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Research Interests

Comparative Politics, Post-Communist Politics, Gender Politics, Political Economy, Legislative Behavior, and Electoral Systems

Academic Appointments

- 2018-present Professor, Texas Tech University, Department of Political Science
- 2008-2018 Associate Professor, Texas Tech University, Department of Political Science
- 2002-2008 Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University, Department of Political Science
- 2001-2002 Visiting Assistant Professor, Albion College, Department of Political Science
- 2000-2001 Visiting Assistant Professor, College of William and Mary, Department of Government

Administrative Appointments

- 2018-present Comparative Politics and Gender Field Editor, *Political Research Quarterly*
- 2009-2017 Associate Chair, Texas Tech University, Department of Political Science
- 2007-2012 Director of Graduate Studies, Texas Tech University, Department of Political Science

Education

- 2000 Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government
- 1994 M.A., University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government
- 1991 A.B., with High Honors, College of William and Mary, International Studies

Research

Books

Frank C. Thames and Margaret S. Williams. *Contagious Representation: An Examination of Women's Representation in Democratic Political Institutions*. New York University Press, New York, 2013.

Journal Articles

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames. Whither the party vote bonus? stand-down agreements in ukraine?s mixed-member system. *Electoral Studies*, 52:46–57, April 2018.

Frank C. Thames, Seth McKee, and Richard McKenzie. The south, slavery, and competition in early u.s. house elections. *Social Science History*, 42(4):703–729, 2018.

Frank C. Thames. The electoral system and women's legislative underrepresentation in post-

- communist ukraine. *Comparative Politics*, 50(2), 2018.
- Stephen Meserve, Joseph Robbins, and Frank Thames. Multiple principals and legislative cohesion. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 42(1):515–548, 2017.
- Frank C. Thames. Understanding the impact of electoral systems on women’s representation. *Politics & Gender*, 13(3):379–404, 2017.
- Frank C. Thames. The legislative logic of electoral reform in ukraine. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 69(4):616–641, 2017.
- Frank C. Thames. Electoral rules and legislative parties in the ukrainian rada. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 41(1):35–59, 2016.
- Frank C. Thames and Mikhail Rybalko. Gender and legislative behavior in post-communist ukraine. *Journal of East European and Asian Studies*, 2(1):116–130, 2011.
- Frank C. Thames and Margaret Williams. Incentives for personal votes and women’s representation in legislatures. *Comparative Political Studies*, 43(12):1575–1600, 2010.
- Frank C. Thames. The effect of governor support on legislative behavior in the russian дума. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 62(1):125 – 143, 2010.
- Jeff Edwards and Frank C. Thames. Growth volatility and the interaction between economic and political development. *Empirical Economics*, 39(1):183–201, 2010.
- Jeff Edwards and Frank C. Thames. The effects of economic and political development on gdp growth volatility. *Global Economy Journal*, 9(2), 2009.
- Margaret Williams and Frank C. Thames. Women’s representation on high courts in advanced industrialized countries. *Politics and Gender*, 4(3):451–471, 2008.
- Martin Edwards and Frank C. Thames. District magnitude, personal votes, and government expenditures. *Electoral Studies*, 26(2):338–345, 2007.
- Frank C. Thames. Searching for the electoral connection: Parliamentary party switching in the ukrainian rada, 1998-2002. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 32(2):223–246, 2007.
- Frank C. Thames. Discipline and party institutionalization in post-soviet legislatures. *Party Politics*, 13(4):457–478, 2007.
- Frank C. Thames and Martin Edwards. Differentiating mixed-member electoral systems: Mixed-member majoritarian and mixed-member proportional systems and government expenditures. *Comparative Political Studies*, 39(7):905–927, 2006.
- Jeffrey Edwards, Martin Edwards, and Frank C. Thames. Measuring the dissemination of volatility across levels of development. *Topics in Macroeconomics*, 6(2), 2006.
- Frank C. Thames. A house divided: Party strength and the mandate divide in hungary, russia, and ukraine. *Comparative Political Studies*, 38(3):1–22, 2005.
- Frank C. Thames. Searching for party effects in post-communist ukraine. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 38(1):89–108, 2005.
- Frank C. Thames. Party and personal preference in post-soviet legislatures. *Social Science Quarterly*, 85(2):478–496, 2004.
- Frank C. Thames. The effect of district: Russian single-member district deputies and their constituents’ preferences. *Journal of Legislative Studies*, 8(3):109–126, 2002.
- Frank C. Thames. Did yeltsin buy elections? the russian political business cycle, 1993-1999. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 34(2):63–76, 2001.

Frank C. Thames. Legislative voting behavior in the russian дума: Understanding the effect of mandate. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 53(6):869–894, 2001.

Frank C. Thames. Patronage and the presidential critique: Budget policy in the fifth russian state дума. *Demokratizatsiya*, 8(1):34–56, 2000.

Book Chapters

Frank C. Thames. The representation of women. In Adam Fagan and Petr Kopecký, editors, *The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics*. Routledge, Abingdon, UK, 2017.

