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### APPOINTMENTS

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Assistant Professor <i>University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Dept. of Political Science</i>	August 2024-present
Visiting Assistant Professor <i>Rice University, Dept. of Political Science</i>	July 2023-June 2024

### EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b>	Texas A&M University	Spring 2023
<b>BA</b>	University of Kentucky, Political Science Latin University of Costa Rica, Heredia, CR	Spring 2018 Spring 2018

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Comparative politics, political institutions, legislative politics, executive politics, political leadership, elite behavior, women and politics, and advanced methods.

### TEACHING INTERESTS

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Political Systems of Latin America, Women in Politics (American or Comparative Politics), Political Institutions, Comparative Political Economy, Executive Politics, Comparative Bureaucratic Politics, Political Administration, Undergraduate Methods, Advanced Methods

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Choice Overload in Crowded Primary Elections" with Spencer Goidel. Forthcoming at *American Politics Research*.

"Media Treatment of Male and Female Members of Presidential Cabinets in a Cross-Country Comparison" with Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson. Forthcoming at *Latin American Politics and Society*.

Goidel, Spencer, Thiago MQ Moreira, and Brenna Armstrong. "Party Realignment, Education, and the Turnout Advantage: Revisiting the Partisan Effect of Turnout." *American Politics Research* 52, no. 1 (2024): 23-29.

Armstrong, Brenna, Tiffany D. Barnes, Daina Chiba, and Diana Z. O'Brien. 2024. "Financial Crises and the Selection and Survival of Women Finance Ministers." *American Political Science Review* 118(3): 1305-1323.

Armstrong, Brenna, Tiffany D. Barnes, Diana Z. O'Brien, and Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson. 2022. "Corruption, accountability, and women's access to power." *The Journal of Politics* 84(2): 1207-1213.

### **Works Under Review**

“Oversight, Corruption, and Politician Strategies”

### **Working Papers**

“A Gendered Penalty? The International Monetary Impact of Female Finance Ministers”

“Gendered Policy Platforms? The Case of U.S. State Attorneys General”

“Electoral Rule Changes and Opposition Power in Presidential Regimes” with Manuela Muñoz

“The Political Role of Remittances: An Analysis of Electoral Accountability in Latin America” with Manuela Muñoz

“Part-Time or Full-Time? State-Level Institutional Choice and Representation” with Spencer Goidel and Thiago M. Q. Moreira

“Reformers or Conformers? Institutional-Driven Quality of Women Politicians”

“Do women and men pursue different policy once they have a seat in the cabinet? A theory and empirical test of when descriptive representation is associated with substantive representation” with Duncan Christiansen, Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson and Adrián Pignataro

“Do Private Prisons Incentivize More Local Punitiveness? The Case of Kentucky Counties”

“Turf Wars and Reduced Government Trust: The Effect of Unclear Agency Jurisdictional Boundaries”.

### **Conference Papers**

“Mirroring Gender Gap Attitudes? Latin American Elites and Democratic Transitions” with Duncan Christensen and Manuela Muñoz. Women in Legislative Studies 2024. Madison, WI. (Upcoming)

“Electoral Rule Changes and Opposition Power in Presidential Regimes” with Manuela Muñoz. Women in Legislative Studies 2023. Providence, RI.

“Part-Time or Full-Time? State-Level Institutional Choice and Representation”. with Spencer Goidel and Thiago M.Q. Moreira. MPSA 2023. Chicago, IL (Withdrawn).

“Oversight, Corruption, and Politician Strategies” Women in Legislative Studies 2022. Houston, TX.

“Oversight, Corruption, and Politician Strategies” APSA 2022. Montreal, Quebec, CA.

“Electoral Rule Changes and Opposition Power in Presidential Regimes” with Manuela Muñoz. APSA 2022. Quebec, Montreal, CA.

“Approaching Equality?: Media treatment of male and female members of presidential cabinets in a cross-country comparison,” with Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson. MPSA 2022. Chicago, IL.

“Reformers or Conformers? Institutional-Driven Quality of Women Politicians” MPSA 2022. Chicago, IL.

“Does Low Turnout Still Advantage Republicans? Reinvestigating the Partisan Effects of Full Turnout” with Spencer Goidel and Thiago M.Q. Moreira. MPSA 2022. Chicago, IL.

“Banking on a Woman: Banking Crises and the Selection and Survival of Women Finance Ministers” with Tiffany D. Barnes, Daina Chiba, and Diana Z. O’Brien. APSA 2021. Seattle, WA.

“Does Gender Shape Oversight? The Case of the Colombian Congress” APSA 2021. Seattle, WA.

“Is Trust Specific or Diffuse? It Depends on the Political Context” with Spencer Goidel and Thiago M.Q. Moreira. SPSA 2021.

