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POSITIONS HELD **American University**, Washington, DC

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, August 2024-present
Fellow, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, August 2025-present

University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, July 2023-June 2024

East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, August 2021-July 2023

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, July 2020-August 2021

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis, MO

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2020

- Fields: American Politics & Quantitative Political Methodology

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

M.A., Political Science, May 2015

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

B.A., Political Science, August 2011

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Egerod, Benjamin C.K., Hans J.G. Hassell, Joshua McCrain, and David R. Miller. 2025. "Descriptive Representation on K Street: Race and Gender among Federal Lobbyists." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 50(3):e12490.

Miller, David Ryan and Daniel M. Butler. 2025. "The Implications of *Loper Bright* for Bureaucratic Human Capital." *Administration & Society*, 57(6): 893-912.

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Miller, David R. and Serena D. Smith. 2025. "(Small D-Democratic) Vacation, All I Ever Wanted?: The Effect of Democratic Backsliding on Leisure Travel in the American States." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 12(1): 99-109.

Miller, David R. and Chris Piper. 2024. "Acting(s) Without Consequence: The (Lack of) Public Costs for Vacancy Appointments." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 54(2): 144-161.

Miller, David R. and Jeffrey Ziegler. 2024. "Preferential Abstention in Conjoint Experiments." *Research & Politics*, 11(4).

Boston, Joshua, Benjamin Kassow, Ali Masood, and David R. Miller. 2023. "Your Honor's Misdeeds: The Consequences of Judicial Scandal on Specific and Diffuse Support." *PS: Political*

Science & Politics, 56(2): 195-200.

Miller, David Ryan. 2023. "The President Will See Whom Now? Presidential Engagement with Organized Interests." *American Political Science Review*, 117(3): 1019-1035.

Butler, Daniel M. and David R. Miller. 2022. "Does Lobbying Affect Bill Advancement? Evidence from Three State Legislatures." *Political Research Quarterly*, 75(3): 547-561.

Ladam, Christina, Austin Bussing, Alexander C. Furnas, Josh McCrain, David R. Miller, and Rachel Porter. 2022. "The Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS)." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 55(3): 552-553.

Miller, David R. 2022. "On Whose Door to Knock? Lobbyists' Strategic Pursuit of Access to Members of Congress." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 47(1): 157-192.

Miller, David R. and Andrew Reeves. 2022. "Pass the Buck or the Buck Stops Here? The Effectiveness of Claiming and Deflecting Blame by Elected Executives." *Journal of Public Policy*, 42(1): 63-91.

Miller, David R. 2021. "Empirical Approaches to the Study of Access." *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 10(3): 286-302.

Stein, Robert M., Christopher Mann, Charles Stewart III, . . . , David Miller, . . . , et al. 2020. "Waiting to Vote in the 2016 Presidential Election: Evidence from a Multi-county Study." *Political Research Quarterly*, 73(2): 439-453.

Mann, Christopher B., Gayle A. Alberda, Nathaniel A. Birkhead, . . . , David Miller, . . . , et al. 2018. "Pedagogical Value of Polling Place Observation By Students." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 51(4): 831-837.

Miller, David R. and Andrew Reeves. 2017. "Attitudes toward Delegation to Presidential Commissions." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 47(3): 495-516.

OTHER
ACADEMIC
PUBLICATIONS

Stein, Robert M., Christopher Mann, Charles Stewart III, . . . , David Miller, . . . , et al. 2020. "Polling Place Quality and Access." In *The Future of Election Administration*, Mitchell Brown, Kathleen Hale, and Bridgett A. King, Eds. Palgrave Macmillan, 83-100.

Reeves, Andrew, David R. Miller, and Bryant Moy. 2018. "U.S. Presidential Campaigns and Their Impact." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*.

WORKING
PAPERS

Bell, Elizabeth, David Miller, and Wesley Wehde. "Burden by Design? Proceduralism, Bureaucratic Errors, and the Burden Tolerance of Bureaucrats."

Egerod, Benjamin C.K., Hans J.G. Hassell, Josh McCrain, and David R. Miller. "Using Expert Evaluation to Scale Interest Group Ideology."

