

# Simon Phillip Thomas Sheaff

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Political Science** Expected 2022  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology  
Advisory Committee Members: Dr. Stella Rouse (Chair), Dr. Kris Miler, Dr. Michael Hanmer

**B.A., Political Science and Economics** 2017  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
*Magna Cum Laude*

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“This Little PIG Went to Washington: The National Governors Association and The Collective Action Problem”

“The Surrogate Solution: A Party Healing Theory in the Divisive Primary Hypothesis”

“Will The Kids Be All-Right? How Age and Generation Influence Political Engagement and Representation” with Dr. Stella Rouse

“Scaring Up Votes: The Timing of Horrific Advertisements in the 2016 Election” with Fielding Montgomery (graduate student)

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
-Research assistant, Dr. Gaby Lewis Spring 2019-Present  
-Research assistant, Center for American Politics and Citizenship Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Coalition for Integrity  
-Research Consultant, Ms. Shruti Shah & Dr. Richard Skinner Summer 2018

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Instructor of Record, Introduction American Government	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Government, Dr. Irwin Morris	Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Government, Mr. Neil Lund	Fall 2018
Research Lab Director, Baylor Debate Camp	Summer 2014, 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Representative, Graduate Student Government	Fall 2018 – Present
Graduate Co-Chair, TerpsVote	2019-2020
Vice President for Legislative Affairs, University System of Maryland Student Council	2019-2020

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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Deans Research Initiative Grant Recipient (with Dr. Stella Rouse)	2019
Dean's Graduate Student Fellowship, University of Maryland - College Park	2018, 2019
Political Science Student of the Year, Baylor University Department of Political Science	2017
Glenn R. Capp Debate Fellow, Baylor University	2013-2017
Mayborn Fellow, Baylor University	2016

## **SKILLS**

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STATA (elementary)  
R (basic)  
SPSS (basic)

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

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State Politics  
Local Politics  
Federalism  
Campaigns & Elections