Health Outcomes: An Analysis of County Health Rankings, 2011–2020.” American Public Health Association Annual Meetings. Virtual Presentation, October 2021.
- Abus, Murat, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “Are We There Yet? Political Participation in Transitional Democracies.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Virtual Presentation, April 2021.
- McLean, William, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “What was that Promise that You Made? Citizen Initiated Contact and Administrative Response.” Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Virtual Presentation, February 2021.
- Webb, Clayton, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “I’ve Got the Power! Issues Surrounding Statistical Power in the Design and Analysis of Survey Experiments.” Society for Political Methodology Annual Meetings. Virtual Presentation, July 2020.
- Junqueira, Andrea, Ali Kagalwala, Guy D. Whitten, Laron K. Williams, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “Modeling Time and Space Together.” Society for Political Methodology Annual Meetings. Virtual Presentation, July 2020.
- Junqueira, Andrea, Ali Kagalwala, Guy D. Whitten, Laron K. Williams, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “Modeling Time and Space Together.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. (2020 meeting cancelled due to COVID-19).
- McLean, William, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “What was that Promise that You Made? Citizen Initiated Contact and Administrative Response.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. (2020 meeting cancelled due to COVID-19).
- Wimpy, Cameron**. “Administering Voter Confidence in Elections.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Austin, TX. January 2019.
- McLean, William, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “The Great Divide: Southern, Rural, or Both?” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Austin, TX. January 2019.
- Meier, Kenneth J., Mallory Compton, John Polga-Hecimovich, Miyeon Song, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “Politics, Bureaucracy, and Successful Governance: The Problem of Political Failure.” American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Boston, MA. September 2018.
- Wimpy, Cameron**. “Poll Workers and the Potential Population.” American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Boston, MA. September 2018.
- Wimpy, Cameron**, and Charles Stewart III. “The Military and Overseas Vote in U.S. Elections: Exploring New Data and Trends.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2018.
- Wimpy, Cameron**, and Kenneth J. Meier. “Administrative Capacity, Context, and Educational Outcomes in Contemporary Africa.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2018.
- McLean, William, and **Cameron Wimpy**. “The Capacity of Public Administration in Comparative Perspective.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2018.

- Whitten, Guy D., Laron K. Williams, and **Cameron Wimpy**. "X Marks the Spot: Discovering the Treasure of Spatial-X Models." Modeling Politics & Policy in Time and Space Conference, College Station, TX. April 2017.
- Wimpy, Cameron**. "Channel Open: Spatial Econometric Methods for Analyzing the Flow of Information." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2017.
- Da Silva Souza, Flávio, Chris McKallagat, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring, and **Cameron Wimpy**. "Media at Work: The Effect of Media Freedom and Internet Access on Workers' Rights." American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco, CA. September 2015.
- Hall, Thad, and **Cameron Wimpy**. "Volunteerism and Poll Workers." American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco, CA. September 2015.
- Wimpy, Cameron**, Laron K. Williams, and Guy D. Whitten. "X Marks the Spot: Exploring Spatial Robustness." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2015.
- Wimpy, Cameron**, Laron K. Williams, and Guy D. Whitten. "There's More Going on Next Door Than you Thought: Exploring Spatial Robustness." Robustness Testing and the Empirical Analysis of Observational Data Workshop. Cologne, Germany. September 2014.
- Wimpy, Cameron**, and Guy D. Whitten. "What is and What May Never Be: Economic Voting in Developing Democracies." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2014.
- Wimpy, Cameron**, and Guy D. Whitten. "To Have and to Have Not: Patrimonial Voting in Africa." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2013.
- Garcia, Blake E., and **Cameron Wimpy**. "Does Information Lead to Emulation: Media Openness & the Spread of Social Conflict." Spatial Models of Politics in Europe and Beyond, Texas A&M University European Union Center. College Station, TX. February 2013.
- Jackson, Marlette, **Cameron Wimpy**, and Kenneth J. Meier. "For the Want of a Bureaucrat: Administrative Capacity and Public Health in Africa." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2012.
- Wimpy, Cameron**. "Ethnic Identity and Arbitrary Borders." International Studies Association Annual Meetings. San Diego, CA. April 2012.
- Wimpy, Cameron**. "Birds of a Feather: Co-Ethnic Candidates and Voter Turnout." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2011.
- Wimpy, Cameron**, and Kim Yi Dionne. "Should I Stay or Should I Go? The 2011 Referendum in Southern Sudan." Presentation to Africa in World Politics Conference. Austin, TX. March 2011.
- Wimpy, Cameron**. "Civic Associationalism and Voter Turnout in Transitional Democracies." American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Washington D.C. September 2010.
- Wimpy, Cameron**. "Voter Turnout in sub-Saharan Africa: Moving Beyond Institutions?" Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. March 2010.
- Wimpy, Cameron**. "Cohort and Cultural Effects on Unconventional Political Behavior in the Islamic World." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2009.

