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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park

Expected August 2025

Ph.D. Candidate - Government and Politics

Primary Subfield: International Relations

Secondary Subfield: American Politics (With Distinction)

Dissertation: Advice but no Consent: Ratification of Human Rights Treaties in the US Senate

Co-Chairs: Virginia Haufler, Kris Miler

Committee: Todd Allee, Sarah Croco, Colleen Woods

University of Oklahoma

May 2012

Juris Doctorate

Texas Christian University

Dec. 2008

Bachelor of Science

Major: Political Science

Minors: History & Business

Honors: Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society; Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Law, International Organizations, Human Rights, International Political Economy, Foreign Relations, Congress, Legislative Behavior, Political Communication

LICENSES

State Bar of Texas (Inactive)

2012 - Present

U.S. Customs Brokerage

2014 - Present

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

Coding Languages

R (intermediate), L^AT_EX(intermediate), Python (beginner)

Other

Microsoft Office, Adobe DC, Adobe InDesign

GRANTS, HONORS, AND OTHER AWARDS

University of Maryland Summer Research Fellowship (\$5000)

2023

Funding awarded for research in furtherance of dissertation project.

Roger H. Davidson Award (\$500)

2022-2023

Awarded for best paper in American Politics by a University of Maryland graduate student.

American Politics Small Project Funding (\$100)

2021

Funding awarded for Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC) software on a project conducted with fellow graduate student Tristan Hightower.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Instructor of Record

International Law and Justice

Summer 2022, 2024; Winter 2024

Course offered as a seminar for the Government and Politics major at the University of Maryland, College Park. The course sought to familiarize students with prominent theories regarding the development of international law, notable applications of international law in the modern era, and the usage of international justice institutions to enforce laws. Course taught in an online, asynchronous format.

International Political Relations - Freshman Connection

Fall 2022, 2023

Course offered jointly as part of the Freshman Connection Program and the Government and Politics major at the University of Maryland, College Park. The course is offered to students admitted to the following Spring semester as an introduction to college study. Students are introduced to the foundational theories underlying the study of International Relations, notable actors and issues addressed by the discipline, and develop skills needed to critically assess academic materials.

International Political Relations

Winter 2023

Students are introduced to the foundational theories underlying the study of International Relations, notable actors and issues addressed by the discipline, and develop skills needed to critically assess academic materials. Course taught in an online, asynchronous format.

As Teaching Assistant

International Political Relations

Fall 2020, 2021; Spring 2022, 2023, 2024

Acted as a teaching assistant for Drs. Todd Allee (Fall 2020-2021) and Calvert Jones (Spring 2022-2024), both at the rank of Associate Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park. The course introduced students to basic concepts in the study of International Relations ranging from international institutions, conflict, international political economy, and others.

Intro. to Environmental Politics

Spring 2021

Acted as a teaching assistant for Dr. Jennifer Wallace, Senior Lecturer at the University of Maryland, College Park. The course introduced students to the study of environmental politics. The course covered basic concepts of environmental politics and applied these to specific case examples in the United States and abroad.

Intro. to Courts, Law, and Justice

Spring 2019, 2020

Acted as a teaching assistant for Dr. Michael Spivey, Senior Lecturer at the University of Maryland, College Park. The course sought to introduce students to basic topics in the study of law including torts, contracts, criminal law, property, and constitutional law.

Civil Rights and the Constitution

Spring 2019, 2020

Acted as a grader for Dr. Michael Spivey, Senior Lecturer at the University of Maryland, College Park. The course expanded on content from the *Constitutional Law* course to study topics concerning freedom of expression, freedom of religion, and due process.

Intro. to Constitutional Law

Fall 2018, 2019

Acted as a teaching assistant for Dr. Michael Spivey, Senior Lecturer at the University of Maryland, College Park in Fall 2018 and Dr. Martin Kobren, Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland, College Park in Fall 2019. The course focused on the relationship of the three branches of the U.S. government and the states with the Constitution through analysis of Supreme Court cases via Socratic method. The course sought to allow students to consider how the U.S. Constitution affects the operation government institutions and democracy.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Department Graduate Studies Committee

2022-2023

Served as the graduate student member of the University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics Graduate Studies Committee for the 2022-2023 academic year. The committee provided feedback to the Director of Graduate Studies regarding graduate-related issues such as program and curriculum changes and reviewed nominations for awards and fellowships.

Graduate Student Liaison to UMD TLTC

2020-2021

Served as a Graduate Student Liaison for the Department of Government and Politics to the University of Maryland's Teaching and Learning Transformation Center. Liaisons communicate departmental graduate student priorities in Teaching Assistant teaching and learning professional development to the TLTC while engaging with the broader graduate student community.

Research Assistant

Fall 2019

Acted as a Research Assistant for Prof. Virginia Haufler. Engaged in research on developments regarding pursuit of international legal action regarding the environment and climate change.

