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Employment

	Baylor University Department of Political Science
2021-	Bob Bullock Professor
2016-2021	Associate Professor
2010-2016	Assistant Professor

Education

Ph.D.	University of Notre Dame
2010	Political Science, Dissertation: "Political Inequality in the American States"
M.A.	University of Notre Dame
2007	Political Science
B.A. 2004	University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minnesota) Political Science, Summa Cum Laude

Research & Teaching Interests

Political inequality, quality of life, political behavior, U.S. state politics, public policy, research methods

Peer Reviewed Publications

2024	"State Pride and the Quality of Democracy in the American States." <i>Publius: The Journal of Federalism</i> 54(2): 386-406 (with Gregory Shufeldt).
2023	"What Does the Public Think About State Government Preemption of Local Policymaking?" <i>State and Local Government Review</i> 55(4): 333-47 (with Gregory Shufeldt).
2023	"State Labor Laws and Government Responsiveness to Public Opinion." <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 76(3): 1475-85 (with Daniel DiSalvo and Michael Hartney).
2023	"Is There a Tradeoff Between Policy Responsiveness and Government Effectiveness? Evidence From the American States." <i>American Politics Research</i> 51(2): 174-81.
2022	"Ideological Proximity, Issue Importance, and Vote Choice." <i>Electoral Studies</i> 75: 102422 (with Wilson Law).
2020	"Economic Segregation and Unequal Policy Responsiveness." <i>Political Behavior</i> 42: 845-64 (with William W. Franko).

2020	"Freedom of the Press and Perceptions About Government Corruption." <i>International Political Science Review</i> 41(4): 554-66 (with Fielding Montgomery).
2020	"Explaining State Preemption of Local Laws: Political, Institutional, and Demographic Factors." <i>Publius: The Journal of Federalism</i> 50(2): 280-309 (with Gregory Shufeldt).
2019	"Labor Market Regulation and Subjective Well-Being in Low-Income Countries." <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> 58(4): 1088-1107 (with Alexander C. Pacek and Benjamin Radcliff).
2019	"Comparing Two Measures of Electoral Integrity in the American States." <i>State Politics & Policy Quarterly</i> 19(1): 83-100 (with Gregory Shufeldt).
2019	"State Government Public Goods Spending and Citizens' Quality of Life." <i>Social Science Research</i> 78: 28-40.
2018	"Labor Union Strength and the Equality of Political Representation." <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 48(4): 1075-91.
2018	"State Medicaid Expansion and Citizens' Quality of Life." <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> 99(2): 616-25.
2017	"Government's Unequal Attentiveness to Citizens' Political Priorities." <i>Policy Studies Journal</i> 45(4): 659-87 (with William W. Franko).
2017	"Democratic Institutions and Subjective Well-Being." <i>Political Studies</i> 65(3): 685-704 (with David Altman and Benjamin Radcliff).
2017	"Racial Inequality in Democratic Accountability: Evidence from Retrospective Voting in Local Elections." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 61(3): 684-97 (with Michael T. Hartney).
2017	"District Voter Turnout and Dyadic Representation in Congress." <i>Congress & the Presidency</i> 44(2): 201-11 (with Julie Nelson).
2016	"Party Competition and Citizens' Political Attitudes in the American States." <i>Electoral Studies</i> 44: 235-44 (with Gregory Shufeldt).
2016	"Labor Union Membership and Life Satisfaction in the United States." <i>Labor Studies Journal</i> 41(2): 171-84 (with Gregory Shufeldt).
2015	"When Government Subsidizes Its Own: Collective Bargaining Laws as Agents of Political Mobilization." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 59(4): 896-911 (with Michael T. Hartney).
2015	"State Party Competition and Citizens' Political Engagement." <i>Journal of Elections</i> , <i>Public Opinion, and Parties</i> 25(4): 444-62 (with Gregory Shufeldt).
2015	"Campaign Finance Laws, Policy Outcomes, and Political Equality in the American States." <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 68(1): 77-88.

2015	"Lobbying Regulations and Political Equality in the American States." <i>American Politics Research</i> 43(2): 304-26.
2015	"Direct Democracy and Political Equality in the American States." <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> 96(1): 119-32.
2014	"State Campaign Finance Laws and the Equality of Political Representation." <i>Election Law Journal</i> 13(3): 362-74.
2014	"Assessing the Impact of the Size and Scope of Government on Human Well-Being." <i>Social Forces</i> 92(4): 1241-58 (with Alexander C. Pacek and Benjamin Radcliff).
2014	"The Political Foundations of the Black-White Education Achievement Gap." <i>American Politics Research</i> 42(1): 3-33 (with Michael T. Hartney).
2013	"Religion and Government Corruption in the American States." <i>Public Integrity</i> 15(4): 329-43 (with Richard Ledet).
2013	"Policy Representation and Evaluations of State Government." <i>State and Local Government Review</i> 45(3): 139-52.
2012	"Does Higher Voter Turnout Among the Poor Lead to More Equal Policy Representation?" <i>Social Science Journal</i> 49(4): 405-12.
2012	"Two Distinct Concepts: Party Competition in Government and Electoral Competition in the American States." <i>State Politics & Policy Quarterly</i> 12(3): 330-42 (with Gregory Shufeldt).
2012	"Life Satisfaction and Political Participation: Evidence from the United States." <i>Journal of Happiness Studies</i> 13(1): 63-78 (with Michael J. Keane).
2012	"Income Inequality and Policy Representation in the American States." <i>American Politics Research</i> 40(1): 29-59.
2011	"Labor Union Membership and Voting Across Nations." <i>Electoral Studies</i> 30(4): 633-41 (with Benjamin Radcliff).
2011	"From the Schoolhouse to the Statehouse: Teacher Union Political Activism and U.S. State Education Reform Policy." <i>State Politics & Policy Quarterly</i> 11(3): 251-68 (with Michael T. Hartney).
2011	"How Citizens and Legislators Prioritize Spheres of Representation." <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 64(3): 520-33 (with John D. Griffin).
2011	"State Intervention and Subjective Well-Being in Advanced Industrial Democracies." <i>Politics & Policy</i> 39(2): 251-69 (with Alexander C. Pacek and Benjamin Radcliff).
2010	"Labor Unions and Life Satisfaction: Evidence from New Data." <i>Social Indicators Research</i> 98(3): 435-49 (with Alexander C. Pacek and Benjamin Radcliff).

