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Employment & Affiliations

Associate Professor of Political Science

Arkansas State University

2023–present

Jonesboro, AR

· Affiliate faculty with the Arkansas Biosciences Institute

Department Chair

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Arkansas State University

Jonesboro, AR 2022–present

Director of the Institute for Rural Initiatives

Arkansas State University

Jonesboro, AR 2022–present

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Arkansas State University

Jonesboro, AR

2019–2023

Affiliate faculty with the Center for No Boundary Thinking

Research Director of MIT Election Data and Science Lab

Cambridge, MA

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2017–2019

Pre/Post-Doctoral Researcher in Political Science

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

2013-2014

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science

College Station, TX

Texas A&M University

2014

M.A. in Political Science

Jonesboro, AR

Arkansas State University

B.A. in Political Science

Jonesboro, AR

Arkansas State University

2007

2009

Research

Publications

* indicates equal authorship; author order is alphabetical

Journal Articles

11. Lisa Schur and Mason Ameri and Joseph Dietrich and Michael Herron and Douglas Kruse and Whitney Quesenbery and Melissa Rogers and Jean Schroedel and Daniel A. Smith and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2025. "Ensuring Voting Access Across the Electorate." *Journal of Election Administration Research & Practice* 3: 3–10.

- 10. Samuel Baltz and Alexander Agadjanian and Declan Chin and John Curiel and Kevin DeLuca and James Dunham and Jennifer Miranda and Connor Phillips and Annabel Uhlman and **Cameron Wimpy** and Marcos Zárate and Charles Stewart. 2022. "American Election Results at the Precinct Level." *Nature: Scientific Data* 9 (651): 1–12.
- 9. Guy D. Whitten and Laron K. Williams and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2021. "Interpretation: The Final Spatial Frontier." *Political Science Research and Methods* 9 (1): 140–156.*
- 8. Cameron Wimpy. 2021. "Political Failure and Bureaucratic Potential in Africa." Journal of Policy Studies 36 (4): 15–25.
- 7. **Cameron Wimpy** and Laron K. Williams and Guy D. Whitten. 2021. "X Marks the Spot: Discovering the Treasure of Spatial-X Models." *The Journal of Politics* 83 (2): 722–739.
- 6. Charles Stewart III and R. Michael Alvarez and Stephen Pettigrew and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2020. "Abstention, Protest, and Residual Votes in the 2016 Election." *Social Science Quarterly* 101 (2): 925–939.
- 5. Kenneth J. Meier and Mallory Compton and John Polga-Hecimovich and Miyeon Song and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2019. "Bureaucracy and the Failure of Politics: Challenges to Democratic Governance." *Administration and Society* 51 (10): 1576–1605.
- 4. Matthew W. Walker and Sarah A. Evans and **Cameron Wimpy** and Amanda Berger and Alexandria Smith. 2018. "Developing Smokeless Tobacco Prevention Messaging for At-Risk Youth: Early Lessons from 'The Real Cost' Smokeless Campaign." *Health Equity* 2 (1): 167–173.
- 3. Chris McKallagat and Flávio D. S. Souza and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2017. "Are Media at Work in Your Neighborhood? The Effect of Media Freedom, Internet Access and Information Spillover on Workers' Rights." *Social Science Quarterly* 98 (3): 1078–1098.*
- 2. **Cameron Wimpy** and Guy D. Whitten. 2017. "What Is and What May Never Be: Economic Voting in Developing Democracies." *Social Science Quarterly* 98 (3): 1099–1111.
- 1. Blake E. Garcia and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2016. "Does Information Lead to Emulation? Spatial Dependence in Anti-Government Violence." *Political Science Research and Methods* 4 (1): 27–46.*

Book Chapters

- 4. Amanda M. Carpenter and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2024. "Rural and other minority populations." In *Pandemic Resilience: Vaccination Resistance and Hesitance, Lessons from COVID-19*, ed. by David Berube. New York: Springer Nature.
- 3. Amanda M. Carpenter and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2024. "The politicization of COVID-19 and implications for public health." In *Pandemic Resilience: Vaccination Resistance and Hesitance, Lessons from COVID-19*, ed. by David Berube. New York: Springer Nature.*
- Cameron Wimpy and Marlette Jackson and Kenneth J. Meier. 2017. "Administrative Capacity and Health Care in Africa: Path Dependence as a Contextual Variable." In Context and Government Performance: Public Management in Comparative Perspective, eds. by Amanda Rutherford and Claudia Avellaneda and Kenneth J. Meier. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press. 27–48.
- 1. Guy D. Whitten and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2015. "Stata and Political Science." In *Thirty Years with Stata: A Retrospective*, ed. by Enrique Pinzon. College Station: Stata Press. 121–125.*

