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POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Louisiana Tech University (2021–present)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Washington University in Saint Louis, Missouri
  Ph.D., Political Science (2021)
    Committee: Sunita Parikh (Chair), Deniz Aksoy, Margit Tavits,
      Guillermo Rosas, Joshua Gubler
  M.A., Political Science (2018)

Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas
  B.A., Politics and Mathematics, *Summa Cum Laude* (2016)
    Distinction in both majors, Economics minor

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics (2014)

EXPERTISE

Teaching writing, community engagement, representation, identity, political elites, terrorism and violence, event data, India, post-Communist states, public policy

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

13. "Signaling Democratic Progress with Electoral System Reform" (with Patrick Cunha Silva), accepted at *Political Research Quarterly*.

12. "Small-Scale Civic Engagement with Big Impacts," accepted at *PS: Political Science & Politics*. APSA Civic Engagement Blog Post

11. "Citizen Responses to Ethnic Representation," accepted at *Political Studies*.

10. "Anomalous Responses on Amazon Mechanical Turk: An Indian Perspective" (with Sunita Parikh). 2021. *Research and Politics* 8(2): 1-4.

9. "Do Peers Respond? Attendance and Critical Events," accepted at *British Politics*. LSE Politics & Policy Blog Post

8. "Technology and Collective Action Event Size: Lessons for India," 2021. *Studies in Indian Politics* 9(1): 118-123.

7. "Western Political Rhetoric and Radicalization" (with Margit Tavits and Deniz Aksoy), accepted at *British Journal of Political Science*.

6. "Ethnic Diversity in Central Government Cabinets," accepted at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.

5. "Pick Your Language: How Riot Reporting Differs Between English and Hindi Newspapers in India," 2019. *Asian Journal of Communication* 29(5): 405-423.

4. "A Meta-Analysis of Natural Resources and Conflict," 2019. *Research and Politics* 6(1):1-6.

3. "Regional Autonomy in Rich Regions: Evidence from Adjara, Georgia," 2018. *Caucasus Survey* 6(1): 18-41.

2. "International Tourism's Impact on Regional Autonomy: Evidence from 2004 EU Accession Countries," 2017. *Tourism Economics* 23(8): 1632-1661.

1. "Did Natural Resource Wealth Motivate Fighting in the Bosnian War?" 2016. *Journal of International Studies* 9(1): 27-43.

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

3. "Research Articles, Not Research Papers: Empowering Students Through Research Writing," accepted at *Handbook of Political Research Pedagogy* published by Palgrave Macmillan (Dan Mallison, Julia Marin Hellwege, and Eric Loepp, eds.).

2. "Graduate Student Peer Teaching Mentoring" (with Bryant Moy), accepted at *The Political Science Educator*.

1. "Track Summary: Teaching Research, Writing, and Information Literacy" (with Julia Marin Hellwege), 2020. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 53(3): 588–590.

WORKING PAPERS

4. "Writing a Research Article in an Introductory Course." Revise and Resubmit.

3. "Politicians' Complaint Response: E-Governance and Personal Relationships."

2. "Language and Nationalism" (with Patrick Cunha Silva).

1. "Political Space in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes: Activating Pro Forma Platforms" (with Norman Schofield).

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

- Representation, Identity, and Dissent (Summer 2020, Online)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 2019)
- Immigration, Identity, and the Internet (Fall 2018, Co-Instructor)

PEDAGOGICAL
DEVELOPMENT

Certifications
- Washington University Teaching Citation, 2019
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Scholar, Washington University, 2020

Courses Completed
- Instructional Design Foundations
- Learning Technologies Foundations
- Assessment for Learning
- Introduction to Online Teaching
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- Course Design Institute
- Leading for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Workshops Attended
- Developing Critical Reading Skills
- Facilitating Engaging Discussions
- Motivating Student Learners
- Collaborative Learning in Groups
- Increasing Media Literacy
- Facilitating Challenging Conversations
- Active Learning in Lectures
- Developing Effective Summative Assessments
- Inclusive Research Mentorship

Conferences Attended
- International Teaching and Learning Cooperative Lilly Conference, 2021
- International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, 2021
- Professional and Organizational Development Network Conference, 2020
- Assessment Institute, 2020
- American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, 2018, 2019, 2020

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

"Department-Level Graduate Student Peer Teaching Workshops Improve Community and Instruction," Professional and Organizational Development Network, 2021.

"Politicians' Complaint Response: E-Governance and Personal Relationships," American Political Science Association, 2021.

