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Professional Experience

- 2016-Present Assistant Professor of Political Science
University of Dayton. Dayton, Ohio.
- 2011-2016 Assistant Professor of Political Science
Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Education

- 2008-2011 Ph.D. in Political Science
The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio.
- *Major:* American Politics
 - *Minor:* Political Psychology
 - Winner, Henry R. Spencer Award for Best Dissertation in The Ohio State University's Department of Political Science, 2010-2011
- 2006-2008 M.A. in Political Science
The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio.
- 2007 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research. Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2002-2006 B.A. in Government and English, *Summa Cum Laude*
Connecticut College. New London, Connecticut.
- Winthrop Scholar
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - Honors in Government

Book Publications

Constitutional Law for Criminal Justice, 15th edition (with Jacqueline R. Kanovitz and Jefferson L. Ingram).
Forthcoming. New York: Routledge.

The VP Advantage: How Running Mates Influence Home State Voting in Presidential Elections (with Kyle C. Kopko).
2016. Manchester, UK: Manchester University Press.

- Media coverage: [NPR](#); [CNN](#); [Fox News](#); [The Wall Street Journal](#); [Los Angeles Times](#) (1, 2); [Philadelphia Enquirer](#); [Charlotte Observer](#); [Washington Examiner](#); The Huffington Post (1, 2, 3); [RealClearPolitics](#); [BloombergView](#); [New York Magazine](#); [US News & World Report](#); Yahoo! News (1, 2); [Ozy](#); [ABC27](#)-Harrisburg, PA; [WDTN](#)-Dayton, OH; [WOSU](#)-Columbus, OH; [WOR](#)-New York, NY; [WBEN](#)-Buffalo, NY; [WITF](#)-Harrisburg, PA; [KPCC](#)-Los Angeles; [BYU Radio](#); [KCBS](#)-San Francisco.
- Book review: [The London School of Economics and Political Science](#)

Book Chapter Publications

“Oh, the Places They’ll Go: The Geography and Political Strategy of Presidential Campaign Visits in 2016.” 2017. In *Studies of Communication in the 2016 Presidential Campaign*, ed. Robert E. Denton, Jr. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 45-68.

“#TeamGov: On the Political Experience, Campaign Messaging, and Electoral Performance of Johnson-Weld 2016” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2017. In *Studies of Communication in the 2016 Presidential Campaign*, ed. Robert E. Denton, Jr. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 163-188.

Journal Publications

“What if Hillary Clinton *Had* Gone to Wisconsin? Presidential Campaign Visits and Vote Choice in the 2016 Election.” Forthcoming. *The Forum*.

“Ideological Social Identity: Psychological Attachment to Ideological In-Groups as a Political Phenomenon and a Behavioral Influence.” 2015. *Political Behavior* 37(3): 509-535.

“The Politics of the Presidential Medal of Freedom: A Fifty Year Analysis, 1963-2013” (with Kyle C. Kopko, E. Fletcher McClellan, Julia Ward, and Jillian E. Casey). 2015. *New England Journal of Political Science* 8(2): 156-184.

- Media coverage: [The New York Times](#); [C-Span](#)

“Presidential Versus Vice Presidential Home State Advantage: A Comparative Analysis of Electoral Significance, Causes, and Processes, 1984-2008” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2013. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 43(4): 814-838.

- Media coverage: [Washington Post – The Fix](#)

“Social Issues, Authoritarianism, and Ideological Conceptualization: How Policy Dimensions and Psychological Factors Influence Ideological Labeling.” 2012. *Political Psychology* 33(4): 531-552.

“The Vice Presidential Home State Advantage Reconsidered: Analyzing the Interactive Effect of Home State Population and Political Experience, 1884-2008” (with Kyle C. Kopko). *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 41(1): 1-17.

- Media coverage: [The Wall Street Journal](#); [Canadian Broadcasting Corporation](#)

“In the Eye of the Beholder: Motivated Reasoning in Disputed Elections” (with Kyle C. Kopko, Sarah M. Bryner, Jeffrey L. Budziak, and Steven Nawara). 2011. *Political Behavior* 33(2): 271-290.

“Racial Attitude Effects in the 2008 Presidential Election: Examining the Unconventional Factors Shaping Vote Choice in a Most Unconventional Election” (with Herbert F. Weisberg). *Electoral Studies* 29(4): 569-581.

“Partisan Defection and Change in the 2008 US Presidential Election” (with Herbert F. Weisberg). *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties* 20(2): 213-240.

Book Review

“Book review of *The White House Vice Presidency: The Path to Significance, Mondale to Biden* by Joel K. Goldstein.” 2016. *Perspectives on Politics* 14(4): 1218-1220.

Publications in Popular Media

“Obama Has Set the Record for the Most Presidential Medals of Freedom” (with E. Fletcher McClellan, Kyle C. Kopko, Jillian E. Casey, and Julia L. Ward. [Washington Post – Monkey Cage](#). November 22.

“5 Things You Need to Know About How Third-Party Candidates Did in 2016” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [Washington Post – Monkey Cage](#). November 15.

“How Clinton and Trump Are Using Their Running Mates on the Campaign Trail” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [FiveThirtyEight](#). October 28.

“Why the Kaine vs. Pence Vice Presidential Debate Matters” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [The Conversation](#). October 3.

“Will Tim Kaine Deliver Virginia (and Catholics)? Don’t Count on It” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [Washington Post – Monkey Cage](#). July 22.

