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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Fordham University, Bronx, NY

- Assistant Professor of Political Science, Starting September 2023

Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

- Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2022-2023

Duke University, Durham, NC

- Assistant Research Professor of Statistical Science and Political Science, 2020-2022
- Lecturing Fellow, Thompson Writing Program, 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

BOOKS

- *Waves of Discontent: Electoral Volatility, Public Policymaking, and the Health of American Democracy*. Advance contract from University of Michigan Press has been approved. (Intend to accept advance contract, with full draft anticipated to be returned to publisher by November 15, 2023.)
- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2021. *Minority Party Misery: Political Powerlessness and Electoral Disengagement*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. (part of *Legislative Politics and Policy Making Series*)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Clearing the Bench: The Perils of Appointing Politicians to the Cabinet.” (with Jonathan Spiegler and Aidan Floyd*) Forthcoming at the *Journal of Policy History*. Currently scheduled to appear in January 2024 issue.

*Duke Undergraduate Student

- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2020. “Just as electable: Black Democratic candidates in swing districts.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 10(4): 696-704.
- 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.
- 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

- Smith, Jacob F.H. “Race, Electoral Pressure, Expected Judicial Ideology, and the Vote to Confirm Justice Clarence Thomas” Revise and Resubmit at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. (Returned to journal on June 7, 2023).

SHORT BOOK PROJECT IN PREPARATION

- “Midterm Congressional Elections and the Calculus of Voting” (with John Aldrich). Plan to submit proposal for review to *Cambridge Elements in American Politics* in late 2023.

OTHER PEER-REVIEWED 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*.

OTHER RESEARCH IN PREPARATION

- COVID-19 and Gun Homicides: Explaining the Increase During the First Year of the Pandemic.” Paper presented at *Midwest Political Science Association* conference in April 2023. Plan to submit to journal in September 2023.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- **Courses as Instructor of Record:**
 - Fordham:
 - POSC 3217: The American Presidency (Fall 2023)
 - POSC 3321: American Public Policy (Fall 2023)
 - Kenyon:
 - PSCI 200: Liberal Democracy in America (Fall 2022 and Spring 2023)
 - PSCI 303: Campaigns and Elections (Fall 2022)
 - PSCI 391: Political Polarization in American Politics (Spring 2023)
 - Duke:
 - Political Science 116D: The American Political System (Spring 2022)
 - Statistics 199: Introduction to Data Science and Statistical Thinking (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
 - Statistics 101: Data Analysis and Statistical Inference (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 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** (Mentoring undergraduate student research projects)
 - 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 AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

INCLUSIVE PEDADOGY TRAINING

- Certificate of Completion, Dismantling Racism at Duke: Faculty Curriculum, Jan. 2021.
- Deaf Cultural Competency Training, November 2022.

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, 2022
 - *As Undergraduate
- Southern Political Science Association: 2015, 2016, 2021
- Northeastern Political Science Association: 2017
- Southern Association for Public Opinion Research: 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Committee Member, *Teaching Writing in Statistics Courses* at Duke University, 2020-2022.
- 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, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *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*.

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*.
 - * Duke Undergraduate Student
- 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 [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

Scholars Strategy Network

REFERENCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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