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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Florida State University (2013)
• Major Fields: American Politics and Public Policy
M.S., Political Science, Florida State University (2009)
B.A., Political Science and International Studies (Honors Program), University of West Florida (2007)

EMPLOYMENT

2013 – Present Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, Kingsville

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Research: Money in Politics, Congressional Elections, Public Opinion, Public Policy, Voter Behavior, and Campaign Finance
Teaching: Congress, Constitutional Law, Public Opinion, Elections and Voter Behavior, American, Public Policy, and Quantitative Methods

BOOK CHAPTERS

Cherie Maestas and Travis Braidwood. "Running with Uncertainty: Candidate Emergence During Redistricting in Florida" in *Jigsaw Puzzle Politics in the Sunshine State*. 2015. ed. McKee, Seth C. (University Press of Florida) ISBN: 0813060710.

REFEREED ARTICLES

Braidwood, Travis and Ausderan, Jacob. Forthcoming. "Professor Favorability and Student Perceptions of Professor Ideology." *PS: Political Science and Politics*.
Braidwood, Travis. 2015. "Desirable Pork: Do Voters Reward for Earmark Acquisition?" *Research and Politics*. 2(4): 1-9. DOI: 10.1177/2053168015612247

WORKING PAPERS

"Mysterious Pork: The Lack of Citizen Awareness of Earmarks." With Scott Clifford.
"You Want To Spend My Money How?: Framing Effects on Tax Increases via Ballot Initiatives." Currently under review.
"Pork and Campaigning: Financial Benefits of Earmarking."
"What's Pork Worth? Comparing the Various Measurements of Earmark Allocations."

DISSERTATION

“Pork Politics: How Earmarks Affect Voter Behavior and Federal Campaigns.” Dissertation Committee: Cherie Maestas (Chair), Robert Jackson, Brad Gomez, and Lance DeHaven-Smith.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Mysterious Pork: The Lack of Citizen Awareness of Earmarks.” Paper presented at: The annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2017.

“You Want To Spend My Money How?: Framing Effects on Tax Increases via Ballot Initiatives.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association. San Diego, CA. March 2016.

“Pork and Campaigning: Financial Benefits of Earmarking?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Las Vegas, NV. April 2015.

“Pork and Campaigning: Financial Benefits of Earmarking?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2015.

“You Want To Spend My Money How?: Framing Effects on Tax Increases via Ballot Initiatives.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2014.

“Desirable Pork: Do Voters Reward for Earmark Acquisition?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Orlando, FL. January 2013.

“Mysterious Pork: The Lack of Citizen Awareness of Earmarks.” Paper presented at:

- The annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. August 2012.
- The annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2012.

“The Threat of the Dollar: The Impact of Earmarks on Running Uncontested in U.S. House Races.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2011.

“A Lost Cause of Determining the Course: A Study of the Recent Impact of Third Parties in the United States.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2008.

“No Delegates? No Problem: Examining Voter Behavior in the 2008 Primary Elections in Escambia County.” Paper presented at:

- The annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, FL. April 2008.
- The 11th Annual Conference on Politics, Religion, Culture, and Community, Invitational. Berry College, Rome, GA, March 2008.

“A Lost Cause of Determining the Course: A Study of the Recent Impact of Third Parties in the United States.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Tampa, FL. March 2007.

“Democracy in Iraq” (co-authored with Dr. Michelle Williams and Husain Abdulla, M.A. candidate) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association Conference, Tallahassee, FL. March, 2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, POLS3302 (TAMUK): Research and Analysis in Political Science. Spring 2017, Spring 2016.
- Instructor, POLS2301 (TAMUK)/POS1041(FSU): American National Government. Spring 2017 (3 sections), Fall 2016 (3 sections), Spring 2016 (3 sections, including 1 distance learning video conference course), Fall 2014 (2 sections), Spring 2014 (2 sections), Fall 2013 (2 sections), Fall 2012, and Summer 2010.
- Instructor, POLS4332 (TAMUK)/POS4624 (FSU): Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Privileges. Fall 2016, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2011, and Spring 2011.
- Instructor, POLS2302 (TAMUK): Texas Politics. Fall 2015 (3 sections), Spring 2015 (3 sections)
- Instructor, POLS4331 (TAMUK)/POS4606 (FSU): Constitutional Law I: Federalism and the Separation of Powers. Fall 2015, Fall 2013, Summer 2013, Summer 2012, Spring 2012, and Summer 2011.
- Instructor, POLS4333 (TAMUK): Judicial Process. Fall 2014.
- Instructor, PUP3002 (FSU): Introduction to Public Policy. Fall 2010.
- Teaching Assistant, POS3608 (University of West Florida): Constitutional Law: Federalism and the Separation of Powers. Spring 2008

