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**Professional Appointments**

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| 2018-Present | Assistant Professor of Political Science, SWOSU |
| 2017-2018 | Substitute Lecturer, Queens College, CUNY |
| 2016-2017 | Visiting Assistant Professor, Queens College, CUNY |

**Education**

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| 2016 | Ph.D., Political Science, Concentrations in International Relations and Political Theory, Department of Political Science, CUNY Graduate Center  Dissertation title: “Internet Access and Freedom: Constructing and Reacting to Transnational Norms about Internet Diffusion and Use” |
| 2007 | M.A., Public Policy & International Affairs, Department of Political Science, William Paterson University of New Jersey |
| 2005 | B.A., Political Science, Department of Political Science, William Paterson University of New Jersey |

**Teaching, Advising, & Undergraduate Research**

**SWOSU Courses Designed and Taught**

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| The Internet & Politics\* |  |
| Comparative Politics |  |
| Political Parties  Theories of War & Conflict\* |  |
| The Road to Equality (formerly Women & Politics) |  |
| Political Theory | Online, F2F |
| Principles of International Relations |  |
| International Organizations |  |
| Model UN |  |
| Area Studies: Latin America\*  \* Seminars; not offered in regular catalog |  |
| Independent Studies Initiated by Student and Instructor:  Broadband in Oklahoma  Theories of Party Systems  Gender in Comparative Perspective  American Political Theory | Online, Hybrid |
| Directed Readings for Established Courses:  Political Parties  Political Theory  The Federal Constitution  Civil Rights & Liberties  International Relations | Online |

**Queens College, CUNY, Course Designed and Taught F2F, Online**

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| Introduction to Political Science |  |
| Political Controversies: The Internet and Politics |  |
| International Politics |  |
| Political Theory |  |
| International Law |  |
| Feminist Political Theory |  |
| American Political Thought |  |
| Colloquium on International Relations: Understanding Globalization and Its Effects |  |
| Colloquium on Political Theory: Theorizing War and Conflict |  |
| Contemporary Issues in IR; The Internet in International Relations: Politics by State-of-the-Art Means |  |

**William Paterson University of New Jersey, Course Designed and Taught F2F**

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| Introduction to Political Science |  |
| Introduction to International Politics |  |
| Power, Justice, & Freedom |  |

**Faculty Development**

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| 2022 | Research on Information Literacy Across the Curriculum and its implementation on SWOSU’s campus, ongoing |
| 2020 | Oklahoma Voting Summit, hosted virtually from the University of Oklahoma’s Carl Albert Center, 8 August |
| 2019 | SWOSU Instructional Excellence Academy, Class I |

**Scholarly activity**

**Professional Memberships**

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|  | American Political Science Association |
|  | Midwest Political Science Association |
|  | International Studies Association |

**Curriculum Development**

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| 2019-2022 | Revised Political Science Discipline to update course offerings and streamlined the degree to allow students to graduate sooner. Changed course names and descriptions to reflect status of the field and interests of students. |

**Conference Papers and Posters**

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| 2022 | “Can News Literacy Be improved By Emphasizing Source Analysis? A study of introductory political science students.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, QC. September 15-18 |
| 2022 | “Clickbait, Misinformation, and Memes: The Internationalization of Voter Manipulation Strategies.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN. March 28-April 2 |
| 2021 | “Iran’s ‘Halal’ Internet, 15 years later.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hybrid: Seattle, WA & Virtual. September 30-October 3 |
| 2021 | “Virtual Learning at Rural Higher Ed: The Challenge of Technological Divides.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. April 14-18 |
| 2020 | “Causes and Frequency of Internet Shutdowns.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. September 10-13 |
| 2020 | “Don’t Step on Their Feet: Bridging the Digital Divide and Internet Service Provider Policy Environments in Small and Rural Markets.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. April 16-19 |
| 2019 | “Comparative Analysis of Broadband Alternatives and Persistent Digital Divides.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. August 29-September 1 |
| 2019 | “Fixed Wireless Broadband: A Policy Alternative?” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. April 4-7 |
| 2018 | “Authoritarian Internationalism, Cybernorms, and the SCO.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston. August 30-September 2 |

