

Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D., Political Science 2017—2023

University of Oregon – Eugene, Oregon

- Dissertation: *States of Detention: A Comparative Historical Analysis of Migration Crises to The United States*
 - Committee Members: Daniel Tichenor (chair), Priscilla Yamin, Erin Beck, Debra Thompson, and Laura Pulido.
- Program Specialization in *Politics, Culture, and Identity* (PCI Certificate)
- Comprehensive Exam Specializations in *Comparative Politics* and *Public Policy*

M.A., Political Science 2015—2017

University of Oregon – Eugene, Oregon

- Thesis: *Neoliberalism, Accountability, and Commodification: Immigration Detention in the United States.*
 - Advisors: Craig Parsons and Joe Lowndes

B.A., Political Science 2011—2014

Lewis-Clark State College – Lewiston, Idaho

- Thesis: *Evaluating Right-Wing Eurosceptic Voting in Austria, Germany, and Spain for the European Parliament since 1999: A Model Analysis*
 - Advisor: Leif Hoffmann

Universitat de Pompeu Fabra—Barcelona, Spain 2014

- Studied abroad as a *Gilman Scholar* (US State Dept.)
- Learning focused on Spanish and Catalan languages, cultures, and histories.

Publications & Current Projects

- Ellis, D. (2025). *Seeing Like A Political Scientist*
- Ellis, D. (2024). *The Haitian Problem? Racializing Crisis in US Immigration Policy.*
- Southwell, P., Lindgren, E., & Ellis, D. (2016). *A Case Study in Left Wing Neo-Populism: The Rise of the Syriza Party in Greece.* Review of European Studies, 8(4), 174.
- Southwell, Priscilla, Lindgren, Eric, & Ellis, Dustin. (2016). *Explaining the Rise of the UK Independence Party in the 2014 European Parliamentary Elections.* Review of History and Political Science, 4(2), Review of History and Political Science, 2016, Vol.4 (2).

Teaching & Tutoring Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, Eastern Oregon University 2024—2025

- American National Government (101)

- State & Local Government (314)
- Social Science Research Methods (251)
- Democracy & Public Service (151)
- Politics and Media (340)
- Border & Immigration Politics (310)
- US History since 1800 (202)

Instructor, University of Oregon 2019—2024

- American Political Thought (308)
- Constitutional Law (475)
- Civil Rights & Liberties (496)
- Power, Politics, & Inequality (275)
- The United States Presidency (467)
- Legal Process (201)
- Political Ideologies (225)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Oregon 2015—2019

- US Politics and the Presidency (467)
- Political Ideologies (225)
- Politics, Science, Body (109)
- The Politics of Congress (375)
- Comparative Politics (204)
- European Politics (324)
- Western Political Theory (208)
- Roots of Democracy (310)
- Constitutional Law (495)
- Power, Politics, & Inequality (200)
- Ethics, Power, Society (286)

Advanced Teaching Certificate, University of Oregon 2019—2021

- Completed a series of workshops and seminars with Teaching Engagement Program to earn certification in advanced methods of critical and engaged pedagogy.

Instructor, Oak Hill School, Eugene, Oregon 2017—2019

- Original course offerings for Summer Enrichment Program:
 - Who Are We? An Introduction to Practices of Constructing Identity
 - Ways of Knowing: An Introduction to Inquiry & Methodology
 - Comparing the European Union & United States
 - Politics of Space & Geography
 - Political Ideologies and other isms

Undergraduate Advising, University of Oregon 2016—2018

- Work with incoming freshman and transfer students to plan academic trajectories, including class selection and major/minor program decisions.

Teaching Assistant, Lewis-Clark State College 2014
World History 101

Awards and Scholarships (selected)

- Graduate Teaching Fellowship, (tuition waiver + stipend) 2015—2023
- Archival Research Grant, \$1000 2019
- William C. Mitchell Summer Research Grant, \$2000 2019
- Klonoski Teaching Assistant Award, \$500 2018
- Gilman Foundation Scholarship, \$3,500. 2014
- Civic Engagement Award from Consulate General of Barcelona, Spain 2014
- Jack and Mary Lou Graber Scholarship, \$1,800 2014
- Dr. Helen Bernfield Study Abroad Scholarship, \$2,500 2014
- Elizabeth McKissick Memorial Scholarship, \$3,650 2013

Conferences, Committees, and Invited Talks Experience

Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Tacoma, Washington 2024

- Presenting Paper: *The Haitian Problem? Racializing Crisis in US Immigration Policy.*
- Guest Presentation: *The State of Oregon Politics in 2024 and Beyond*

Guest lecture, 2024 EU Policy Forum Educator Workshop, University of Washington 2024

- *Emotional Elections: Political Psychology and Europe's Populist Right – On the 2024 European Parliament election and other 2024 Memberstate elections*

