

Alex P. Smith

Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Department of Political Science

Visiting Assistant Professor, Aug. 2021-Current

Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA

Department of Political Science

Part-Time Instructor, Spring 2021- Current

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Ph.D., Political Science (May 2020)

Major Field: American Politics (Political Institutions)

Minor Fields: Public Policy & Administration; Political Theory

Dissertation Title: The Art of Political Negotiation: How Heresthetic Changes Legislative Inertia on Civil Rights.

Dissertation Advisers: Lawrence C. Dodd (Chair) and Beth A. Rosenson (Co-Chair)

M.A., Political Science, 2017

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

B.A., Political Science, 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Intro to American Politics (POLS 1113) *40-400 students (in-person & online)*

Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA

Online Courses Taught

American Government (POLS 1101) *35 students*

Intro to Public Administration (POLS 3600) *35 students*

Democracy and Public Administration (PADM 7260) *12 graduate students*

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Solo Taught Courses

The Presidency (POS 4413) 48 students

Rhetoric & Academic Research (ENC 1102) *Multiple sections of 20 students*

Teaching Assistant

American Federal Government (POS 2041) *Multiple sections of 5-25 students*

State and Local Government (POS 2112) *Multiple sections of 5-25 students*

The Presidency (POS 4413) *One section of 48 students*

Introduction to Public Administration (PAD 3003) *Online course with 120 students*

Course Design & Assistance for Dr. Lawrence C. Dodd

Two Party Democracy in America (POS 6933)

American Legislative Development (POS 6933)

Scope and Epistemologies of Political Science (POS 6716)

Legislative Process (POS 6427)

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Teaching Assistant

American Politics and Government (PSCI 135)

Political Philosophy (PSCI 145)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Smith, Alex P. and Stephen C. Phillips. 2021. "Ways and Means: Teaching Heresthetic and Political Strategy by Simulating the Budget Process" *Journal of Political Science Education*.

R&R:

"Philadelphia Reconsidered: Participant Curation, the Gerry Committee, and U.S. Constitutional Design" with Stephen Phillips & Peter Licari. *Currently preparing Resubmission to Public Choice*.

Working Papers:

"How to Make Laws and Manipulate People: The Role of Heresthetic in Activating Legislative Inertia". *Planning to submit to the Congress & the Presidency Journal*.

"The Art of Political Negotiation: How Heresthetic Changes Legislative Inertia on Civil Rights" (Book Manuscript). *University Press of Kansas has requested a submission for a book proposal*.

"Move it or Lose It: The Role of Participant Curation in Political Decision-Making". Alex P. Smith, Peter R. Licari, & Stephen C. Phillips. *Planning to submit to Polity*.

FELLOWSHIPS

June 2022 - November 2022. *Library of Congress Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Congressional Policymaking*. The John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

Introduction to American Government
Congress
The Presidency
Political Negotiation
Public Administration
Public Policy
American Political Development
American Political Thought

GRANTS & AWARDS

External

2020. Teaching and Learning Conference Travel Grant (\$200). American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

2019. Congressional Research Grant (\$3,500). The Dirksen Congressional Center, Pekin, IL.

2016. Prestage-Cook Travel Award. Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR.

University of Florida

2014-2018. Grinter Fellowship (\$1,500 per semester). University of Florida Graduate School.

2018. Graduate Student Travel Award (\$350). Department of Political Science, University of Florida.

2016. Graduate Student Travel Award (\$350). Department of Political Science, University of Florida.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2021. "How to Make Laws and Manipulate People: The Role of Heresthetic in Activating Legislative Inertia". Understanding Legislative Negotiation Conference, Washington, D.C. (Virtual), April 9.

2020. "Shut it Down!: Teaching Heresthetic by Simulating the Budget Process". APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Albuquerque, NM, February 7-9.

2019. “The Art of Coalition-Building: The Role of Heresthetics in Negotiating the Civil Rights Act of 1957”. Congress and History Conference, Boston, MA, June 13-14.

2018. “The Art of Coalition-Building: The Role of Heresthetics in Negotiating the Civil Rights Act of 1957”. Annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, November 8-10.

2018. “Philadelphia Reconsidered: Heresthetics and Legislative Design” with Stephen C. Phillips. Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5-8.

2016. “Roger Sherman Reconsidered: Heresthetics of Constitutional Design” with Stephen C. Phillips. Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 7-9.

INVITED TALKS

2020. “Process Tracing”, Qualitative Research Methods (PAD 5344), University of Texas – Arlington. *Recorded September 2020.*

2020. “The Art of Political Negotiation: Heresthetic, Legislative Inertia, and the Civil Rights Act of 1957”, Graduate Student Research Panel, Department of Political Science, University of Florida.

SERVICE

University of Florida

Senator, United Faculty of Florida

American Politics Field Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Council

Wheaton College (IL)

Student Representative to Board of Trustees

Student Representative to Faculty Personnel Committee

Student Representative to Faculty Council Committee

President, Student Government

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-2014 Minnesota House of Representatives, St. Paul, MN
Committee Legislative Assistant, Ways and Means Committee
Legislative Assistant

2009-2010 Office of Congressman Peter J. Roskam (IL-06)
Staff Assistant

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

2017 The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse, NY

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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