**Grant**

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| 2020 | Organized Research Grant, College of Arts & Sciences, SWOSU, $1,750 |

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

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| Under Review | “Can Emphasizing Source Analysis Literacy Improve News Literacy? A study of introductory political science students.” *Journal of Political Science Education*. |
| In Progress | “Virtual Learning at Rural Higher Ed: The Challenge of Technological Divides.” Coauthor: Daniel Kavish. |

**Professional Service**

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| 2022 | Panel Discussant, “Teaching Research, Writing, and Information Literacy: Classroom Approaches.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, QC. September 15-18 |
| 2022 | Panel Chair, “New Methods and Frameworks to Study Digital Politics.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, QC. September 15-18 |
| 2022 | Panel Discussant and Chair, “Digital Communication, Populism, and Political Mobilization.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN. March 28-April 2 |
| 2022 | Panel Discussant and Chair, “Regulating and Controlling the Digital Space.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN. March 28-April 2 |
| 2021 | Panel Discussant and Chair, “Internet Policy and Governance.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hybrid: Seattle, WA & Virtual. September 30-October 3 |
| 2021 | Panel Discussant and Chair, “Extremism and Polarization Online.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hybrid: Seattle, WA & Virtual. September 30-October 3 |
| 2021 | Panel Discussant, “International Digital Topics.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. April 14-18 |
| 2021 | Panel Discussant and Chair, “Global Technology Perspectives.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. April 14-18 |
| 2021 | Panel Discussant and Chair, “Social Media, Political Efficacy, and Political Polarization.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. April 14-18 |
| 2021 | Roundtable Chair, “Strategies for Service to the Profession & University.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. April 14-18 |
| 2020 | Discussant, “Online Incivility: Outrage and Hate.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Virtual. September 10-13 |
| 2020 | Discussant, “Digital Governance and Change.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. April 16-19 (cancelled due to COVID-19) |
| 2020 | Discussant, “Policy Narratives and Narratives' Policy.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. April 16-19 (cancelled due to COVID-19) |
| 2020 | Discussant, “Online Learning and Courses.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. April 16-19 (cancelled due to COVID-19) |
| 2019 | Chair, “Internet Access and Governance.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. August 29-September 1 |
| 2019 | Discussant, “Congress & Twitter: Issues and Negativity.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago. April 4-7 |
| 2018 | Chair, “Take Democracy, Add the Internet and Populism, Stir.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston. August 30-September 2 |

**Manuscript Reviews**

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| 2022 | Peer Review for paper submitted to *Journal of Information Technology & Politics.* July. |
| 2022 | Peer Review for paper submitted to *Journal of Information Technology & Politics.* April. |
| 2021 | Peer Review for paper submitted to *Journal of Information Technology & Politics.* December. |
| 2021 | Peer Review for paper submitted to *International Studies Review.* September. |
| 2021 | Peer Review for paper submitted to *Human Rights Review.* April. |
| 2021 | Book proposal review for *AYE ARR: How Pirates Tell Us Everything Worth Knowing About International Relations*. Oxford University Press. May 4 |

**Book Review Notes for Choice Connect (ALA)**

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| 2022 | Review of *Vigilantes Beyond Borders: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (Vol. 60.3) |
| 2022 | Review of *Children Born of War: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. (Vol. 59.12) |
| 2021 | Review of *Reparation for Victims of Armed Conflict: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. (Vol. 59.5) |
| 2021 | Review of *Social media and democracy: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 59.5 |
| 2020 | Review of *Decolonization, self-determination, and the rise of global human rights politics: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 58.7 |
| 2020 | Review of *Transnational Social Mobilisation and Minority Rights: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 58.5 |
| 2020 | Review of *Humans at Work in the Digital Age* in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 58.2 |
| 2020 | Review of *Patriarchy and the Politics of Beauty* in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 57.10 |
| 2019 | Review of *The Cost of Connection: how data is colonizing human life and appropriating it for capitalism* in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 57.5 |
| 2019 | Review of *Lawless: the secret rules that govern our digital lives* in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 57.4 |
| 2019 | Review of *The crime of aggression: the quest for justice in an age of drones, cyberattacks, insurgents, and autocrats* in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 57.2 |
| 2019 | Review of *For the love of humanity: the World Tribunal on Iraq* in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 56.9 |