Heersink, Boris and David R. Miller. "Beaches or Boarding?: Shark Attacks, Tourism, and the 1916 Presidential Election." *Invitation to revise and resubmit at American Politics Research*.

Miller, David R. and Daniel M. Butler. "Limits on Terms, Limits on Control: The Effect of Chief Executive Term Limits on Bureaucratic Responsiveness." *Invitation to revise and resubmit at Policy Studies Journal*.

Miller, David Ryan, Benjamin S. Noble, and Erin L. Rosstier. “From the Briefing Room to Your Living Room: How the President Sets the Media’s Agenda.”

Miller, David R. and Andrew Reeves. “Blaming Bureaucrats: How Political Leadership Shapes Bureaucratic Trust and Engagement.”

PUBLIC
SCHOLARSHIP

“A veil of secrecy is hiding Trump’s White House visitors.” *The Hill*, June 5, 2025

“Democracy and Destinations: Navigating Political Consumerism in American Vacation Choices.” *CloudResearch*. February 23, 2024.

“Backslide on democracy and tourists will punish you.” *3Streams*. September 5, 2023.

“Judging the judges: Scandals have the potential to affect the legitimacy of judges—and possibly the federal judiciary, too” (with Joshua Boston, Benjamin Kassow, and Ali Masood). *The Conversation*. June 2, 2023.

“Biden’s Supreme Court commission probably won’t sway public opinion” (with Andrew Reeves). *The Conversation*. June 16, 2021.

“New evidence that lobbying affects legislative outcomes.” *3Streams*. May 30, 2021.

“Here’s the evidence lobbyists are trying to persuade your member of Congress.” *3Streams*. February 2, 2021.

“If Trump Took Responsibility for Coronavirus Missteps, It Might Actually Help Him” (with Andrew Reeves). *The Washington Post*. March 26, 2020.

“Late to the Party (Nomination): How Primary Election Timing Disadvantages Missouri Voters.” In APSA’s *RAISE the Vote Campaign*. January 17, 2020.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2018, 2019, 2023, 2024)

Academia Sinica International Conference on Method Triangulation (2022)

Conference on Executive-Judicial Relations, Hoover Institution (2024)

Harvard Experiments Working Group Graduate Student Conference (2019)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025)

Money in Politics APSA Pre-Conference (2020)

Presidents and Executive Politics Micro-Conference (2022)

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2018, 2022)

Washington University-Illinois Student Exchange (2019)

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program (2025)

Bowling Green State University, Constitutional Democracy Symposium (2025)

University of California, San Diego (2019)

University of Maryland (2025)

University of Rhode Island (2020)

University of Southern California, PIPE Collaborative (2024)

AWARDS

Jewell-Loewenberg Prize in American Politics (2023)

Best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in the previous year for “On Whose Door to Knock? Organized Interests’ Strategic Pursuit of Access to Members of Congress”

George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award (2021)

Best dissertation on executive politics completed and accepted in 2019 or 2020 for “All the President’s Organized Interests”

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

School of Public Affairs/Washington Institute for Public Affairs Research Summer Seed Grant, \$5,000 (American University, Summer 2025)
APSA Travel Grant, \$350, (APSA Presidents and Executive Politics Section, Fall 2023)
Centennial Research Grant, *to fund a Junior Americanist Workshop Series CwC*, \$9,943 (American Political Science Association, Summer 2022)
Graduate Research Seed Grant, \$1,500 (Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2019)
Richard Beaupre Hope & Heritage Fund Travel Award, \$300 (University of Rhode Island, Spring 2015)
Graduate Assistants United Travel Grant, \$200 (University of Rhode Island, Spring 2015)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American University

Instructor of Record

- GOVT 310 Introduction to Political Research, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026
- GOVT 320 The Presidency, Fall 2025, Spring 2026
- GOVT 710 American Political Institutions, Spring 2025

University of California, Riverside

Instructor of Record

- POSC 010W, Introduction to American Government, Winter 2024
- POSC 100 Presidential Politics, Fall 2023
- POSC 261, American Political Institutions, Winter 2024