"Anomalous Responses on Amazon Mechanical Turk: An Indian Perspective" (with Sunita Parikh), American Political Science Association, 2021.

"Elite Responses to Ethnic Diversity and Interethnic Contact," Washington University Graduate Research Symposium, 2021.

"Unexpected Responses on Amazon Mechanical Turk: An Indian Perspective" (with Sunita Parikh), Midwest Political Science Association, 2021.

"Elite Responses to Ethnic Diversity and Interethnic Contact," Midwest Political Science Association, 2021.

"Elite Responses to Ethnic Diversity and Interethnic Contact," Washington University — University of Illinois Student Exchange Conference, 2021.

"Small-Scale Community Engagement in Comparative Perspective," American Political Science Association, 2020.

"A Hybrid Approach to Measuring Elite Caste Membership" (with Sunita Parikh), American Political Science Association, 2020.

"Elite Interethnic Contact and Minority Social Policies," Midwest Political Science Association, 2020 (canceled).

"A Hybrid Approach to Measuring Elite Caste Membership" (with Sunita Parikh), Midwest Political Science Association, 2020 (canceled).

"Writing a Research Article in an Introductory Political Science Course," American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, 2020.

"The Relative Importance of Descriptive Representation in Indian Cabinets" (with Sunita Parikh), American Political Science Association, 2019.

"Attending in Crisis: How British Parliamentarians Respond to Threats," American Political Science Association, 2019.

"Ethnic Diversity in Central Government Cabinets," Midwest Political Science Association, 2019.

"Ethnic Diversity in Central Government Cabinets," Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium, 2019.

"Durable Institutions: The 1935 Act and the Constitution of India" (with Sunita Parikh and Alfred Darnell), American Political Science Association, 2018.

"Signaling Democratic Progress Through Electoral System Reform," American Political Science Association, 2018.

"Quantifying Indian Riots: Is Newspaper Data Enough?" (with Sunita Parikh), Midwest Political Science Association, 2018.

"Signaling Democratic Progress Through Electoral System Reform," Midwest Political Science Association, 2018.

"Political Space in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes: Activating Pro Forma Platforms" (with Norman Schofield), Fifth International Conference on Political Economy and Institutions, 2017.

"Regional Autonomy in Rich Regions: Evidence from Adjara, Georgia," American Political Science Association, 2017.

"Rational Decision-Making Models of Outcomes in the 1992-1995 Bosnian War," Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016.

SERVICE

Discipline
Editorial Assistant, *The Journal of Politics* (2020)
Reviewer: *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Springer Verlag, Professional and Organizational Development Network
Discussant: MPSA 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

University
- Washington University
  Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, Washington University, 2021
  Founder and Facilitator, Teaching Political Science Workshop Series, 2019–2021
  Pedagogy Specialist, Department of Political Science, 2020
  Graduate Student Organizer, Comparative Politics Conference, 2020–2021
  Teaching Center Orientation Mentor, 2018–2021
  Teaching Center Graduate Student Advisory Council, 2017–2020
  University Graduate Advisory Council, 2018–2019
  University Teaching and Professional Development Committee, 2018–2019
  Graduate Student Senate Sustainability Committee, 2016–2017
- Hendrix College
  Chief Sustainability Officer, 2015–2016
  Presidential Ambassador, 2014–2016
  Strategic Planning Committee, 2015–2016
  Financial Committee, 2015
  Committee Against Sexual Exploitation (co-founder), 2015–2016

HONORS AND
AWARDS

Grants
- Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy
  $9,600: surveys in India (with Sunita Parikh), 2021
  $11,000: survey experiments (with Margit Tavits), 2019
  $4,500: surveys in India (with Sunita Parikh), 2019
  $8,900: survey experiments in India and Macedonia (with Sunita Parikh), 2018
- Department of Political Science Seed Grant ($1,500), 2020
- Professional and Organizational Development Network Career Grant, 2020
- American Political Science Association Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2017
- Hendrix Provost Scholarship (full merit scholarship), 2012–2016

Awards
- Pi Sigma Alpha (Politics), Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics)
- Graduate Research Symposium Best Poster (3rd Place)
- W.C. Buthman Prize in Politics
- Parker Mathematics Undergraduate Research Award
- Mathematics Association of America Best Presentation Award

SKILLS

Language: Hindi (basic)
Fieldwork: Delhi, Chennai, Lucknow (December 2019 and January 2020)

Computer: LaTeX, R, Stata, SPSS, Python, Qualtrics
Additional Training: Python, Network Analysis, GIS, Advanced Causal Inference

MEMBERSHIP   American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Professional and Organizational Development Network
National Science Policy Network