

## JACOB F.H. SMITH

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Kenyon College**, Gambier, OH

- Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2022- Present

**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

### BOOK

- 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

- Smith, Jacob F.H. “Just as electable: Black Democratic candidates in swing districts.” *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.

- 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.

### **CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW**

- “Clearing the Bench: The Perils of Appointing Politicians to the Cabinet.” (with Jonathan Spiegler and Aidan Floyd\*) Submitted for review to *Journal of Policy History* in June 2022.

\*Duke Undergraduate Student

- “Turnout in Midterm Congressional Elections and the Calculus of Voting” (with John Aldrich). Submitted for review to *Journal of Politics* in April 2022.

### **SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PEER REVIEW**

- “Inclusive Excellence and Undergraduate Research in Political Science and Public Policy.” Submitted to *PS: Political Science and Politics* on August 5, 2022 for consideration for issue on undergraduate research. (With editor as of August 8, 2022).

### **SECOND BOOK PROJECT**

- *Waves of Discontent: Electoral Volatility, Public Policymaking, and the Health of American Democracy*. Proposal and first several chapters submitted to University of Michigan for initial consideration in early August 2022.

### **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*.

### **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

- **Courses as Instructor:**
  - 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 116: 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, 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 AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- American Politics, Congress and Legislative Politics, Political Parties and Elections, Public Opinion, 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, 2022
  - \*As Undergraduate
- Southern Political Science Association: 2015, 2016, 2021
- Northeastern Political Science Association: 2017
- Southern Association for Public Opinion Research: 2015

### **OTHER SELECTED INVITED CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES**

- Guest Lectures at UNC, *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, *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*.
- 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*.  
\* 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 [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  
Scholars Strategy Network

## **REFERENCES**

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