Robert Moser and Frank C. Thames. Compromise amidst political conflict: The origins of russia’s mixed member system. In Matthew Soberg Shugart and Martin P. Wattenberg, editors, *Mixed-Member Electoral Systems: The Best of Both Worlds?* Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, 2000.

Research Papers and Book Reviews

Frank Thames. Same system, different outcomes: Legislative behavior differences in ukraine and russia. *Studies in Public Policy*, (373):2–28, 2003.

Frank Thames. Roy medvedev, post soviet russia: A journey through the yeltsin era. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 53(7):1117–1118, 2001.

Textbooks

Lawrence Mayer, Frank Thames, and Dennis Patterson, editors. *Contending Perspectives in Comparative Politics*. CQ Press, Washington, DC, 2008.

Recent Conference Papers

Rimvydas Ragauskas and Frank C. Thames. Cross-tier personal gains in mixed electoral systems. Chicago, IL, 2019. Midwest Political Science Association.

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames. Open-list pr and ethnic representation. Austin, TX, 2019. Southern Political Association.

Frank C. Thames and Stephen Bloom. Electoral system, gender quotas, party nomination strategies, and female representation in local government in ukraine. Chicago, IL, 2018. Midwest Political Science Association.

Frank C. Thames. Legislative parties and the cost of indiscipline in the ukrainian rada. American Political Science Association, 2017.

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames. Explaining gender variation in ukrainian local elections. Chicago, IL, 2017. Midwest Political Science Association.

Frank C Thames. The impact of democratic transitions on women’s legislative representation. Chicago, IL, 2017. Midwest Political Science Association.

Frank C Thames. The impact of democratic transitions on women’s legislative representation. Chicago, IL, 2017. Western Political Science Association.

Susan Allen and Frank Thames. Reassessing the unequal burden of war. Midwestern Political Science Association, 2016.

Frank C Thames. The electoral costs of indiscipline in the ukrainian rada. Midwest Political Science Association, 2016.

Seth McKee Frank Thames and Richard McKenzie. Southern exceptionalism from the start: Sectional differences in the early u.s. congress, 1789-1829. Midwest Political Science Association, 2015.

Susan Allen and Frank Thames. The impact of civil conflict on women’s health. Western Political Science Association, 2014.

Stephen Bloom and Frank Thames. Electoral coordination in ukraine's mixed-member electoral system. Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.

Frank Thames and Sivagaminathan Palani. Party system nationalization and women's legislative representation. Midwest Political Science Association, 2013.

Frank Thames. Party system institutionalization and party cohesion in the us congress. Midwest Political Science Association, 2013.

Frank Thames and Mikhail Rybalko. Gender and elections in post-communist ukraine. Midwest Political Science Association, 2011.

Frank Thames and Mikhail Rybalko. Gender and legislative behavior in ukraine. American Political Science Association, 2010.

Frank Thames. Electoral reform and legislative behavior in post-communist ukraine. Midwest Political Science Association, 2010.

Frank Thames, Dennis Patterson, and Joseph Robbins. The institutional causes of electoral volatility. Midwest Political Science Association, 2009.

Frank Thames, Dennis Patterson, and Joseph Robbins. The institutional causes of electoral volatility. American Political Science Association, 2008.

Margaret Williams and Frank Thames. Women's representation on high courts in oecd countries." law and society association. Law and Society Association, 2007.

Frank Thames. Electoral mandates and presidential support in the russian дума, 1996-2003. Midwest Political Science Association, 2007.

Frank Thames and Joseph Robbins. Party system institutionalization and the level of democracy. Midwest Political Science Association, 2007.

Frank Thames. Assessing the committee outlier hypothesis in post-communist russia. American Political Science Association, 2006.

Frank Thames and Melanie Castleberg. Electoral incentives and party switching in mixed-system legislatures. American Political Science Association, 2006.

Frank Thames. Personal votes and public expenditures. American Political Science Association, 2005.

Frank Thames. Parliamentary party switching in the ukrainian rada. American Political Science Association, 2005.

Frank Thames. Parliamentary party switching in the ukrainian rada, 1998-2002. Midwest Political Science Association, 2005.

Grants and Awards

- 2006 Leon Weaver Award presented by the Representation and Electoral Systems section for the Best Paper Presented at APSA in 2005 (with Martin Edwards)
- 2004 Multi-Disciplinary Seed Grant, Office of Research Services, Texas Tech University
- 2003-2005 Social Science Research Council Eurasian Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2002-2003 Lubbock International Cultural Center, Grant
- 1998 National Security Education Program Dissertation Research Grant, 1998
- 1998 Ford Foundation Area Studies Research Grant
- 1996-1997 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship

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Teaching Experience

Graduate Courses Democratization, Research Design, Data Analysis, Core Seminar in Comparative Politics, and Comparative Politics Research Seminar

Undergraduate Courses Introduction to American Politics, American Public Policy, Democratization, Gender & Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, West European Politics, and Russian Politics