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Education

Southern Illinois University, Ph.D, Political Science, 2012
Fields: Public Administration & American Politics

Murray State University, Master of Public Administration, 2004
Sociology, B.S., 2002

Employment

Associate Professor 2019 - Current University of Arkansas

Assistant Professor 2012 - 2018 University of Arkansas

Visiting Assistant Professor 2010 - 2012 University of Arkansas

Political Science/MPA Instructor 2008 - 2010 Indiana State University

Teaching and Research Assistant 2004-2010, Southern Illinois University

Research Interests

State and local policy, policy diffusion, spatial statistics and political geography.

Research

Published Books

Mitchell, Joshua, Karen Sebold, Andrew Dowdle, Scott Limbocker & Patrick Stewart. (2015). *"The Political Geography of Campaign Finance: Fundraising and Contribution Patterns In Presidential Elections, 2004-2012."* New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

Published Articles

An, Brian, Butz, Adam & Joshua L. Mitchell. (2021). "A Contingent Diffusion Model of Local Climate Change Policy Adoption: Evidence from Southern California." *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*.

Mitchell, Joshua. & Pearl Dowe (2019). "Dissecting Perceptions: Exploring the Determinants of Health-care Reform Preferences." *Social Science Quarterly*. 100(1): 245-258.

Mitchell, Joshua & Adam Butz (2019). "Social Control Meets New Public Management: Examining the Diffusion of State Prison Privatization, 1979-2010." *Politics, & Policy*. 47(3): 506-544.

Mitchell, Joshua, LaShonda Stewart, John Hamman & Steve Modlin (Spring 2018). "Conditions for Competition: Assessing the Competitive Dynamics of US Counties." *The Journal of Public Management & Social Policy*. 24(2): 3-23.

Mitchell, Joshua (2018). "Does Policy Diffusion Need Space?: Spatializing the Dynamics of Policy Diffusion." *Policy Studies Journal*. 46(2): 424-451.

Fix, Michael. & Joshua Mitchell (2017). "Examining the Policy Learning Dynamics of Atypical Policies with an Application to State Preemption of Local Dog Laws." *Statistics, Politics, & Policy*. 8(2): 223-247.

Mitchell, Joshua, LaShonda Stewart, & John A. Hamman (2017). "The Diffusion of TIF Districts Among Local Governments." *International Review of Public Administration*. 22(4): 344-363.

Mitchell, Joshua. & Brendan Toner (2016). "Exploring the Foundations of US State-Level Anti-Sharia Initiatives." *Politics & Religion*. 9(4): 720-743.

Mitchell, Joshua (2016). "Examining Media Markets' Influence on the Diffusion of Anti-Smoking Legislation in U.S. Counties." *Local Government Studies*. 42(5): 665-688.

Mitchell, Joshua & Elizabeth Petray (2016). "The March Toward Marriage Equality: Reexamining the Diffusion of Same-Sex Marriage Among US States." *Public Policy & Administration*. 31(4): 283-302.

Butz, Adam, Michael Fix, & Joshua L. Mitchell (2015). "Policy Learning and the Diffusion of Stand-Your-Ground Laws in U.S. States." *Politics and Policy*. 43(3):347-377

Mitchell, Joshua L. & La Shonda M. Stewart (2014). "Emulation, Learning, or Competition? Examining Inter-County Smoking Bans in the State of Missouri." *Public Administration Quarterly*. 38(3): 317-346.

Book Chapters, Works in Progress & Other Published Work

Mitchell, J. L., Butz, A., An, B. Examining the Spread of Local Climate Change Policies: Evidence from Southern California Cities. *Cities*. Revise and Resubmit.

Mitchell, J. L., Butz, A., An, B. Dynamic Diffusion in the Metropolis: Examining the Municipal Adoption of Climate Action Plans in Southern California. *Journal of Public Policy*. Revise and Resubmit.

Mitchell, Joshua, Brendan Toner, Briana Kordsmeier & Tara Schmutzler (2020). "The Limits of Morality: Policy Learning and the Diffusion of Eugenics Policies across US States". Accepted at the MidSouth Journal.

Mitchell, Joshua. & Tobin Grant. "Local Religious Right Policy Success: Innovation and Diffusion of 'In God We Trust' County Initiatives" in "The Evangelical Crackup: The Future of the Evangelical-Republican Coalition. (2018). Temple University Press. Edited by Paul Djupe & Claassen, Ryan.

