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## EDUCATION

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### AUBURN UNIVERSITY

PH.D., PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC POLICY 2018  
Concentration Area: Public Administration, State and Local Politics, Policy Diffusion  
Dissertation: "The Information Environment of State Agency Heads: Variations in Contact, Information Seeking, and Inclusiveness"  
Committee: Cynthia Bowling (Chair), Kathleen Hale, Jonathan Fisk, Linda Dennard

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 2011

BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE 2003

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

INTER-UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RESEARCH SUMMER PROGRAM (2013)

HOW TO TEACH ONLINE (2016)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 2018 - PRESENT  
PSCI 1330 – U.S. Government & Politics  
PSCI 3365 – Public Management  
PSCI 4385 – Nonprofit Management

### LEAD GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 2017-2018

### INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 2013-2018  
POLI 4050 – American Local Government  
POLI 3260 – Organization Theory  
POLI 3250 – Introduction to Public Administration  
POLI 2100 – State and Local Government  
POLI 1090 – American Government in a Multicultural World

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
POLI 3710 – Special Topics in American Politics: Film, Fiction, & Politics  
POLI 3090 – Introduction to International Relations  
POLI 1090 – American Government in a Multicultural World

### GRADUATE ASSISTANT FOR EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS 2011-2013  
UNIV 1050 – Auburn Experience: Community & Civic Engagement

## **RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS**

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### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Public Administration, Public Policy (Education Policy, Local Governance), American Politics, State and Local Government, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, Policy Diffusion

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Cities and the States,” (with Cynthia Bowling). 2016. In *Guide to Urban Politics and Policy*, eds. Christine Kelleher Palus and Richard Dilworth. Sage/CQ Press.

“Preparing and Engaging the New Citizens of the World,” (with Giovanna Summerfield). 2013. In *Scholarship in Action: Communities, Leaders, and Citizens*, eds. Barbara A. Baker, Kathleen Hale, and Giovanna Summerfield. Common Ground Publishing.

### **IN PROGRESS**

“Bureaucratic Information Environments and Institutional Arrangements: The Influence of Power, Professionalism, and Polarization on State Agency Head Interactions”

“Information Source Inclusiveness: State Administrators and their Information Environments”

“The Interaction of State Administrators and Other Political Actors: Variations in Frequency of Contact by Agency Environment”

“A More Connected World: Changes in State Administrator Contact with Political Principles”

### **CONTINUING RESEARCH**

“Policy Shifts and Program Priorities: The Impact of Fiscal Conditions on State Agencies” (with Cynthia Bowling)

“Outstanding Programs and Potential Policy Diffusion across the States” (with David Adams and Cynthia Bowling)

“State Education v. Federal Courts: What IS Equal Education?”

“DREAMers in the States: State Actions and Reactions to Undocumented Children”

“School Choice Alternatives: Making Every School Someone’s Choice”

### **CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

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Chair/Discussant “The Effects of Electoral System Rules.” Panel at American Political Science Association Conference. San Francisco, CA. 2017

“The Interaction of State Administrators and Other Political Actors: Variations in Frequency of Contact by Agency Environment.” Poster Presentation at Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL. 2016.

“Policy Shifts and Program Priorities: The Impact of Fiscal Conditions.” Paper Presentation at Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL. 2014.

“Outstanding Programs and Potential Policy Diffusion across the States.” Paper Presentation at Southern Political Science Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. 2014.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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AU College of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award (2018)  
AU Department of Political Science Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award (2017)  
AU Department of Political Science PhD Student of the Year (2014)  
AU Department of Political Science Summer Research Enhancement Award (2017)  
AU Department of Political Science Teaching Assistantship (2013-2018)

## **SERVICE**

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Member, Auburn University Scholarship Committee (2016-2017)  
Volunteer, Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority, Gamma Phi Chapter

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Political Science Association  
American Society for Public Administration  
Southern Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Arkansas Political Science Association