McLean, William P., and **Cameron Wimpy**. “Muslims in Dixie: Southern Distinctiveness or Religious Uniformity?” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2009.

Teaching

Teaching Interests

African Politics | Comparative Public Policy | Political Economy | International Relations | Research Methods

Courses & Workshops Taught

- POSC 4003, Terrorism and Political Violence, Arkansas State University
- POSC 4313, International Organization, Arkansas State University
- POSC 4003, Data Visualization for Social Science, Arkansas State University
- POSC 3303, Introduction to International Politics, Arkansas State University
- POSC 6013, Advanced Political Analysis, Arkansas State University (graduate course)
- POSC 680V, Seminar in Political Economy, Arkansas State University (graduate course)
- POSC 3213, African Political Systems, Arkansas State University
- POSC 4323/5323, Foreign Policy Analysis, Arkansas State University (mixed level course)
- POSC 1303, Introduction to Model U.N., Arkansas State University
- POSC 3003, Introduction to Political Analysis, Arkansas State University
- Modern Regression, IPSA Summer School, FLACSO Mexico
- POSC 6003, Techniques of Political Science and Public Administration Research, Arkansas State University (graduate course)
- POSC 4223, Middle Eastern Political Systems, Arkansas State University
- POSC 6533, Public Policy Analysis, Arkansas State University (graduate course)
- POSC 3203, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Arkansas State University
- A Scientific Approach to Qualitative Data Analysis, Texas A&M University (graduate course)
- POLS 325, African Politics, Texas A&M University
- Multivariate Models for Social Scientists and Policy Analysts: Choices, Interventions, Dynamics (assistant instructor to Harold D. Clarke & Guy D. Whitten), Concordia University (ICPSR Graduate Workshop)

- POLS 603, Quantitative Political Analysis II, Texas A&M University (graduate course student instructor for Guy D. Whitten)
- POSC 3313, American Foreign Policy, Arkansas State University
- PS 1010, American National Government, Wayne State University
- POSC 2103, Introduction to United States Government, Arkansas State University

Fellowships, Honors & Awards

- 2020: Faculty Research Achievement Award, College of Liberal Arts & Communication, Arkansas State University
- 2016: Best Published Paper in *Political Science Research and Methods*, EPSA
- 2010–2014: Graduate research assistantship, Texas A&M University
- 2010–2011: Board of Regents graduate fellowship, Texas A&M University
- 2009: Critical Languages Scholarship for Arabic study in Morocco, U.S. State Department
- 2009: Outstanding Graduate Student, Political Science Department, Arkansas State University
- 2006: Fulbright Finalist, Syria, U.S. State Department
- 2007–2009: Graduate research/teaching assistantship, Arkansas State University

Professional Memberships & University Service

- Chair, Middle East Studies Committee, Arkansas State University (2022–)
- Member, BS in Data Science & Analytics Steering Committee, Arkansas State University (2021–)
- Chair, Committee to Develop a Rural Studies Center, Arkansas State University, 2020–2022.
- Member, Executive Committee, Southwest Political Science Association (2020–2022)
- Member, Data Science Program Director Search Committee, Arkansas State University (2021)
- Member, Visting Assistant Professor of Political Science (American Politics) Search Committee, Arkansas State University (2021)
- Chair, BS in Political Science Methodology sub-Committee, Arkansas State University (2020)
- Chair, BS in Data Science: Social Sciences sub-Committee, Arkansas State University (2020)

- Member, Computers and Technology Committee, Arkansas State University (2020–2021)
- Member, Hearing Committee for College, Arkansas State University (2019–2020)
- Member, Undergraduate Enrollment and Academic Policy, Arkansas State University (2019–2021)
- Member, Assistant Professor of Political Science (American Politics) Search Committee, Arkansas State University (2020)
- Member, MA in Political Science Committee, Arkansas State University (2019–)
- Member, MPA Committee, Arkansas State University (2019–)
- Member, BS in Data Science & Analytics Development Committee, Arkansas State University (2019–2021)
- Chair, BS in Data Science: Data Visualization sub-Committee, Arkansas State University (2020)
- Member, *African Politics Conference Group*
- Member, *American Political Science Association*
- Member, *Arkansas Political Science Association*
- Member, *International Studies Association*
- Member, *Midwest Political Science Association*
- Member, *Society for Political Methodology*
- Member, *Southern Political Science Association*
- Member, *American Public Health Association*
- Expert Witness, South Sudanese Asylum Cases
- Peer Reviewer, *Administration and Society*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Election Law Journal*, *Electoral Studies*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, *Policy Studies*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Science Research and Methods*
- AP Exam Reader, ETS/College Board. 2008–2013.
- Credentialed Observer, 2009 Mozambican National Elections, 2011 South Sudan Referendum on Secession
- Panel Discussant, 2017 MPSA, 2018 MPSA, 2018 APSA, 2019 SPSA
- Panel Discussant, 2020 Public Policy, Opinions, Behavior, and Health Outcomes during the COVID Pandemic, Texas A&M University
- Panel Chair, 2009 SWPSA, 2017 MPSA, 2018 MPSA, 2019 SPSA

