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Education

PhD, Political Science August 2021
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Exam Fields: American Politics and Public Administration
Dissertation: Party Time? A Temporal and Partisan Mixed Methods Exploration of the Changes in American Lawmaking, Chair: Dr. Timothy J. Conlan

MPA May 2013
Concentration: Nonprofit Management
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

B.A. English May 1991
Immaculata University
Immaculata, PA

Academic Appointments

Graduate Faculty, Associate Member November 2024 - present
University of North Dakota

Clinical Assistant Professor August 2024 – present
University of North Dakota

Assistant Professor (adjunct) July 2018- May 2024
Northern Virginia Community College

Adjunct Instructor August 2021-August 2024
George Mason University

Professorial Lecturer (adjunct) August 2021- December 2021
American University

Graduate Instructor August 2019-December 2019
George Mason University

Professional Experience

Consultant, Arlington, VA 2004-2014
Federal Policies and Procedures, and Disability Advocate

Senator James M. Jeffords, Washington DC Archival Research	2006-2007
American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Program Manager, Government Relations and Policy Analysis	2002-2004
California State University, Office of Federal Relations Manager, Federal Education Programs and Projects	1999-2001
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Program Associate, Government Relations	1997-1999
Congressman George W. Gekas, Washington, DC Legislative Assistant, Systems Administrator, Director of District Office (Elizabethtown, PA) and Staff Assistant/Case Worker (Harrisburg, PA)	1991-1997

Publications

Book

Lowering Cloture: Lessons from History. Book project, under contract with Bloomsbury Publishing, New York, NY. *Work in progress.*

Peer Reviewed

“Institutional Analysis: The Senate Filibuster of Right-to-Work Repeal, 1965-66.” *Journal of Policy History.* *Forthcoming summer 2027.*

“Let’s Shutdown the Government: An Instructional Game.” *Journal of Political Science Education.* October 30, 2024. *Peer reviewed.*

Other Publications

“IMD Exclusion as Moral Boundary.” *Under review.*

“Community Based Learning” *Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science.* Eds. Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin-Hellwege, Joseph W. Roberts. (Invited by Editor). *Forthcoming.*

“Southern Negro Youth Congress” *Youth Activism Encyclopedia.* Ed. Shamira Gelbman. Bloomsbury Publishing, June 2026.

“Avoiding a Shutdown is Best” March 17, 2025 *PA Times* (online).
[Avoiding Shutdown Best article](#)

“The Bright and Relentless Debate” August 16, 2024. *PA Times* (online).
[Bright Relentless article](#)

“What do the Pandemic and School Integration have in Common?” November 2021. *PA Times* (online). [Pandemic School Integration article](#)

“Party Time? A Temporal and Partisan Mixed Methods Exploration of Changes in American Lawmaking.” ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 2021 [Party Time dissertation](#)

“Justice Alito’s Lessons for Public Administration.” March 2021. *PA Times*. (magazine)
[Alito's Lessons article](#)

“Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999” American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.
ERIC #ED425136.

Conferences

“Choosing the Right Approach: Codes of Conduct & Other Tools for Local Leaders.” Panelist,
North Dakota League of Cities Spring Workshop, Dickinson, ND, 2026.

“Navigating Federal Policy: How Nonprofits Across Four States are Experiencing and Responding to Changing Priorities.” Panel participant, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN, November 2025.

“Lowering Cloture? Lessons from History.” (Racial Politics Chapter) Congress and History conference. Brown University. June 2025.

“Lowering Cloture? Lessons from History.” (Racial Politics Chapter) Southern Political Science Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico. January 2025.

“Unified via Deference: Theories of U. S. Lawmaking.” Southern Political Science Association. St. Pete’s Beach, Florida. January 2023.

“Exploring Emotions and Power in the U.S. Congress” Southern Sociology Society Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, April 6-9, 2022. (*Accepted but unable to attend due to COVID.*)

“Experts on Top, on Tap or Down the Tubes? The Declining Influence of Expertise in Congressional Policymaking.” Roundtable presented with Tim Conlan, American Society for Public Administration conference, Washington, D.C. March 12, 2019.

