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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant professor, Montana State University Billings, 2018 – present  
Visiting lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 2017 – 2018  
Teaching fellow, Kent State University, 2016 – 2017  
Teaching assistant, Kent State University, 2014 – 2015  
Research assistant, Kent State University, 2013 – 2014  
Graduate assistant, East Stroudsburg University, 2011 – 2012

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Kent State University, Department of Political Science, 2018  
Dissertation: *Politics from the Pulpit: A Critical Test of Elite Cues in American Politics*  
Fields: American Politics and Policy, Transnational Politics and Policy

M.A. East Stroudsburg University, Department of Political Science, 2012  
Thesis: *Breaking Bonds: Recent Developments on Separatism in the West*

B.S. Utah Valley University, Department of Communication, 2008  
Emphasis: Journalism  
Capstone Project: E-book on breaking into newspaper industry

### DISSERTATION

Title: *Politics from the Pulpit: A Critical Test of Elite Cues in American Politics*

Committee members: Ryan L Claassen (chair), Michael J. Ensley, Anthony D. Molina, and J. Quin Monson (external member).

### REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Miles, Matthew, and Jason M. Adkins. 2019 (February). "Mormon Mobilization in Contemporary American Politics." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford, United Kingdom: Oxford University Press.

## **NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

- Blog Entry: “The LDS Church’s Waning Influence? Medical Marijuana in Utah Puts Leaders’ Influence Under Spotlight,” *Religion in Public*, 2018 (September 24), <https://religioninpublic.blog/2018/09/24/the-lds-churchs-waning-influence/>
- Encyclopedia Entry: Richard C.A. Holbrooke, *American National Biography*, 2016 (September 2018).
- Book Review: Campbell, David E., John C. Green, and J. Quin Monson. 2015. *Seeking the Promised Land: Mormons and American Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014). *Journal of Politics* 77 (2): E5-E6.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- “Living in Zion: Testing the Effects of Religious Identity and Activity in Utah.”
- “What Americans Know and Want: Probing The Link Between Political Knowledge and U.S. Foreign Policy.” (with Steven W. Hook)
- “‘Heeding the Brethren’: An Analysis of Mormon Attitudes Towards Immigration in Utah.”

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- “Guiding the Faithful: How Institutional Differences Affect Political Behavior,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.
- “Research: How to Conduct Surveys (Roundtable Discussion),” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.
- “Public Engagement: Working with the Broadcast Media (Roundtable Discussion),” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.
- “Reverse God Talk: How Religious Elites Deploy Coded Political Cues,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.
- “Do the Sheep Follow the Shepherds?: A Survey Experiment on Elite Cues,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018.
- “Do Congregants Follow the Shepherd: Determining if Church Members Hold Same Beliefs As Religious Denominations,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018
- “Preaching Politics: How Religious Denominations Transmit Political Cues to their Members,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017.
- “‘Heeding the Brethren’: How Religious Cues Affect Immigration Attitudes in Utah,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016.
- “The One-Party State of Utah: What Is Driving Republican Control?” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2015.

## **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**

- Peer Reviewer, *Politics & Religion*, *Social Science Quarterly*.
- Chair and Discussant, Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2018-2019.
- Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2015-2018.

## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

Director, Montana Poll, 2018-present, Montana State University Billings  
Co-organizer, Model United Nations Summit, 2018-present, Montana State University Billings  
Co-organizer – Mock Constitutional Convention, 2018, University of Wisconsin-Parkside  
Parkside Access to College Credit political science supervisor, 2017, University of Wisconsin-Parkside  
Political Science Graduate Student Association – Vice President, 2016 – 2017, Kent State University  
Department of Political Science Graduate Studies Committee – Graduate Student Representative, 2016 – 2017, Kent State University  
Student Media Policy Committee – Graduate Student Representative, Kent State University – 2013 – 2014, Kent State University

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) “Election Night Coverage” (November 6, 2018)  
KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) “Face the State” (October 21, 2018)  
KTVQ TV (Billings, MT) “The Montana poll is back at MSU Billings with results expected by late October” (October 10, 2018)  
KTVQ TV (Billings, MT) “Keeping an eye on Kavanaugh: MSUB political professor outlines what comes next” (October 8, 2018)

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Faculty Development Grant (\$1,600), Montana State University Billings, 2019  
College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant (\$800), Montana State University Billings, 2018  
Stella C. Gray Teaching Excellence Award, University of Wisconsin-Parkside (nominated), 2018  
Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award (\$500), 2018  
Faculty/Academic Staff Professional Opportunities Fund, University of Wisconsin-Parkside (\$900), 2017  
Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives Lynn E. May Study Grant (\$500), 2017  
Thomas R. Hensley Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching, 2017  
Kent State University Graduate Research Symposium, Best Presentation in Panel (\$150), 2017

## **UNFUNDED GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Research Award (\$3,000), 2016  
Kent State University Graduate Student Senate Research Award (\$2,000), 2016

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor, 2018 – present  
Montana State University Billings; Billings, MT  
PSCI 210: Introduction to American Government  
PSCI 220: Introduction to Comparative Government

PSCI 230: Introduction to International Relations  
PSCI 260: Introduction to State and Local Government  
PSCI 341: Political Parties & Elections  
PSCI 342: Media, Public Opinion, Polling

Adjunct Instructor, 2018  
Kent State University; Kent, OH  
PADM 60381: Methods in Public Administration

Adjunct Instructor, 2018  
Bowling Green State University-Firelands Campus; Huron, OH  
POLS 1710: Introduction to Comparative Government

Visiting Lecturer, 2017 – 2018  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside; Kenosha, WI  
POLS 100: American Politics  
POLS 105: Introduction to Politics  
POLS 200: Research Methods and Sources  
POLS 214: Executive and Legislative Politics  
POLS 224: American Foreign Policy  
POLS 375: Campaigns and Political Participation  
POLS 490: Special Topics (Religion and Politics)

Teaching Fellow, 2016 – 2017  
Kent State University; Kent, OH  
POL 10300: Public Policy  
POL 30001: Research Methods

Adjunct Instructor, 2016  
Ashland University, Ashland, OH  
PLSC 102: Democracy in America

Teaching Assistant, 2014 – 2015  
Kent State University; Kent, OH  
POL 10500: World Politics  
POL 40930: U.S. Foreign Policy  
PADM 60381: Methods in Public Administration

Adjunct Instructor, 2013 – 2014  
Ashford University; Clinton, IA  
POL 201: American National Government

Adjunct Instructor, 2011– 2012  
Northampton Area Community College; Bethlehem, PA  
CMTH 102: Speech Communication

Teaching Assistant, 2012  
East Stroudsburg University; East Stroudsburg, PA  
POLS 120: American Government

### **NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Advanced Placement Essay Scorer, 2014 - present  
Educational Testing Services, Salt Lake City, UT

Sports Reporter, 2010 – 2011  
The Dickinson Press – Dickinson, ND

Online Reporter, 2008 – 2010  
Detroit Lakes Newspapers – Detroit Lakes, MN

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Online Learning Consortium – Fundamentals: Increasing Interaction & Engagement, Dec 11-17, 2017.

Online Learning Consortium – Fundamentals: Giving Effective Feedback, Dr. David Mohr, Dec 11-17, 2017.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association (Religion & Politics; Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior; Experimental Research; Canadian Politics section member)

Midwest Political Science Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Southern Political Science Association

### **REFERENCES**

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