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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Augusta University, Augusta, Georgia
Professor of Political Science: Department of Social Sciences (2018 – present)

Augusta University, Augusta, Georgia
Associate Professor of Political Science: Department of Social Sciences (2018)

Augusta University, Augusta, Georgia
Associate Professor and Chair: Department of Political Science (2016 – 2017)

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
Associate Professor (with tenure): Department of Political Science (2013 – 2016)
Assistant Professor: Department of Political Science (2007 – 2013)

State University of New York – Brockport College, Brockport, New York
Assistant Professor: Department of Political Science and International Studies (2005 – 2007)

University of Texas at Brownsville, Brownsville, Texas
Assistant Professor: Department of Social Sciences – Government Division (2004 – 2005)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Houston, Political Science (2003).
Areas of Specialization: American Politics, Research Methods, and Public Policy.

M.A. University of Hawaii at Manoa, Political Science (1990).

B.A. University of Texas at Austin, Government (1986).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Coalitional Utility of Formidable Men as a Function of Perceived Humor Styles," with Mitch Brown and Patrick A. Stewart. *Psychological Reports* (2025).

"In Cyber We Trust? Understanding Election Legitimacy in the Age of Electronic Election Systems," with Craig Douglas Albert. *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*. (2025).

"Crisis Leadership and Moral Rhetoric After a Foreign Attack on the Homeland: Zelenskyy, Bush, and

Churchill," with Grantham Sandlin and Raymond Tatalovich. *Political Research Quarterly* 77(1): 386-400 (2024).

"Following the Science? Examining the Issuance of Stay-At-Home Orders Related to COVID-19 by U.S. Governors," with Susan M. Murray. *American Politics Research* 51(2): 147-160 (2023).

"Predicting the Issuance of COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Orders in Africa: Using Machine Learning to Develop Insight for Health Policy Research," with Jordan Mansell and Carter Lee Rhea. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction* 88: 103598 (2023).

"Assessing the effects of COVID-19-related stay-at-home orders on homicide rates in selected U.S. Cities," with Kim Davies. *Homicide Studies* 26(4): 419-444 (2022).

"Identifying Factors Related to School Closures Due to COVID-19 in the Middle East and North Africa Region," with Olivia G. Carr and Nadia Jilani-Hyler. *International Journal of Educational Development* 90: 102560 (2022).

"Prioritizing Public Health? Factors Affecting the Issuance of Stay-at-home Orders in Response to COVID-19 in Africa," with Joshua Rutland. *PLOS Global Public Health* e0000112 (2022).

"Identifying Factors Associated with the Issuance of Coronavirus-related Stay-at-home Orders in the Middle East and North Africa Region," with Nadia Jilani-Hyler. *World Medical & Health Policy* 13(3): 477-502 (2021).

"An Experimental Examination of Demand-Side Preferences for Female and Male National Leaders," with Bruce A. Carroll. *Frontiers in Psychology* 11: 2364 (2020).

"Watching Eyes and Partisan Mobilization: A Rejoinder to Panagopoulos and van der Linden." *Social Influence* 14(3-4): 147-151 (2019).

"A Second Look at Partisanship's Effect on Receptivity to Social Pressure to Vote," with Richard E. Matland. *Social Influence* 14(1): 1-13 (2019).

"Demonstrating the Effect of Evolved Psychological Mechanisms on Partisan Identification Using Perceptions of Political Leaders," with J. David Schmitz. *Politics and the Life Sciences* 36(2): 60-79 (2017).

"I Only Have Eyes for You: Does Implicit Social Pressure Increase Voter Turnout?" with Richard E. Matland. *Political Psychology* 37(4): 533-550 (2016).

"These Eyes: A Rejoinder to Panagopoulos on Eyespots and Voter Mobilization," with Richard E. Matland. *Political Psychology* 37(4): 559-563 (2016).

"'You've Gone Too Far': Social Pressure Mobilization, Reactance, and Individual Differences," with Richard E. Matland. *Journal of Political Marketing* 14(4): 333-351 (2015).

"Classification Trees as Proxies," with Anthony Scime, Nilay Saiya, and Steven J. Jurek. *International Journal of Business Analytics* 2(2): 31-44 (2015).

"Evolutionary Preferences for Physical Formidability in Leaders." *Politics and the Life Sciences* 33(1): 33-53 (2014).

"Mobilization Effects Using Mail: Social Pressure, Descriptive Norms, and Timing," with Richard E. Matland. *Political Research Quarterly* 67(2): 304-319 (2014).

