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## Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Political Science, West Virginia University, 2016-present.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Auburn University, 2012-2016.

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Iowa, 2012.

DISSERTATION: “The Policy Consequences of Unequal Participation.”

M.A. Political Science, Kent State University, 2007.

B.A. Political Science, Kent State University, 2004.

## Research and Teaching Interests

Political and economic inequality; American politics; state and local politics; public policy (taxation, redistribution, and technology use and access); political participation; public opinion; elections and representation; and political methodology.

## Grants & Awards

National Science Foundation, Collaborative Research. 2016-2019. “DAPPR: Diffusion Analytics for Public Policy Research.” PI (NSF 1637104) with Frederick J. Boehmke, Bruce A. Desmarais, Jeffrey J. Harden, Robert J. McGrath, Jason H. Windett, and Yu-Ru Lin, \$50,618 to West Virginia University (\$808,129 total).

National Science Foundation, Seed Grant. 2014-2015. “Measuring Skill-Based Technology Inequality in U.S. Counties.” PI (NSF 1338471), \$10,000 to Auburn University (\$499,788 total).

National Science Foundation, Consultant to PIs. 2013-2015. “BCC: Broadband Use Mapping, Data and Evaluation.” NSF 13-519 (\$35,000 awarded).

Auburn Author Award (2013) for *Digital Cities: The Internet and the Geography of Opportunity*

Best Graduate Student Paper on State Politics and Policy presented at the 2011 American Political Science Association Meeting. “Political Inequality and Non-Decision Making in the States.”

Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowship, 2011-2012.

## Books

Franco, William W. and Christopher Witko. 2017. *The New Economic Populism: How States Respond to Economic Inequality*. Oxford University Press.

Winner of the 2018 Virginia Gray Best Book Award (APSA State Politics and Policy Section)

Mossberger, Karen, Caroline Tolbert, and William W. Franco. 2012. *Digital Cities: The Internet and the Geography of Opportunity*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

## Refereed Articles

Flavin, Patrick and William W. Franco. Forthcoming. “Economic Segregation and Unequal Policy Responsiveness.” *Political Behavior*.

Flavin, Patrick and William W. Franco. 2017. “Government’s Unequal Attentiveness to Citizens’ Political Priorities.” *Policy Studies Journal* 45(4): 659-87.

Franco, William W. 2017. “Understanding Public Perceptions of Growing Economic Inequality.” *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 17(3): 319-348.

Franco, William W. 2016. “Political Context, Government Redistribution, and the Public’s Response to Growing Economic Inequality.” *The Journal of Politics* 78(4): 957-973.

Franko, William W., Nathan J. Kelly, and Christopher Witko. 2016. "Class Bias in Voter Turnout, Representation, and Income Inequality." *Perspectives on Politics* 14(2): 351-368.

Franko, William W. 2015. "More Equal than We Thought? Using Vote Validation to Better Understand Participation Inequality in the States." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 15(1): 91-114.

Franko, William W., Caroline Tolbert, and Christopher Witko. 2013. "Inequality, Self-Interest and Public Support for 'Robin Hood' Tax Policies." *Political Research Quarterly* 66(4): 923-937.

Franko, William W. 2013. "Political Inequality and State Policy Adoption: Predatory Lending, Children's Health Care, and Minimum Wage." *Poverty & Public Policy* 5(1): 88-114.

Redlawsk, David, Caroline Tolbert, and William W. Franko. 2010. "Voters, Emotions, and Race in 2008: Obama as the First Black President." *Political Research Quarterly* 63(4): 875-889.

MacDonald, Jason and William W. Franko. 2008. "What Moves Partisanship? Migration, State Partisan Environment Change, and Party Identification." *American Politics Research* 36(6): 880-902.

MacDonald, Jason and William W. Franko. 2007. "Bureaucratic Capacity and Bureaucratic Discretion: Does Congress Tie Policy Authority to Performance?" *American Politics Research* 35(6): 790-807.

## Book Chapters

Tolbert, Caroline and William W. Franko. 2014. "State Political Participation: Election Law, Electoral Competition, and Inequality." In *The Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Franko, William W. (with David Redlawsk, Caroline Tolbert, and Todd Donovan). 2011. "Participation and Engagement in Caucuses and Primaries." In *Why Iowa? How Caucuses and Sequential Elections Improve the Presidential Nominating Process*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

## Professional Presentations

Franko, William W. and Christopher Witko. “Conceptualizing Class and the Importance and Stability of Class-Based Policy Preferences.” 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. “Intergenerational Mobility, Economic Opportunity, and Support for Social Policy.” 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. “Perceptions of Economic Mobility and Public Support for Government Redistribution: Evidence from the States.” 2017 Annual State Politics & Policy Conference.

