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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina. 2020–Present.

## EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, University of Missouri. May 2020.  
Concentrations: Public Policy and Administration, American Politics  
Committee: Lael Keiser (co-chair), Jennifer Selin (co-chair), Jake Haselswerdt, Irma Arteaga  
Dissertation: *Unelected Oversight: The Politics of Government Investigations and Problem Monitoring*

BS, *magna cum laude*, University Scholar, Political Science, Black Hills State University, May 2015.

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, 2017

Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences  
Scaling and Dimensional Analysis

## PUBLICATIONS

2021. “[Under Pressure: Centralizing Regulation in Response to Presidential Directives.](#)” (with Jennifer Selin, Hanna Brant, Nicholas Brothers, and Jordan Butcher), *Presidential Studies Quarterly*

2020. “[The Importance of Oversight and Agency Capacity in Enhancing Performance in Public Service Delivery.](#)” (with Lael R. Keiser), *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*

2019. “[Taking Time \(and Space\) Seriously: How Scholars Falsely Infer Policy Diffusion from Model Misspecification.](#)” (with Christopher Gandrud and Laron K. Williams), *Policy Studies Journal*

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Watchdog or Lapdog? Agenda Setting and Government Accountability Office Oversight”  
*Invited to revise and resubmit at Journal of Public Policy*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Leadership Vacancies and Agency Performance: The Case of Federal Inspectors General”

“Managing Implementation in the Decentralized Administrative State: The Role of National Professional Associations” with Lael R. Keiser

“Society of Deputies: The Negative Externalities of Coproduction” with Nicholas Brothers

“Politicization and Bureaucratic Resistance to External Oversight”

“Is Oversight Always Effective? The Effects of Oversight on Goal Displacement in Veterans Healthcare”

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Public Management and Administration; Executive and Administrative Politics; Government Oversight; Policy Implementation; Intergovernmental Relations; Public Policy and Policy Process; Social Welfare and Veterans Policy; Advanced Quantitative Methods; Human Resource Management

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

“Politicization and Bureaucratic Resistance to Oversight” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2021.

(*COVID-19 Cancellation*) “Society of Deputies: The Negative Externalities of Coproduction” with Nicholas Brothers. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2020.

“Watchdogs or Partisan Pawns? When Congress Delegates Oversight Authority.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C. August 2019.

“Improving Implementation: Human Resources and Oversight” with Lael R. Keiser. International Conference on Public Policy. Montreal. June 2019.

“Delegated Oversight and the Politics of Problem Monitoring: The Case of Federal Inspectors General.” Public Management Research Conference. Chapel Hill, NC. June 2019.

“Improving Implementation by Increasing Agency and Legislative Capacity: The Case of Social Security Disability Backlogs” with Lael R. Keiser. Public Management Research Conference. Chapel Hill, NC. June 2019.

“Well Advised or Politically Informed? How Congress Directs Program Evaluation and Oversight.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2019.

“Capacity for Oversight: Backlogs, Pressure, and the Politics of Administrative Responsiveness” with Lael R. Keiser. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2018.

“The Effect of Political Appointees, Politicking, and Policy Influence on Turnover Intentions” with Lael R. Keiser and Susan M. Miller. Public Management Research Conference. Washington, D.C. June 2017.

“Discontent: Determinants of Wrongdoing Recognition in U.S. Federal Agencies.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2017.

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

“Taking Time and Space Seriously: How Scholars Falsely Infer Policy Diffusion from Model Misspecification.” with Laron K. Williams (presenter). Dynamic Pie Working Group. Texas A&M University. May, 2020.

“Bad Bureaucrats? The Future of Whistleblowing in a Post-Snowden World.” University Honors Program Geek Speak Lecture Series, Black Hills State University. March, 2017.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Instructor**

University of South Carolina

POLI-754: *Public Accountability and Ethics*, Spring 2021, 2022

POLI-778: *Intergovernmental Relations*, Fall 2020, 2021

POLI-374: *Public Policy*, Fall 2020, 2021

POLI-370: *Introduction to Public Administration*, Spring 2022

University of Missouri

POLSC-1100: *American Government*, Fall 2019

POLSC-3000: *Introduction to Political Research* (lab), Fall 2016

**Graduate Workshops**

“A Practical Introduction to Measurement and Data Theory.” Spring 2018  
“Reference Management for Political Science.” Fall 2016

AWARDS &  
SUPPORT

Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy Research Grant (\$1,100), University of Missouri, 2018

Scholarship for Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs (\$3,500), ICPSR Summer Program, 2017

Bryan L. Forbis Award, University of Missouri, Department of Political Science, 2017

Supplemental Graduate Fellowship (\$1000), University of Missouri, Department of Political Science, 2016

Dean L. Yarwood Scholarship for Excellence in Public Policy and Administration, University of Missouri, Department of Political Science, 2016

Excellence in Leadership, Black Hills State University, 2015

SERVICE

**Discipline**

Discussant:  
MPSA 2021

Media Editorial Assistant, *Political Science Research and Methods*, 2017-2019

Reviewer:  
*Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Science and Public Policy*

**University**

Graduate Assistant, University of Missouri, Office of Participatory Democracy, Spring 2018

Graduate Student Mentor, University of Missouri, 2018-2020

Treasurer, University of Missouri, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, 2016-2017

PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS

Public Management Research Association  
National Association of Disability Examiners  
American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
International Public Policy Association