"Voters versus Terrorists: Analyzing the Effect of Terrorist Events on Voter Turnout," with Joseph Robbins and Lance Y. Hunter. *Journal of Peace Research* 50(4): 495-508 (2013).

"An Experimental Test for 'Backlash' Against Social Pressure Techniques Used to Mobilize Voters," with Richard E. Matland. *American Politics Research* 41(3): 358-385 (2013).

"Convenient Yet Not a Convenience Sample: Jury Pools as Experimental Subject Pools," with Cynthia R. Rugeley, Dona-Gene Mitchell, and Jeffery J. Mondak. *Social Science Research* 42(1): 246-253 (2013).

"Social Science Data Analysis: The Ethical Imperative," with Anthony Scime. In *Ethical Data Mining Applications for Socio-Economic Development*, Hakikur Rahman and Isabel Ramos (eds.), pp. 131-147, IGI Global (2013).

"An Experimental Test of Mobilization Effects in a Latino Community," with Richard E. Matland. *Political Research Quarterly* 65(1): 192-205 (2012).

"Parenting Styles, Socialization, and the Transmission of Political Ideology and Partisanship," with Matthew K. Mulvaney. *Politics and Policy* 40(6): 1106-1130 (2012).

"Caveman Politics: Evolutionary Leadership Preferences and Stature," with J. David Schmitz. *Social Science Quarterly* 92(5): 1215-35 (2011).

"Caveman Executive Leadership: Evolved Leadership Preferences and Biological Sex," with Susan M. Murray. In *Evolutionary Psychology in the Business Sciences*, Gad Saad (ed.), pp. 135-163, Springer (2011).

"Finding Persistent Strong Rules: Using Classification to Improve Association Mining," with Anthony Scime, Karthik Rajasethupathy, and Kulathur S. Rajasethupathy. In *Knowledge Discovery Practices and Emerging Applications of Data Mining: Trends and New Domains*, A.V. Senthil Kumar (ed.), pp. 85-107, IGI Global (2011).

"Microtargeting and Electorate Segmentation: Data Mining the American National Election Study," with Anthony Scime. *Journal of Political Marketing* 9(3): 143-66 (2010).

"Testing Terrorism Theory with Data Mining," with Anthony Scime and Lance Y. Hunter. *International Journal of Data Analysis Techniques and Strategies* 2(2): 122-39 (2010).

"Pre-Election Polling: Identifying Likely Voters Using Iterative Expert Data Mining," with Christopher Riley and Anthony Scime. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 73(1): 159-71 (2009).

"Finding 'Persistent Rules': Combining Association and Classification Results," with Karthik Rajasethupathy, Anthony Scime, and Kulathur S. Rajasethupathy. *Expert Systems with Applications* 36: 6019-24 (2009).

"Data Mining in the Social Sciences and Iterative Attribute Elimination," with Carol Brownstein-Evans, Wan Huang, and Anthony Scime. *Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery Technologies*, David Taniar (ed.), pp. 308-332, IGI Global (2008).

"Do You See What I See? Perceptions of Party Differences and Voting Behavior," with Craig Goodman. *American Politics Research* 35(6): 905-31 (2007).

"Vote Prediction by Iterative Domain Knowledge and Attribute Elimination," with Anthony Scime. *International Journal of Business Intelligence and Data Mining* 2(2): 160-76 (2007).

"Raising Considerations: Public Opinion and the Fair Application of the Death Penalty." *Social Science Quarterly* 84(4): 753-770 (2003).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"In memoriam: Roger D. Masters (1933–2023)." *Politics and the Life Sciences* 42(2): 322-323 (2023).

"Politics and the Life Sciences: The Rise of a New Framework," with Anne Beall, Amy Fletcher, Michael C. Grillo, Carl Senior, and Jordan Mansell. *Politics and the Life Sciences* 39(1): 1-3 (2020).

"Men in Positions of Power." In the *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*, Todd K. Shackelford and Viviana A. Weekes-Shackelford (eds.), Springer (2020).

Book Review of *Mismatch: How Our Stone Age Brain Deceives Us Every Day and What We Can Do About it* (Giphart and van Vugt, 2018). *Politics and the Life Sciences* 38(2): 229-231 (2019).

"Mass Political Behavior and Biology." In *Handbook of Biology and Politics*, Steven A. Peterson and Albert Somit (eds.), pp. 247-61, Edward Elgar Publishers (2017).

"Data Mining," with Anthony Scime. *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences,* Stephen Kosslyn and Robert Scott (eds.), Sage (2015).

