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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. 2017. “Professor Favorability and Student Perceptions of Professor Ideology.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 50(2): 565-570. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096516003206>
Braidwood, Travis. 2015. “Desirable Pork: Do Voters Reward for Earmark Acquisition?” *Research and Politics*. 2(4): 1-9. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2053168015612247>
“You Want To Spend My Money How?: Framing Effects on Tax Increases via Ballot Initiatives.” Currently Revise and Resubmit at *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

WORKING PAPERS

“Tracking Changes in Student Perceptions of Professor Favorability and Ideology” with Jacob Ausderan

- “Mysterious Pork: The Lack of Citizen Awareness of Earmarks.”
- “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

- “Tracking Changes in Student Perceptions of Professor Favorability and Ideology” with Jacob Ausderan. Paper presented at: The annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2018.
- “Pork and Campaigning: Financial Benefits of Earmarking?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2015.
 - The annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Las Vegas, NV. April 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.
 - The annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association. San Diego, CA. March 2016.
- “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 Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2012.
 - 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 2017.
- “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.
- “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.
 - The Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2008.
- “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 2018 (3 sections), 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, POLS/CRIM/CRIJ4332 (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 2017 (2 sections), Fall 2015 (3 sections), Spring 2015 (3 sections)
- Instructor, POLS/CRIM/CRIJ4331 (TAMUK)/POS4606 (FSU): Constitutional Law I: Federalism and the Separation of Powers. Spring 2018, Fall 2015, Fall 2013, Summer 2013, Summer 2012, Spring 2012, and Summer 2011.
- Instructor, POLS/CRIM/CRIJ4333 (TAMUK): Judicial Process. Fall 2017 (2 sections), 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:

- PS: Political Science and Politics* (2017, and R&R)
Research & Politics (2017; 2016)
American Political Science Review (2015)
American Politics Research (2017; 2015; 2014, 2 articles)
Political Research Quarterly (2014)

Conference Service:

- 2018 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Discussant for two panels and Chair for three panels.
- 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

2017 – Present	University Faculty Benefits Committee, Texas A&M Univ.–Kingsville
2015 – Present	Political Science Program Coordinator, Texas A&M Univ.–Kingsville
2015 – Present	Departmental Committees: Curriculum, Undergraduate Program, Assessment, Five-Year Schedule Planning (Chair), 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
2013 – 2016	Departmental Committees: Recruitment and Retention (Chair); Budget (Chair); Classroom Technology, Texas A&M University–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, INTERVIEWS, AND GUEST SPEAKERSHIPS

- “Former Corpus Christi Mayor Looks To Fund Senate Run With Short Ribs And Essay Contest.” Interview by Eleanor Dearman, *Corpus Christi Caller-Time*. Oct. 15, 2017.
- “2016 Post-Election Analysis.” Interview on the Bob Jones Show on 1440 KEYS-AM radio. Nov. 9, 2016. < <https://soundcloud.com/1440-keys-corpus-christi> >
- “2016 Election Night Analysis.” Interview on the Bob Jones Show on 1440 KEYS-AM radio. Nov. 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, 2016.
- “The Supreme Court: A Review of the Term.” Forthcoming. Interview on Rappahannock Issues, Central Virginia Public Access Television. Aug. 1, 2016.
- “Justice Antonin Scalia.” Interview on Rappahannock Issues, Central Virginia Public Access Television. Mar. 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

- Artinian Travel Award. \$500. 2018. To attend the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) conference, the Southern Political Science Association.
- 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.

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