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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, August 2013

Fields: American Government & Politics (focus on Political Behavior), Research Methods

Dissertation: Gender and Party Stereotypes in the Evaluation of U.S. Senate Candidates

M.A. - Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, December 2009

Fields: Comparative Government & Politics, American Government & Politics

B.S. - Psychobiology, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, May 2000

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee- Knoxville,
August 2014 – present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Morehouse College,
August 2013 – May 2014

Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee,
August 2011 – August 2012

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee,
August 2008 – August 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Campaigns & Elections (on-line)	Spring 2016/2015-2016
Political Attitudes & Behavior (online)	Fall 2015/Spring 2017
Contemporary Issues in American Public Policy (on-line)	2014-2016
Introduction to Political Science (on-line)	Spring 2015
Introduction to Political Science	2011-2012
Introduction to American Government & Politics	2009-2011
Introduction to International Relations	2008-2009

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

National Government (3 Sections)	2013-2014
Elections, Political Behavior and Participation	Spring 2014
Minority Politics in the U.S.	Spring 2014
Political Parties, Elections, and Interest Groups	Fall 2013

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

Data Management Coordinator, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), Atlanta, GA
3/2015-1/2017

Collaborate with colleagues to identify indicators around which data will be collected. Created student survey to measure indicators associated with teacher professional development. Clean, organize and analyze data to provide reports on selected initiatives/programs. Created student survey to measure the effectiveness of teacher professional development. Managed the design and launch of a new data management system.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Gender and Party Stereotypes in the Evaluation of U.S. Senate Candidates” Paper presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago IL.

“An Experiment on Gender Stereotypes and Party Identification in the Analysis of U.S. Senate Candidates” Paper presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

“Early Voting: Does it Mobilize or is it Just a Convenience?” Paper presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

“Socialization & Stereotypes and their Effects on Female Candidates”. Paper presented at the 2011 Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

American government, comparative politics, political behavior, public opinion, gender, campaigns and elections, political parties, political development, and research methods

ACADEMIC AWARDS & GRANTS

University of Tennessee, Department of Political Science Conference Travel Award,
April 2012 (\$300), January 2012 & January 2011 (\$200)

Prestage – Cook Travel Award from the Southern Political Science Association, January 2011 & January 2012

University of Tennessee, College of Arts & Sciences – Graduate Travel Award
\$250, January 2012

Updated January, 2017

PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2011-2012 academic year

Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2009-2010 academic year

Manuscript Review:

American Politics Research

Political Behavior