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Academic Positions

University of Connecticut

Assistant Professor, 2023-Present
· Department of Political Science

Duke University

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2022-2023
· Social Science Research Institute

Davidson College

Visiting Assistant Professor of Data Science, 2021-2022
· Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
· Department of Political Science
· Director of the Data Science Lab

University of Michigan

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2020-2021
· Center for Political Studies
· Collaborating on the development of the Subnational Geospatial Data Archive (SUNGEO)

University of North Georgia

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2019-2020
· Department of Political Science and International Affairs

Education

University of Georgia

Ph.D. Political Science, 2019
Dissertation: *Walking in Their Shoes: An Examination of
Congressional Representation From 1989-2018*
Examination Fields: American Politics and Quantitative Methodology

College of Charleston

B.A., History & Political Science, 2013

Additional Education

University of Michigan, 2016

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
· Scaling and Dimensional Analysis, Simultaneous Equation Models

Research and Teaching Interests

- American Political Institutions
- Legislative Politics
- Executive Politics
- American Political Development
- Congressional Elections
- Representation
- Separation of Powers
- Quantitative Methods

Peer-Reviewed
Articles

Byers, Jason S., and Laine P. Shay. "What Explains a Representative's Staffing "Style"? Exploring the Relationship between Congressional Staffing Decisions and Electoral Considerations." *American Politics Research*. *Forthcoming*

Krause, George A., and Jason S. Byers. "Proponents, Caretakers, and the Dynamics of Administrative Leadership Turnover in U.S. Executive Agencies." *Political Research Quarterly*. *Forthcoming*

Zhukov, Yuri M., Jason S. Byers, Marty A. Davidson II, and Ken Kollman. "Integrating Data Across Misaligned Spatial Units." *Political Analysis*. *Forthcoming*.

Shay, Laine P., and Jason S. Byers. "Can't Buy Me Love? An Experiment on the Relationship Between Federal Grant Spending and Public Approval of Federal Agencies." *Public Management Review*. *Forthcoming*.

Byers, Jason S., and Jeff Gill. 2022. "Applied Geospatial Bayesian Modeling in the Big Data Era: Challenges and Solutions." *Mathematics*. 10(21): 4116-4138.

Krause, George A., and Jason S. Byers. 2022. "Confirmation Dynamics: Differential Vetting in the Appointment of U.S. Federal Agency Leaders." *Journal of Politics*. 84(2): 1189-1201.

Byers, Jason S., and Laine P. Shay. 2022. "We Have it Totally Under Control? Exploring the Effects of Ideology and Knowing Someone Diagnosed with COVID-19 on Evaluations of President Trump's Leadership on the Pandemic." *American Politics Research*. 50(1): 83-96.

Byers, Jason S., and Laine P. Shay. 2021. "Position Taking on the President's Agenda." *Political Behavior*. 43(2):495-516.

Byers, Jason S., Jamie L. Carson, and Ryan D. Williamson. 2020. "Policymaking by the Executive: Examining the Fate of Presidential Agenda Items." *Congress & the Presidency*. 47(1): 1-31.

Byers, Jason S., and Jamie L. Carson. 2017. "Trump and the Republican Congress: The Challenges of Governing." *The Forum*. 15(3): 499-512.

Book
Chapters

Byers, Jason S. 2020. "Elephants Grumble: The Republican Establishment's Resistance to Donald Trump." In *The Republican Resistance: #NeverTrump Conservatives and the Future of the GOP*. Andrew Pieper and Jeff DeWitt, Editors. Lexington Books.

Byers, Jason S., and Jamie L. Carson. 2017. "What's Rules Got to Do with It?: Parties, Reform, and Selection in the Presidential Nomination Process." In *Changing How America Votes*. Todd Donovan, Editor. Rowman and Littlefield.

Software

Jason S. Byers, Marty Davidson, and Yuri M. Zhukov. 2022. "SUNGEO: Sub-National Geospatial Data Archive: Geoprocessing Toolkit."

Jason S. Byers, Le Bao, Jamie L. Carson, and Jeff Gill. 2022. "krige: Geospatial Kriging with Metropolis Sampling."

Research
In Progress

“Selective Vetting: Committee Foundations of Confirmation Delay for U.S. Executive Branch Appointments.” with George A. Krause (***Under Review***)

“Geographical Overlap and the Emergence of Strategic Candidates in Primary Elections.”