Advisor & Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, University of Oregon 2024

- Zoe Holguin's senior research thesis titled: *From Scrolls to the Polls: Will TikTok Mobilize Young Adults to Vote in 2024?*

Guest lecture, Lewis-Clark State College 2024

- Presentation titled *Hidden in Plain Sight: American Federalism & The Future of Empire*

Committee member, Clark Honors College & University of Oregon 2018—2023

- Jacqueline Carrillo Contreras' senior honors thesis titled: *DREAMers: The Legalization of DACA and the DREAMer Movement in Oregon* (2023)
- Daniella Lituano's senior honors thesis titled: *Comparing Public Opinion on Children Migration Crises* (2019)
- Aviva Kaye-Diamond's senior honors thesis titled: *Theoretical Frameworks and Historical Perspectives on the Immigration-Crime Connection.* (2018)

American Political Science Association (APSA) - Seattle, WA 2021

- Presented working paper as an "iPoster" titled: *Seeing Like A Political Scientist*

Southern Political Science Association - Austin, TX 2019

- Presented paper titled *Re-Assembling Immigration Detention*

- Chaired Panel titled *Race, Rights, and the American State*.

Graduate Research Symposium - Eugene, OR 2019

- Co-produced interdisciplinary panel titled “Space Matters” that brought architecture, political theory, and comparative politics together.

Pacific Northwest Political Science Association - Bend, OR 2018

- Co-produced panel titled “Political Theory I - “Assemblage theory, networks, and social structures.”
 - Presented paper titled *Assembling Immigration Detention*
- Panel Participant in round table discussion titled, *Impacted Communities: Public Policy and Theoretical Critiques*.

Team Advisor, University of Oregon 2017—2024

- Served as co-captain for several years with Dr. Craig Parsons for the Model European Union simulation hosted at the University of Washington.

Panel Judge, University of Oregon Undergraduate Research Symposium. 2016

Guest lecture, various middle and high schools in Barcelona 2014

- Presented to students about geography and current events.
- Awarded certificate of excellence by the US Consulate Office of Barcelona

West Coast Model European Union Simulation, Seattle, WA 2014

- Participated as United Kingdom, Head of Government
 - Received *Honorable Mention* award.

12th Annual UG Research Conference, Scripps College, Claremont, CA 2014

- Paper title: *Evaluating Right-Wing Eurosceptic Voting in Austria, Germany, and Spain for the European Parliament since 1999: A Model Analysis*

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Oregon 2015—2020

Professors collaborated and worked with include Dan Tichenor, Will Terry, Alison Gash, Erin Beck, and Craig Parsons on projects related to:

- US Immigration Politics and Policies
- Cataloguing and creating index for US market mechanisms including non-tariff barriers, regulations, and procedures in construction, alcohol, and housing sectors
- Archival research about immigration policies and sub-federal level politics and party platforms in New Mexico and Arizona
- The uses and abuses of executive power by the Obama administration
- Transcribed paper data records into excel database. Researched biographical information on members of congress and catalogued in excel database.
- Researched and compiled extensive annotated bibliographies concerning:
 - the role of children in American politics and development, published in

book titled *Democracy's Child: Young People and the Politics of Control, Leverage, and Agency* (2022) by Daniel Tichenor and Alison Gash.

- Corporate Social Responsibility in Latin-Central America.
- Discrimination (gender, race, sexuality) in US housing markets.

Archival Research,

2019

- Jimmy Carter Presidential Archive and Library, Atlanta, GA.
- United States National Archives, Washington, DC.
- United States National Archives, College Park, MD.

Services related to Political Science (selected)

- Inter-Institutional Faculty Senate Service for Oregon University System 2024
- Student Organizing & Voter Awareness Activities 2024
- DREAMER Ally Training Session, University of Oregon 2018
- Member, Steward, and Budget Committee service to GTFF Union, 2016
- PoliSci Club, Founder/Treasurer, Lewis-Clark State College, 2014
 - Co-organized Fundraiser and food drive “Art of Giving” 2014
 - Organized speaking event with retired Air Force Maj. Jim Connell, 2014
 - Hosted community meet and greet with Idaho Democratic Party, 2014
 - League of Women Voters Community Training Session, 2014
 - Awarded “Outstanding New Club of the Year” 2013
- Center for Arts & History Committee Member, Lewiston, ID, 2013
- Student Government Senator, Lewis-Clark State College, 2013
- Voter Registration Drive, League of Women Voters, 2013

Scholarly Affiliations

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Western Political Science Association (WPSA)
- Pacific Northwest Political Association (PNWPSA)
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

Other Skills

- Spanish Language, intermediate proficiency (speaking, reading, writing)
- Digital & Technology Literacy, including Microsoft, Apple, Adobe, Canvas, Blackboard
- Social media and content productions using the handle @thepolisciguy

References

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