“Turf Wars and Reduced Government Trust: The Effect of Unclear Agency Jurisdictional Boundaries”. APSA 2020. San Francisco, CA. (Attended virtually)

“Approaching Equality?: Media treatment of male and female members of presidential cabinets in a cross-country comparison,” with Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson. (Cancelled). MPSA 2020. Chicago, IL.

“Women Finance Ministers in Global Perspective,” with Diana Z. O’Brien and Tiffany D. Barnes. APSA 2019. Washington, D.C.

“Is there gender equality in how men and women are evaluated to serve as cabinet ministers? Evidence from parallel experiments in parliamentary and presidential systems,” with Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson and Claire Annesley. ECPG 2019. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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### **Teaching Seminar**

Texas A&M University, Spring 2022

### **Texas A&M Teaching Assistant Institute Training**

Texas A&M University, Fall 2019

### **Professionalization Seminar**

Texas A&M University, Fall 2018

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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**TAMU Political Science Department Travel Award** May 2019; Aug. 2019; Sep. 2021; Sep. 2022  
\$600 for 2019-2021 period; \$1000 for 2022 period

**2019 Travel Award from Texas A&M** May 2019  
\$750 Award for conference travel from the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

**Lechner Graduate Grant** 2018  
\$2700 Award

**Vandenbosch Award Semi-Finalist** 2018  
Award for Outstanding Seniors in Political Science

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **Research Assistant**

Michelle Taylor-Robinson Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Guy D. Whitten Summer 2021, 2022

Diana Z. O’Brien Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Hannah K. Simpson Spring 2020

### **NSF Grant Data Manager**

PIs: Michelle Taylor-Robinson and Nehemia Geva, Summer 2019

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Instructor of Record**

*University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

Fall 2024, POLS 220: World Politics, POLS: 368: Latin American and Caribbean Politics, POLS: 454: Gender and Politics

*Rice University*

Fall 2023, POLI 339: Gender and Politics

Spring 2023, POLI 333 Legislatures around the World, POLI 363 Political Leadership (original course)

*Texas A&M University*

Fall 2022, POLS 323: Political Systems of Latin America

Spring 2023, POLS 323: Political Systems of Latin America

**Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2019, POLS 200: Foundations of Political Science

- Taught independently in weekly Friday discussion sessions for two sections and graded their written assignments.

**DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

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**Rice University, Curriculum Redesign Assistant**

Fall 2023

- Assist members of the Undergraduate Curriculum in the collection of information from majors and non-majors on satisfaction with and potential improvements for undergraduate curriculum in the political science department.
- Employ surveys and focus groups to collect information requested by curriculum redesign supervisors.

**TAMU Political Science Graduate Student Treasurer**

Fall 2020-Spring 2022

- Assist Graduate Student President in their role as intermediary between students and the department
- Organize professional development events for graduate students

**Additional Department Service:**

- Assisted with CP Circle Conference 2019, Gender and Methods Conference 2019, NSF Grant Mini Conference 2019, STATA Data Camp 2020
- Host for Graduate Student Recruitment 2020, 2021, 2022

**DISCIPLINE SERVICE**

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**Awards Committee**

Leon Weaver Award, Committee Member 2024

**Reviewer**

Journal Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *El Anuario del Centro de Investigación y Estudios Políticos de la Universidad de Costa Rica*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science Review*, *International Affairs*, *International Journal of Parliamentary Studies*, *International Organizations*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*, *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics & Gender*, *Politics, Groups, & Identities*, *Research & Politics*, *Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político*, *Scientific Reports*

Book Referee: Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press

**Conference Discussant and/or Panel Chair**

APSA 2019, APSA 2020, MPSA 2021, APSA 2021, MPSA 2022, EPSA 2022, APSA 2022

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Editorial Assistant, Political Science Research and Methods**

Editor Paul Kellstedt, Summer 2020-Summer 2022

**Undergraduate Mentorship**

- Undergraduate research collaboration (1 student, Fall 2023)

- Research Group on Political Polarization in the Colombian Congress (with Manuela Muñoz) (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)
- Research Group on Women and Minority Local Political Incorporation (with Robin Saywitz) (Summer 2020-Fall 2021)
- Undergraduate researchers for Media Coverage Project (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

**Intern, Kentucky Legislative Research Commission Budget Review Office 2018**

- Calculated the state matches required per budget section for federal block and categorical grants.
- Assisted in the compilation and development of multiple budget iterations.
- Compiled data for open information requests.
- Wrote fiscal impact statements for proposed revenue bills.

**LANGUAGES**

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**English:** Native Language

**Spanish:** Proficient (Near Fluent)

**Portuguese:** Read only

**French:** Read only

**Russian:** Intermediate Skills

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

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**Programming:** R, Stata, SPSS, Python, LaTeX