“Challengers, Choices, and Competition in Congressional Primaries”
with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson (Book Manuscript)

“Getting the ‘Bad Ones’ Out?: The Trump Administration and Criminal Immigration Prosecutions in 2017.” with Ethan D. Boldt

“Strategic Announcements: A Game Theoretic Approach to Presidential Primary Candidate Announcements.” with Aaron Hitefield

Teaching
Experience

University of Connecticut, Instructor of Record

- Fall 2023
 - Political Science 2072Q: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science
 - Political Science 3604: Congress in Theory and Practice

Davidson College, Instructor of Record

- Summer 2022
 - Computer Science 171: Applied Machine Learning
- Spring 2022
 - Computer Science 110: Data Science and Society
- Fall 2021
 - Computer Science 110: Data Science and Society
 - Math 105: Introduction to Statistics

University of North Georgia, Instructor of Record

- Fall 2019
 - Political Science 1101: American Government (4 Sections)
- Spring 2020
 - Political Science 1101: American Government (4 Sections)

University of Georgia, Instructor of Record

- Fall 2017 & Fall 2018
 - Political Science 7770: Graduate Teaching Seminar

University of Georgia, Instructor of Record

- Fall 2016
 - Political Science 1101: Introduction to American Government (1 Section)
- Spring 2017
 - Political Science 1101: Introduction to American Government (2 Sections)

University of Georgia, Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2014 - Summer 2018
 - Political Science 1101: Introduction to American Government
 - Dr. Audrey A. Haynes (Online Version)
 - Dr. Ryan Bakker
 - Dr. Paul-Henri Gurian

University of Georgia, Guest Lectures

- Spring 2018
 - Political Science 8500: Special Topics in Research Methods (Time Series Analysis)
 - Lecture Title: Event History Modeling: Basics, Parametric Models, and the Cox Model
- Fall 2017
 - Political Science 4610: U.S. Presidency
 - Lecture Title: The Presidency and Public Opinion

Research
Experience

Community Research Fellows Mentor

- Summer 2022
- A team of Community Research Fellows work with faculty and staff from the Center for Civic Engagement and the Hurt Hub's Data CATS program and community leaders to engage in place-based community research focusing on the key focus areas identified by community leaders

Research Assistant, NSF-Sponsored Project, "Smooth National Measurement of Public Opinion across Boundaries and Levels: A View from the Bayesian Spatial Approach."

- Dr. Jeff Gill, Fall 2017 - Spring 2019

Research Assistant, University of Georgia Department of Political Science

- Dr. Jamie L. Carson, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
- Dr. Richard L. Vining, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
- Dr. Scott H. Ainsworth, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014
- Dr. Richard L. Vining, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014

The University of Georgia Amending Process Project

- Dr. Anthony J. Madonna and Dr. Michael S. Lynch, Spring 2014 - Fall 2014

Conference
Presentations

American Political Science Association

- 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022

Midwest Political Science Association

- 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023

Society for Political Methodology

- 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022

Southern Political Science Association

- 2015, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022

Grants,
Fellowships,
and Awards

Davidson College Faculty Study and Research Grants, Spring 2022

- \$500.00

Awarded the 2020 Founders Award Honoring Martha Joynt Kumar for Best Paper from the American Political Science Association's Presidency and Executive Politics (PEP) organized section

Society for Political Methodology Conference Attendance Grant, Summer 2019

- \$1,375.00

University of Georgia Graduate School Travel Grant, Spring 2019
· \$600.00

University of Georgia Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Spring 2018
· \$250.00

Society for Political Methodology Conference Attendance Grant, Summer 2017
· \$1,375.00

University of Georgia Graduate School Outstanding Teaching Award, Spring 2017

University of Georgia Graduate School Travel Grant, Spring 2017
· \$200.00

University of Georgia Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Spring 2017
· \$650.00

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Spring 2017
· \$300.00

J. Thomas Askew Fellowship, University of Georgia, Fall 2016
· \$2500.00

Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, Inter-University Consortium for Political
and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer 2016
· \$2700.00

Professional
Memberships

· American Political Science Association · Southern Political Science Association
· Midwest Political Science Association · Society for Political Methodology

Manuscript
Reviewer

*American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, Journal of International
Migration and Integration, Journal of Legislative Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public
Policy, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly*

Media
Contributions

Blog Posts

Krause, George A. and Jason S. Byers 2021. “Due Diligence: How Irreversibility Risks Shape Senate
Delay in the Confirmation of U.S. Federal Executive Nominees.” General audience summary of
Krause and Byers’ “Confirmation Dynamics: Differential Vetting in the Appointment of U.S.
Federal Agency Leaders.” *Journal of Politics* (April 2022 [Vol. 84, Issue 2]).

Byers, Jason S. and Laine P. Shay. 2021. “Here’s Why Knowing Someone with COVID-19 can
Moderate Your Political Views: COVID-19 and the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election.”
Medium: 3Streams.

Skills

R, Python, SQL (basic), STATA, WinBUGS/JAGS, SPSS, L^AT_EX

References

Available upon request.