McGrath, Robert J. and William W. Franko. “State Medicaid Expansion and the Politics of Health Inequality.” 2017 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. “The Effect of State Responses to Economic Crisis on Income Inequality.” 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Flavin, Patrick and William W. Franko. “Inequality, Economic Segregation, and Unequal Policy Responsiveness.” 2016 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Flavin, Patrick and William W. Franko. “Government’s Unequal Attentiveness to Citizens’ Political Priorities.” 2016 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. and Avery C. Livingston. “Income Inequality, Economic Segregation, and Public Support for Redistribution” 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Flavin, Patrick and William W. Franko. “Government’s Unequal Attentiveness to Citizens’ Political Priorities.” 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. “Measuring Skill-Based Digital Inequality in the U.S.” Broadband Data Conference, February 12-13, 2015.

Franko, William W. “Demand for Equality? Understanding How the American Public Responds to Growing Income Inequality.” 2014 Annual State Politics & Policy Conference.

Franko, William W. “State Context and Perceptions of Growing Economic Inequality.” 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. "More Equal Than We Thought? Using Vote Validation to Better Understand Participation Inequality in the States." 2013 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. "More Equal Than We Thought? Using Vote Validation to Better Understand Participation Inequality in the States." 2013 Annual State Politics & Policy Conference.

Franko, William W., Nathan Kelly, Caroline Tolbert, and Christopher Witko. "The Rise of Inequality: Understanding How Unequal Participation Shapes Economic Disparities." 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. "The Policy Consequences of Political Inequality." 2012 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W., Caroline Tolbert, and Christopher Witko. "The Determinants of Individual Preferences for Redistributive Taxation in an Unequal Era: Support for Washington State's Initiative 1098." 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. "Political Inequality and Non-Decision Making in the States." 2011 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. "Political Inequality and Non-Decision Making in the States." 2011 Annual State Politics & Policy Conference.

Franko, William W. and Caroline Tolbert. "Income Inequality and Support for Tax Reform: Washington's Initiative 1098." 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. and Caroline Tolbert. "Reexamining Political Inequality: Voter Turnout Bias and the Composition of State Electorates." 2010 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franko, William W. "Election Reform in the States: Income Inequality and the Adoption of Alternative Voting Methods." 2009 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Redlawsk, David, Caroline Tolbert, and William W. Franko. "Voters and Race in 2008: Obama as the First Black President." 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franco, William W. "Assessing the Link Between Direct Democracy and Partisanship." 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franco, William W. "Substantive Minority Representation: Lending Protections in the States." 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franco, William W. "An Aggregate Analysis of Negative Campaigning and Voter Participation." 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Franco, William W. "Ohio Economic Development: A Cost-Benefit Analysis." Poster Presentation. 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (poster presentation).

## Teaching Experience

American Government

The American Presidency

Empirical Political Analysis

The Law of Voter Registration and Election Administration (Election Center)

The Legislative Process

The Politics of Economic Inequality (graduate/undergrad)

Research Methods (graduate)

Research Design and Analysis (graduate)

State and Local Government

## Professional Service

American Politics Search Committee, Auburn University, Fall 2013

MPA Review Committee, Auburn University, Fall 2013

Ph.D. Core Exam Committee (Methodology Section), Auburn University, Spring 2013

Graduate Representative, American and Comparative Politics Search Committee, University of Iowa Department of Political Science, Fall 2011

Faculty Representative, University of Iowa Department of Political Science, Fall & Spring 2008-2009

Executive Vice Chair, Kent State University Graduate Student Senate, Fall & Spring 2006-2007

Panel Chair, Kent State University Graduate Student Colloquium, Fall 2006

Chair, Kent State University Graduate Student Senate Awards Selection Committee, Fall 2006

Graduate Representative, Kent State University Faculty Senate, Fall & Spring 2005-2006

Graduate Representative, Kent State University Provost Search Committee, Spring 2006

Research Grant Selection Committee, Kent State University, Spring 2006

Senator & Political Science Department Representative, Kent State University Graduate Student Senate, Fall & Spring 2005-2006

Dissertation Committee Service

John Koehler, Ph.D. (2016), Auburn University

Rebecca Hartley, Ph.D. (2015), Auburn University

John Hall, Ph.D. (2014), Auburn University

Journal Referee

*American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; Journal of Politics; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Political Research Quarterly; Polity; Poverty and Public Policy; Public Opinion Quarterly; Sociological Quarterly; State and Local Government Review; State Politics and Policy Quarterly*

## Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Member of the *Class and Inequality*, *State Politics and Policy*, and *Political Methodology* organized sections

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

## References

Available upon request.

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