Contributing writer for "Direct Democracy," the "Whig Party," and the "Patronage System." *Encyclopedia of Campaigns, Elections, and Electoral Behavior*. 2008. Sage Publications.

Conference Papers

The Tone & Timing of Super PAC Campaigning in House and Presidential Elections. Paper Presented at the 2020 American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, (with Andrew Dowdle & Karen Sebold).

Intra-Regional Diffusion of Municipal Climate Action Plans: Evidence from Spatial Analysis. Paper Presented at the Western 2019 Political Science Conference in San Diego, CA, (with Adam Butz & Brian An).

Property Tax Extension Limitation Legislation and Local Government Fund Balance Management: Case of Illinois Counties. Presented at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

Intra-Regional Diffusion of Municipal Climate Action Plans: Evidence from Spatial Analysis. Paper Presented at the Southern Political Science Conference in Austin, TX, (with Adam Butz & Brian An).

"Examining a Non-Stationary Approach to Policy Diffusion: Exploring the Municipal Spread of Climate Action Policies within Southern California." Presented at the 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management's Annual Conference in Washington, DC. (with Adam Butz & Brian An).

"The Diffusion of Anti-Bullying Laws." Presented at the Arkansas Political Science Association's Meeting in Jonesboro, AR. (with Brendan Toner).

"Examining Contracting Oversight Measures in the U.S. States: Survey Results and Lessons for Reform." Paper to be presented at the 2018 American Society for Public Administration's Annual Conference in Denver, Co. (with Adam Butz).

"Regulating the Future: Examining New Economy Policies Among States and Municipalities." Paper to be present at the 2018 Southern Political Science Association's Annual Conference in New Orleans (with Brendon Toner).

"Partisan Patterns of Presidential Preprimary Funding after Citizens United. Paper presented at the 2017 State of the Parties Conference" in Akron, OH (with Andrew Dowdle & Karen Sebold).

"The New Geography of Food Assistance: Examining SNAP Utilization Across U.S. Counties, 2004-2014." Paper presented at the 2017 American Society for Public Administration's Annual conference in Seattle, WA (with Adam Butz).

"Examining the Interstate Adoption of Electronic Cigarette Regulations (with Blake Sandridge). Presented at the 2017 Midwest Political Science conference." (with Karen Sebold).

The New Gilded Age: The Participation and Geography of Super PAC Contributors in the 2016 Presidential Election. Presented at the 2017 Midwest Political Science conference. (with Karen Sebold).

"Fantasy vs. Reality: Examining State Legislation Involving Fantasy Sports." Paper presented at the 2017 Arkansas Political Science Association's conference (with Brendan Toner).

"The Diffusion of Eugenics Laws." Paper presented at the 2016 Southern Political Science Association's Annual Conference in New Orleans (with Brendan Toner and Brianna Kordsmeier).

"The Political Geography of Independent Expenditures in Presidential Nominations." Presented at the 2016 American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting (with Andrew Dowdle and Karen Sebold).

"The Political Geography of Super PACs and Direct Donations in the 2012 and 2016 Presidential Primaries." Presented at the 2016 Midwest Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. (with Karen Sebold and Andrew Dowdle).

"Adoption and Repeal of Eugenics Laws." Paper presented at the 2016 Western Society for Political Science Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. (with Brendan Toner and Brianna Kordsmeier).

"Harnessing the Promise of public-private partnerships: Examining contracting oversight measures in the U.S. states." Paper presented at the 2016 American Society for Public Administration's Annual conference in Seattle, WA (with Adam Butz).

"Examining the Adoption and Diffusion of Anti-Sharia Law in U.S. States." Paper Presented at the 2015 Southern Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA (with Brendan Toner).

"Using GIS to Map Participation and Partisanship in Early Campaign Donations to Presidential Candidates." Paper Presented at the 2015 Southern Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA (with Karen Sebolt).

"How Participation in the Financing of Presidential Nomination Candidates is Changing: Elections, 2004-2012." Paper Presented at the 2014 American Political Science Association's (APSA) Annual Meeting in Washington, DC (with Karen Sebolt).

"Using GIS to Map the Geography of Donations in Recent Presidential Elections." Paper Presented at the 2014 American Political Science Association's (APSA) Annual Meeting in Washing, DC (with Karen Sebold and Andrew Dowdle).

