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## Education

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Ph.D. in Political Science <i>Dissertation:</i> <i>“Executive Empowerments and Government Behavior: Three Essays in Comparative Politics”</i>	Texas A&M University Anticipated completion: May 2022
Master of Arts in Political Science Major: Comparative Politics	University of California, Davis Graduated: June 2017
Bachelor of Arts Major: Political Science <i>Cum Laude, Highest Honors</i>	Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania Graduated: May, 2014

## Teaching Experience

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### Teaching Interests

Research Methods	Comparative Politics
Introductory Political Science	International Relations

### Teaching Experience

Political Science 322: Western European Politics and Government <i>Instructor of Record</i> (In-Person)	College Station, Texas Fall Semester, 2021
Political Science 3213: Religion and Politics <i>Instructor of Record</i> (Online, at John Brown University)	Siloam Springs, AR Spring A Term, 2021 Summer A Term, 2021
Political Science 308: Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Under Hannah Simpson) <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Under Benjamin Ogden)	College Station, Texas Fall Semester, 2020 Spring Semester, 2021
Political Science 200: Intro to Political Science <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Under Joseph Ura) <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Under Michelle Taylor-Robinson)	College Station, Texas Fall Semester 2018, Spring Semester 2020
Political Science 209: Intro to Political Science Research Methods <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Under Carlo Horz)	College Station, Texas Fall Semester 2019
Political Science 147B: British Politics <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Under James F. Adams)	Davis, California Spring Quarter 2017

Political Science 003: Intro to International Relations  
*Teaching Assistant* (Under Heather E. McKibben)

Davis, California  
Fall Quarter 2015,  
Winter Quarter 2017

Political Science 147C: French Politics  
*Teaching Assistant* (Under James F. Adams)

Davis, California  
Spring Quarter 2016

Political Science 132: National Security Policy  
*Teaching Assistant* (Under Richard Bairrett)  
*Teaching Assistant* (Under Brandon Kinne)

Davis, California  
Spring Quarter 2015  
Winter Quarter 2016

Political Science 130: Recent US Foreign Policy  
*Teaching Assistant* (Under Miroslav Nincic)  
*Teaching Assistant* (Under Andrey Tomashevskiy)

Davis, California  
Winter Quarter 2015  
Fall Quarter 2016

### Online Learning Technologies

BlackBoard

Canvas

SmartSite

Zoom (as host)

### Online Instructional Experience

Political Science 3213: Religion and Politics  
*Online course: Instructor of Record*

Siloam Springs, AR  
January 2021 -

Political Science 308: Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science  
*Online Friday Discussion Sections and Office Hours*

College Station, Texas  
August 2020 - May 2021

Political Science 200: Intro to Political Science  
*Online Friday Discussion Sections and Office Hours*

College Station, Texas  
March - May, 2020

## Research

### Research Interests

Comparative Politics

Executive Politics

Party Behavior and Voting

Complex Systems

Dynamic Representation

Pedagogy

### Publications

Adams, J., Bernardi, L., & Phillips, M. C. (2020). "The Simplest Government Heuristic of All: Citizens Infer that Governing Parties are Pro-European Union." *Comparative Political Studies*.

Adams, J., Bernardi, L., Ezrow, L., Gordon, O. B., Liu, T. and Phillips, M. C. (2019). "A problem with empirical studies of party policy shifts: Alternative measures of party shifts are uncorrelated." *European Journal of Political Research*. doi:10.1111/1475-6765.12324

Phillips, A. L., Phillips, M. C., and Phillips, G. M., "Where Oh Where Have the Vampires Gone? An Extension of the Tiebout Hypothesis to the Undead" In *Economics of the Undead: Zombies, Vampires, and the Dismal Science*, Glen Whitman and James P. Dow, eds. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2014.

## Working Papers

“Executive Empowerments and Ministerial Reshuffling: A Cross-National Accounting of Institutional Rules” (Working title)

“Institutional Empowerments and Government Restructuring” (Working title)

“Executive Flexibility and Bargaining Duration” (Working title)

“Think About and Apply: Promoting Information Retention in Political Science Courses” (Working Title)

“Do Within-Country Tariffs Work? Effects of California’s Travel Ban” (Working title)

“Structural Resilience and Rigidity of Cooperative Multiplex Networks undergoing Shocks.” (With Keith Burghardt, Luba Levin-Banchik, and Zeev Maoz)

## Conference Presentations

Phillips, Michelle Christine. “Executive Flexibility and Bargaining Duration”.  
Accepted at MPSA 2020. (Conference cancelled.)  
Presented at MPSA 2021. (Virtual conference.)

Phillips, Michelle Christine. “The Effective Number of Parties and Policy Scope”. Presented at SPSA 2019.

Adams, James; Bernardi, Luca; Ezrow, Lawrence; Gordon, Oakley; Liu, Tzu-Ping; Phillips, Christy. “A Problem with Empirical Studies of Party Policy Shifts: Alternative Measures of Party Shifts are Uncorrelated”. Presented at APSA 2016 with Gordon, Oakley.

## Work Experience

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Texas A&M University <i>Graduate Assistant Lecturer</i>	College Station, Texas August 2021 -
John Brown University <i>Adjunct Instructor</i>	Siloam Springs, Arkansas January 2021 -
Texas A&M University <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	College Station, Texas August 2018 – December 2018, August 2019 – May 2021
Texas A&M University <i>Graduate Assistant Researcher</i>	College Station, Texas August 2017 – May 2018, January 2019 – May 2019
University of California, Davis <i>Graduate Student Researcher, Experiment Design and Programming</i> <i>Funded by Minerva Initiative of the Department of Defense, Grant #W911NF-15-1-0502</i>	Davis, California April 2016 – June 2017

University of California, Davis  
*Teaching Assistant*

Davis, California  
January 2015 – June 2017

Grove City College  
*Web Development and Programming*

Grove City, Pennsylvania  
May 2013-August 2013

California State University Northridge  
*Web Development and Programming*

Northridge, California  
May 2011- August 2011

## Other Training

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Center for Teaching Excellence  
*Effective Syllabus Design*  
*Managing Challenging Situations and*  
*Teaching Controversial Topics in the Classroom*  
*Good, Better and Best: Practices in*  
*Online Teaching*

College Station, TX  
July 3, 2020  
July 21, 2020  
August 5, 2020

Fasken Teaching Portfolio Workshop

College Station, TX  
May 12, 2020

POLS 681  
*Teaching Seminar*

College Station, TX  
Spring, 2020

ICPSR  
*Complex Systems*  
*Scaling and Dimensional Analysis*

Ann Arbor, MI  
Summer, 2015

## Academic Honors

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**Pi Sigma Alpha**  
*Political Science Honorary*

Chapter President  
*2013-2014*  
Chapter Vice President  
*2012-2013*

**Pi Gamma Mu**  
*Social Science Honorary*

Inducted Member  
*Inducted 2012*

## Computer Skills

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**Computer Language Proficiency**  
R, Z-Tree, NetLogo; some Python, C#, C++, HTML, CSS, PHP

### Other Skills

Proficiency with BlackBoard, Canvas, SmartSite, LaTeX, Mathematica, Advanced Microsoft Excel, Computer Game Development, Database Construction and Programming

## References

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