Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Summary

Dynamic and analytical Political Scientist specializing in comparative politics, institutional theory, and populism. Extensive experience in academic research, teaching, and both qualitative and quantitative analysis. Proficient in advanced statistical software and research methodologies to analyze political behavior and electoral trends. Passionate about applying research insights to policy development and political consulting.

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)

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.

- 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.

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

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

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)

Professional Competencies

Research Methods	Qualitative Methods, Quantitative Methods, Mixed Methods
Software	R, Stata, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Google Suite, Adobe Acrobat
Cloud Storage	OneDrive, Dropbox, Google Drive
Operating Systems	Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS

Research Interests

- Comparative Politics (Political Parties; Elections; Populism; European Politics).
- Institutional Theory (Institutional Change; Historical Institutionalism).