"Examining the Adoption and Timing of Stand Your Ground Laws." Paper Presented at the 2014 Southern Political Science Association's (SPSA) Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

"The Geography of Political Influence in the 2012 Presidential Nomination: Has the Demise of the Public Finance System Increased the Influence of a Few Densely Populated States?" Paper Presented at the 2013 American Political Science Association's (APSA) Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (with Andrew Dowdle and Karen Sebold).

"Properties and Mechanisms of Diffusion: A New Approach to Examining Policy Diffusion." Paper Presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association's (MPSA) National Conference in Chicago, IL.

"Examining Anti-Methamphetamine Legislation in U.S. States." Paper Presented at the 2013 Southern Political Science Association's Annual Meeting (with Brendan Toner, and Andrew English).

"Assessing the Mass Media's Role as a Primer for Local Policy Adoption." Paper Presented at the 2013 Southern Political Science Association's Annual Meeting.

"Odd vs. Even: Assessing the Impact of Timing on U.S. Mayoral Elections." Paper Presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL.

"When Does Family Matter? Assessing Statewide Elections." Paper Presented at the 2011 Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA (with Brendan Toner).

"A Family Tradition? Assessing the Impact of Family Members on U.S. House Elections." Paper presented at the 2010 Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta, GA (with Brendan Toner).

"A Survey Approach to Examining Local Policy Diffusion." Paper presented at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association National Conference in Chicago, IL.

"The Portrayal of Gays, Lesbians, and Homosexuals in the News: New Evidence of Media Bias." Paper presented at the 2008 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Boston, MA (with Phil Habel).

"Policy Contagiousness and Social Immunity: Using GIS to Examine Micro Policy Diffusion." Paper presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association National Conference in Chicago, IL.

"Does One Limit Lead to Another? The Diffusion of State Term Limits Across Time and Space." Paper presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association National Conference in Chicago, IL (with Brendan Toner).

“Reexamining Policy Diffusion: The Case of State Lotteries.” Paper presented at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association National Conference in Chicago, IL.

“Party or Personality in the Present: Reassessing Senate Election Outcomes.” Paper presented at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association National Conference in Chicago, IL (with Brendan Toner and Kami Whitehurst).

“Understanding the Application of Precedent Using Geographic Information System Analysis.” Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA (with Scott Comparato).

“Spatial Dependence and the Diffusion of Precedent.” Paper presented at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Association National Conference in Chicago, IL (with Scott Comparato).

Teaching Experience

Graduate

Theories of Public Policy, Spring 2021

Seminar in Human Resource Management, Fall 2021; Fall 2019; Spring 2017; Spring 2016; Spring 2015; Spring 2014; Spring 2013; Spring 2012

Research Methods in Political Science, Fall 2011; Fall 2010

Quantitative Methods in Public Administration, Fall 2021; Fall 2018; Fall 2017; Fall 2016; Fall 2015; Fall 2014; Fall 2013; Spring 2013, Fall 2011; Fall 2010

Seminar in Public Administration, Spring 2022; Spring 2021, Spring, 2019; Fall 2017; Fall 2016; Fall 2015; Fall 2014; Fall 2013; Fall 2012; Fall 2011

Proseminar in Public Administration (online), Fall 2011; Fall 2010; Fall 2008 (2 sections)

Public Personnel Administration (online), Spring 2011

Scope and Methods in Political Science, Spring 2010; Spring 2009

Seminar in Policy Analysis, Spring 2010

Budgeting in Government Agencies, Spring 2018; Spring 2010; Summer 2009; Spring 2009; Spring 2019

Statistical Analysis, Fall 2009; Fall 2008

Program Evaluation, Fall 2009

Organizational Theory, Fall 2009

Undergraduate

Introduction to Public Administration, Spring 2022; Fall 2019; Fall 2018; Fall 2017; Spring 2016; Spring 2012; Spring 2011 (2 sections); Spring 2009

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, Spring 2017; Fall 2014; Spring 2014; Spring 2012; Spring 2011

Scope and Methods in Political Science, Summer 2019

State and Local Government, Summer 2019; Summer 2018
Law in American Society, Fall 2009
The Legislative Process (Assistant), Spring 2005
Introduction to the Legal Process (Assistant), Fall 2005
Criminal Justice and Court Management (Assistant), Fall 2005
Law in American Society (Assistant), Fall 2005
Ethnicity and Nationalism (Assistant), Summer 2006
Politics and the Media (Assistant), Fall 2006
Introduction to American Government (Assistant), Spring 2007; Spring 2008

Awards, Invited Talks, Misc.