Essays & Reviews

- 3. Irvin D. Reid and **Cameron Wimpy**. 2013. "Defining Opposition: An Interview with Afonso Dhlakama of RENAMO." *Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies* 37 (1).
- 2. Cameron Wimpy. 2011. "The 2009 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Mozambique." Electoral Studies 30 (2): 366–368.
- 1. **Cameron Wimpy**. 2010. "Review of: Valeri, Marc. 2010. 'Oman: Politics and Society in the Qaboos State". *Digest of Middle East Studies* 19 (2): 340–341.

Research Interests

Comparative Public Administration & Policy; Election Administration; Political Economy; Political Methodology; Spatial Econometrics

Grants

Giailts	
Institute for Rural Initiatives Startup Funding (\$225,000)	
Arkansas State University Research Technology and Transfer	2025
Elections Trust Initative (\$47,612)	
Elections Trust Initative	2025
Ensuring Usability/Disability Access within the Voting Experience (\$10,000)	
Rutgers University (Sub-grant from MIT and Elections Trust Initative)	2023
Exploring Rural Election Administration with Special Attention to the Mississippi River Delta (\$95,173)	
MIT Election Data and Science Lab and Elections Trust Initative	2022
Vaccine Hesitancy Among College and University Students in Arkansas (\$32,042)	
Arkansas Department of Health (CDC sub-award, co-PI with Amanda M. Carpenter)	2022
7 mansas Department of Fledich (e.g.e. sab awara, eo Fl With Full and M. earpenter)	2022
Should We Stay or Should We Go Now? Examining Americans' Attitudes Towards Sepa-	
ration and Unity (\$10,000) Arkansas State University Faculty Research Grant (co-PI with William P. McLean)	2021
Arkansas State Oniversity Faculty Research Grant (CO-PT With William P. Wiclean)	2021
Developing a Public Health Preparedness Dashboard for Rural Communities (\$12,583)	
Arkansas Biosciences Institute (co-PI with Amanda M. Carpenter)	2020
Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant (\$6,331)	
Texas A&M University	2014
Liberal Arts Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant (\$2,000) Texas A&M University (with Kenneth J. Meier)	2013
rexas Agin Offiversity (with Kermeth 3. Meler)	2013
Liberal Arts Vision 2020 Dissertation Enhancement Award (\$5,000)	
Texas A&M University	2013
Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant (\$4,000)	
Texas A&M University	2012
Fieldwork grants for research in South Sudan (\$5,000) Texas A&M University	2010 2011
Texas Addit Offiversity	2010–2011
Middle East Studies grant for Arabic study and fieldwork in Yemen (\$5,000)	
Arkansas State University	2009
Middle East Studies grant for Arabic study and fieldwork in Oman and the United Arab	
Emirates (\$5,000)	
Arkansas State University	2006

Conference Presentations

Local Jurisdiction Website Coding: Does Rurality Matter?	Athens, GA
Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration Conference (with Ellie Foote and William McLean)	June 2023
Engaging with Rural Election Administrators in the Mississippi River Delta Region	Athens, GA
Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration Conference (with William McLean)	June 2023
Analyzing the Impact of Rurality on Election Administration	Athens, GA
Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration Conference	June 2023
Presidential Focus, Domestic Politics, and Foreign Policy	College Station, TX
Texas A&M University European Union Center Conference on Analyzing Compositional Vari-	
ables in the Study of Politics and Policy (with Clayton Webb)	June 2022
Exploring the Interaction Between Rurality and Race as a Predictor of Health Outcomes:	
An Analysis of County Health Rankings, 2011–2020 (with Amanda Carpenter)	Virtual Presentation
American Public Health Association Annual Meetings	October 2021
Examining Rurality as a Predictor of Health Outcomes: An Analysis of County Health	
Rankings, 2011–2020	Virtual Presentation
American Public Health Association Annual Meetings (with Amanda Carpenter)	October 2021
Are We There Yet? Political Participation in Transitional Democracies	Virtual Presentation
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with Murat Abus)	April 2021
What was that Promise that You Made? Citizen Initiated Contact and Administrative	
Response	Virtual Presentation
Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with William McLean)	February 2021
I've Got the Power! Issues Surrounding Statistical Power in the Design and Analysis of	
Survey Experiments	Virtual Presentation
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meetings (with Clayton Webb)	July 2020
Modeling Time and Space Together	Virtual Presentation
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meetings (with Andrea Junqueira, Ali Kagalwala,	
Guy D. Whitten, and Laron K. Williams)	July 2020
Administering Voter Confidence in Elections	Austin, TX
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings	January 2019
The Great Divide: Southern, Rural, or Both?	Austin, TX
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with William McLean)	January 2019
Politics, Bureaucracy, and Successful Governance: The Problem of Political Failure	Boston, MA
American Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with Kenneth J. Meier, Mallory	
Compton, John Polga-Hecimovich, and Miyeon Song)	September 2018
Poll Workers and the Potential Population	Boston, MA
American Political Science Association Annual Meetings	September 2018