Thesis Advising

- Member, BA Honors Thesis Committee for Sophia Oury, Arkansas State University (defended Summer 2022)
- Member, BA Honors Thesis Committee for Noah Haynes, Arkansas State University (defended Spring 2022)
- Chair, MPA Thesis Committee for Reagan Brackett, Arkansas State University (defended Fall 2021)
- Chair, MA Thesis Committee for Amanda Weston, Arkansas State University (defended Summer 2021)
- Member, MA Thesis Committee for Joel Deere, Arkansas State University (defended Spring 2021)
- Member, MA Thesis Committee for Murat Abus, Arkansas State University (defended Spring 2021)
- Member, MPA Thesis Committee for Marylin D’Rozario, Arkansas State University (defended Summer 2021)
- Member, MA Thesis Committee for Dylan Travis, Arkansas State University (defended Summer 2020)
- Chair, MA Thesis Committee for Brandon Pluskett, Arkansas State University (defended Spring 2020)
- Member, MPA Thesis Committee for Sue Neal, Arkansas State University (defended 2017)

Skills & Software

- Arabic (Intermediate Modern Standard and Colloquial Gulf & Yemeni dialects)
- IRB CITI human subjects research certification
- NIH human subjects research certification
- EITM, Field Experiments, Maximum Likelihood, Pooled Time Series, Qualitative Methods, Spatial Econometrics, Time Series
- GIS, HTML, \LaTeX , MacRATS, Mata, Nvivo, Objective-C, Python, R, SPSS, Stata Swift

Research Methodology & Software Workshops

- 2021: Text as Data, Statistical Horizons Workshop.
- 2021: Power Analysis and Sampling Size Planning, Statistical Horizons Workshop.
- 2020: Data Visualization, Statistical Horizons Workshop.
- 2015: Qualitative Research Summer Intensive, University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill.
- 2015: Qualitative Research Methods, AAPOR.
- 2011–2012: Stata Courses for both Basic and Advanced Programming in Stata & Mata, Stata Corp.
- 2012: Spatial Econometrics. University of Essex Summer School in Social Science, Data Analysis, & Collection. Essex, UK.
- 2012: Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM). University of Houston Hobby Center for Public Policy.
- 2012: Experimental Methods. Texas A&M University, Winter Institute in Methods.
- 2011: Empirical Analysis of Time-Series-Cross-Section Data. Texas A&M University, Summer Methods Workshop.
- 2011: Bayesian Multilevel Modeling. Texas A&M University, Summer Methods Workshop.

Certifications

- Apple Teacher Certification, Swift Playgrounds
- Apple Teacher Certification
- Promoting Active Learning Online, The Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)
- Teaching Political Science Course, Texas A&M University
- Advanced University Teacher Certification, Wayne State University

Software Workshops Taught

- \LaTeX short course, Texas A&M University
- Introduction to Stata, Fors Marsh Group & MIT
- Advanced Stata Topics, Fors Marsh Group & MIT
- Mapping with `ggplot2` and R, Fors Marsh Group
- Advanced Data Analysis Using R, Fors Marsh Group

Invited Presentations

- “On the Interpretation and Application of Spatial Regression Models in Political Science.” The International Methods Colloquium, 2021.
- “Experiential Learning in Political Science: A Pandemic Roundtable.” Virtual Roundtable at Arkansas Political Science Association, 2021.
- “The Challenges of Teaching and Learning Methods in the Virtual Classroom during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Virtual Roundtable at Universidade de São Paulo, 2021.
- “Professional Pathways.” Texas A&M University, 2020.
- “Simplifying the Analysis of Spatial Interdependence in Political Science.” Instituto de Ciencias de Gobierno y Desarrollo Estratégico | Puebla, Mexico, 2020.
- “Lightning Talk on MIT Election Lab.” Harvard University, 2018.
- “The Elections Performance Index: Future Directions.” University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2018.
- “Professional Pathways.” American University, 2017.
- “Government Contracting.” American University, 2016 & 2017.
- “Introduction to Spatial Econometrics.” Texas A&M University, 2014.
- “Using Technology to Overcome Collective Action Problems: A Spatial Analysis of Anti-Government Violence.” University of Arkansas, 2013.
- “Lessons from Fieldwork in The Sudan.” Arkansas State University, 2011.
- “Terrorism and the Middle East.” Arkansas State University, 2009.
- “Introduction to Islamic Politics.” Arkansas State University, 2009.

Academic References

References available upon request.