"Testing Terrorism Using Iterative Expert Data Mining," with Lance Y. Hunter and Anthony Scime. In *Proceedings of the 2009 International Conference on Data Mining (DMIN 2009)*, pp. 565-570, CSREA Press (2009).

"A New Age Solution for an Age-Old Problem: Mining Data for Likely Voters," with Christopher Riley and Anthony Scime. In *Elections and Exit Polling*, Fritz J. Scheuren and Wendy Alvey (eds.), pp. 108-117, Wiley (2008).

SELECTED CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (5 years)

Midwest Political Science Association 2025 Meetings: "Hacking Elections: A Quantitative Analysis of Cyber-enabled Foreign Election Interference," with Craig D. Albert, Jeffrey T. Bates, and Kendyll Pfeifer.

Midwest Political Science Association 2025 Meetings: "Rage against the Machine?: Assessing Election Administrators' Perceptions of Electronic Voting Systems," with Craig D. Albert, William Hatcher, and Alexander Schwarzmann.

Midwest Political Science Association 2024 Meetings: "U.S. Voters Versus September 11 Terrorists: A Conceptual Replication Regarding the Effects of Terrorism on Voter Turnout."

Midwest Political Science Association 2023 Meetings: "Crisis Leadership and Moral Rhetoric After a Foreign Invasion of the Homeland: Zelenskyy, Bush, and Churchill," with Grantham T. Sandlin and Raymond Tatalovich.

Midwest Political Science Association 2022 Meetings: "In Cyber we Trust? Understanding Election Integrity in the Age of E-Voting," with Craig Douglas Albert.

American Political Science Association 2021 Meetings: "Novel Application in Machine Learning: Predicting the Issuance of COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Orders in Africa," with Jordan Mansell and Carter L. Rhea.

Comparative and International Education Society 2021 Conference: "Predicting school closures due to COVID-19 in the Middle East and North Africa region," with Olivia G. Carr and Nadia Jilani-Hyler.

Midwest Political Science Association 2021 Meetings: "Following Doctors' Advice? Examining the Issuance of Stay-at-Home Orders Related to COVID-19 by U.S. Governors," with Susan M. Murray.

Midwest Political Science Association 2021 Meetings: "Too Much Politics in ''Pandemic Politics''? Factors Affecting the Issuance of Stay-at-Home Orders in Response to COVID-19 in Africa," with Joshua Rutland.

Midwest Political Science Association 2021 Meetings: "Identifying Factors Associated with the Issuance of Coronavirus-Related Stay-at-Home Orders in the Middle East and North Africa Region," with Nadia Jilani-Hyler.

FUNDED GRANTS

National Science Foundation (#2131538, $500,000): "SaTC: CORE: Small: A Robust Framework with Rigorous Semantics and Security Guarantees for Election-Day Voter Check-in," co-PI with PI Alexander Schwarzmann and co-PIs Konstantin Busch, Dariusz R. Kowalski, and Edward J. Tremel. (2021).

Pamplin College RSCA Grant ($5,000): Data collection for "Fast and Slow: Life History Strategies and Political Ideology" (2018).

AWARDS AND HONORS

Fellow, Augusta University Center for Social Science Research Social Media and Intelligence Data Fellowship, Summer 2025.

Winner, The Graduate School of Augusta University Distinguished Service Award, 2025.

Nominee, Augusta University Richard S. Wallace Distinguished Service Award, 2022, 2023.

Fellow, Pamplin College Center for Social Science Research, 2020-2021.

Winner, Education Innovation Award, Office of Faculty Development and Teaching Excellence, Augusta University, 2018.

Academic Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Terrorism Studies, 2012-2013.

Inductee, Sigma Xi (International Honor Society of Research Scientists and Engineers), 2011.

Scholars of Civic Engagement Research Award, 2004-5, University of Texas at Brownsville Center for Civic Engagement: Funding and support for proposal entitled, "Increasing Voter Turnout in the Hispanic Community: A Field Experiment Using Personal Canvassing, Telephones, Direct Mail, and Leafleting."

Nominee, E.E. Schattschneider Award of the American Political Science Association for the best dissertation in the field of American politics, 2004.

Winner, James W. Prothro Student Paper Competition of the Southern Association of Public Opinion Research, 2002: "Raising Considerations and the Fair Application of the Death Penalty."

Nominee, Malcolm Jewell Award for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the Southern Political Science Association 2001 Annual Conference: "Considerations, Resistance, and Attitudes toward the Death Penalty."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Augusta University (2016 – present)
Graduate: Research and Analysis Methods for Intelligence and Security Studies
Undergraduate: Introduction to American Government (online), Undergraduate Internships, Public Opinion, Electoral Behavior and Political Parties.