**Undergraduate Research Presentations**

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| 2021 | Faculty sponsor of student proposing to present at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2021 (proposal not accepted in time) |
| 2020 | Faculty sponsor of student presenting at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19) |
| 2019-present | Advisor to student presenters on Oklahoma Research Day | |

**SERVICE**

**Advising**

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| 2018-present | Advising Political Science majors, 15-20 per semester  Informally 2018-2019 |
| 2018-present | Liaison for recruitment and admissions for Political Science and Pre-Law |
| 2022 | SWOSU Academic Advisor Training Course. 12 October. |
| 2019-present | New Student Orientation sessions |
| 2019-present | Interim advising |

**Student Professional Development**

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| 2022 | Organizer and Speaker for “Resume Workshop” 15 November. (Planned) |
| 2021 | Organizer and Speaker for “Study Skills Seminar” 17 November. |
| 2021 | Organizer and Speaker for “Thinking About Grad School?” 27 October. |

**University-Sponsored Events**

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| 2022, 2020 | Coordinator of student voter registration drives and voting initiatives |
| 2021 | Event Organizer and Speaker. *We Have Not Forgotten: Commemorating Twenty Years Since the Events of 9/11*. SWOSU. September 10 |
| 2020 | Coordinator of [Meet the Candidates](https://www.swosu.edu/news/2020/2020-10-12c.php) event, 14 October |
| 2020 | Speaker, “Neither the Beginning Nor the End.” *Votes for Women: A Celebration*. SWOSU. September 22 |
| 2020 | Speaker, “Women of Color and the Suffrage Movements.” American Association of University Women (AAUW). SWOSU via Zoom, April 6 |
| 2019-2021 | Oklahoma National History Day program, Judge for Exhibits |
| 2019-present | Southwestern Interscholastic Meet (SWIM) Proctor, Civics |
| 2018 | Presenter, “Arguing with Bots: How Truth is Distorted on Social Media.” Panel Discussion: What is True, Queens College, February 28 |

**Faculty Development at SWOSU**

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| 2020 | Presenter, “Critical Thinking.” Instructional Excellence Academy. SWOSU. February 25 and 26 |

**Faculty Development for the Profession**

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| 2021 | Roundtable Participant, “Balancing Work & Life.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. April 14-18 |
| 2020 | Roundtable Participant, “Engaged On-Line Education: Transitioning to Virtual Learning During a Pandemic.” Midwest Political Science Association Professional Development e-Panel, virtual. June 5 |
| 2020 | Roundtable Participant, “Teaching: Core Curriculum.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago. April 16-19 (cancelled due to COVID-19) |
| 2019 | Roundtable Participant, “What to Expect at a Job Interview at a Teaching School.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago. April 4-7 |
| 2019 | Roundtable Participant, “On-Line Political Science Classes.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago. April 4-7 |

**University Committee Service**

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| 2019-present | Academic Suspension Appeals Committee |
| 2021 | Commencement Marshall |
| 2020-2021 (on hiatus) | Student Diversity Programming Committee |
| 2020-2021 (on hiatus) | Diversity & Inclusion GE Task Force |
| 2019-2020 | Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee |
| 2019-2020 | Honors Committee SWOT Analysis: ad hoc committee in preparation for 2020 HLC visit |

**Departmental Committee and Other Service**

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| 2021-2022 | Chair, Political Science Search Committee |
| 2019, 2022 | Social Sciences Department Chair Search Committee |
| 2018-Present | Assessment Committee |
| 2018-Present | Social media coordinator |
| 2018-Present | Designer for Social Sciences graphics and recruitment materials |
| 2019-2020 | Coordinator for Social Sciences webpages overhaul |

**Student Organization Sponsorship**

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| 2021-present | Sponsor of the Political Science Student Association |
| 2021-2022 | Sponsor of the Student Diversity League |
| 2020-2021 | Co-sponsor of the Student Diversity League |
| 2019-present | Founder and advisor to Alpha Mu Gamma chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science honors society |
| 2019-2020 | Co-sponsor of the Political Science Student Association |

**Student Recruitment and Retention**

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| 2022 | SWOSUConnect, section 2282 |
| 2018-present | SWOSU Saturday |

**COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Highlighted Print Media**

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| 2020 | “On Race and Liberalism.” Letters to the Editor. *The Economist*. [August 1](https://www.economist.com/letters/2020/08/01/letters-to-the-editor?frsc=dg%7Ce). |
| 2022 | Invited column on the Russian Invasion of Ukraine in the *Weatherford Daily News* (Reid Newspapers) |
|  | “Taking Stock of the Ukrainian Invasion One Month Later.” [March 26](https://www.wdnonline.com/news/taking-stock-ukrainian-invasion-month-later). |
|  | “Social Media as a Tool of War.” [March 14](https://www.wdnonline.com/news/social-media-tool-war). |
|  | “Ukrainians fleeing as borders close.” [March 9](https://www.wdnonline.com/news/ukranians-fleeing-borders-close). |
|  | “Russia Invades Ukraine: Why and What Next?” [February 25](https://www.wdnonline.com/news/russia-invades-ukraine-why-and-what-next). |

**Television Appearances**

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| 2022 | “Oklahoma Professor Breaks Down Latest Ukraine Developments.” Interview with Alejandra Briones. [*KOCO Morning News*](https://www.koco.com/article/oklahoma-professor-breaks-down-latest-ukraine-developments/39491831) (9 am broadcast). March 21. |
| 2022 | “The Crisis in Ukraine.” Interview with Jason Hackett. *KOCO Morning News* (9 am broadcast). March 3. |

**Additional Media**

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| 2022 | Interviewed for [*The Southwestern*](https://thesouthwestern.org/1671/decisions-and-events-that-affect-the-lives-of-swosu-students/swosu-professor-students-analyze-ukraine-situation/)recorded roundtable, “SWOSU professor, students analyze Ukraine situation.’” SWOSU. March 5. |
| 2021 | Interviewed for [*The Southwestern*](https://www.thesouthwestern.org/post/what-is-going-on-with-voting-laws-in-united-states)article, “What is going on with voting laws in United States?.’” SWOSU. April 10. |
| 2021 | Interviewed for “SWOSU professors weigh in on recent political chaos” *Weatherford Daily News* (Reid Newspapers). January 9. |
| 2020 | Interviewed for *The Southwestern* article and [podcast](https://www.thesouthwestern.org/podcasts), “SWOSU professor: ‘Bernie’s gonna take the primary in Oklahoma.’” SWOSU. February 19. |
| 2020 | Interviewed for “A split forms in the Democratic Party, beneficial or detrimental?” *Weatherford Daily News* (Reid Newspapers). February 5. |
| 2019 | Interviewed for “SWOSU Faculty Members Gives Thoughts on Possible Impeachment.” *Weatherford Daily News* (Reid Newspapers). December 19. |
| 2019 | Interviewed for “Will Trump be Impeached?” *Weatherford Daily News* (Reid Newspapers). November 16. |
| 2019 | Author: [“What is The Purpose of Government?”](https://upjourney.com/what-is-the-purpose-of-government) *UpJourney.com* June 11. |

**Media Coverage**

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| 2021 | Featured in “Remembering 9/11,” coverage of campus event. [*Weatherford Daily News*](https://www.wdnonline.com/news/remembering-911) (Reid Newspapers). Sept 10. |
| 2020 | “Voter Registration led by online tool underway at SWOSU.” [Fox 25](https://okcfox.com/news/local/voter-registration-led-by-online-tool-underway-at-swosu).(Also [*Weatherford Daily News*](https://www.wdnonline.com/news/voter-registration-and-turnout-effort-underway-swosu) and [SWOSU News Release](https://www.swosu.edu/news/2020/2020-09-25a.php)). September 25. |

**Speaking Activities**

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| 2022 | Program Speaker, “Peace for Ukraine Community Symposium” *Weatherford Daily News*. Weatherford. April 21 |
| 2022 | Program Speaker, “Endless Options: overcoming narrowcasting, bias, and misinformation in the news.” *Weatherford Rotary Club*. Weatherford. January 5 |
| 2021 | Program Speaker, “Misinformation: News, Hyperpartisanship, and Steps We Can Take.” *Custer County Democratic Party: Re-Launch Meeting*. Weatherford. August 31 |