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Education

B.A. in Journalism and Political Science, Temple University (2013)
Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*; with Departmental Honors in Political Science
M.A. in Government and Politics, University of Maryland-College Park (2015)

Publications

“[Using Self-Prophecy to Combat Vote Overreporting on Public Opinion Surveys.](#)” 2017.
Electoral Studies, 50(1): 137-41. (With Jared A. McDonald and Michael J. Hanmer).

Works in Progress

“Step in the Arena: Newsworthiness Values, Media Coverage, and Agenda Convergence
in Presidential Primary Campaign Announcements, 1984-2016.” [Under Review]

Conference Presentations

“Honesty Pledges, Overreporting, and Turnout.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. April 2016 (with Jared A. McDonald and Michael J. Hanmer).

“The Virtue in Relativity: Media Preference as a Replacement Measure for Media Exposure.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. April 2016.

“A Textual Analysis of Gendered Media Coverages in Senatorial and Gubernatorial Campaigns.” Paper proposal presented at the Annual Consortium for Qualitative Research Methods, Syracuse, New York. June 2015.

“Honesty Pledges, Turnout, and Overreporting.” Paper presented at the NCAPSA American Politics Workshop, College Park, Maryland. June 2015 (with Jared A. McDonald and Michael J. Hanmer).

“Honesty Pledges, Turnout, and Overreporting.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. April 2015 (with Jared A. McDonald and Michael J. Hanmer).

Prospectus

“Primary Issues: The Relationship between Presidential Primary Candidate Agenda and Media Coverage.”

Defended: August 2017

Committee Members:

Dr. David Karol (chair)

Dr. Michael Hanmer

Dr. Patrick Wohlfarth

Dr. Danny Hayes

Dr. Mark Feldstein

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, 2013-present

University of Maryland, College Park

Courses:

Politics of Race Relations in the United States (Fall 2013)

Scope and Methods for Political Science Research (Spring 2014)

American Government (Fall 2014)

Constitutional Law I (Fall 2017)

Law, Courts, and Justice (Spring 2018)

Race and the Law (Fall 2018)

The Law and Cybersecurity (Fall 2018)

Guest Lecturer

University of Maryland, College Park

Courses:

Political Parties

Campaigns and Elections

The Presidency and the Executive Branch

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Fall 2014-Summer 2015

University of Maryland, College Park
Dr. David Karol

Research Assistant, Spring 2015-Fall 2017
University of Maryland, College Park
Dr. Wayne McIntosh

Research Assistant, Spring 2017-Fall 2018
University of Maryland, College Park
Dr. David Karol

Professional Service

Conference Organizer
UMD Hewlett Conference on Parties, Policy Demanders, and Polarization
June 9-10, 2016

Book Manuscript Copyeditor
Non-Policy Politics: Richer Voter, Poorer Voter, and the Diversification of Parties' Electoral Strategies. By Ernesto Calvo and Maria Victoria Murillo.
March-April 2018.

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, 2013-present
Midwest Political Science Association, 2015-present
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2015-present

Research Interests

Political Communication
Campaigns and Elections
Mass Media
Public Opinion
Text Analysis and Natural Language Processing
Survey Methodology