East Tennessee State University

Instructor of Record

- PSCI 1120 Introduction to American Government, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- PSCI 3050 Interest Groups in American Politics, Fall 2022
- PSCI 3440 Research Methods, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- PSCI 3710 State and Local Government, Spring 2022
- PSCI 4900 Independent Study—Advanced Research Methods, Spring 2023

Washington University in St. Louis

Instructor of Record

- Poli Sci 101: Introduction to American Politics, Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant

- Poli Sci 101: Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2016 & Fall 2017 (Instructor: Andrew Reeves)
- Poli Sci 363: Quantitative Political Methodology, Fall 2018 (Instructor: Betsy Sinclair)
- Poli Sci 4043: Public Policy Analysis, Assessment and Practical Wisdom, Spring 2017 (Instructor: Dan Butler) & Spring 2018 (Instructor: Keith Schnakenberg)
- Poli Sci 495: Research Design and Methods, Spring 2019 (Instructor: Matt Gabel)

University of Rhode Island

Teaching Assistant

- PSC 113: Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2013 & Fall 2014 (Instructor: Maureen Moakley)
- PSC 116: Introduction to International Politics, Spring 2014 & Spring 2015 (Instructor: Marc Hutchison)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Reviewer—<i>American Political Science Review</i>, <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>, <i>Congress & the Presidency</i>, <i>Humanities & Social Science Communications</i>, <i>Interest Groups & Advocacy</i>, <i>Journal of International Trade & Economic Development</i>, <i>Journal of Law & Courts</i>, <i>Journal of Politics</i>, <i>Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory</i>, <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>, <i>Political Research Quarterly</i>, <i>Presidential Studies Quarterly</i>, <i>PS: Political Science & Politics</i>, <i>Research & Politics</i></p> <p>Award Committee Member—George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award (2024), Jewell-Loewenberg Prize Award (2024), Political Organizations and Parties Emerging Scholar Award (2025)</p> <p>Conference Co-Organizer—JAWS MPSA Conference-within-a-Conference (2023); SoCal PIPE Conference (2023)</p> <p>Panel Chair/Discussant—APSA (2020); Bowling Green State University Constitutional Democracy Symposium (2025); MPSA (2019, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025); PIPE Collaborative (2023); SoCal PIPE (2023); SPSA (2022)</p> <p>Section Leadership—Political Organizations and Parties (executive council, 2024-present)</p> <p>Workshop Co-Organizer—Junior Americanist Workshop Series (founding member, 2020-present)</p>
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE	<p>American University</p> <p>Academic Integrity & Grievance Committee, School of Public Affairs, Fall 2024- Speaker Series Co-Coordinator, Department of Government, Fall 2024- Term Faculty Hiring Committee, Department of Government, Fall 2024 Review Committee Member, Translating Research Into Action Center’s Signature Research Initiative Program, Fall 2025</p> <p>University of California, Riverside</p> <p>Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee, September 2023-June 2024</p> <p>East Tennessee State University</p> <p>Coordinator, Public Administration Minor, August 2021-May 2023 Faculty Advisor, Students of Political Science for Inclusion, February 2023-May 2023 Faculty Advisor, Women in Political Science, October 2022-May 2023 Member, College of Arts & Sciences Internal Research and Creative Activity Council, March 2022-May 2023</p> <p>Washington University in St. Louis</p> <p>American Politics Research Workshop Student Coordinator, August 2017-May 2018 Graduate Student Recruitment Coordinator, Spring 2018</p>
MEDIA APPEARANCES & COVERAGE	<p>“Trade war, migration obsession, budget cuts: an account of Donald Trump’s first 100 days.” <i>Le Nouvelliste</i>. April 29, 2025.</p> <p>Friedman, Adam. “What Happens When a Cash-Poor Billionaire Wants a New Sports Stadium? Lobbying”. <i>Tennessee Lookout</i>. July 26, 2023.</p> <p>Friedman, Adam. “Cash for Clout: Tennessee’s Million Dollar Club.” <i>Tennessee Lookout</i>. July 24, 2023.</p> <p>Johnson, Theodore R. “Reparations Won’t Start With Congress. A President Needs to Do That.” <i>Politico</i>. June 21, 2019.</p>
COMPUTER SKILLS	<p>L^AT_EX, Python, R, Stata</p>

REFERENCES

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