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## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy**, Political Science  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Dissertation: “Surrogate Representation in the United States”  
Advisor: Dr. Pamela Conover

**Master of Arts**, Political Science  
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, May 2016  
Thesis: “Competing Identities and Candidate Evaluations”  
Advisor: Dr. William Hicks

**Bachelor of Arts**, Political Science  
High Point University, High Point, NC, May 2014  
Thesis: “Reconstruction Era Sentiments in the Modern South”  
Advisor: Dr. Alixandra Yanus

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Co-director**, Political Science Subject Pool, with Anna Bassi, UNC Chapel Hill, Spring 2020-  
**Assistant Director**, Political Science Subject Pool, Director Anna Bassi, UNC Chapel Hill, Fall 2018/2019  
**Assistant Director**, Political Science Subject Pool, Director Tim Ryan, UNC Chapel Hill, Spring 2019  
**Research Coordinator**, Lab of Professor Pamela Conover, UNC Chapel Hill, Fall 2018-  
**Statistical Consultant**, The Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, UNC Chapel Hill, Fall 2018-  
**Qualtrics Consultant**, The Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 2017-

## PUBLICATIONS

- [2] “A Response to *Tests for Unconstitutional Partisan Gerrymanders in a Post-Gill World* in a Post-Rucho World” with John A. Curiel. *Election Law Journal*. Forthcoming.
- [1] “Redistricting out Representation: Democratic Harms in Splitting ZIP Codes” with John A. Curiel. *Election Law Journal*. December, 2018.
- *Winner of the Common Cause Partisan Gerrymandering Reform Writing Competition*

## WORKING PAPERS

“I Choose You! Special Interest Group Endorsements in the 2018 U.S. House Midterm Elections” with Virginia Gray (Revise and Resubmit)

“Population Overlap Analysis: Improvement and Robustness of Areal Interpolation Matching (AIM)” with John Curiel (Under Review)

“The Political Consequences of Confederate Monuments” with Emily Wager and Lucy Britt (Under Review)

“The Ties That Bind: Surrogate Representation in the United States House of Representatives”

“The Constructivist Approach to Measuring Emotions in Politics: A New Measure” with Pamela Conover and Lucy Britt

## **ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS**

“No Experience Required: Early Donations and Amateur Candidate Success in Primary Elections” with Rachel Porter

“Redistricting Out Descriptive Representation: Geographic Communication Barriers to Descriptive Representation” with John Curiel

“The Fast and the Frugal: Search Heuristics for Boundedly Rational Voters” with Anna Bassi

“Salience and Voting Coordination in Primary Elections” with Anna Bassi

## **INVITED TALKS**

“The Fast and the Frugal: Search Heuristics for Boundedly Rational Voters.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, PR. January 2020.

“Redistricting out Descriptive Representation.” Presented at North Carolina State University. Raleigh, NC. September 2019.

“Effects of Confederate Monuments on Political Attitudes and Behavior” with Lucy Britt. Presented at the *Center for the Study of the American South “Talk About the South” Series*. Chapel Hill, NC. February 2019.

“Community, Cohesion, and Mail: The Development of Post Offices as Connecting Institutions” with John Curiel. Presented at the *Common Cause Redistricting Reform Conference*. Durham, NC. January 2019.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“I Choose You! Special Interest Group Endorsements in the 2018 U.S. House Midterm Elections” with Virginia Gray. Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL. April 2019.

“Redistricting out Representation: Democratic Harms in Splitting ZIP Codes” with John Curiel. Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*. Boston, MA. August 2018.

“The Ties That Bind: Surrogate Representation in the United States House of Representatives.” Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*. Chicago, IL. April 2018.

“Competing Identities and Candidate Evaluation.” Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*. Chicago, IL. April 2016.

“Social v. Personal Identity: A Text Analysis of Presidential Speeches from Washington to Obama” Presented at *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. San Juan, PR. January 2016.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Introduction to Qualtrics (Odum Short Course), Instructor, UNC Chapel Hill, The Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, Spring 2020

Introduction to Qualtrics (Odum Short Course), Instructor, UNC Chapel Hill, The Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, Fall 2019

Modern Political Thought, Teaching Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill, Department of Political Science, Spring 2019

Data Matters, Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University, Summer 2018

American Government and Politics, Teaching Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, Spring 2018

American Government and Politics, Teaching Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill Department of Political Science, Fall 2017

Data Matters, Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University, Summer 2017

## **AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS**

### **Awards**

Research Award, Gerrymandering Writing Competition, Common Cause, Fall 2018

### **Fellowships**

Dean's Graduate Fellows Program, UNC Chapel Hill, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Larry Spina Memorial Fund, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 2017

### **Research**

Hughes Fund, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 2018

Uhlman Fund, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 2018

Center for the Study of the American South, Fall 2017

Daniel B. German Fund, Appalachian State University, Spring 2016

Office of Student Research, Appalachian State University, Fall 2015

### **Travel**

Graduate Student and Professional Association, Spring 2018

Graduate Student Senate, Appalachian State University, Spring 2016

Office of Student Research, Appalachian State University, Fall 2015

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, Fall 2015

### **Other**

Best Senior Thesis, High Point University, Political Science, Spring 2014

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Federation Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Scholar in Residence, Carolina Housing, Fall 2016-Present

### **Midwest Political Science Association**

Discussant, Poster Session: Political Attitudes, Spring 2016

### **Appalachian State University**

President, Graduate Student Association Senate, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Member, Graduate Academic Policy & Procedure Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Member, Policy Subcommittee, GAP&P, 2015-2016

**High Point University**

President, Student Government Association, Fall 2012–Spring 2014

Member, Board of Trustees, Fall 2012–Spring 2014

Member, Dean of the Chapel Search Committee, Fall 2012–Spring 2014

**OTHER  
ACTIVITIES**

Summer Fellow, International Society for Political Psychology, Summer 2018

Participant, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Summer 2017

Graduate Assistant, White House Transition Project, 2016-2017

Member, NCPSA Paper Award Committee, 2015-2016

Research Assistant, Appalachian State University, 2014-2016

Residence Hall Director, Appalachian State University, 2014-2016

**SOFTWARE**

*arealOverlap* R package for fast and efficient calculation of dyadic pairs of non-nested geographies based on population distributions between two levels of geography. Joint with John Curiel.

**TECHNICAL  
SKILLS****Statistical Programs**

Python, R, SPSS, Stata

**Other Programs**

ArcGIS, HTML, Javascript, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics, QGIS

**PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS**

*American Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, The Society for Political Methodology, North Carolina Political Science Association, Pi Sigma Alpha*

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request

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