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Academic Employment

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| 2020 to present | Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR
Associate Professor of Political Science |
| 2014 to 2020 | Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR
Assistant Professor of Political Science |
| 2011 to 2014 | Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC
Assistant Professor of Political Science |

Education

Ph.D. 2011, Political Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Dissertation title: “Religious Commitment and Political Information: How Religion Structures Political Engagement.”

Major fields: American Politics and Comparative Politics

M.S. 2008, Political Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

B.A. *cum laude* 2006, Political Science and Music, Furman University, Greenville, SC

Publications

Peer-Reviewed

Gaskins, Ben, Jason Barabas, & Jennifer Jerit. 2020. “Qualitative Quotes: The Prevalence and Effects of Survey Respondent Exemplars in Political News Coverage.” *The International Journal of Press/Politics* 25(1): 96–114.

Gaskins, Ben, Todd Lochner, Ellen Seljan, Katie Kowal, Zane Dundon, & Maya Gold. 2019. “From the FEC to the Ballot Box: Voter Accountability for Campaign Finance Law Violations.” *American Politics Research* 47(5): 1000–1035.

Gaskins, Ben. 2019. “The Effects of Religious Attendance and Evangelical Identification on Media Perception and Political Knowledge.” *Politics & Religion* 12(2): 346–384.

Clifford, Scott & Ben Gaskins. 2016. "Trust Me, I Believe in God: Candidate Religiousness as a Signal of Trustworthiness." *American Politics Research* 44(6) 1066–1097.

Beard, T. Randolph, Robert B. Ekelund Jr., George S. Ford, Ben Gaskins, & Robert D. Tollison. 2013. "Secularism, Religion, and Political Choice in the United States." *Politics & Religion* 6(4): 753 – 777.

Gaskins, Ben, Matt Golder, & David Siegel. 2013. "Religious Participation and Economic Conservatism." *American Journal of Political Science* 57(4): 823-840.

Gaskins, Ben, Matt Golder, & David Siegel. 2013. "Religious Participation, Social Conservatism, and Human Development." *Journal of Politics* 75(4): 1125-1141.

Gaskins, Benjamin & Jennifer Jerit. 2012. "Internet News: Is it a Replacement for Traditional Media Outlets?" *The International Journal of Press/Politics* 17(2): 190-213.

Other Publications

Book Review: *From Politics to the Pews: How Partisanship and the Political Environment Shape Religious Identity* by Michele Margolis. 2020. *Public Opinion Quarterly*

Ben Gaskins. "How Distrust in the Media Creates a Political Knowledge Gap Between Religious and Secular Americans." Religion in Public Blog. 7/22/2019.

<https://religioninpublic.blog/2019/07/22/how-distrust-in-the-media-creates-a-political-knowledge-gap-between-religious-and-secular-americans/>

Book Review: *Godless Democrats and Pious Republicans? Party Activists, Party Capture, and the God Gap* by Ryan Claassen. 2017. *Political Science Quarterly* 132(1): 173-175.

Ben Gaskins and Scott Clifford. "America is becoming more secular, but citizens still see political candidates' religion as a mark of trustworthiness." The LSE US Centre's daily blog on American Politics and Policy. 1/26/2016. <http://bit.ly/1Tnjue6>

Research in Progress

"To Sue or Not to Sue? Religion and American Litigiousness."

"Jesus Saves. Should We? Christian financial advice, monetary investments, and opinions regarding spending and debt." Book Project.

"Does Religion 'Distract' Voters? How Religion Affects Economic and Values Voting."

"The Effect of Religiosity on Perceptual Bias and Issue Knowledge."

"Religious vs. Partisan Heuristics: The Effect of Elite Cues on Policy Opinions."

"Religion, Electoral Systems, and Party Congruence Around the World."

Conferences and Invited Presentations

“Jesus Saves. Should We? Christian Financial Advice and Attitudes Toward Debt and Spending At the Personal and National Levels.” Presented at the 2018 meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2018.

“Informal Enforcement of Campaign Finance Law.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, 2017

“Jesus Saves. Should We? Christian financial advice, monetary investments, and opinions regarding spending and debt.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2016.

“Does Religion ‘Distract’ Voters? How Religion Affects Economic and Moral Voting.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015.

“Does Religion ‘Distract’ Voters? How Religion Affects Economic and Values Voting.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2014.

“Trust Me, I Believe in God: Theistic Appeals and Candidate Trust,” with Scott Clifford. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, 2013.