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Peer Reviewer:

Research & Politics (2016); *American Political Science Review* (2015); *American Politics Research* (2015; 2014, 2 articles); *Political Research Quarterly* (2014)

Conference Service:

- 2017 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Discussant and Chair for one panel; Co-discussant and chair for one panel.
- 2016 Western Political Science Association Annual meeting, San Diego, CA. Discussant for one panel; co-discussant for one panel.
- 2015 Western Political Science Association Annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV. Discussant for one panel.
- 2015 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Discussant and Chair for two panels; discussant for one panel.
- 2014 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA. Discussant and chair for one panel; chair for two panels.
- 2014 M.A. defense committee, Dept. of History, Political Science, and Philosophy *Texas A&M University—Kingsville*.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- 2015 – Present Political Science Program Coordinator, Texas A&M Univ.–Kingsville
- 2013 – Present Departmental Committees: Recruitment and Retention (Chair); Budget (Acting Chair); Classroom Technology; Five-Year Schedule Planning, Texas A&M University—Kingsville
- 2013 – Present Faculty Advisor: Pre-law Society, Texas A&M Univ.–Kingsville
- 2016 – Present Faculty Co-Advisor: UNITY, Texas A&M Univ.–Kingsville

2015 – 2016	Hiring Committees: Criminal Justice Search; Political Science Search; Philosophy Search, Texas A&M Univ.–Kingsville
2014 – 2015	University Curriculum Committee, Texas A&M Univ.–Kingsville
2014	M.A. Thesis Committee for Sharon Wilson: “Voices of Dissent,” Texas A&M Univ.–Kingsville

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST SPEAKERSHIPS

- “2016 Post-Election Analysis” Interview on the Bob Jones Show on 1440 KEYS-AM radio. November 9, 2016. < <https://soundcloud.com/1440-keys-corpus-christi> >
- “2016 Election Night Analysis” Interview on the Bob Jones Show on 1440 KEYS-AM radio. November 8, 2016. < <https://soundcloud.com/1440-keys-corpus-christi> >
- “Equal Rights and Religions Tensions.” The Women and Gender Studies Conversations Series, Texas A&M University—Kingsville. Sept. 14, 2015.
- “The Supreme Court: A Review of the Term.” Forthcoming. Interview on Rappahannock Issues, Central Virginia Public Access Television. August 1, 2016.
- “Justice Antonin Scalia.” Interview on Rappahannock Issues, Central Virginia Public Access Television. March 24, 2016. < <http://cvtvnetwork.net/rappahannock-issues/> >
- “The Presidential Primaries & Their International Implications.” with Richard Hartwig, Ph.D. The International Affairs Group, Texas A&M University—Kingsville. Feb. 26, 2016.
- “A Forum on Perspectives on the Supreme Court Ruling, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, Regarding Same-Sex Marriage.” The Women and Gender Studies Conversations Series, Texas A&M University—Kingsville. Oct. 14, 2015.
- “You Can't Say That: The Constitutionality of Regulating Seditious Speech in America.” American Democracy Project, in observance of Constitution Day, Texas A&M University Kingsville. Sept. 17, 2014.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Travel Grant. \$500. 2017. To attend the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) conference, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University—Kingsville.
- Travel Grant. \$500. 2016. To attend the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) conference, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University—Kingsville.
- Travel Grant. \$1,000. 2014-2015. Texas A&M University—Kingsville. Graduate Student Teacher of the Year. 2013. Florida State University.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant for John T. Scholz. Department of Political Science, Florida State University (2009-2010). Tasks: data collection; data coding; data analysis.
- Research Assistant for Jennifer Jerit, Department of Political Science, Florida State University (2008-2009). Tasks: experimental lab supervisor; data collection and management.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

- Consultant. *Americans Governing* (Summer 2008). Soomo Publishing. Packaged with Houghton Mifflin (aka Cengage) introductory texts, including *The Challenge of Democracy*, 8th ed. (2008) by Janda, Berry, and Goldman. Houghton Mifflin.

SKILLS

Methods training: research design, ordinary least squares, maximum likelihood, experimental design, multilevel modeling, multiple imputation, event history analysis.

Bayesian and Data Visualization Workshop. 2013. Florida State University. Instructors: Dave Armstrong (University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee) and Ryan Bakker (University of Georgia).

Software skills: Advanced: Stata, LaTeX, MS Office Suite. Intermediate: Adobe Photoshop, Qualtrics, MediaLab. Functional: R, Dreamweaver, SPSS