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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Duke University

- Assistant Research Professor of Statistical Science and Political Science, 2020-Present
- Lecturing Fellow, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University 2018-2020
 - Research Mentor: John Aldrich

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Ph.D. in Political Science, August 2018

- Dissertation: “Chamber Competitiveness, Political Polarization, and the Battle for Legislative Majority Control”
- Committee: Jason M. Roberts (Chair), John H. Aldrich, Christopher J. Clark, Candis Watts Smith, Sarah A. Treul
- Fields: American Politics (Major), Methodology (Minor), Public Policy (Minor)

M.A. in Political Science, December 2014

Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

B.A. with highest honors in Political Science, *magna cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*, May 2012

- Interdisciplinary Concentrations (Minors): Public Policy, Environmental Studies

BOOK

- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2021. *The Miserable Minority: Political Powerlessness and Disengagement from Electoral Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. (part of *Legislative Politics and Policy Making Series*)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Smith, Jacob F.H. “Judged by the Content of the Candidate: Black Candidates in White Districts.” Forthcoming at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. (Available Online First.)
- Smith, Jacob F.H. and Jonathan J. Spiegler. 2020. “Explaining Gun Deaths: Gun Control, Mental Illness, and Policymaking in the American States.” *Policy Studies Journal* 48(1): 235-256. (Top 20 Downloaded Article by *Policy Studies Journal* in 2017-2018.)
- Riley, Gavin L.* and Jacob F.H. Smith 2018. “The Trump Effect: Filing Deadlines and the Decision to Run in the 2016 Congressional Elections.” *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 16(2):193-210.

*UNC Undergraduate Student

- Williams, Ryan J. and Jacob F.H. Smith. 2018. "Keeping Up Appearances: Non-Policy Court Responses to Public Opinion." *Justice System Journal* 39(1): 54-74.
- Roberts, Jason M., Jacob F.H. Smith, and Sarah A. Treul. 2016. "Party Committee Targeting and the Evolution of Competition in U.S. House Elections." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties* 26(1): 96-114.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. and Neil I. Weinberg. 2016. "The Elevator Effect: Advertising, Priming, and the Rise of Cherie Berry." *American Politics Research* 44(3): 496-522.

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

- "Turnout in Midterm Congressional Elections" (with John Aldrich) Revise and Resubmit from *American Political Science Review* received on July 7, 2021; due back to journal on September 30, 2021.

UNDER REVIEW

- "Clearing the Bench: The Perils of Appointing Politicians to the Cabinet." (with Jonathan Spiegler and Aidan Floyd*)

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Spiegler, Jonathan and Jacob F.H. Smith 2019. "Regression Analysis for Beginners: Exploring Gun Violence." *SAGE Research Methods Cases*.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2019. "Cherie Berry's Elevator Pictures, Spatial Regression, and the Ups and Downs of the Research Process." *SAGE Research Methods Cases*.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- **Courses as Instructor:**
 - Duke:
 - Political Science 116: The American Political System (Spring 2022)
 - Statistics 199: Introduction to Data Science and Statistical Thinking (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Tentatively Spring 2022)
 - Statistics 101: Data Analysis and Statistical Inference (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2021)
 - Writing 101: Race, Gender, and the 2020 Election (Spring 2020)
 - Writing 101: Congress and Quantitative Writing (Fall 2019)
 - Writing 101: Analyzing Public Policy (Spring 2019)
 - Writing 101: Congressional Elections & Quantitative Writing (Fall 2018)
 - UNC:
 - PUBA 722: Federal Policies and Institutions (Summer 2018)
 - POLI 209: Analyzing Public Opinion (Spring 2018, Summer 2017)

- POLI 101: Introduction to State and Local Government in the United States. (Fall 2017)
- POLI 208: Political Parties and Elections (Spring 2016)
- POLI 100: Introduction to Government in the United States (Fall 2015)
- **Graduate Research Consultant**
 - POLI 054: The American Worker (Spring 2018)
 - POLI 495: Framing Public Policies. (Spring 2013)
- **Undergraduate RA Mentor**
 - Awarded Duke Faculty Research Grant to hire and mentor an undergraduate research assistant (2019-20 school year, continue to hire in 2020-21 & 2021-22 years with departmental funding).
 - Awarded Uhlman Grant to hire and mentor an undergraduate research assistant (Summer 2016).
- **Fellow.** UNC-Chapel Hill Center for Faculty Excellence Future Faculty Fellowship Program (Fall 2015).
- **Teaching Assistant.** Introduction to US Govt. (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015).

