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

"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 American Political Science Association 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Midwest Political Science Association 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Professional and Organizational Development Network Conference 2021

Washington University Graduate Research Symposium, 2021

Washington University — University of Illinois Student Exchange Conference, 2021 American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference 2020 Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Conference, 2019 Fifth International Conference on Political Economy and Institutions, 2017

Arkansas Political Science Association, 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