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## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2014

*Fields:* American Politics, International Relations, U.S. Public Opinion & Participation

*Dissertation:* The Conflict-Oriented Group Identity of Partisanship

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

M.A., Political Science, 2010

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

B.S., Political Science, 2007

B.S., American Studies, 2007

Minor in European History

*Summa Cum Laude*

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

## Professional Positions

Instructor of Political Science

& Director of Outreach & Public Service Internships, Texas Christian University, 2014-

Lecturer, Texas A&M University, 2014

Instructor, Texas A&M University, 2012-2014

## Publications

Jordan, Soren, and Grant Ferguson. 2016. "Extremism In Survey Measures of Ideology" *Research and Politics* 3(3):1-4. (forthcoming)

Ferguson, Grant. 2016. Politics and Partisanship. In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, ed. Ali Farazmand. Basel: Springer International Publishing.

Ferguson, Grant, Paul M. Kellstedt, and Suzanna Linn. 2013. "How Does the Economy Shape Policy Preferences?" *Electoral Studies* 32(3):544-550.

## Works in Progress

"Personality Types and Explaining Political Behavior"

"Gender Variation in the Effects of Education on Partisanship"

## Research Interests

- Public opinion
- Political behavior
- Mass polarization
- Campaigns & elections
- Survey research methodology
- War & domestic politics

## Teaching Interests

- American government
- Voting behavior
- Political psychology
- Introductory econometrics
- Research design
- Public opinion
- Congress

## Teaching Experience

### **Instructor**

POSC 31003: Topics in American Politics: Science Fiction & Politics (Summer 2016)  
*Sole instructor for an upper-level seminar of 16 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: Unavailable*

### **Instructor**

POSC 31113: Campaigns and Elections (Spring 2016)  
*Sole instructor for an upper-level seminar of 39 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: 4.6 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 10133: American & Texas Government (Spring 2016)  
*Sole instructor for 2 lecture courses of 28 and 31 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Ratings: 4.45 and 4.53 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 20123: Issues in American Politics (Fall 2015)  
*Sole instructor for 2 lecture courses of 31 and 9 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Ratings: 4.53 and 4.76 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 10133: American & Texas Government (Fall 2015)  
*Sole instructor for a lecture course of 14 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: 4.52 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 20123: Issues in American Politics (Summer 2015)  
*Sole instructor for a lecture course of 9 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: Unavailable*

### **Instructor**

POSC 31143: Political Psychology (Spring 2015)  
*Sole instructor for an upper-level seminar of 25 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Rating: 4.56 out of 5*

### **Instructor**

POSC 10133: American & Texas Government (Spring 2015)  
*Sole instructor for 2 lecture courses of 10 and 29 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*  
*Ratings: 4.6 and 4.44 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POSC 20123: Issues in American Politics (Fall 2014)

*Sole instructor for 2 lecture courses of 35 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*

*Ratings: 4.65 and 4.43 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POSC 10133: American & Texas Government (Fall 2014)

*Sole instructor for a small seminar of 10 undergraduates at Texas Christian University*

*Rating: 4.25 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POLS 206: American National Government (Spring 2014)

*Sole instructor for a large lecture course of 150+ undergraduates at Texas A&M University*

*Rating: 4.84 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POLS 206: American National Government (Fall 2013)

*Sole instructor for a large lecture course of 250+ undergraduates at Texas A&M University*

*Rating: 4.75 out of 5*

**Instructor**

POLS 435: Voting Behavior (Fall 2013)

*Sole instructor for an upper-level seminar for undergraduates at Texas A&M University*

*Rating: 4.82 out of 5*

## **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

## Honors and Awards

- SGA Faculty Member of the Year, TCU AddRan College of Liberal Arts, *2015-2016*
- Outstanding Reviewer Award, *Political Research Quarterly*, *2016*
- Faculty Partnership Grant, *Institute for Humane Studies*, *2015*
- Faculty Partnership Grant, *Institute for Humane Studies*, *2014*
- Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute for Humane Studies*, *2014 (declined)*
- Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute for Humane Studies*, *2013*
- Professional Development Grant, *Texas A&M University*, *2013*
- Excellence in Teaching Award, *Texas A&M University*, *2013*
- Head's Bursary for Assistance in Teaching Political Science as a STEM Field, *Texas A&M University*, *2013*
- Regent's Fellowship, *Texas A&M University*, *2010*
- Emerging Scholar Fellowship, *Texas A&M University*, *2010*
- Charles E. Lanni Summer Research Fellowship, *University of Rochester*, *2009*

## Conference Presentations

- “Personality Types and Explaining Political Behavior”
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (2016)
- “Gender Variation in the Effects of Education on Partisanship”
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2015)
- “Conflict, Groups, and the Gender Gap in Strength of Partisanship”
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (2014)
- “The Conflict-Oriented Group Identity of Partisanship”
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2013)

- “The Dynamics of the Economy and Preferences for Government Activism in the U.S.: A Reconsideration” (with P. Kellstedt and S. Linn)
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2012)
- “Artificially Decreased Variance & Survey Measurements of Ideology” (with S. Jordan)
  - Presented at Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (2012)

## Invited Presentations

- “What To Expect From The 2016 Presidential Primaries”
  - Presented to the World Affairs Council of Dallas Fort Worth, Dallas, TX (2015)
- “Explaining the Strength of Partisanship Scale”
  - Presented at the Conference on Partisanship and Polarization, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX (2015)

## Professional Service

- Boller Award Competition Judge, Texas Christian University (Spring 2016)
- Mondays at TCU Political Science Representative (2015, 2016)
- Faculty Presenter, Chancellor’s Scholars Retreat, Texas Christian University (August 2015)
- Faculty Volunteer, Frog Camp: Summit, Texas Christian University (August 2015)
- Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*
- Member, Curriculum Committee for Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University (Fall 2014 - Present; Chair, Fall 2016)
- Summer Chair, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University (June 2015, June 2016)
- Panel Chair, “Measuring Partisanship,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2015)
- Discussant, “The Politics of Polarization,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2013)

- Adviser for Student Research and Theses:
  - Bryan Tony (Chair) - 2015, 2016
  - Matt Miller - 2015, 2016
  - Austin Taylor - 2015, 2016
  - Alexa Aragonez - 2015, 2016
  - Madison McCauley (Chair, Summer Student Research project) - 2016

## Media Appearances

- “Why Are People Democrats, Republicans, and Independents?”
  - Invited guest on The Bryan Blue Show, Fort Worth, TX (April 2016)
- “Does My Vote Count?”
  - Invited guest on The Bryan Blue Show, Fort Worth, TX (April 2016)

## Skills

- Computer:
  - *Proficient*: R
  - *Intermediate*: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
  - *Beginner*: WinRATS, Stata, Excel
- Service:
  - TV & radio experience
  - Master of Ceremonies experience
- Language:
  - American English (native)
  - Spanish (Speaking: U.S. State Department Proficiency Level 2 - Limited Working Proficiency; Reading: U.S. State Department Proficiency Level 2 - Limited Working Proficiency)

## References

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