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- American Politics, Congress and Legislative Politics, Political Parties and Elections, Presidency, Research Methods, Academic Writing, Public Policy, Race and Politics

INCLUSIVE PEDADOGY TRAINING

- Certificate of Completion, Dismantling Racism at Duke: Faculty Curriculum, Jan. 2021.

AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS

- Duke Faculty Research Grant, 2019-2020. (\$3600)
- Dirksen Congressional Research Grant, 2017-2018. (\$3500)
- UNC Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2016-2017.
- Uhlman Summer Research Grant Summer 2016. (\$2000)
- Summer Research Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South, Summer 2013 (\$3000).
- Conference Travel Grants:
 - APSA Travel Grant, 2018.
 - UNC Center for the Study of the American South Travel Grant, 2015, 2017.
 - Whit Ayres Conference Travel Grant, 2015, 2016, 2017.
 - Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Grant, 2016.
 - UNC Graduate School Travel Grant, 2016.
- Awarded highest honors and Diamond-Storing Award for best senior thesis in American Politics at Kenyon College for *The Politics of Congressional Wave Elections*, May 2012.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2011*, 2012*, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
 - *As Undergraduate
- Southern Political Science Association: 2015, 2016

- Northeastern Political Science Association: 2017
- Southern Association for Public Opinion Research: 2015

OTHER SELECTED INVITED CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- Guest Lectures, *Honors Elections and Political Parties*, October 2018.
- Guest Lecture, *ALEC's Model Legislation: Inception, Implementation and Intrigue*, American Association of University Women, November 2017.
- Guest Lectures, *The American Worker* Undergraduate Seminar, April 2017 & Nov 2018.
- Guest Lecture, Graduate *Federal Policies and Institutions* Course, November 2016.
- Guest Lecture, *Introduction to State and Local Government*, September 2016.
- Presentation on Campaign Finance in NC, Campus Y Student Group, September 2016.
- Guest Lecture, Undergraduate *Introduction to Southern Politics* Course, March 2016.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Committee Member, *Teaching Writing in Statistics Courses* at Duke University, 2020- Present.
- Discussant, Undergraduate Poster Session on *Political Parties and Partisanship* at the annual meeting for the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017.
- Frequent interviewee on topics in State and National Government, *Daily Tar Heel* (UNC Student Newspaper), 2016-2018.
- Reviewer, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *Electoral Studies*, and *Social Science Computing Review*.
- Student Member, Kenyon College Career Development Center Director Search Committee, 2010.

COMMUNICATING RESEARCH IN THE PUBLIC FORUM

- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2020. ["Black candidates can win in swing districts."](#) *The Conversation*.
- Smith, Jacob F.H., Jonathan Spiegler, and Aidan Floyd.* 2020. ["Here's the problem Biden faces if he picks current lawmakers for his Cabinet."](#) *The Monkey Cage*.
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- Smith, Jacob F.H. and Jonathan Spiegler. 2018. ["More mental health care alone won't stop gun violence."](#) *The Conversation*.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. and Jonathan Spiegler. 2018. ["Gun Control or Mental Healthcare? Unequal Solutions to Gun Violence."](#) *Michigan Policy Wonk Blog*.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2016. ["How to Tell if 2016 is a Wave Election."](#) *Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball*.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2016. ["Cherie Berry put her picture in every North Carolina elevator. Here's how that affected her reelection."](#) *The Monkey Cage*.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2015. ["How an elevator can be key to a candidate's electoral success."](#) *London School of Economics USAPP Blog*.
- Discussion of "The Elevator Effect: Advertising, Priming, and the Rise of Cherie Berry."
 - Charlotte NPR station 90.7 ([Short Interview Clip](#).)
 - In the [Charlotte Observer](#).
 - In the [Boston Globe](#).

- Discussion of Research on Congressional Wave Elections
 - [*University of Virginia Center for Politics.*](#)
 - [*Catholic University Institute for Policy Research Blog.*](#)

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

R, STATA, Qualtrics, GeoDa

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Scholars Strategy Network

REFERENCES

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