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Texas Southern University  
Assistant Professor  
Political Science  
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- EDUCATION**      Ph.D, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, August 2016
- Dissertation: Three Essays On Legislative Behavior In American Legislatures Committee: Jennifer Hayes Clark (chair), Justin H. Kirkland, Jason P. Casellas, and Keith E. Hamm (Rice University)*
- Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Houston, December 2014
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Alabama at Birmingham, May 2011
- Bachelor of Arts, History, University of Alabama at Birmingham, May 2011
- PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**
- ”The Relationship Between Party’s Institutional and Organizational Power: Evidence From the Minnesota Legislature’s Experimental Setting.” 2021. *American Politics Research*. Forthcoming.
- “Local Officials as Partisan Operatives: How Sub-state Office Holders Act on Behalf of Their Party,” with Markie McBrayer and Andrea K. Eckelman. 2020. *Social Science Quarterly*. 101(4): 1475-1488.
- “Leadership Power, Preference Homogeneity, and Legislative Party Conflict,” with Jennifer Hayes Clark. 2019. *Journal of Legislative Studies*. 25(4): 1-22.
- “Representation, Neighboring Districts, and Party Loyalty in the U.S. Congress,” with Justin H. Kirkland. 2015. *Public Choice* 165(3).
- “Partisanship and Reciprocity in Cross-Chamber Legislative Interactions,” with Justin H. Kirkland. 2014. *The Journal of Politics* 76(3): 754-769.
- “Parties, Term Limits and Representation in the U.S. States,” with Jennifer Hayes Clark. 2014. *American Politics Research* 42(1): 171-193.
- RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**
- “Concentrated Influence: Parties and Issue Coalitions in the Progressive Minnesota Legislature.”
- “The Policy Effects of Women Serving in County Government.” with Markie McBrayer *Under review*.
- “A Time Series Analysis of Party Organizational Resilience in the Progressive Era Minnesota Legislature.”
- “The Partisan Advantage in Selecting Voting Location Types.” with Markie McBrayer and Andrea K. Eckelman

“What Do Legislators Know about Their Own Chamber Rules? Survey Evidence from U.S. State Legislatures”

“Partisan Preferences for Cooperation and Gridlock in the American Public” with Matthew Ward and Markie McBrayer

**OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS**

“Who Runs for Mayor in America?” Local Elections in American Politics. Report released March 2017.

**CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION**

American Political Science Association: 2016, 2014

State Politics and Policy: 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

Southern Political Science Association: 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013

Policy Representation in State Legislatures Conference: 2016

Midwest Political Science Association: 2017, 2016

Southwest Social Science Association: 2015

Western Political Science Association: 2015

New England Political Science Association: 2019

New York Political Science Association: 2019

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Modeling (EITM) Summer Training Institute. University of Houston, Hobby Center for Public Policy. June 16-June 28, 2013, attending participant.

**COURSES**

American National Government, *Misericordia University*, frequently offered since fall 2017

U.S. State and Local Government, *Misericordia University*, frequently offered since fall 2017

U.S. Congress, *Misericordia University*, frequently offered since spring 2018

U.S. Presidency, *Misericordia University*, frequently offered since fall 2018

Arguments, Data, Politics, *University of Houston*, spring 2017

Legislative Process, *University of Houston*, spring 2016

Introduction to Texas Government, *Lone Star College*, summer 2015

Public Policy & Public Administration, *Misericordia University*, frequently offered since fall 2018

U.S. Homeland Security Issues, *Misericordia University*, frequently offered since spring 2018

U.S. Homeland Security System, *Misericorida University*, frequently offered since fall 2017

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS**

*American Politics*

Legislative Institutions & Behavior  
State and Local Politics  
Representation  
Political Parties  
Local Elections  
Congress  
Public Policy  
Survey Research  
Public Opinion

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

R, Stata, SPSS, Qualtrics, Excel,  $\LaTeX$

**MEDIA**

“Trump fundraising excels in NEPA.” The Citizens’ Voice interview and quotes in article about localized campaign finance reports for the 2020 presidential race. November 17th, 2019.

”Area students react to impeachment hearings.” NBC WBRE-TV interview and class visit regarding ongoing impeachment proceedings. November 15th, 2019.

Live Election Day interview. Fox 56 WOLF in studio. November 6th, 2018.

“With two months until midterm election, local voters are watching races closely.” Fox 56 WOLF interview TV appearance regarding 2018 midterm elections. September 5th, 2018. (Story also featured on CBS 21 WHP)

“Congressional re-map deadline fast approaching.” Fox 56 WOLF interview TV appearance for local news outlet regarding the 2018 Pennsylvania congressional redistricting process. February 6th, 2018.

“Term limits alone do not cause legislators to shirk their duties-the actual results are far more complicated.” USAPP blog post by The London School of Economics and Political Science, December 19th, 2013. with Jennifer Hayes Clark.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Research Associate. *Center for Local Elections in American Politics*. Research funded by National Science Foundation (NSF). Dr. Melissa Marschall (Principal Investigator), Center for Local Elections in American Politics. Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University, Houston, TX 2016-2017.

Research Assistant. *Integrating Computing Across the Curriculum (ICAC): Incorporating Technology into STEM Education Using XO Laptops*. Research funded by National Science Foundation (NSF). Dr. Shelia Cotton (Principal Investigator), Department of Sociology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, summer 2009-summer 2011 & June 2012-August 2012. Conducted in-class student sessions and teacher workshops in Birmingham City Schools.

**SERVICE**

Journal Article Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Mid-South*

*Political Science Review*

Research Committee Member: *Texas Southern University*. 2021-Present

Curriculum, Teaching and Academic Standards Committee Member: *Texas Southern University*. 2021-Present

Textbook Reviewer: *Cambridge University Press, Norton*

Debate Moderator: 2020 Campus Democrats-Campus Republicans Debate, *Misericordia University*

Space & Facilities Task Force Committee Member: *Misericordia University*. 2019-2020

Academic Policies Committee Member: *Misericordia University*. 2018-present.

Admissions Liaison: *Misericordia University*. 2018-present.

Faculty University Advocate: Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Day at the Capitol. Advocating for state student loan and grant programs on behalf of the University. Harrisburg, PA. 2018.

Organizing Host: *Misericordia University*. "Draw the Lines PA: How To Slay the Gerrymander" campus workshop bringing Campus Republicans and Campus Democrats together with the local community to learn about redistricting reform. 2020.

*Misericordia University*. "Fixing Corruption in Government" campus forum with Represent.US PA nonpartisan community organization. 2018.

Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison: Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA), Department of Political Science, University of Houston, June 2013-May 2014

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association

State Politics and Policy Section

Southern Political Science Association

**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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