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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science 2020 -
Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology
Dissertation Project: *Who Benefits from Federal Programs? Depends on the State and Program*
Committee: Sharece Thrower (chair), David E. Lewis, Leah Rosenstiel, Jason Grissom, Pamela McCann

My dissertation investigates how policymaking power is shared between national and state leaders in the implementation of federal programs. I show that state leaders are more supportive of federal programmatic goals when they are encouraged by explicit requirements or when state and federal preferences are aligned. I reveal that these dynamics vary across programs and states, even among those with shared partisanship.

Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN
M.A., Political Science 2024

Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN
B.A., Public Policy, *Summa Cum Laude with Honors in Arts and Science* 2013
Major: Public Policy, Minor: Mathematics, Economics

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Vanderbilt University
Graduate Student Affiliate 2020 -

TN Education Research Alliance Vanderbilt University
Graduate Student Affiliate 2022 -

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

National Institute for Excellence in Teaching
Director of Strategic Projects, 2019 - 2020

Tennessee Department of Education
Director of Data Use, 2018 - 2019
Strategic Monitoring Consultant, 2016 - 2018

Goldman Sachs
Associate, Investment Banking Division, Americas Financing Group, 2015 - 2016

Analyst, Securities Division, FICC, 2013 – 2015

RESEARCH

WORKING PAPERS

“Are Federal Programs Constraining? Depends on the State”

“State Use of Federal Programs for Electoral Ends”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“State Strategic Planning for Federal Programs: Does complexity complicate politics?”

“Presidential Policymaking through Federal Grants: Lessons from a Study of Department of Education Competitive Grants”

“Winners and Losers of Education Grant Funding: Investigating Factors Influencing the Distribution of State Grants-in-Aid”

“Executive-Agency Relations and State Agency Budgets: How does the design of agencies affect gubernatorial treatment of those agencies?”

“State Legislatures and Regulatory Activity: To what extent are lawmakers in control?” (with Sharece Thrower and Alex Bolton)

“Governors and Executive Branches: The Role of Differences in Intra-Executive Relations in Shaping State Regulatory Activity” (with Sharece Thrower and Alex Bolton)

PUBLIC WRITINGS

2024. “Implementation and Impact of Achieves Coaching in Tennessee Community Colleges”. TN Education Research Alliance. (with James Gurthrie)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Prestage-Cook Travel Award

Southern Political Science Association

2023

Travel Grant

Vanderbilt University Graduate School

2023, 2024, 2025

J. Leiper Freeman Memorial Award

Vanderbilt University Department of Political Science

2023

Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship

Vanderbilt University

2009 – 2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2023
Education Politics & Policy Virtual Conference, 2024
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2024
State Policy and Politics, 2024
American Political Science Association, 2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistance

PSCI 2245: The American Presidency (Undergraduate)
Vanderbilt University, Professor: David E. Lewis, Fall 2022

PSCI 3893: American Democracy: Conflict and Consensus (Undergraduate)
Vanderbilt University, Professors: John Geer and Jon Meacham, Spring 2023

PSCI 2256: Politics of Public Policy (Undergraduate)
Vanderbilt University, Professors: Leah Rosenstiel, Spring 2024

Lead Instructor

Advocacy and the U.S. Policy Process: Negotiation and Change from Creation to Implementation
Vanderbilt Summer Academy, Rising 9th/10th Grade, Summer 2024

Evaluating Policy Impact: Metrics & Methods
Vanderbilt Summer Academy, Rising 12th Grade, Summer 2024

SERVICE

Department

Vanderbilt Political Science Graduate Student Association

Treasurer

2022 – 2023

Graduate Ideas Symposium Chair

2023 – 2024

Discipline

Journal Referee: *Journal of Politics*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association