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Chicago, IL

The Military and Overseas Vote in U.S. Elections: Exploring New Data and Trends

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with Charles Stewart III)	April 2018
Administrative Capacity, Context, and Educational Outcomes in Contemporary Africa Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with Kenneth J. Meier)	Chicago, IL April 2018
The Capacity of Public Administration in Comparative Perspective Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with William McLean)	Chicago, IL April 2018
X Marks the Spot: Discovering the Treasure of Spatial-X Models Modeling Politics & Policy in Time and Space Conference (with Guy D. Whitten and Laron K. Williams)	College Station, TX April 2017
Channel Open: Spatial Econometric Methods for Analyzing the Flow of Information Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings	Chicago, IL April 2017
Media at Work: The Effect of Media Freedom and Internet Access on Workers' Rights American Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with Flávio Da Silva Souza, Chris McKallagat, and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring)	San Francisco, CA September 2015
Volunteerism and Poll Workers American Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with Thad Hall)	San Francisco, CA September 2015
X Marks the Spot: Exploring Spatial Robustness	Chicago, IL
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with Laron K. Williams and Guy D. Whitten)	April 2015
There's More Going on Next Door Than you Thought: Exploring Spatial Robustness Robustness Testing and the Empirical Analysis of Observational Data Workshop (with Laron	Cologne, Germany
K. Williams and Guy D. Whitten)	September 2014
What is and What May Never Be: Economic Voting in Developing Democracies Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with Guy D. Whitten)	Chicago, IL April 2014
To Have and to Have Not: Patrimonial Voting in Africa	Chicago, IL
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (Guy D. Whitten)	April 2013
Does Information Lead to Emulation: Media Openness & the Spread of Social Conflict Spatial Models of Politics in Europe and Beyond, Texas A&M University European Union Center	College Station, TX
(Blake E. Garcia)	February 2013
For the Want of a Bureaucrat: Administrative Capacity and Public Health in Africa Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (Marlette Jackson and Kenneth J.	Chicago, IL
Meier)	April 2012
Ethnic Identity and Arbitrary Borders International Studies Association Annual Meetings	San Diego, CA April 2012
Birds of a Feather: Co-Ethnic Candidates and Voter Turnout	Chicago, IL
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings	April 2011
Should I Stay or Should I Go? The 2011 Referendum in Southern Sudan	Austin, TX

March 2011

Africa in World Politics Conference (Kim Yi Dionne)

Civic Associationalism and Voter Turnout in Transitional Democracies American Political Science Association Annual Meetings	Washington D.C. September 2010
Voter Turnout in sub-Saharan Africa: Moving Beyond Institutions? Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings	Chicago, IL March 2010
Cohort and Cultural Effects on Unconventional Political Behavior in the Islamic World Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings	Chicago, IL April 2009
Muslims in Dixie: Southern Distinctiveness or Religious Uniformity?	Chicago, IL

April 2009

Teaching

Teaching Interests

African Politics; Comparative Public Policy; Political Economy; International Relations; Research Methods

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (with William P. McLean)

Courses & Workshops Taught POSC 4003, Terrorism and Political Violence

Arkansas State University

POSC 4313, International Organization

Arkansas State University

POSC 4003, Data Visualization for Social Science

Arkansas State University

POSC 3303, Introduction to International Politics

Arkansas State University

POSC 6013, Advanced Political Analysis

Arkansas State University

POSC 680V, Seminar in Political Economy

Arkansas State University

POSC 3213, African Political Systems

Arkansas State University

POSC 4323/5323, Foreign Policy Analysis

Arkansas State University

POSC 1303, Introduction to Model U.N.

