

Alex P. Smith

Curriculum Vitae

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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Department of Political Science

Lecturer, Aug. 2023-

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Department of Political Science

Teaching Assistant Professor & Internship Coordinator, Aug. 2022-July 2023

Visiting Assistant Professor, Aug. 2021-May 2022

Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA

Department of Political Science

Part-Time Instructor, Jan.-Dec. 2021

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Ph.D., Political Science (May 2020)

Major Field: American Politics (Political Institutions)

Minor Fields: Public Policy & Administration; Political Theory

Dissertation Title: The Art of Political Negotiation: How Heresthetic Changes Legislative Inertia on Civil Rights.

Dissertation Advisers: Lawrence C. Dodd (Chair) and Beth A. Rosenson (Co-Chair)

M.A., Political Science, 2017

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

B.A., Political Science, 2009

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to American Government

Political Negotiation

U.S. Congress

The Presidency

Lobbying: The Art of Influence & Manipulation

Introduction to Public Administration

Democracy and Public Administration

Rhetoric & Academic Research

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Phillips, Stephen C.; Smith, Alex P.; and Licari, Peter R. 2022. "Philadelphia Reconsidered: Participant Curation, the Gerry Committee, and U.S. Constitutional Design". *Public Choice*, Vol. 190 (3-4), pp. 407-426. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-021-00943-5>

Smith, Alex P. and Stephen C. Phillips. 2021. "Ways and Means: Teaching Heresthetic and Political Strategy by Simulating the Budget Process". *Journal of Political Science Education*, Vol. 17 Sup. Issue 1, pp. 93-103. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2021.1897602>

Works in Progress:

"The Art of Politics: How Negotiation Overcomes Legislative Inertia" (Book Manuscript).

FELLOWSHIPS

2022-2023. *Library of Congress Fellowship in Congressional Policymaking*. The John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

American Politics

Congress

The Presidency

Legislative Negotiation

Public Administration

Public Policy

Political Theory

American Political Development

American Political Thought

GRANTS & AWARDS

2020. Teaching and Learning Conference Travel Grant. American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

2019. Congressional Research Grant (\$3,500). The Dirksen Congressional Center, Pekin, IL.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2023. "Closing Gaps in Underrepresented Students' Political Knowledge and Efficacy: Evidence from Introduction to American Government" with Joshua Jansa & Eve Ringsmuth. American Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 1.

"Calibrating Confidence: The Relationship Between Objective Political Knowledge and Political Knowledge-Confidence and their Impact on Political Participation" with Joshua Jansa & Eve Ringsmuth. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 14.

"The Affordable Care Act: A Case Study in Political Negotiation". Southern Political Science Association Conference, St. Petersburg, FL, Jan. 14.

“Pack it Up, Pack it In: Position Packing as a Form of Political Manipulation” with Peter R. Licari, Stephen C. Phillips. Southern Political Science Association Conference, St. Petersburg, FL, Jan. 14.

2022. “Domain Manipulation in Congressional Lawmaking”. Nathan Barron and Alex P. Smith. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 8.

2021. “How to Make Laws and Manipulate People: The Role of Heresthetic in Activating Legislative Inertia”. Understanding Legislative Negotiation Conference, Washington, D.C. (Virtual), April 9.

2020. “Shut it Down!: Teaching Heresthetic by Simulating the Budget Process”. APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Albuquerque, NM, February 7-9.

2019. “The Art of Coalition-Building: The Role of Heresthetics in Negotiating the Civil Rights Act of 1957”. Congress and History Conference, Boston, MA, June 13-14.

2018. “The Art of Coalition-Building: The Role of Heresthetics in Negotiating the Civil Rights Act of 1957”. Georgia Political Science Association Conference, Savannah, GA, November 8-10.

2018. “Philadelphia Reconsidered: Heresthetics and Legislative Design” with Stephen C. Phillips. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 5-8.

2016. “Roger Sherman Reconsidered: Heresthetics of Constitutional Design” w/ Stephen C. Phillips. Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Juan, PR, January 7-9.

INVITED TALKS

2023. “A Big Deal: The Role of Heresthetic in Negotiating the Affordable Care Act of 2010”. The John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

*This event is tentatively scheduled for November 2023 and involves presenting research conducted during Fellowship in Congressional Policymaking.

2022. “Searching for Government Jobs”, Pi Sigma Alpha Career Development Workshop, Oklahoma State University – Department of Political Science.

2020. “Process Tracing”, Qualitative Research Methods (PAD 5344), University of Texas – Arlington. *Recorded September 2020.*

2020. “The Art of Political Negotiation: Heresthetic, Legislative Inertia, and the Civil Rights Act of 1957”, Graduate Student Research Panel, Department of Political Science, University of Florida.

SERVICE

Oklahoma State University

Internship Coordinator, Political Science Department 2022-2023

Search Committee – Courts/Judicial Politics (2022)

American Government Ad Hoc Committee 2022-2023
Ad Hoc Committee on Washington, D.C. Internship Program 2021-2022

University of Florida

Senator, United Faculty of Florida
American Politics Field Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Council

Wheaton College (IL)

Student Representative to Board of Trustees
Student Representative to Faculty Personnel Committee
Student Representative to Faculty Council Committee
President, Student Government

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-2014 Minnesota House of Representatives, St. Paul, MN
Committee Legislative Assistant, Ways & Means Committee
Legislative Assistant

2009-2010 Office of Congressman Peter J. Roskam (IL-06)
Staff Assistant

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

2017 The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse, NY

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association