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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."](https://theconversation.com/black-candidates-can-win-in-swing-districts-151980) *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."](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/12/02/heres-problem-biden-faces-if-he-picks-current-lawmakers-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."](http://theconversation.com/more-mental-health-care-alone-will-not-stop-gun-violence-94201) *The Conversation.*
* Smith, Jacob F.H. and Jonathan Spiegler. 2018. [“Gun Control or Mental Healthcare? Unequal Solutions to Gun Violence.”](http://ippsr.msu.edu/public-policy/michigan-wonk-blog/gun-control-or-mental-healthcare-unequal-solutions-gun-violence) *Michigan Policy Wonk Blog.*
* Smith, Jacob F.H. 2016. ["How to Tell if 2016 is a Wave Election."](http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/articles/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.”](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/) *The Monkey Cage.*
* Smith, Jacob F.H. 2015.[“How an elevator can be key to a candidate’s electoral success.”](http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2015/10/05/how-an-elevator-can-be-key-to-a-candidates-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.](http://wfae.org/post/no-reporter-discusses-reluctant-regulator-series-cherie-berry))
  + In the [*Boston Globe.*](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.*](https://centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/articles/what-is-a-wave-in-the-senate/)
  + [*Catholic University Institute for Policy Research* Blog.](https://web.archive.org/web/20160605215222/http:/iprcua.com/2014/11/17/was-2014-a-wave-election/)

**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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