

Curriculum Vitae

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Experience

Assistant Professor (non-tenure-track), Department of Political Science, Saint Louis University
(St. Louis, Mo.), August 2006–.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Duke University (Durham, N.C.),
August 2005–May 2006.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Millsaps College (Jackson, Miss.),
August 2004–August 2005.

Teaching Assistant, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences,
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, July–August 2003; July–August 2004.

Adjunct/Graduate Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi,
August 2000–May 2002.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, University of Mississippi, December 2003.

Fields: American Politics and Political Methodology.

Dissertation: *The Impact of Political Sophistication on the Decision-Making Processes of Voters.*

Readers: Harvey D. Palmer (chair); John M. Bruce; Charles E. Smith, Jr.; John P. Bentley.

Program Scholar, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences, University
of Michigan–Ann Arbor, 2001 and 2002.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Memphis (formerly Memphis State University),
May 1998. Also completed undergraduate coursework at Georgetown University and
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Awards

H.O.P.E. (Honoring Our Professors' Excellence) Award, Residence Life and Housing Services, Division
of Student Affairs, Duke University, 2005–06 Academic Year.

Warren E. Miller Scholarship, 2001 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for the Social
Sciences, University of Michigan.

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2007. "Of Shirking, Outliers, and Statistical Artifacts: Lame-Duck Legislators and Support for Impeachment." Forthcoming in *Political Research Quarterly*.

Other Publications

Brandon, Amy, Mitchell Brown, Christopher Lawrence, and Jennifer van Heerde. 2006. "2006 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference: Teaching Research Methods Track Summary." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 39(3): 535.

Lawrence, Christopher N., and Dirk Eddebuettel. 2005. "Quantian: A Comprehensive Scientific Computing Environment." *The Political Methodologist* 13(2): 10–13.

Working Papers

Lawrence, Christopher N. n.d. "Political Sophistication and Conditional Strategic Behavior in U.S. Presidential Elections." Previously presented at the 2005 Southern Political Science Association conference.

Lawrence, Christopher N. n.d. "The Role of Political Sophistication in Retrospective Evaluations of Coalition Performance and Vote Choice in a Multiparty Democracy." Revised version of a paper presented at the 2002 Southern Political Science Association conference.

Lawrence, Christopher N., and Harvey D. Palmer. n.d. "Heuristics, Hillary Clinton, and Health Care Reform: A Bivariate Ordered Probit Analysis of Public Attitudes on Health Care Policy." Previously presented at the 2002 Midwestern Political Science Association conference and the 2003 South Carolina Political Science Association conference.

Recent Conference Papers

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2007. "Should Voters Be Encyclopedias? The (Mis?)estimation of Voter Sophistication Based on Political Knowledge Items." Paper to be presented at the 2007 Southern Political Science Association conference and the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2006. "Estimating Cross-Over Voting in the 2005 Jackson, Miss. Democratic Mayoral Primary via Ecological Inference." Presented at the 2006 Southern Political Science Association conference.

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2006. "Integrating Blogs into an Introductory Course in Political Science." Presented at the 2006 Southern Political Science Association conference.

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2005. "Voting Behavior and Political Attitudes in the 'New' South." Presented at the 2005 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

Lawrence, Christopher N. 2004. "Iraq, 9/11, and the War: Understanding Mass Belief in the Threat of Saddam Hussein and Support for War." Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

Huffmon, Scott H., Bobbi Gentry, and Christopher N. Lawrence. 2003. "Rock and Roll Will Never Die? A Discussion of the Seeming Failure of 'Rock the Vote.'" Presented at the 2003 American Political Science Association conference.

Courses Taught

Saint Louis University:

- American Government (SLU Inquiry seminar): Fall 2006, Spring 2007.
- Methods in Political Science: Fall 2006, Spring 2007.
- Electoral Behavior: Fall 2006.
- The Legislative Process (The U.S. Congress): Spring 2007.

Duke University:

- The American Political System: Fall 2005.
- Quantitative Political Analysis I: Fall 2005, Spring 2006 (two sections).
- Senior Seminar—The Politics of the American South: Spring 2006.

Millsaps College:

- American National Government: Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Summer 2005.
- Political Science Research Methods: Fall 2005.
- Constitutional Law—Institutions and Processes: Fall 2004, Summer 2005.
- Constitutional Law—Rights and Liberties: Spring 2005.
- Public Opinion and Political Psychology: Spring 2005.
- The U.S. Congress: Summer 2005.
- Campaigns, Elections, and Voting Behavior (directed study): Fall 2004.
- The Politics of the American South (directed study): Spring 2005.

The University of Mississippi:

- American National Government: Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Fall 2001.
- Political Science Research Methods: Spring 2002.

Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

Political Behavior: Voting and Political Participation; Public Opinion and Political Psychology

Political Institutions: Parties and Interest Groups; Legislative Politics; Law and the Courts

American Sub-national Politics: State and Local Politics; Southern Politics

Research Methods

Grants

Faculty Travel Grant, Millsaps College: three conferences, 2004–05.

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Mississippi: four conferences, 2000–03.

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi: nine conferences, 1999–2003.

Invited Presentations

“Should Voters Be Encyclopedias? The (Mis?)estimation of Voter Sophistication Based on Political Knowledge Items.” Presented at the University of Missouri (Columbia, Mo.), October 2006.

“Conceptualizing and Measuring Political Sophistication.” Presented to PLSC 313/Public Opinion and HONR 201H/Voting and Political Participation, Winthrop University (Rock Hill, S.C.), September 2005.

“An Overview of the Interstate 69 Corridor.” Presented at “Trading Justice: NAFTA’s New Links and Conflicts” symposium, The University of Memphis Center for Research on Women and Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, March 2005.

Roundtable participant, “Can Academics be Bloggers? Can Bloggers be Academics?”, 2005 Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, New Orleans, La., March 2005.

“The 2004 Elections in Mississippi,” Greater Jackson (Miss.) Optimist Club, October 2004.

Professional Activities

Discussant for panel entitled “Political Knowledge and Sophistication” at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007.

Discussant for panel entitled “Sophistication and Public Opinion” at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2007.

AP Reader, United States Government and Politics Examination, Educational Testing Service, June 2006.

Participant, American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, “Teaching Research Methods” track, February 2006.

Discussant for panel entitled “Political Interest and Sophistication” at the Annual National Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2005.

Reviewer for *The Journal of Politics*, *The Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, O’Reilly Media, and Allyn & Bacon/Longman Publishing (Pearson Education).

Junior honors thesis supervisor for Kate Jacobson, Millsaps College, October 2004–August 2005.

Webmaster, Department of Political Science, Millsaps College, 2004–05.

Webmaster, Mississippi Department of Education/NSF Evaluative Research and Capacity Building project, 2004.

Webmaster, Southern Political Science Association, 1999–2001.

Webmaster, Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi, 1999–2002.

Memberships

American Political Science Association.

Sections: Methods; Undergraduate Education; Political Psychology; and Public Opinion.

Midwest Political Science Association.

Southern Political Science Association.

References

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