Arkansas State University

POSC 3003, Introduction to Political Analysis

Arkansas State University

Modern Regression Analysis

FLACSO University | IPSA methods workshop, team taught with Laron Williams

POSC 6003, Techniques of Political Science and Public Administration Research

Arkansas State University

POSC 4223, Middle Eastern Political Systems

POSC 6533, Public Policy Analysis

Arkansas State University

POSC 3203, Introduction to Comparative Politics

Arkansas State University

A Scientific Approach to Qualitative Data Analysis

Texas A&M University

POLS 325, African Politics

Texas A&M University

Multivariate Models for Social Scientists and Policy Analysts

Concordia University | ICPSR, assistant to Harold D. Clarke & Guy D. Whitten

POLS 603, Quantitative Political Analysis II

Texas A&M University | Graduate course, student instructor for Guy D. Whitten

POSC 3313, American Foreign Policy

Arkansas State University

PS 1010, American National Government

Wayne State University

POSC 2103, Introduction to United States Government

Arkansas State University

Arkansas State University

Fellowships, Honors & Awards	
Faculty Research Achievement Award	
College of Liberal Arts & Communication, Arkansas State University	2020
Best Published Paper in Political Science Research and Methods EPSA	2016
Graduate research assistantship	2010 2014
Texas A&M University	2010–2014
Board of Regents graduate fellowship	
Texas A&M University	2010–2011
Critical Languages Scholarship for Arabic study in Morocco	
U.S. State Department	2009
Outstanding Graduate Student	
Political Science Department, Arkansas State University	2009
Fulbright Finalist, Syria	
U.S. State Department	2006
Graduate research/teaching assistantship	

2007-2009

Professional Memberships & Service

Professional Memberships & Service	
Reviewer National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)	Current
Reviewer Science of Science: Discovery, Communication and Impact (SoS:DCI)	Current
Member, University Planning Committee Arkansas State University	2024–
Member, Strategic Planning Committee on Campus Culture and Shared Values Arkansas State University	2023-
Member, University Academic Integrity Committee Arkansas State University	2022-
Member, Cluster Hire in Artificial Intelligence Search Committee Arkansas State University	2022
Chair, Middle East Studies Committee Arkansas State University	2022-
Member, BS in Data Science & Analytics Steering Committee Arkansas State University	2021–2022
Chair, Committee to Develop a Rural Studies Center Arkansas State University	2020–2022
Member, Executive Committee Southwest Political Science Association	2020–2022
Member, Data Science Program Director Search Committee Arkansas State University	2021
Member, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (American Politics) Search Committee Arkansas State University	2021
Chair, BS in Political Science Methodology sub-Committee Arkansas State University	2021
Chair, BS in Data Science: Social Sciences sub-Committee Arkansas State University	2020
Member, Computers and Technology Committee Arkansas State University	2020-
Member, Hearing Committee for College of Liberal Arts and Communication Arkansas State University	2019–2020
Member, Undergraduate Enrollment and Academic Policy Arkansas State University	2019–2021

Member, Assistant Professor of Political Science (American Politics) Search Committee

Arkansas State University 2020

Member, MA in Political Science Committee

Arkansas State University 2019–2022

Member, MPA Committee

Arkansas State University 2019–2022

Member, BS in Data Science & Analytics Development Committee

Arkansas State University 2019–2021

Chair, BS in Data Science: Data Visualization sub-Committee

Arkansas State University 2020

Expert Witness

South Sudan Asylum Cases 2011–2013

Peer Reviewer

Administration and Society, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Election Law Journal, Electoral Studies, International Political Science Review, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of Policy Studies, Policy Studies, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Political Science Research and Methods

AP Exam Reader

ETS/College Board 2008–2013

Credentialed Observer

2009 Mozambican National Elections, 2011 South Sudan Referendum on Secession

Panel Discussant

2017 MPSA, 2018 MPSA, 2018 APSA, 2019 SPSA, 2021 MPSA, 2024 MPSA

Panel Discussant Texas A&M University

2020 Public Policy, Opinions, Behavior, and Health Outcomes during the COVID Pandemic

Panel Chair

2009 SWPSA, 2017 MPSA, 2018 MPSA, 2019 SPSA

Invited Presentations

On the Interpretation and Application of Spatial Regression Models in Political Science

The International Methods Colloquium 2021

Experiential Learning in Political Science: A Pandemic Roundtable

Virtual Roundtable at Arkansas Political Science Association 2021

The Challenges of Teaching and Learning Methods in the Virtual Classroom during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Virtual Roundtable at Universidade de São Paulo 2021