2009	"Policy, Preferences, and Participation: Government's Impact on Democratic Citizenship." <i>Journal of Politics</i> 71(2): 544-59 (with John D. Griffin).
2009	"Public Policies and Suicide Rates in the American States." <i>Social Indictors Research</i> 90(2): 195-209 (with Benjamin Radcliff).
2007	"Racial Differences in Information, Expectations, and Accountability." <i>Journal of Politics</i> 69(1): 220-36 (with John D. Griffin).

Other Publications

2023	Book review of <i>Democracy's Meanings: How the Public Understands Democracy and Why It Matters</i> by Nicholas T. Davis, Keith Gåddie, and Kirby Goidel (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2022). <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> 138(3): 444-5.
2017	"Political Equality in the American States: What We Know and What We Still Need to Learn." <i>State and Local Government Review</i> 49(1): 60-9.
2017	"The State of the Minimum Wage: Federalism, Economic Policy, and Workers' Well-Being." <i>The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics</i> 15(1): 167-87 (with Gregory Shufeldt).
2015	Book review of <i>American Democracy: From Tocqueville to Town Halls to Twitter</i> by Andrew J. Perrin (Malden: Wiley, 2014). <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> 130(1): 170-1.
2013	Book review of <i>The Political Economy of Human Happiness: How Voters' Choices Determine the Quality of Life</i> by Benjamin Radcliff (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013). <i>Labor Studies Journal</i> 38(4): 347-8.
2012	Book review of <i>Changing Inequality</i> by Rebecca M. Blank (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011). <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> 127(2): 325-6.
2007	"The U.S. Congress" in <i>International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, Second Edition</i> . New York: Macmillan Reference (with John D. Griffin, Anne E. Baker, and Michael J. Keane).

Conference Paper Presentations

- American Political Science Association: 2005, 2006, 2008-2011, 2014-2018, 2021, 2022
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2005-2010
- Southern Political Science Association: 2015, 2016, 2018
- State Politics and Policy Conference: 2009, 2012, 2014
- Western Political Science Association: 2011, 2013

Courses Taught

- American National Government
- American Public Policy
- Campaigns, Elections, and American Democracy
- Legislative Process and Behavior
- Political Behavior
- Political Science Research Methods

- Texas Legislative Internship/Bullock Scholars (program director)
- The Politics of Poverty and Social Welfare
- Washington D.C. Internship/Mayborn Scholars (program director)

Awards & Invitations

- Shaheen Graduate School Award in the Social Sciences, University of Notre Dame (2010)
- Survey time for public opinion experiment, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (2011)
- Faculty Semester Research Leave, Baylor University (Fall 2014)
- Faculty Summer Sabbatical, Baylor University (2011, 2013, 2015, 2019)
- University Research Committee small research grant, Baylor University (2016)
- Invited discussant for "Democratic Anxieties" conference in Mainz, Germany (June 2017)
- Invited discussant for "Health Care Politics at the Crossroad" conference at the University of Houston (October 2017)
- Harrison Prize for the best article published in *Political Studies* (2017)
- Invited participant for "Faith and Party Realignment in America" conference in Washington, DC (March 2018)
- Summer Faculty Institute fellow, Baylor University (Summer 2020)
- Outstanding Scholarship Faculty Award, Baylor University (2022)

Professional Service

- Manuscript reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, International Political Science Review, Journal of Happiness Studies, Journal of Elections Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Policy Studies Journal, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies, Public Opinion Quarterly, Social Forces, Social Science Quarterly, State Politics & Policy Quarterly
- Grant reviewer: National Science Foundation
- Conference panel discussant: APSA 2011, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2023; MPSA 2008
- Conference panel chair: APSA 2017, 2023; MPSA 2009
- Award committees: Best dissertation for APSA State Politics & Policy section (2013), Best graduate student conference paper for Southern Political Science Association (2015), Best article published in *Political Studies* (2018), Best book for APSA State Politics & Policy section (2021), Best book for APSA Class & Inequality section (2024)
- Editorial board: *Political Behavior* (2019-2023)

University Service

Baylor University

- Ph.D. dissertation committee member (x5)
- M.A. thesis/professional paper reader (x6)
- Undergraduate senior honors thesis advisor (x6) and reader (x11)
- Independent study course instructor (x15)
- Department of Political Science faculty search committee member (x4)
- Baylor Pre-Law Advisory Council member (2013-)
- Pi Sigma Alpha political science honors society faculty advisor (2016-)
- University Tenure Committee member (2022-2024)
- McNair Scholars Summer Program faculty mentor (x2)

- Department of Political Science tenure/promotion guidelines review committee member
- Commencement marshal
- Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement Scholars Week moderator/judge
- Baylor mock trial tournament judge
- University Scholars exit interview committee member
- Excellence in Student Involvement award committee member