“Does Newt Gingrich Pass His Own Litmus Test for Veep?” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [Time](#). July 14.

“Will the Vice Presidential Candidates Matter this Year? Maybe, But Not the Way You Think” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [The Conversation](#). July 12.

“This Year’s Libertarian Ticket has Remarkable Political Experience. Now Will It Matter?” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [Washington Post – Monkey Cage](#). May 31.

“How Clinton and Trump Should Choose Their Vice Presidents” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [Time](#). May 2.

“The 4 Advantages a Vice Presidential Pick Could Offer a Candidate” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [Time](#). April 28.

“Who Should Trump and Clinton Pick as Running Mates? This Research Says It Doesn’t Really Matter” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [Washington Post – Monkey Cage](#). April 25.

“Why VPs Matter Less than You Think” (with Kyle C. Kopko). 2016. [Politico Magazine](#). April 11.

Invited Lectures

“Why Should I Care About *Redistricting*?” Protecting the Vote and Ending the Partisan Divide, League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area (Dayton, OH). March 19, 2018.

“Interpreting the First Amendment Right to Free Speech.” 1st Amendment Rights and Artistic Expression: A Forum on Rights, Speech and Censorship, University of Dayton (Dayton, OH). November 21, 2016.

“(Why) Should I Care Who’s Running for *Vice* President?” Marjorie Dilley Lecture Series, Connecticut College (New London, CT). October 6, 2016.

“Did Chester Arthur ‘Deliver’ the 1880 Election for James Garfield?” (with Kyle C. Kopko.) James A. Garfield National Historic Site (Mentor, OH). August 6, 2016.

“The VP Advantage: How Running Mates Influence Home State Voting in Presidential Elections” (with Kyle C. Kopko). Elizabethtown College (Elizabethtown, PA). March 9, 2016.

Selected Conference Presentations

“Voter Mobilization 101: Presidential Campaign Visits to Colleges and Universities in the 2016 Election.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, 2018. Chicago.

“Campaign Dynamics and Presidential Ticket Evaluations: A Time Series Analysis” (with Kyle C. Kopko). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, 2018. Chicago.

“The Midwest as Political and Electoral Battleground” (with Daniel R. Birdsong). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, 2018. Chicago.

“Running Together, Running Apart: Where Presidential Versus Vice Presidential Candidates Campaigned in 2016” (with Kyle C. Kopko). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6-9, 2017. Chicago.

“Pedagogical Techniques for Pre-Law Students: Lessons from Small and Large Institutions” (with Lawrence Baum and Kyle C. Kopko). Panel presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors, September 17-19, 2015. Columbus.

“Did LBJ Really ‘Deliver’ Texas, and the South?: Testing Perception Against Reality in 1960 Survey Data” (with Kyle C. Kopko). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 16-19, 2015. Chicago.

“Operationalizing the Vice Presidential Home State Advantage” (with Kyle C. Kopko). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 8-11, 2014. New Orleans.

“Maximum Advantage? Estimating the Home State Advantage of Vice Presidential Alternatives in the 2000 and 2004 Elections” (with Kyle C. Kopko). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 11-14, 2013. Chicago.

“‘And the Medal Goes To...’: The Politics of the Presidential Medal of Freedom” (with E. Fletcher McClellan, Kyle C. Kopko, Jillian E. Casey, and Julia Ward). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 3-5, 2013. Orlando.

“Surveillance or Aversion? Emotional Responses to Immigration in America” (with Michael A. Neblo and Sarah McKinnon Bryner). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 2010. Washington, D.C.

“Why Liberals Don’t Call Themselves Liberals: The Effects of Elite Communication on Ideological Comprehension and Identification.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22-25, 2010. Chicago.

“Racial Attitude Effects on Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election” (with Herbert F. Weisberg). Paper presented at the Transformative Election of 2008 Conference, October 2-3, 2009. Columbus, Ohio.

Grants & Awards

Research Council Seed Grant, University of Dayton. 2018.

Research Council Seed Grant, University of Dayton. 2017.

Henry R. Spencer Award for Best Dissertation in The Ohio State University's Department of Political Science. 2011.

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences ([TESS](#)) research grant. 2010.

Randall Ripley Graduate Research Grant, The Ohio State University. 2010.

Teaching Experience

2016-Present University of Dayton

- POL201: The American Political System
- POL207: Political Analysis
- POL310: Political Parties, Campaigns, & Elections
- POL311: Public Opinion & Political Behavior
- POL411: Constitutional Law

2011-2016 Mount Vernon Nazarene University

- POL1003: American Politics & Government
- POL1013: Comparative Politics & Government
- POL2063: Campaigns & Elections
- POL2073: Political Thought
- POL3033: Public Policy
- POL3043: Constitutional Law
- POL3053: The U.S. Presidency
- POL3063: The U.S. Congress
- POL3083: Political Parties
- POL3103: War & Peace
- POL3123: Minority Politics
- HUM1012: Discipleship of the Christian Mind
- ITD5033: Senior Colloquium
- HON1021: Honors Seminar: "The 2012 U.S. Presidential Election"
- HON1021: Honors Seminar: "'Saints' and 'Sacred Places': The Presidential Landmarks of Washington, D.C."

2009-2011 The Ohio State University

- POL201: Political Behavior
- POL485: Quantitative Research Methods

Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science; Public Opinion Quarterly; Journal of Politics; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; American Politics Research; Congress & the Presidency; Presidential Studies Quarterly; Social Influence.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association.

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