“The Effect of Religiosity on Perceptual Bias and Issue Knowledge.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2012.

“Trust Me, I Believe in God: Theistic Appeals and Candidate Trust,” with Scott Clifford. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2012.

“The Effect of Religiosity on Perceptual Bias and Issue Knowledge.” Invited talk at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, April 5, 2012.

“Religious vs. Partisan Heuristics: The Effect of Elite Cues on Policy Opinions.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2011.

“Representation, Selection Bias, and Media Reporting on Mass Opinion,” with Jason Barabas. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2011.

“Religious vs. Partisan Heuristics: The Effect of Elite Cues on Policy Opinions.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2011.

“Representation, Selection Bias, and Media Reporting on Mass Opinion,” with Jason Barabas. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2011.

“Religiosity and Political Knowledge: The Effect of Evangelicalism and Religious Attendance on Information Acquisition.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2010.

“The Internet as a News Source: A Compliment or Substitute for Traditional News Media?” with Jennifer Jerit. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2010.

“Religiosity and Political Knowledge: The Effect of Evangelicalism and Religious Attendance on Information Acquisition.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, 2010.

“Religion, Societal Development, and Political Attitudes,” with Matt Golder & David Siegel. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, 2009.

Invited graduate student participant at the *Experimental Political Science Conference*, Northwestern University, May 28-29, 2009

“Religion, Societal Development, and Political Attitudes,” with Matt Golder & David Siegel. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2009.

Nominated for the best paper in Comparative Politics at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2009.

“Qualitative Quotes: Representation, Selection Bias, and Media Reporting on Mass Opinion,” with Jason Barabas. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, 2008.

Baylor University’s Institute for Studies of Religion *Graduate Workshop on Religion, Economics, and Politics*. June 19-22, 2008, Alexandria, VA (with presentation of “Religion, Societal Development, and Political Attitudes”)

“Religion, Societal Development, and Political Attitudes,” with Matt Golder. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2008.

“Religion, Societal Development, and Political Attitudes,” with Matt Golder. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC), Tampa, FL, 2007.

Teaching

Lewis & Clark College

Introduction to American Politics
 Introduction to Comparative Politics
 Numbers: Political Math
 Political Parties and Interest Groups
 Religion and Politics
 Public Opinion and Survey Research

Presidential Politics
 Capstone: Comparative Religion and Politics

Gardner-Webb University

American National Government (including Honors sections)
 Introduction to Political Science (Theory and Methods)
 Public Opinion
 American Political Parties
 Constitutional Law
 Judicial Process
 The President and Congress
 State and Local Government
 Public Policy and Public Administration
 Global Understanding

Florida State University

Introduction to Comparative Politics
 Introduction to American Politics
 Religion and Politics in America
 Comparative Religion and Politics

Service

Elected Member of APSA's Religion and Politics Executive Committee (2017-2019)

2015 MPSA Program Committee for the Religion and Politics Section

Lewis & Clark College

Faculty Secretary
 Faculty Organizer, 2018 Festival of Scholars
 College Republicans, College Democrats, J-Street
 Moderator, 2015 International Affairs Symposium
 Library and Educational Technology Committee

Gardner-Webb University

Institutional Review Board (2013-2014 Chair)
 Mobile Learning Task Force
 Faculty Technology and Facilities Committee
 Student Government Faculty Advisor
 Advisor for the department's Pre-Law/Public Service Group

FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association

Vice-President (2008-2009)
 President (2009-2010)

Treasurer (2010-2011)

Media Interviews

Television: KATU (Portland, OR ABC affiliate), KOIN (Portland, OR CBS affiliate), CTV News Channel (Toronto, Canada)

Newspapers: The Oregonian, The Associated Press, Portland Tribune (invited guest column), Willamette Week, The Shelby Star

Radio: KXL, KPAM, KBOO, 1190 KEX

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA Religion and Politics subsection)

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Reviewer

American Politics Research

Human Rights Review

International Journal of Services Technology and Management

The International Journal of Press/Politics

The International Journal of Public Opinion Research

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion

The Journal of Politics

National Science Foundation

New Media and Society

Oxford University Press

Political Behavior

Political Psychology

Political Research Quarterly

Political Science Quarterly

Politics and Religion

Public Opinion Quarterly

Routledge

Sage Open

Social Science Research

W.W. Norton

Other skills

MTurk; Stata; Snap survey software and Snap online; Qualtrics; MediaLab; Excel.