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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Texas Tech University

Associate Professor, 2021 – present

Assistant Professor, 2017 – 2021

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2016 – 2017

Duke University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Political Institutions & Public Choice Program, 2015 – 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Georgia, 2015

M.A. Political Science, Washington University in St Louis, 2009

B.A. Politics; B.A. Journalism, Drake University, 2007

RESEARCH

Book

Jamie L. Carson and Joel Sievert. 2018. *Electoral Incentives in Congress*. University of Michigan Press.

Articles

Joel Sievert. 2021. “Committee Politics in the Antebellum Senate”, *Congress & the Presidency*, 48(2): 175-194

Joel Sievert. 2020. “The Impact of Electoral Rules and Reforms on Election Outcomes.” *American Politics Research* 48(6): 738-749.

Ian Ostrander and Joel Sievert. 2020 “Presidential Communication During the Legislative Process,” *Social Science Quarterly* 101(3): 1165-1182.

Jamie L. Carson, Joel Sievert, and Ryan D. Williamson. 2020. “Nationalization and the Incumbency Advantage”, *Political Research Quarterly* 73(1): 156-168

Joel Sievert and Seth C McKee. 2019. “Nationalization in U.S. Senate and Gubernatorial Elections.” *American Politics Research*, 47(5): 1055-1080.

Joel Sievert and Ryan D. Williamson. 2018. “Public Attitudes Toward Presidential Veto Powers.” *Research & Politics*, 5(1): 1-6.

Jamie L. Carson and Joel Sievert. 2017. "Congressional Candidates in the Era of Party Ballots." *Journal of Politics* 79(2): 534–545.

Joel Sievert and Ian Ostrander. 2017. "Constraining Presidential Ambition: Controversy and the Decline of Signing Statements." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 47(4): 752–776.

Jamie L. Carson and Joel Sievert. 2015. "Electoral Reform and Changes in Legislative Behavior: Adoption of the Secret Ballot in Congressional Elections." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 40(1): 83-110.

Michael H. Crespin., Anthony Madonna, Joel Sievert, and Nathaniel Ament-Stone. 2015. "The Establishment of Party Policy Committees in the U.S. Senate: Coordination, not Coercion." *Social Science Quarterly*. 96(1): 34-48.

Ian Ostrander and Joel Sievert. 2014. "Presidential Signing Statements and the Durability of the Law." *Congress & the Presidency*, 41(3): 362-383.

Ian Ostrander and Joel Sievert. 2013. "The Logic of Presidential Signing Statements." *Political Research Quarterly* 66(1): 141-153.

Ian Ostrander and Joel Sievert. 2013. "What's So Sinister About Presidential Signing Statements?" *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 43(1): 58-80.

Book Chapters

Joel Sievert. 2020. "Historical Lessons from the Study of Congress." In *New Directions in Congressional Politics* 2nd ed., eds. Jamie L. Carson and Michael Lynch. New York: Routledge.

Joel Sievert. 2016. "The Electoral Politics of Procedural Votes in the U.S. Senate." In *Party and Procedure in the United States Congress* 2nd ed., eds. Jacob Straus and Matthew Glassman. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Selected Work in Progress

The Less Responsive Branch?: Politics and Development in the Early US Senate (Book Project)

Nationalized Politics (Book Project), with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson

"Whose Party is it?: Lame Ducks, Presidential Candidates, and Evaluations of the Party", with Victor Hinojosa. (TTU Graduate Student)

"Presidential Strategies in Statements of Administration Policy", with Ian Ostrander

"Partisan Defection in an Era of Nationalized Elections", with Kevin K. Banda

AWARDS & GRANTS

Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant, with Kevin K. Banda (\$3,500). 2018.

TEACHING & ADIVISING

Courses Taught

Graduate: Executive Politics, Political Parties

Undergraduate: Presidency, Political Parties, American Electoral Development, Congress, Congressional Elections, Bureaucracy, Campaigns and Elections, American Government, Political Analysis

Dissertation & Thesis Committees

Dissertation Committee Chair

David Peña (in progress)

Dissertation Committee Member

Matthew Ellison (defended October 2019), Jamie Bassett (defended June 2020), James Wright (in progress), Nathaniel Crosby (in progress), John Kmiecik (in progress)

Second Year Paper Committee Member

Jamie Bassett (completed 2017), Pablo Hernández Borges (completed 2020), Lisa Holz (completed 2020), Henry Moncrief (completed 2021)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presentations

American Political Science Association (2009-2011, 2013-2020)

Midwest Political Science Association (2009, 2010, 2012-2019, 2021)

Southern Political Science Association (2013, 2014, 2016-2021)

Congress and History (2012, 2014-2016, 2019, 2020)

Texas American Politics Symposium (2020)

University of Georgia Congressional Rules & Procedures Conference (2018)

PolMeth (2014)

Discussant or Chair

Midwest Political Science Association (2014, 2016-2018)

Southern Political Science Association (2016, 2017, 2020-21)

University of Southern California Bedrosian Center Causal Inference and American Political Development Conference (2019)

Congress and History (2016)

SERVICE

Departmental

Graduate Committee (2019-present)

American Politics Job Search Committee (2020)

Undergraduate Committee (2017-2019)

Comprehensive Exams Grader (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

Professional

Richard E. Neustadt Award Committee, Presidential & Executive Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, 2021

Presidential/Executive Politics Section Chair, Southern Political Science Association, 2021

Co-Editor, the Presidential & Executive Politics Report, Presidential & Executive Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, 2017-2019.

Hahn-Sigelman Award Committee for Best Article in *American Politics Research*, 2018

Reviewer

Journals: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *American Review of Politics*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Party Politics*, *Publius*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Economics & Politics*, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, *Political Communication*

Books: University of Michigan Press, Rowman & Littlefield, W.W. Norton, Lexington Books

Selected Media Contributions

Media Participation

“Texas Democrats Eye John Cornyn’s Seat in Effort to Flip the State Blue”, *Newsweek* <https://bit.ly/3eHLA3x>

“When It Comes to the Senate, the Democrats Have Their Work Cut Out for Them”, *New York Times* <https://nyti.ms/2Kv61D0>

“Trump criticizes some Russia provisions of defense bill, suggests in signing statement he may ignore them”, *USA Today* <https://bit.ly/2WtSB20>

Blog Posts

“US statewide elections have become nationalized contests, especially for the Senate”, London School of Economics’ American Politics and Policy blog, <https://bit.ly/2XuIruB>

“Nationalized elections and the 2018 U.S. Senate midterms”, LegBranch.org, <https://bit.ly/>

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