Professional Pathways

Texas A&M University 2020

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Simplifying the Analysis of Spatial Interdependence in Political Science Instituto de Ciencias de Gobierno y Desarrollo Estratégico	Puebla, Mexico 2020
Lightning Talk on MIT Election Lab Harvard University	2018
The Elections Performance Index: Future Directions University of Wisconsin—Madison	2018
Professional Pathways American University	2017
Government Contracting American University	2016 & 2017
Introduction to Spatial Econometrics Texas A&M University	2014
Using Technology to Overcome Collective Action Problems: A Spatial Analysis of Anti-Government Violence University of Arkansas	2013
Lessons from Fieldwork in The Sudan Arkansas State University	2011
Terrorism and the Middle East Arkansas State University	2009
Introduction to Islamic Politics Arkansas State University	2009

Skills & Software

Languages

Arabic (Intermediate Modern Standard, Colloquial Gulf, and Yemeni dialects)

Certifications

IRB CITI human subjects research certification, NIH human subjects research certification

Methods

EITM, Field Experiments, Maximum Likelihood, Pooled Time Series, Qualitative Methods, Spatial Econometrics, Time Series

Software

GIS, HTML, LATEX, MacRATS, Mata, Nvivo, Python, R, SPSS, Stata

Certifications

Teaching with Artificial Intelligence Microcredential

The Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) via Auburn University

2025

Teacher Certification, Swift Playgrounds

Apple	2022
Promoting Active Learning Online Microcredential The Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)	2022
Teaching Political Science Course Texas A&M University	2010
Advanced University Teacher Certification Wayne State University	2009
Research Methodology & Software Workshops	
Interpreting and Communicating Statistical Results with R Statistical Horizons Workshop	2023
Reproducible Reports with Quarto and R Markdown Statistical Horizons Workshop	2023
Text as Data Statistical Horizons Workshop	2021
Power Analysis and Sampling Size Planning Statistical Horizons Workshop	2021
Data Visualization Statistical Horizons Workshop	2020
Qualitative Research Summer Intensive University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill	2015
Qualitative Research Methods AAPOR	2015
Stata Courses for both Basic and Advanced Programming in Stata & Mata Stata Corp	2011–2012
Spatial Econometrics University of Essex Summer School in Social Science, Data Analysis, & Collection	Essex, UK 2012
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) University of Houston Hobby Center for Public Policy	2012
Experimental Methods Texas A&M University, Winter Institute in Methods	2012
Empirical Analysis of Time-Series-Cross-Section Data Texas A&M University, Summer Methods Workshop	2011
Bayesian Multilevel Modeling Texas A&M University, Summer Methods Workshop	2011

Dissertation/Thesis Advising

Chair, MA Thesis	Committee	for Jacob	Strawn
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Arkansas State University defended Spring 2025

Member, PhD Dissertation Committee for Tugrul Polat

Arkansas State University in progress

Member, PhD Dissertation Committee for Johnathon Mullins

Arkansas State University in progress

Chair, BA Honors Thesis Committee for Jacob Strawn

Arkansas State University defended Spring 2024

Member, BA Honors Thesis Committee for Kaleb Webb

Arkansas State University defended Spring 2023

Member, BA Honors Thesis Committee for Sophia Oury

Arkansas State University defended Summer 2022

Member, BA Honors Thesis Committee for Noah Haynes

Arkansas State University defended Spring 2022

Chair, MPA Thesis Committee for Reagan Brackett

Arkansas State University defended Fall 2021

Chair, MA Thesis Committee for Amanda Weston

Arkansas State University defended Summer 2021

Member, MA Thesis Committee for Joel Deere

Arkansas State University defended Spring 2021

Member, MA Thesis Committee for Murat Abus

Arkansas State University defended Spring 2021

Member, MPA Thesis Committee for Marylin D'Rozario

Arkansas State University defended Summer 2021

Member, MA Thesis Committee for Dylan Travis

Arkansas State University defended Summer 2020

Chair, MA Thesis Committee for Brandon Pluskett

Arkansas State University defended Spring 2020

Member, MPA Thesis Committee for Sue Neal

Arkansas State University defended 2017

Software Workshops Taught

LATEX short course

Texas A&M University

Introduction to Stata

Fors Marsh Group & MIT

Advanced Stata Topics

Fors Marsh Group & MIT

Mapping with ggplot2 and R

Fors Marsh Group

Advanced Data Analysis Using R

Fors Marsh Group

Consulting

Statistical Consultant

Applied Curiosity Research

Research Consultant

MIT Election Data and Science Lab

Professional References

References available upon request.