Texas Tech University (2007 – 2016)
Graduate: Experimental Research Methods and Political Behavior.
Undergraduate: Introduction to American Government (face-to-face and online), American Public Policy (face-to-face and online), Public Opinion, Campaigns and Elections, Political Behavior, Parties and Interest Groups.

State University of New York – Brockport College (2005 – 2007)
Undergraduate: Research Methods, Current Issues in American Politics, Public Opinion, Comparative Public Opinion, Campaigns and Elections, Political Behavior, Parties and Interest Groups.

University of Texas at Brownsville (2004 – 2005)
Graduate: Research Methods.
Undergraduate: American Public Policy, Campaigns and Elections, American Administrative Processes, Congress, Parties and Interest Groups.

MAJOR ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor-in-Chief, *Politics and the Life Sciences* (Cambridge University Press) (2020 – 2025)

Board Member, U.S. Department of Energy Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board (2018 – 2024; Vice Chair 2020 – 2021; Chair 2021 – 2024)

Editorial Board Member and Academic Editor, *PLOS ONE* (2018 – 2019)

Board of Executive Officers Member at Large, Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society (2018 – 2021)

Governing Council, Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (2013 – 2025)

Executive Director, Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (2013 – 2019)

Book Review Editor, *Politics and the Life Sciences* (2013 – 2016)

Department Chair Selection Committee (Texas Tech, summer 2009)

Earl Survey Research Lab Coordinating Committee (Texas Tech, 2009 – 2014)

Chair, Master of Public Policy and Management Steering Committee (University of Texas at Brownsville, Spring 2005)

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (5 years)

Invited Presentation: "Hacking Elections: A Quantitative Analysis of Cyber-enabled Foreign Election Interference," Augusta University Information Advantage Conference. October 2, 2025.

Interview: Assessing the state of the 2024 presidential race and implications for Georgia. WRDW TV 12/Augusta, GA. September 5, 2024.

Interview: Assessing the 2024 Democratic National Convention. WRDW TV 12/Augusta, GA. August 23, 2024.

Interview: Democratic and Republican Campaign Strategies. *Clarin* (Argentina), August 8, 2024.

Interview: Role of height in presidential U.S. elections. Daily Mail Online, July 27, 2024.

Interview: Biden dropping out of presidential race. WRDW TV 12/Augusta, GA. July 23, 2024.

Interview: Preview of South Carolina presidential primary. WRDW TV 12/Augusta, GA. February 23, 2024.

Interview: Rod DeSantis is telling tall tales. Sound Health & Lasting Wealth, October 31, 2023.

Interview: Current Status of 2024 presidential race. WRDW TV 12/Augusta, GA. April 27, 2023.

Interview: US Senate runoff results. AU *Bell Ringer*/Augusta, GA (newspaper). December 7, 2022.

Interview: Election integrity. WJBF TV 6/Augusta, GA. November 4, 2022.

Interview: Obstacles to voting. WRDW TV 26/Augusta, GA. October 27, 2022.

Interview: Voter turnout of demographic groups. WTBU News Radio/Boston, MA. October 6, 2022.

Interview: Research on COVID-19 and homicide. WRDW TV 12/Augusta, GA. September 13, 2022.

Interview: Augusta mayoral election and young voters. AU *Bell Ringer*/Augusta, GA (newspaper). May 6, 2022.

Interview: Voter turnout of young voters. WJBF TV 6/Augusta, GA. May 6, 2022.

Interview: Ethics bills introduced by US Rep. Tom O'Halleran. The Well News (internet). March 18, 2022.

Interview: Campaign finance. Local Matters Podcast/Augusta, GA. January 31, 2022.

Interview: New York's COVID-19 digital vaccine passport. WFXG TV 54/Augusta, GA. April 1, 2021.

Invited Presentation: "Identifying Factors Related to Government Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the US, Middle East, and Africa," Pamplin Center for Social Science Research Fellowship Presentation. March 18, 2021.

Interview: Georgia's new election law. WFXG TV 54/Augusta, GA. March 26, 2021.

Interview: Second Trump impeachment. WFXG TV 54/Augusta, GA. February 8, 2021.

Interview: January senate runoff election. AU *Bell Ringer*/Augusta, GA (newspaper). January 6, 2021.

Interview (live, in studio): Election night analyst. WFXG TV 54/Augusta, GA. January 5, 2021.

Interview (live, on-air): Trump-Raffensperger telephone call regarding 2020 election. WRDW TV 12/Augusta, GA. January 4, 2021.