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Fall 2011

Acted as the Legal Intern for the Rapporteurships on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Rights of Women. Drafted and edited documents subsequently used in reports issued by the IACHR concerning cases involving member states of the Organization of American States. Researched international law within the Inter-American system and the broader international human rights system. Reported primarily on the subjects of poverty, indigenous rights, and property rights.

University of Oklahoma International Human Rights Clinic

Spring 2011

Served on a four-person team that submitted a shadow report to the United Nations Human Rights Council concerning human rights conditions of Venezuela's indigenous population. Personal contribution consisted of an analysis of land ownership and use rights and recommendations for reform concerning the same.

Calvert Moot Court Competition

Fall 2010

Participated in the University of Oklahoma College of Law's intra-school moot court competition. Presented arguments for both parties involved in *Brown v. Entertainment Merchants Association*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Praesidium

May 2016 - July 2018

Safety Analyst

Arlington, TX

Worked closely with K-12 School, Higher Education, and Religious clients to manage child sexual abuse risks in their programs. Trained leadership, staff, and volunteers on methods to prevent abuse and false allegations as well as to adhere to local reporting laws. Assisted clients to assess risks in programs through onsite observation and document review. Supported clients in developing corrective action plans to move toward accreditation. Assisted in development of research publication to keep clients informed of changes in legislation, best practices, and data informed risk factors. Investigated current and historical allegations of sexual misconduct.

Baker Hughes

September 2014 - April 2016

U.S. Import Analyst

Houston, TX

Supported the global Baker Hughes supply chain by facilitating import shipments via ocean, air, and road. Pre-screened import documentation to address regulatory concerns related to US Customs and Border Protection, FDA, FCC, EPA, and others prior to shipments departing from origin. Acted as a liaison to customs brokers, freight forwarders, and other service providers. Performed a weekly audit of the previous week's customs entries to ensure the accuracy of information provided to US Customs.

Contributed to Baker Hughes's goal of being the leader in providing solutions for oil and gas reservoir optimization by assisting in the creation of an efficient, compliant supply chain.

Expeditors

May 2012 - August 2014

Import Customs Brokerage and Compliance

Houston, TX

Lead Customs Brokerage Agent: Administered accounts in the General Brokerage and Oil Gas teams of the Customs Brokerage department. Performed operational brokerage functions of clearing and dispatching shipments and supervised six agents on these teams.

Customs Brokerage Agent: Cleared shipments with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for clients in the oil and gas industry per the process outlined in Title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interpreted customs regulations involving the FDA, FCC, and U.S. Department of Transportation, acted as main point of contact for clients and service providers, and was certified to clear radioactive and dangerous goods shipments under U.S. Department of Transportation and IATA regulations.

Customs Compliance Intern: Reviewed compliance with U.S. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty regulations. Maintained records of customs documents and coordinated compliance audits with the customs brokerage department in Houston and other branches.

Montgomery County Attorney's Office

May 2010 - June 2010

Legal Intern

Conroe, TX

Performed substantive legal research and writing on a variety of topics including compensation practices for off duty K-9 handlers in the Sheriff's Department and criminal penalties for the use of verbal obscenities in public places. Prepared documents for discovery and drafted answers to written interrogatories.

Loe Warren, P.C.

June 2007 - August 2009

Document Runner

Fort Worth, TX

Filed documents at courthouses in Tarrant, Dallas, Johnson, and Parker Counties. Delivered subpoenas and various documents to offices in the DFW area. Assisted in the daily functions of the office including filing and picking up the mail.

Riddle and Associates, L.L.P.

June 2006 - August 2006

Legal Intern

Houston, TX

Edited and proofread estate planning documents. Served as a witness for will executions. Maintained document records.

ACADEMIC PAPERS

Working papers:

Ryan Frazier. Not Like Us: Opposition to Human Rights Treaties in the US Senate.
(Under review, 2025)

Ryan Frazier. Talking Trade: How Members of Congress Tailor Comments on Trade Policy.

Ryan Frazier and Tristan Hightower. The Antagonistic Advantage: Personality Representation in the US Senate.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Ryan Frazier. (2024) Advice but no Consent: Ratification of Human Rights Treaties in the U.S. Senate. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 5 - 8. Philadelphia, PA.

Ryan Frazier. (2024) Advice but no Consent: Ratification of Human Rights Treaties in the U.S. Senate. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. November 1 - 5. Chicago, IL.

Ryan Frazier. (2022) Talking Trade: How Members of Congress Tailor Comments on Trade Policy. Presented at the International Studies Association-Northeast Conference. April 4-7. Baltimore, MD.

Ryan Frazier. (2022) Talking Trade: How Members of Congress Tailor Comments on Trade Policy. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 7 - 10. Chicago, IL.

Ryan Frazier and Tristan Hightower. (2021) The Antagonistic Advantage: Personality Representation in the U.S. Senate. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 30 - October 3. Virtual.

Ryan Frazier and Tristan Hightower. (2021) The Antagonistic Advantage: Personality Representation in the U.S. Senate. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 14-18. Virtual.

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