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EDUCATION

Ph.D Political Science

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Expected May 2016

- Concentration: Comparative Politics
- Secondary Concentration: Methodology
- Dissertation: *"Manipulating the Masses: New Theories of Political Cycles"*

Abstract: Despite a large literature on political budget cycles, many theories and empirical results conflict with one another. I address this disconnect through three interrelated contributions. I first conduct an extensive quantitative survey of the political budget cycle literature through a meta-analysis. I find that overall there exists a positive, though substantively small political budget cycle effect. Second, I examine how incumbents may use alternatives to fiscal manipulation, such as the passage of redistributive policies, since these send a key signal to voters. Third, I examine how incumbents may not only time fiscal manipulation, but control their placement spatially. This ties in the political budget cycle literature with the literature on distributive politics. Although these findings call into question some of the existing views of political budget cycles, they show that cycles manifest themselves in alternative fashions.

- Committee: Guy D. Whitten (chair), Maria Escobar-Lemmon, Christine S. Lipsmeyer, and Kirby Goidel

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

Fall 2008-Dec 2011

Secondary Concentrations: Pure Mathematics, Economics, and History

PUBLICATIONS

Philips, Andrew Q., Amanda Rutherford, and Guy D. Whitten. 2015. *"The dynamic battle for pieces of pie: Modeling party support in multi-party nations"* *Electoral Studies* 39:264-274.

Philips, Andrew Q., Amanda Rutherford, and Guy D. Whitten. 2015. *"Dynamic pie: A strategy for modeling trade-offs in compositional variables over time"* *American Journal of Political Science*.

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

"Just in time: Political policy cycles of land reform, with evidence from India." 2014. Under review.

- Winner of the 2014 Bryan Jones Award: Best Texas A&M graduate student paper

"Finding the forest, not the trees: A meta-analytic assessment of political budget cycles." 2015. Under review.

"dynsimpie: A program to examine dynamic compositional dependent variables." with Amanda Rutherford and Guy D. Whitten. 2015. Under review.

“Risky business: A survey experiment in timing and uncertainty in support for social insurance” with Mallory E. Compton. 2015. Under review.

“Neighbor envy? How relative local economic performance shapes national election outcomes” with Guy D. Whitten. 2015. Under review.

“Gendered budgeting: Women chief executives and budget compositions in local governments” with Kendall Funk. 2015.

- A previous version was winner of the 2015 Marian Irish Award: Best Women and Politics paper at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Have your cake and eat it too: Dynamic inferences from pre-tested time series models.” 2015.

“Do elections water down regulatory enforcement?” with David Switzer. 2015.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Comparative political economy
- Decentralization and federalism
- Time series and pooled time series
- The graphical presentation of results

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Research design
- Distributive politics
- Federalism and decentralization
- Time series and pooled time series

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant,

- Guy D. Whitten, Texas A&M University: 2012–Present
- Robert Harmel, Texas A&M University: Fall 2013
- Michael Koch, Texas A&M University: Jan-Aug 2013
- John Robertson, Texas A&M University: Fall 2012

Research Associate, Project for Equity, Representation, and Governance (PERG), Texas A&M University: 2012–Present

Judicial Intern Jan-Jun 2012
Senate Judiciary Committee, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy, Washington, DC

Staff Intern Jun-Aug 2011
Public Assets Institute (not for profit think-tank), Montpelier, VT

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, R, L^AT_EX, GitHub, RATS, Python

PROGRAMS

Philips, Andrew Q., Amanda Rutherford, and Guy D. Whitten. 2015. *“dynsimpie: Stata module to examine dynamic compositional dependent variables.”*

