

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Government and Politics** 2021-2025 (expected)
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, United States
Fields: American Politics, International Relations
Dissertation: “All Talk, No Action? Evaluating Members of Congress’ Attention to Foreign Policy”
Committee: Kris Miler (Chair), David Karol, Shannon Carcelli, Mike Hanmer
- M.A., Government and Politics** 2019-2021
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, United States
Fields: American Politics, International Relations
- M. A., Political Science** 2011-2014
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle (Saale), Germany
Thesis: “Upper Houses between Legislative Efficiency and Effective Oversight – Bicameralism in Canada and Australia”
- B. A., Political Science and Economics** 2008-2011
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle (Saale), Germany
Thesis: “Devolution in Northern Ireland – Asymmetric Decentralization in a Majoritarian Democracy”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics: Congress, Intraparty Politics, Foreign Policy
International Relations: Transatlantic Relations, Foreign and Defense Policy, NATO

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- With Matthew N. Green. 2024. “From Congress to the States: Explaining the Emergence and Membership of Freedom Caucuses in State Legislatures” Forthcoming in *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*.
2021. “A more perfect Union: Prospects for Democracy Reform in the United States”, *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (Journal of Parliamentary Affairs)*, vol. 52 (2), 408-424. (in German)
2019. “Goodbye Filibuster? Institutional Change in a Polarized U.S. Senate.” *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (Journal of Parliamentary Affairs)*, vol. 50 (4), 751-772. (in German)
- With Manuel Franz. 2017. “Third Party Candidates in U.S. Presidential Elections: Without a Chance, but Decisive?” *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (Journal of Parliamentary Affairs)*, 49 (2), 311-328. (in German)

2016. "Irresponsible Government? The Australian Senate as an Institutional Singularity in the Age of Party Fragmentation." *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (Journal of Parliamentary Affairs)*, 47 (1), 117 – 138. (in German)

WORK IN PROGRESS

With Amy Meli. 2024. "Principled Pragmatism: Big Business and Campaign Contributions After January 6." Revise & Resubmit. *British Journal of Political Science*.

- Winner of the Roger H. Davidson Award for the best paper on Congress, Department of Government & Politics, University of Maryland at College Park

"Political Theater or Substantive Representation? Investigating Members of Congress' Attention to Foreign Policy" Working Paper.

"Negative Agenda Setters: The House Freedom Caucus after Ten Years" Working Paper.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Florian Gawehns and Amy Meli. 2022. "Are U.S. companies punishing Republicans for Jan. 6? Here's what our research finds." *The Washington Post's Monkey Cage*. (in English, available [online](#))

Florian Gawehns. 2021. "The Freedom Caucus is not just a D.C. phenomenon." *MischiefsofFaction.org* (in English, available [online](#))

Florian Gawehns. 2019. "The problem with the Senate's "constitutional role". *Legbranch.org* (in English, available [online](#))

Florian Gawehns. 2018. "Why the November 2018 Midterms are the Most Important Elections in Decades." *Polis180.org* (in German, available [online](#))

Florian Gawehns/Johannes Thimm. 2015. "A Whiff of Freedom – The Significance of the USA Freedom Act." SWP-Aktuell 56/2015. (in German, available [online](#))

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Lecturer

The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.

POL310: The U.S. Presidency (Spring 2024)

POL400: American Political Parties (Spring 2024)

Instructor-of-Record

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

GVPT 377: Experiential Learning – Internship Program (Fall 2024)

GVPT 170: American Government (Summer 2022 & 2023, Fall 2022 & 2023, Winter 2023 & 2024)

Teaching Assistant

Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington D.C.

IAFF 6101: International Affairs Cornerstone (Dr. Michael E. Brown, Primary Instructor – Fall 2024)

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

GVPT 457: American Foreign Relations (Dr. Shannon Carcelli, Primary Instructor – Spring 2023)

GVPT 170: American Government (Dr. Patrick Wohlfarth, Primary Instructor – Spring 2022)

GVPT 170: American Government (Dr. Stella Rouse, Primary Instructor – Fall 2021)

GVPT 170: American Government (Dr. Kris Miler, Primary Instructor – Spring 2021, Spring 2024)

GVPT 241: Political Philosophy (Dr. Sujith Kumar, Primary Instructor – Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

Martin Luther University, Halle (Saale), Germany

Introduction to Political Systems (Dr. Petra Dobner, Primary Instructor, Fall 2013)

Grader

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

GVPT 604: Introduction to War and Armed Conflict in World Politics (Dr. Deniz Cil, Fall 2023)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Policy Analyst, National Association of Vocational Training Centers, Berlin, Germany 2016 –2019

Intern, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, Germany Spring 2015

Intern, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, New York City, USA Fall 2014

Intern, Embassy of Germany to the United States, Washington D.C., USA Summer 2013

RESEARCH and PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Presentations

“Explaining the Emergence and Membership of Freedom Caucuses in State Legislatures” (with Matthew Green). Paper presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference 2023 at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. May 2023.

“Principled Pragmatism? Access-Oriented Interest Groups and Campaign Contributions After January 6” (with Amy Meli). Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. April 2023.

Workshop Participation

Participant: National Capital Area Political Science Association Workshop. June 2024.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. March 2024.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. April 2023.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. November 2022.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. February 2022.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. September 2020.

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Research Assistant – Dr. Kris Miler

Summer 2021

BSOS Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Council (DGSAC)

2020-2022