

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of California, Riverside: PhD in Political Science, 2022.

University of California, Riverside: M.A. in Political Science, 2019.

Oakland University: B.A. in Political Science with minors in International Relations and French Language, 2015.

Professional Experience

Planned Career Break

March 2022 – Present

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political
Science, University of California, Riverside

September 2017 – March 2022
(20 hrs./week)

Primary Instructor, Department of Political
Science, University of California, Riverside

July 2020 – September 2020
(20hrs./week)

Professional Training

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University,
2021.

Professional Services

Vice President, Pi Sigma Alpha, Oakland University Chapter, 2015.

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Teaching

University of California, Riverside, Department of Political Science

Comparative Politics

Mass Media and Public Opinion (Primary Instructor)

Politics of the Underdeveloped World

The Nation State and Capitalism

World Politics

Professional Competencies

Methods

Qualitative Methods, Quantitative Methods, Mixed Methods

Software

R, Stata, Latex, Microsoft Office (Advanced Excel), Adobe Acrobat, Google Suite; Cloud Storage: OneDrive, Dropbox, Google Drive; OS: Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS

Dissertation

[Willis, N. T. \(2022\). Pathways to Populism: Economics, Culture, and Ideological Convergence. Prospectus/Dissertation project.](#)

- Presented at the Winter School on Elections, l'Université de Montréal, 2020.

Publications

Willis, N. T. & Indriðason, I. H. (2025). No Hard Feelings? The Effects of Competition on Vote Transfers in Two-Round Elections. *French Politics* 23 (2): xx-xx.

Working Papers

Willis, N. T. Ideological Convergence: Explaining Left and Right Populist Party Voter's Behavior [Out for Submission]. Department of Political Science, University of California - Riverside.

Presentations

"The Pirate Bay: A New Non-State Actor in International Relations" paper presented on a panel at the Annual Michigan Political Science Association Conference, Rochester, MI, October 23-24, 2014.

- Also presented as a poster at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL., April 16-19, 2015.

Fellowships and Awards

IQMR Departmental Award, University of California, Riverside, Summer 2020. Funding to attend the Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research at Syracuse University.

Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship, University of California, Riverside, 2016-2017 (USD 48,768)

URC Student Travel Grant, Oakland University, 2015 (USD 400)

Michigan Competitive Scholarship, 2014-2016 (USD 318 for 2015-2016; USD 676 for 2014-2015)

OU Geographic Region Award, Oakland University, 2012-2016 (USD 2,000 Annual Award)

OU Talented Scholar Award, Oakland University, 2012-2016 (USD 3,000 Annual Award)

Research Interests

Comparative Politics (Political Parties; Elections; Populism; European Politics).

Institutional Theory (Institutional Change; Historical Institutionalism).