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## **Employment**

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### **Syracuse University**

Assistant Teaching Professor Political Science 2023-Present  
Faculty Fellow in Religion and Political Science, 2020 – 2023

### **University of Southern Mississippi**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2019 – 2020

## **Education**

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### **University of Notre Dame**

Ph.D. Political Science, 2019

Dissertation: Secular Activism in American Party Politics

Committee: Geoffrey C. Layman (chair), David E. Campbell, Christina Wolbrecht,  
Jeffrey J. Harden

M.A. Political Science, 2016

Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods

### **University of Oklahoma**

B.A. Political Science, 2014

Minor in Geography and Environmental Sustainability

## **Book**

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**Shadow Gospel: How a Hidden Religion Reshaped American Culture and Politics**  
with Whitney Phillips. Forthcoming at MIT Press Spring 2025.

*Related Publications:*

“The dangerous demonology of Ron DeSantis.” *MSNBC*, June 18, 2023.

“The term ‘White Christian nationalism’ is on the rise. Here’s what journalists should know  
about using it.” *NiemanLAB*, November 7, 2022.

“January 6, Trump and the rise of America's dangerous 'shadow gospel'.” *NBC*, July 21, 2022.

## **Publications**

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### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

2023. "A Diffusion Network Event History Estimator." *Journal of Politics*. With Jeffrey J. Harden, Frederick J. Boehmke, Bruce A. Desmarais, Scott Lacombe, Fridolin Linder, and Hanna Wallach.
2020. "Civic Skills and Political Participation in Latin America." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. With Andre P. Audette and Rodrigo Castro Cornejo.
2020. "SPID: A New Database for Inferring Public Policy Innovativeness and Diffusion Networks." *Policy Studies Journal*. With Frederick J. Boehmke, Bruce A. Desmarais, Jeffrey J. Harden, Scott Lacombe, Fridolin Linder, and Hanna Wallach.
2020. "The Effects of Polarization on Ideological Certainty: An Application to Executive Order Issuance." *American Politics Research*. With Gary E. Hollibaugh, Jr.
2019. "Public Employment and Human Well-Being: A Cross-National Analysis." *Social Indicators Research*. With Alexander Pacek and Benjamin Radcliff.
2018. "Parlez-vous français? Language and Agricultural Aid Allocation Strategies in Northern Mali." *World Development*. With Emily Maiden.
2018. "Home on Sunday, Home on Tuesday? Secular Political Participation in the U.S." *Politics and Religion*.
2017. "Adapting Identities: Religious Conversion and Partisanship among Asian American Immigrants." *American Politics Research*. With Andre P. Audette and Christopher L. Weaver.

### **Book Chapters**

2018. "Evangelical Activists in the GOP: Still the Life of the Party?." in *Evangelical Crackup: Will the Evangelical-Republican Coalition Last?*, edited by Ryan L. Claassen and Paul A. Djupe. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. With Geoffrey C. Layman.
2016. "Transnational Christian Networks for Human Dignity." in *Christianity and Freedom: Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Allen D. Hertzke and Timothy Samuel Shah. New York: Cambridge University Press. With Allen Hertzke.

### **Op-Eds and Blog Posts**

- "We couldn't find religious bias in news coverage of the Supreme Court." *Washington Post The Monkey Cage*, May 27, 2022. With Hailey Womer.
- "Does 'Faith-Based' Include People Without a Religious Faith?." *Washington Post The Monkey Cage*, July 12, 2021.

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“Secular voters didn’t turn out for Clinton the way white evangelicals did for Trump.”  
*Washington Post The Monkey Cage*, November 18, 2016. With David E. Campbell and  
Geoffrey C. Layman.

## **Fellowships and Grants and Awards**

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2023. Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship

2022. CUSE Interdisciplinary Workshop Research Grant, With Patrick Berry, Kristen Barnes,  
and Brice Nordquist, Syracuse University, \$7500

2022. Capstone Adviser Award. Maxwell Undergraduate Research Symposium.

2019. Principal Investigator. *Science Efficacy and Political Identity*. Seed Grant, University of  
Southern Mississippi, \$5,000

2016-2018. Co-Principal Investigator. *2016 State Convention Delegates Study*. With Geoffrey C.  
Layman. Funded by The Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts and The Rooney Center  
for the Study of American Democracy, University of Notre Dame, \$16,500

2017. Co-Principal Investigator. *Donald Trump and Conflict Extension in American Politics*.  
With Thomas Carsey and Geoffrey C. Layman. Jointly funded by the University of North  
Carolina and the University of Notre Dame, \$15,000

2014-2018. Andrew W. Mellon Special Endowed Fellowship, Notre Dame, \$20,000

2016. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention

2018. Italian Studies Rome Global Gateway Short-term Fellowship, \$2000

2018. Nanovic Institute Graduate Student Professional Development Grant, \$1500

2015. The Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy Professional Development  
Grant for methodological and statistics training, \$4500

## **Works in Progress**

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### **Papers Under Review**

“Science Efficacy in American Party Politics.”

“Secularism and State Party Activism.”

“Policy Innovation Across Latent Policy Classes.” With Frederick J. Boehmke, Jeffrey J.  
Harden, Bruce A. Desmarais, Scott Lacombe, Fridolin Linder, and Hanna Wallach.

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## **Manuscripts in Progress**

“Pro- Frames and Psuedo-religious appeals.” With Whitney Phillips.

“Donald Trump and Conflict Extension in American Public Opinion.” With Thomas Carsey and Geoffrey C. Layman.

“Are Party Activists Still Professionals? Evidence from State Party Activists.” With Matthew J. Geras.

## **Research Presentations**

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### **Invited Talks**

“Secularism and State Party Activism.” Monmouth College. 2018

### **Conference Presentations**

Paper presentation, European Public Choice Society, 2018

Paper presentation, Midwest Political Science Association, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Paper presentation, American Political Science Association, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022

Paper presentation, Southern Political Science Association, 2015, 2017

Paper presentation, Symposium on Religion and Public Life, 2015

## **Teaching**

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### **Instructor**

*Religion and Politics*, Syracuse University

*Religion and Science in American Society*, Syracuse University

*Campaign Analysis*, Syracuse University

*State and Local Politics*, Syracuse University

*American National Government*, Syracuse University

*Protests and Social Movements*, University of Southern Mississippi

*Social Science Research Methods II*, University of Southern Mississippi

*Social Science Research Methods I*, University of Southern Mississippi

*Introduction to American Politics*, University of Southern Mississippi

*American Politics*, University of Notre Dame

## **Methodological Training and Skills**

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### **Coursework**

University of Notre Dame

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Introductory and advanced quantitative methods, generalized linear models, multi-level modeling, game theory, field research methods, causal inference

ICPSR Summer program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2015

Structural equation models, factor and dimensional analysis

### Software Proficiency

R software for statistical computing  
STATA, SPSS statistical software  
NVIVO qualitative data analysis software  
Qualtrics survey research platform

### Service

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Undergraduate Committee, Syracuse University  
Undergraduate thesis advisor, Syracuse University  
Research Committee, University of Southern Mississippi  
Graduate thesis advisor, University of Southern Mississippi  
Search committee member, University of Notre Dame

Manuscript review, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*,  
*Political Behavior*, *American Politics Research*, *Religion and Politics*

### References

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