“Revisiting the Effects of Cloture on Coalition Size.” Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9, 2017.

“Philosophy and Ideology side-by-side on the Courthouse Steps.” Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 12-14, 2017.

Service

Nistler College, Faculty Accessibility Champion	Aug. 16, 2025 - May 15, 2026
Member, Temporary Executive Committee, ND ASPA	April 10, 2025 – present
Member, Dissertation Committee for Ahmed Essam PhD in Chemistry, UND	Jan. 14, 2026 - present
Member, Dissertation Committee for Carlos Coontz, PhD in Earth System Science Policy, UND	Jan. 24, 2025 – present
Nistler College, Scholarship Committee, Vice President	Sept. 19, 2024 – May 15, 2026
MPA Steering Committee, Committee Member	Aug. 16, 2024 - Present
Department Scholarship Committee, Committee Member	Feb. 2025 – Present

UND Pi Alpha Alpha, Advisor	Feb. 2025 - Present
2025 Wenstrom Lecture Organizer	Feb. 2025 - April 10, 2025
Public Affairs Club, Bismarck Trip Chaperone	Feb. 22, 2025
NASPAA Simulation, Volunteer	Jan. 2025 - March 2026
APD Jr. Scholars Working Group, Working Group Member	Oct. 2024 - August 2026
Southern Political Science Association, Panel Chair	Dec. 2024 – Jan. 2025
ABFM, Paul Posner Award Committee Member	July 2024 - present

Professional Development

Blackboard Ultra training	August 2024
UND's TTaDA	
KiND Institute (4 courses)	January & July 2023
Southern Political Science Association	
NOVA Hybrid Instructor Certification	February 2022
Northern Virginia Community College	
NOVA Online Certification	Oct 2021
Northern Virginia Community College	
Data Science Summer School, Hertie School Data Science Lab, Berlin, Germany.	July 2021
Graduate Legislative Institute	Sept. 1996
Congressional Research Service	
District/State Legislative Institute	April 1994
Congressional Research Service	

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)
American Society of Public Administration (ASPA)
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
Association for Budget and Financial Management (ABFM)

Awards and Honors

Chester A. Newland Presidential Citation of Merit, ASPA (March 2026)
Nominated for the 2026 University Outstanding Graduate or Professional Teaching Award
Artinian Travel Award (SPSA 2022)
Provost Dissertation Completion Grant (GMU 2021)
Provost Summer Research Fellowship (GMU 2020)
Pi Alpha Alpha, Public Administration Honor Society
President, Leeway Overlee Civic Association
Alternate Delegate, Arlington County Civic Federation
Executive Committee Member, Committee for Education Funding
Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference, Advisor
Outstanding Service Award, Junior Achievement, Lancaster, PA
Lambda Iota Tau, International English Honor Society
Phi Alpha Theta, International History Honor Society

Classes Taught (alphabetical list, graduate courses in italics)

Administration in the Political System (GOVT 351) (in-person and online)

America Government I (POLS 115) (asynchronous)

Comparative Politics (GOVT 130) (in-person)

Foundations of Public Administration (POLS 531) (in-person and online)

Government and Business (POLS 503) (co-taught)

International Relations I (PLS 241) (in-person and online)

Introduction to American Government (GOVT 103) (in-person)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (PLS 140) (in-person and online)

Introduction to Nonprofit Sector (POLS 200) (in-person and asynchronous)

Introduction to Political Science (PLS 120) (in-person)

Organizational Theory & Management Behavior (PUAD 520) (in-person)

Political and Public Policy Analysis (POLS 501) (online)

Public Organizations (POLS 535) (in-person and online)

Public Policy Making (GOVT 364) (online)

Public Policy Process (PUAD 540) (in-person)

State and Local Government Politics (PLS 136) (online)

U.S Government I (PLS 211) (in-person)

U.S. Government and Politics (PLS 135) (in-person and online)