

Tristan M. Hightower

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Maryland, expected 2023.

B.A. Political Science (with honors), University of Tennessee, 2017.

Summa Cum Laude, Chancellor's Honors Program, Phi Beta Kappa (ΦBK).

Thesis Advisor: Anthony Nownes, Professor of Political Science.

Research Interests

American Politics (Congress, Interest Groups and Representation, Polarization).

Political Methodology (Survey Design, Quantitative Methods).

Teaching Positions

Teaching Assistant

GVPT 202: Politics, Constitutional Policy, and the Institution of the U.S. Supreme Court (Patrick Wohlfarth, Primary Instructor), Spring 2019.

GVPT 473: The U.S. Congress (Ric Uslander, Primary Instructor), Fall 2018.

Research Positions

Research Assistant

Jóhanna Birnir, University of Maryland, Fall 2019-Spring 2020.

Kris Miler, University of Maryland, March-May 2020.

James Gimpel, University of Maryland, Summer 2019, February 2020.

Hemant Sharma, University of Tennessee, Summer 2015.

Publication

Hightower, Tristan M. 2019. "Tennessee's Promise: Education for All?" *Pursuit - The Journal of Undergraduate Research at the University of Tennessee*: 9(1), Article 4.

For works early in development, please visit my website's research page: tristanhightower.com/research.

Grants, Honors, and Other Awards

Nominee, Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Maryland College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, May 2020 (one nominee per department).

Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2019-22 (\$5000 per annum).

Nominee, Graduate Student Representative, Phi Kappa Phi National Board of Directors, 2018.

Delegate, Phi Kappa Phi Leadership Summit - Denver, Colorado, 2017.

Undergraduate Summer Research Grant, University of Tennessee, 2015 (\$1500).

Service

To the Department

Graduate Student Association, Co-chair, University of Maryland, 2019-2020.

Graduate Student Association, First Year Representative, University of Maryland, 2018-2019.

To the University

Student Vice President, Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 22CP, University of Maryland, 2019-present.

Student Vice President, Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 2, University of Tennessee, 2016-2017.

To the Profession and Academy

Advisor, Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Development (National Office), Aug. 2019-present.

Leadership Consultant, Phi Kappa Phi Biannual Leadership Summit, Summer 2019.

Conference Papers

Gimpel, James G., **Tristan M. Hightower**, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2020. "Understanding the Geographic Origin and Concentration of Redistricting Cases Filed in U.S. Courts." Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 16-19. Chicago, IL.¹

Other Work Experience

Professional

Program Assistant, Chancellor's Honors Program, University of Tennessee, January - May 2018.

Internships

U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Majority Staff, Summer 2017.

U.S. Senator Bob Corker, Constituent Services Office, Knoxville, TN, Spring 2017.

¹Conference canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak of 2020.

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, 2018 - present.

National Capital Area Political Science Association, 2018 - present.

The Phi Beta Kappa Society (ΦBK), elected April 2017.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi ($\Phi\text{K}\Phi$), inducted November 2016.

Relevant Skills

Software: \LaTeX , R, SPSS, HTML, GitHub, WordPress, Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat

Diplomatic Protocol

References

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