

# Jennifer Tison

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## **EDUCATION**

<u>Institution/City/State</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year Graduated</u>
University of South Carolina Columbia, SC	PhD, Political Science	In progress
University of Memphis Memphis, Tennessee	MA, Political Science	December 2005
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY	BA, Psychology	August 2001
Catawba College, Salisbury, NC	Transferred	
White House High School, White House, TN	Honors Diploma	May 1997

## **Fields of Specialization**

International Relations, International Political Economy, Decision-making in foreign policy, Ethnic conflict

## **Courses Taught**

“Governments of the World” (Introduction to Comparative Politics) Spring and Fall 2005 at the University of Memphis

“Introduction to Political Science” Summer 2006 at Nashville State College

## **Papers Under Review**

“The Yom Kippur Surprise: Did Groupthink Play a Role?” Currently under review for publication in *International Interactions*

## **Academic Experience**

### *Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of South Carolina (08/2006-present)*

As a teaching assistant, I am responsible for teaching three discussion sessions in American government. In these sections, it is my duty to facilitate discussion, generate test materials, and grade papers. The overall objective of the discussion section is to develop critical thinking skills, while also allowing the students to understand the practical role that the American government plays in their lives.

### *Research Assistant, University of Memphis (01/04-December 2005)*

I perform many duties for the professors at the University of Memphis. I assist them in procuring data to support their research initiatives. Also, I assist in class preparation, and I have taught my own sections of “Governments of the World.” In short, I was responsible for designing and administering my own university section, while I was in the process of completing my Masters degree in Political Science. Due to the class subject, I was able to spend extensive amounts of time educating my students about many different political systems, in both the developed and the developing world. I taught the history and political systems of the following countries: United States, United Kingdom, Russia, France, Germany, Sweden, China, India, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Egypt, Israel, Nigeria, and South Africa.

Summer Internship, State of TN, Department of Safety (2005, 2004)

During this period, I was responsible for creating pamphlets to promote department initiatives. I was particularly instrumental in researching and preparing pamphlets to promote the graduated drivers license program. I also prepared pamphlets on the dangers of drunk driving and did the footwork to coordinate a television ad campaign.

Hooks Institute for Social Change Affiliate (2005)

As an affiliate for the Hooks Institute, I coordinate panels on a wide variety of issues such as immigration, social equality, and social movements. I am instrumental in preparing for these events through preparation of PR packets and organization of receptions. This is an important outreach as it creates dialogue in the Memphis community and provides a forum that addresses social ideas.

## **Professional Affiliations**

Golden Key Honor Society

National Beta Club

Psy Chi (Psychology Honor Society)

National Honor Society

Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Beta Delta

## **Working Papers**

“Democratization and Inflation: The Case of Brazil”

“The Power of Perception: The Troubles of Northern Ireland”

“Military for Sale? The Privatization of Military Duties” –in progress

“Jean Jacques Rousseau- Journey of Self Discovery”

“Terrorism in Northern Ireland”

“Techniques of Influence and the Incumbency Advantage”

“A New Age in the Global Economy? The Decline of Mercantilism”

“Groupthink and Cognitive Perspectives and the Invasion of Iraq”-in progress