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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, 2010-Present  
*Subfields:* Comparative Politics and International Relations; American Politics  
M.A. Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, 2010  
B.A. Political Science, University of Saint Thomas - Houston, 2004  
*Minor:* History

**DISSERTATION**

“Cycle of Violence: How Terrorism and Repression Affect Each Other”

**AWARDS & HONORS**

Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, 2003

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Adjunct Professor  
“Federalism” – Dual Credit  
Department of Government, Math, and Geography, Tarrant County College District, Fall  
2015 – Spring 2016

Research Assistant  
Editorial Assistant for Electoral Studies  
Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2014 – Summer 2015  
Duties Include: Meeting with the editor and reviewing new submissions; assigning reviewers for submissions; keeping track of reviewers; and keeping reviewers on schedule.

Instructor  
“Political Behavior”  
Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Summer 2014.

Teaching Assistant  
“Political Behavior”

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Spring 2014.  
Duties Included: Attending each class and taking notes; holding office hours; help create study guides, tests, and test answer keys when necessary; and teach class when necessary.

Teaching Assistant

“American Public Policy”

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2013.

Duties Included: Attending each class and taking notes; holding office hours; and grading exams and research papers.

Instructor

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Instructor

“Comparative Courts and Law”

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2012.

Teaching Assistant

“Constitutional Foundations and Political Behavior in the U.S. and Texas”

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Summer 2012.

Duties Included: Attending each class and taking notes; taking attendance; holding office hours; and grading exams.

Teaching Assistant

“Political Institutions in the U.S. and Texas”

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Summer 2012.

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Teaching Assistant

“Political Behavior”

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Spring 2012.

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Teaching Assistant

“Terrorism”

Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2011.

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political Violence

Terrorism

Repression

International Human Rights

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Terrorism

Human Rights

Comparative Politics and International Relations

Political Behavior

Comparative Courts and Law

Political Violence

International Relations Theory

American Government

State Government

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

“Terrorism and Its Effect on the Use of Government Repression.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 16 – 19, 2015

“Terrorism and Its Effects on Human Rights Abuses.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, CA March 28 – 30, 2013