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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, Political Science, expected completion 2010

- Fields: American Politics (major field), Public Administration (minor field)
- Dissertation: *If the Governor Speaks in the Forest and No One Hears It: The State of the State Address*
- Committee: Todd Shaw (chair), Neal Woods, David Darmofal, Ann Bowman
- Abstract: What is the role of gubernatorial “State of the State Addresses” in state politics? This dissertation discusses both the determinants of policy positions put forth in the speech as well as the impact the speech has in state and local media. I expect to find that institutional factors will contribute to the subject matter of the gubernatorial address. In short, governors are willing to take on differing policies dependent upon factors often beyond their control. Additionally, I expect to find the media acting as a filter for this message due to low viewership on state sponsored public television. My dissertation will examine five state governors from 2000-2005. Multivariate regression will be employed to scrutinize institutional variances between governors. Additionally, an in depth study of the governors of North Carolina will be employed due to the state’s thorough documentation of its gubernatorial speeches.

B.S. Middle Tennessee State University, Political Science, 2003

Teaching and Research Interests

- American Politics: State Politics, Local Politics, Intergovernmental Relations, Congress, Political Parties
- Public Administration: Public Policy, Budgeting, Policy Implementation

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina

- American National Government (fall 2008)
- State Governments (fall 2006, spring 2007; summer 2006, 2007; scheduled 2010)
- American Local Governments (fall 2008; spring 2009; summer 2006)
- Public Policy (summer 2008)
- Politics of Taxing and Spending (fall 2009)
- Politics and Sports (spring 2009; summer 2008; scheduled spring 2010)

Publications

- “Governors Turn Pro: Separation of Powers and the Institutionalization of the American Governorship.” Ann O’M. Bowman, Neal D. Woods, and Milton R. Stark II, *Political Research Quarterly*. Forthcoming

Current Research

- “Legislative Subgroup Behavior: Regional vs. Non-Regional Caucuses”
- “The Congressional Black Caucus and the Women’s Caucus: Their Roles in the Budgetary Process”

Conference Papers and Presentations

1. “Competing Models of Legislative Subgroup Behavior: The Congressional Black Caucus and the Women's Caucus.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2006
2. “Governors Turn Pro: The Institutionalization of the Executive Branch.” With Ann Bowman and Neal Woods. Paper presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference at the University of Texas, 2007

Graduate Assistant Experience

Research Assistant

- Ann Bowman 2005-2006
- Jessica Sowa 2005-2006

Teaching Assistant

- Ann Bowman, American Local Government (fall 2005), State Governments (spring 2006)
- George Briggs, American National Government (fall 2007; spring 2008)

Graduate Assistant

- Dan Sabia, assisted in the development of new Alumni newsletter, 2006
- Jerel Rosati, assisted in operation of annual PoliFest (program recruitment tool), 2006

Other Experience

- Internship with Tennessee Democratic Party 2002-2003
- Editor, Department of Political Science Student and Alumni Newsletter, 2006

Grants

- Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2006, 2007
- Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2004-2008

References

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