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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

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### **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

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### **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

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## **Publications**

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

“The Cost of Filibustering: Preserving Right-to-Work Laws, 1965-66.” *under review*.

“It Isn’t Yea, It Isn’t Nay, It’s Just Indifference: Reexamining Cloture, Gridlock, and Agenda Control in the U.S. Senate.” *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*.

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

“Let’s Shutdown the Government: An Instructional Game.” *Journal of Political Science Education*. October 30, 2024. *peer reviewed*. [Let's\\_Shutdown\\_Government\\_article](#)

“Southern Negro Youth Congress” *Youth Activism Encyclopedia*. Ed. Shamira Gelbman. ABC-CLIO. *forthcoming*.

“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.

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## Conferences

“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.

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## Service

Nistler College, Faculty Accessibility Champion	August 16, 2025 -May 15, 2026
Member, Temporary Executive Committee, ND ASPA	April 10, 2025 – present
Member, Dissertation Committee for Carlos Coontz, PhD in Earth System Science Policy, UND	January 24, 2025 – present
Nistler College, Scholarship Committee, Vice President	Sept. 19, 2024 – May 15, 2025
MPA Steering Committee, Committee Member	August 16, 2024 - Present
Department Scholarship Committee, Committee Member	February 2025 – Present
UND Pi Alpha Alpha, Advisor	February 2025 - Present
2025 Wenstrom Lecture Organizer	February 2025 - April 10, 2025
Public Affairs Club, Bismark Trip Chaperone	February 22, 2025
NASPAA Simulation, Volunteer	January 2025 - March 2025
APD Jr. Scholars Working Group, Working Group Member	October 2024 - August 2025

Southern Political Science Association, Panel Chair  
ABFM, Paul Posner Award Committee Member

December 2024 - January 2025  
July 2024 - present

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**Professional Development**

Blackboard Ultra training  
UND's TTaDA

August 2024

KiND Institute (4 courses)  
Southern Political Science Association

January & July 2023

NOVA Hybrid Instructor Certification  
Northern Virginia Community College

February 2022

NOVA Online Certification  
Northern Virginia Community College

Oct 2021

Data Science Summer School,  
Hertie School Data Science Lab, Berlin, Germany.

July 2021

Graduate Legislative Institute  
Congressional Research Service

Sept. 1996

District/State Legislative Institute  
Congressional Research Service

April 1994

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**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)

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**Awards and Honors**

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

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**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)