Recipient of the Robert C. and Sandra Connor Endowed Faculty Fellowship: \$3000
Xi Sigma invited talk on Political Geography March, 2015.
Attended Teaching Camp August 4-6 2013, University of Arkansas
Geographic Information Systems Project: Office of the President, Southern Illinois University, Summer 2009
Academic Tutor: Disability Student Services, Southern Illinois University Spring 2008
College of Liberal Arts Travel Grant, Southern Illinois University, 2006-2009
High Pass, American Politics Preliminary Exam Oral Defense, 2007
Proficiency in SPSS, Stata, Latex, MATLAB, HTML, WebCT, and Blackboard
Best Methods Poster Award, Political Science Departmental Poster Forum, 2005
Invited to join the Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society
Invited and presented at the Annual Meeting of the Sociologists and Anthropologists of Kentucky
Invited to and participated in Scholars Week at Murray State University
Member of the Community Emergency Response Team
Volunteer for Tymeless Hearts Non-Profit Agency

Service

Conference Participation

Panel and Discussant, Arkansas Political Science Association (2019).

Participated in the 2017 National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NAS-PAA) Conference in Washington, DC.

Participated in the University of Arkansas Interdisciplinary Data Science, Predictive Analytics, and Big Data Retreat in Fayetteville, AR.

Panel Discussant, "Policy Making in the Face of Disasters." Midwest Political Science Association (2016).

Panel Chair, "Disasters and Policy Responses." Midwest Political Science Association (2016).

Panel Discussant, "Urban Economic Development: Challenges, Opportunities, Responses." Southern Political Science Association (2015).

Panel Chair & Discussant, "Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management." Southern Political Science Association (2015). Panel Chair, "State Politics and Fiscal Issues." Southern Political Science Association (2015).

Panel Chair. "Management and Leadership." Southern Political Science Association (2013).

Panel Chair. "Measuring Performance and Evaluating Outcomes: Where Policy Meets Management." Southern Political Science Association. (2013).

Panel Chair. "Political Determinants of Public Policy." Southern Political Science Association (2013).

Panel Chair & Discussant. "The Impact of Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations on the Public Policy Agenda." Southern Political Science Association (2013).

Panel Discussant. "Promoting the Public Good via Private Actors and Quasi-Governmental Arrangements." Southern Political Science Association (2013).

Panel Discussant. "Policy Diffusion." Midwest Political Science Association (2013).

Panel Chair. "Policy Diffusion at the Local Level." Midwest Political Science Association (2013).

Panel Discussant. "Pay 4 Performance." Midwest Political Science Association (2010).

Service

Internship Coordinator: Political Science Department (2020-2023)

Academic Programs Committee: Fulbright College (2021-2023)

Academic Programs Committee: Department (2021-2022)

Directors of the Cross-Sector Alliance Program (2021-2022)

Personnel Review Committee Chair (2020-2022)

Personnel Review Committee (2020-2022)

Graduate Policy/Studies Committee (2016-2019)

Public Administration Field Committee Chair (2016-2017).

Planning and Fiscal Committee: Fulbright College (2015-2016).

Presented "History of the City Manager" in Hot Springs, AR October 30, 2014.

Mentor for the George Washington Carver Research program (Mentee won poster award). University of Arkansas, Summer 2014.

Presented "The Political Geography of Campaign Finance: Fundraising and Contribution Patterns in Presidential Elections, 2004-2012" at GIS Day, University of Arkansas, November 20, 2013.

Public Administration Comprehensive Exam Chair, University of Arkansas, Spring 2013.

PPC Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Arkansas, 2014-2015

Admission and Awards Committee 2013-Fall 2018

Public Administration Field Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Arkansas, 2011-Present

Technology Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Arkansas, 2012-2014; 2020-Current

Technology Committee Chair 2015-2016 & 2018

Journal Reviewer

Policy Studies Journal

Sage Open

PLOS One

American Review of Public Administration

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion

Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management

American Political Science Review

Poverty & Public Policy

Mobilization

State Politics & Policy Quarterly

Public Administration Quarterly

American Politics Research

The American Review of Politics

Politics and the Life Sciences

Urban Geography

Membership

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
American Society for Public Administration
American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization
Public Administration Student Organization

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