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## Education

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### **Ph.D., University of Oklahoma, 2015**

Degree: Political Science

Areas of Concentration: American Politics, Public Policy, and International Relations

### **M.A., University of Arkansas, 2006**

Degree: Sociology

### **M.A., University of Arkansas 2004**

Degree: Political Science

### **B.A. University of Arkansas 1999**

Major: Political Science

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## Teaching Experience

### **Instructor, Mississippi State University, 2012 – Present**

Courses Under Instruction: PS 1113: American Government

PS 1313: Introduction to International Relations

PS 2703: Introduction to Public Policy

PS 3033: Gender and Politics

PS 4303: US Foreign Policy

PS 4990: Gender in the International System

PS 4213: Campaigns and Elections (at MSU – Meridian)

PS 4333: Theories of International Relations (at MSU – Meridian)

PS 4173: Legislative Process (at MSU – Meridian)

**Lecturer, Oklahoma State University 2009 – 2012**

Courses Under Instruction: POSC 1113 Introduction of Federal Government

Developed course syllabus, lectures, assignments, and exams for three classes of approximately 140 students.

**Teaching Associate, University of Oklahoma 2006 - 2008**

Courses Under Instruction: PSC 1113, American Federal Government

Developed course syllabus, lectures, assignments, and exams for a class of approximately 80 students.

**Instructor, University of Oklahoma Fall 2007**

Course under Instruction: RCPL 5113 Urban Research Planning Methods.

Graduate-level methods course focusing on beginning statistics and qualitative methods.

**Teaching Assistant, University of Oklahoma, 2005 – 2006**

Assisted professors in American Federal Government through grading and teaching study groups and occasional classes.

**Instructor, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 2003 – 2004**

Courses Under Instruction: PLSC 2003 American National Government

Developed course syllabus, lectures, assignments, and exams for several sections of approximately 100 students each.

**Teaching Assistant, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 2000 – 2002**

Courses Under Instruction: PLSC 2003 American National Government

Developed course syllabus, lectures, assignments, and exams for a class of approximately 60 students.

**Instructor, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Pre-College Programs, 2002 - 2004**

Courses Under Instruction: American Government  
Leadership

Developed and taught these courses for the Upward Bound program at the University of Arkansas, a Federal TRIO program to fund, educate and support economically disadvantaged but academically gifted high school students in their pursuit to successfully complete college.

**Instructor, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Center for Continuing Education, 2001 – 2004**

Courses Under Instruction: PLSC 2013: State and Local Government

Correspondence course that originally was a paper-based, mailed assignment course. Developed as a Web-based course under my instruction.

## Other Professional Experience

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Research Assistantship, University of Oklahoma, 2008 – 2009, special grant to study minority retention in higher education

Research Assistantship, University of Arkansas, Spring 1999, Fall 2000, to assist Senator Dale Bumpers, who was teaching Special Topics course

## Honors and Awards

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- Empowerment of Spirit Award, University of Oklahoma, Women and Gender Studies Program, Fall 2010/Spring 2011
- Price Scholarship, University of Oklahoma, Fall 2010/Spring 2011
- Sturgis Scholarship, University of Oklahoma, Fall 2008/Spring 2009
- John Halvor Leek Scholarship, University of Oklahoma, 2007, 2009, 2011
- Conference and Research Award, Department of Political Science 2007, 2008
- Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Conference, 2007, 2009
- William Jennings Bryan Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science or Law, University of Arkansas, Spring 2002

## Professional Affiliations

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- American Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)

## Presentations

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Southern Political Science Conference, January 2007. *Do Women Still Vote for Women: The Effects of Partisanship and Caucus Membership.*

International Couch-Stone Symposium, February 2003, Tempe, AZ. *Symbols of Love: Blood Diamonds, Conflict and Emotions.*

## Research and Teaching Interests

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American Political Institutions  
American Public Policy  
State and Local Government

Research Methods  
Gender and Politics  
Race and Politics

## Service

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- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Mississippi State
- Representative to the President's Commission on the Status of Minorities, Mississippi State
- Gender Studies Program Affiliate, Mississippi State
- Safe Zone Affiliate, Mississippi State
- Table Leader, Educational Testing Services, Advanced Placement exam for American Government
- Book Reviewer, Carl Albert Center for Congressional Studies newsletter, University of Oklahoma.
- Peer Reviewer, Journal of Administrative Theory and Praxis
- Graduate Student Representative, Committee for Academic Misconduct, University of Oklahoma, 2006-07
- GAPS Faculty-Student Liaison, 2007-08
- Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS), Member 2005 – 214