

## JACOB F.H. SMITH

### CURRICULUM VITAE

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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*, May 2012

- Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha, May 2012
- Senior Honors Thesis: “The Politics of Congressional Wave Elections”
  - Awarded the Diamond-Storing Award for best senior thesis in American Politics.
- Interdisciplinary Concentrations (Minors): Public Policy, Environmental Studies

### BOOK PROJECT

- Smith, Jacob F.H. “The Miserable Minority: Political Powerlessness and Disengagement from Electoral Politics.” Forthcoming at University of Michigan Press as part of *Legislative Politics and Policy Making Series*. (Release date: March 30, 2021)

### 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*.
- 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.

### **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 (2 sections each semester):
    - Statistics 101: Data Analysis and Statistical Inference (Fall 2020; also taught one section during Summer 2020).
      - Scheduled to teach one section of Statistics 101 and one section of Statistics 199: Introduction to Data Science in 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, will continue to hire in 2020-21 year 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 Government in the United States (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015).

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- American Politics, Academic Writing, Legislative Institutions and Elections, Research Methods, Public Policy, State Politics, Race and Politics

### **INCLUSIVE PEDADOGY TRAINING**

- Certificate of Completion, Dismantling Racism at Duke: Faculty Curriculum for Spring 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.

### **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
- 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).
- Reviewer, *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*. <https://theconversation.com/black-candidates-can-win-in-swing-districts-151980>.
- 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*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/12/02/heres-problem-biden-faces-if-he-picks-current-lawmakers-his-cabinet>.
- \* Duke Undergraduate Student
- Smith, Jacob F.H. and Jonathan Spiegler. 2018. "More mental health care alone won't stop gun violence." *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/more-mental-health-care-alone-will-not-stop-gun-violence-94201>.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. and Jonathan Spiegler. 2018. "Gun Control or Mental Healthcare?" Unequal Solutions to Gun Violence." *Michigan Policy Wonk Blog*. <http://ippsr.msu.edu/public-policy/michigan-wonk-blog/gun-control-or-mental-healthcare-unequal-solutions-gun-violence>.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2017. "For Democrats to win back the House, the First Step is believing they can." *Daily Kos Elections*. <http://www.dailykos.com/stories/2017/2/21/1632101/-For-Democrats-to-win-back-the-House-in-2018-the-first-step-is-believing-they-can>.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2016. "How to Tell if 2016 is a Wave Election." *Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball*. <http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/articles/how-to-tell-if-2016-is-a-wave-election/>.
- 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*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/04/14/cherie-berry-put-her-picture-in-every-north-carolina-elevator-heres-how-that-affected-her-reelection/>.
- Smith, Jacob F.H. 2015. "How an elevator can be key to a candidate's electoral success." *London School of Economics USAPP Blog*.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2015/10/05/how-an-elevator-can-be-key-to-a-candidates-electoral-success/>.

- Discussion of “The Elevator Effect: Advertising, Priming, and the Rise of Cherie Berry.”
  - Charlotte NPR station 90.7 Short Interview Clip (Available at <http://wfae.org/post/no-reporter-discusses-reluctant-regulator-series-cherie-berry>).
  - *Charlotte Observer* (Available at <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article38012778.html>).
  - *Boston Globe* (Available at <https://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2015/09/19/the-rise-cherie-berry/QzSGeQN3nJcJFRnwxuCB9K/story.html>).
- Discussion of Research on Congressional Wave Elections
  - University of Virginia Center for Politics. (<http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/articles/what-is-a-wave-in-the-senate/>).
  - Catholic University Institute for Policy Research Blog. (<http://iprcua.com/2014/11/17/was-2014-a-wave-election/>).

## **STATISTICAL SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY**

R, STATA, Qualtrics, GeoDa

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Scholars Strategy Network

## **REFERENCES**

### **John H. Aldrich**

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