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| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | <i>Instructor</i> , "Introduction to Statistical and Programming Software" (graduate-level). Texas A&M University: | Aug 24-28 2015 |
| | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Advanced Time Series, ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan. Taught by Mark Pickup and Paul Kellstedt: | Jul-Aug 2015 |
| | <i>Guest Lecturer</i> , Pooled Time Series, for "Quantitative Political Analysis II" (graduate-level). Taught by Guy D. Whitten: | Apr 2015 |
| | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Time Series and Pooled Time Series, IPSA-USP Summer School in Concepts and Methods, University of São Paulo, Brazil. Taught by Guy D. Whitten and Lorena Barberia: | Feb 2015 |
| | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Dynamic Modeling, University of Essex Summer School in Social Science, Data Analysis, and Collection, Colchester, United Kingdom. Taught by Harold Clarke and Guy D. Whitten: | Aug 2014 |
| | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , POLS 481, Texas A&M University: "Senior Research Seminar: Comparative Political Parties-Party Change" | Sep-Dec 2013 |
| | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Undergraduate Summer Research Academy, Texas A&M University: | Jun-Jul 2013 |
| FUNDING, RESEARCH AWARDS & HONORS | <i>Interim Lecturer</i> , POLS 429, Texas A&M University: "Domestic Institutions and International Conflict" | Feb-Mar 2013 |
| | EITM UK Continuous Monitoring Survey Experiment Contest Winner • "Risky business: A survey experiment in risk-based discounting". with Mallory E. Compton | Fall 2014 |
| | National Science Foundation Graduate Student Funding • To attend the 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, University of Georgia, July 24-26. \$500 | Summer 2014 |
| | EITM Participant Scholarship • Hobby Center for Public Policy, University of Houston. \$2,000 | Summer 2014 |
| | Professional Development Award • Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts. \$4,650 | Summer 2014 |
| | Professional Development Award • Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts. \$4,050 | Summer 2013 |
| | Summer Enhancement Funding • Texas A&M Department of Political Science. \$1,350 | Summer 2013 |
| | Departmental Funding for Stata Programming Courses • Texas A&M Department of Political Science. \$250 | Fall 2012 |
| | <i>Reviewer</i> , <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Electoral Studies</i> , <i>World Development</i> | |
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| PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE | | |

Current Member, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

Comparative Politics Section Judge, PERG Undergraduate Research Award, 2014-2015
Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University

Member, Methods Search Committee, Fall 2014
Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University

INVITED PRESENTATIONS *"EITM in practice: On the determinants of individual preferences for social insurance"* with Mallory E. Compton. Presented at the EITM Summer Institute, University of Houston, June 25, 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS *"Spilling over every side: Benchmarking in both space and time"* with Guy D. Whitten. Presented at the 111th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2015.

"Risky business: A survey experiment in risk-based discounting" with Mallory E. Compton. Presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015.

"Do elections water down regulatory enforcement?" with David Switzer. Presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015.

"Here, there everywhere: Modeling the dynamics of state expenditures" with Christine S. Lipsmeyer, Amanda Rutherford, and Guy D. Whitten. Presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015.

"Spilling over every side: Benchmarking in both space and time" with Guy D. Whitten. Presented at the Conference on Innovations in Comparative Political Methodology, Texas A&M University, March 26-27, 2015.

"Here, there, everywhere: Modeling the dynamics of state expenditures" with Amanda Rutherford and Guy D. Whitten. Presented at the Conference on Innovations in Comparative Political Methodology, Texas A&M University, March 26-27, 2015.

"Spilling over every side: Benchmarking in both space and time" with Guy D. Whitten. Presented at the USP Workshop on Economic Voting in Developing Democracies, Feb 7, 2015.

"Dynamic pie: Modeling budgetary tradeoffs over time" with Christine S. Lipsmeyer and Guy D. Whitten. Presented at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2014.

"The dynamic battle for pieces of pie: Modeling party support in multi-party nations" with Amanda Rutherford. Poster presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, University of Georgia, July 24-26, 2014.

"By any means necessary: Multiple avenues of political cycles" Presented at the EITM Summer Institute, Hobby Center for Public Policy, University of Houston, 2014.

"The dynamic battle for pieces of pie-Modeling party support in multi-party nations" with Amanda Rutherford and Guy D. Whitten. Presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.

"Redistribution, reform, and elections: The conditional effects of political policy cycles"
Presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.

"The dynamic battle for pieces of pie—Modeling party support in multi-party nations" with Amanda Rutherford and Guy D. Whitten. Presented at the Conference on Methodological Innovations in the Study of Elections in Europe and Beyond, Texas A&M University, Feb. 20-21, 2014.

"Whom to please and how to do it: The influence of government supporters on tradeoffs in public spending" with Christine S. Lipsmeyer and Guy D. Whitten. Presented at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2013.

REFERENCES

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