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EDUCATION AND TRAINING	<p><b>Washington University in Saint Louis</b>, Missouri Ph.D., Political Science (expected 2021) Committee: Sunita Parikh (Chair), Deniz Aksoy, Margit Tavits, Guillermo Rosas, Joshua Gubler M.A., Political Science (2018)</p> <p><b>Hendrix College</b>, Conway, Arkansas B.A., Politics and Mathematics, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (2016) Distinction in both majors, Economics minor</p> <p><b>Budapest Semesters in Mathematics</b> (2014)</p>
POSITIONS	<p>Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, Washington University (2021–present) Founder and Facilitator, Teaching Political Science Workshop Series (2019–present) Adjunct Instructor, Washington University (2019–present) Pedagogy Specialist, Department of Political Science, Washington University (2020) Editorial Assistant, <i>The Journal of Politics</i> (2020)</p>
EXPERTISE	<p>Teaching writing, community engagement, representation, identity, political elites, terrorism and violence, event data, India, post-Communist states, public policy</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Instructor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participation, Development, and Stability (Summer 2021, Online) Undergraduate course synthesizing topics from American, Comparative, and IR Led research-based policy briefing paper writing and class simulation Created and guided opportunities for student self and peer reflection</li><li>• Representation, Identity, and Dissent (Summer 2020, Online) Undergraduate Comparative/IR course with American public policy activities Created interactive student blog assignments to facilitate active learning Created and implemented partnership with local community organization</li><li>• Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 2019) Undergraduate course connecting topics in American and Comparative politics Designed activities to acclimate non-majors to political science research methods Taught writing, peer collaboration, and public policy application skills</li><li>• Immigration, Identity, and the Internet (Fall 2018, Co-Instructor) Undergraduate American course drawing on interdisciplinary approaches Taught applied research skills culminating in case study project Created and facilitated activities for class debate about local public policy issue</li></ul> <p><b>Assistant in Instruction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research Workshop (Fall 2019, Spring 2020) Graduate course on dissertation writing and research design Developed and taught writing, research design, and grant writing workshops</li><li>• Party Politics (Spring 2020) Graduate course on comparative approaches to party politics Taught research design workshops and mentored students on research projects</li><li>• Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2019) Undergraduate lecture-based Comparative course Supervised 10 TAs. Taught TAs active learning and course design skills</li></ul>

- Political Protest and Violence (Spring 2018)  
Undergraduate Comparative/American course on models of political protest  
Taught one third of the course. Designed and supervised simulation project
- Theories of Social Justice (Fall 2017)  
Undergraduate Political Theory course  
Implemented exam improvement program. Mentored student research projects

## 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

## TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

- “Writing a Research Article in an Introductory Course.” Revise and Resubmit.
- “Small-Scale Community Engagement in Comparative Perspective.” Draft Complete. [APSA Civic Engagement Blog Post](#)
- “[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.).
- “[Graduate Student Peer Teaching Mentoring](#)” (with Bryant Moy), accepted at *The Political Science Educator*.
- “[Track Summary: Teaching Research, Writing, and Information Literacy](#)” (with Julia Marin Hellwege), 2020. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 53(3): 588–590.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “[Citizen Responses to Ethnic Representation](#),” accepted at *Political Studies*.
- “[Technology and Collective Action Event Size: Lessons for India](#),” 2021. *Studies in Indian Politics* 9(1): 118-123.
- “[Western Political Rhetoric and Radicalization](#)” (with Margit Tavits and Deniz Aksoy), accepted at *British Journal of Political Science*.
- “[Ethnic Diversity in Central Government Cabinets](#),” accepted at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.
- “[A Meta-Analysis of Natural Resources and Conflict](#),” 2019. *Research and Politics* 6(1):1-6.

WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Signaling Democratic Progress with Electoral System Reform” (with Patrick Cunha Silva). Revise and Resubmit.</li> <li>• “Elite Responses to Ethnic Diversity and Interethnic Contact.” Under Review.</li> </ul>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>American Political Science Association 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021</p> <p>Washington University Graduate Research Symposium, 2021</p> <p>Washington University — University of Illinois Student Exchange Conference, 2021</p> <p>American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference 2020</p> <p>Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Conference, 2019</p> <p>Fifth International Conference on Political Economy and Institutions, 2017</p> <p>Arkansas Political Science Association, 2016</p>
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Conservation Awards Coordinator</b>, Blue Ridge Mountains Council (2010–present)</p> <p>Educate and mentor youth on conservation projects</p> <p><b>Volunteer Educator</b>, Missouri Botanical Garden Outdoor Youth Corps (2017–2019)</p> <p>Educate and mentor youth about environmental careers</p> <p><b>Chief Sustainability Officer</b>, Hendrix College (2015–2016)</p> <p>Responsible for all sustainable practices and operations at the College; managed \$60,000/year fund and associated committee</p> <p><b>Intern</b>, United States Senator Tim Kaine (2015)</p>
SERVICE	<p><b>Discipline</b></p> <p>Reviewer: <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>, Springer Verlag</p> <p>Discussant: MPSA 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021</p> <p><b>University</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching Center Orientation Mentor, 2018–present</li> <li>Graduate Student Organizer, Comparative Politics Conference, 2020–2021</li> <li>Teaching Center Graduate Student Advisory Council, 2017–2020</li> <li>University Graduate Advisory Council, 2018–2019</li> <li>University Teaching and Professional Development Committee, 2018–2019</li> <li>Graduate Student Senate Sustainability Committee, 2016–2017</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hendrix College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Ambassador, 2014–2016</li> <li>Strategic Planning Committee, 2015–2016</li> <li>Financial Committee, 2015</li> <li>Committee Against Sexual Exploitation (co-founder), 2015–2016</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
HONORS AND AWARDS	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$9,600: surveys in India (with Sunita Parikh), 2021</li> <li>\$11,000: survey experiments (with Margit Tavits), 2019</li> <li>\$4,500: surveys in India (with Sunita Parikh), 2019</li> <li>\$8,900: survey experiments in India and Macedonia (with Sunita Parikh), 2018</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Department of Political Science Seed Grant (\$1,500), 2020</li> <li>• Professional and Organizational Development Network Career Grant, 2020</li> <li>• American Political Science Association Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2017</li> <li>• Hendrix Provost Scholarship (full merit scholarship), 2012–2016</li> </ul>

**Awards**

- Pi Sigma Alpha (Politics), Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics)
- Graduate Research Symposium Best Poster (3rd Place)
- W.C. Butthman 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:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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