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Academic Appointments

Allegheny College

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2020-present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2018-2020

Washington University in Saint Louis

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Political Science	2017- 2018
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Miami University

Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science	2016- 2017
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Education

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D. in Political Science	2017
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- *Dissertation*: The Fragility of Tolerance: Rights, Responsibilities, and the Challenge of Speaking Up

B.A. in Political Science	2008
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Research and Teaching Interests

American Politics, Political Psychology, Public Opinion, Gender, Race, Voting Behavior, Research Design, Experimental Research, Public Policy

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Testa, Paul, Tarah Williams, Kylee Britzman and Matthew V. Hibbing. "Getting the Message? Choice, Self-Selection, and the Efficacy of Social Movement Arguments." *Conditionally Accepted*

Bloeser, Andrew and Tarah Williams. "The Color of Class Politics: Economic Position, Racial Resentment, and Attitudes about Redistribution." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. Forthcoming.

Wong, Cara, Jake Bowers, Tarah Williams, and Katharine Drake. 2012. "Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Misperceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context." *The Journal of Politics* 74 (4): 1153-1170.

Work in Progress

"Messengers Matter: Why Advancing Gender Equality Requires Male Allies" (with Paul Testa, Kylee Britzman, & Matthew Hibbing) *Revise and Resubmit*

"We Just Don't Want to See It: The Desire for Authoritarianism and the Diffusion of Responsibility" (with Andrew J. Bloeser, Candaisy Crawford, & Brian Harward)

"Turning a Blind Eye to Prejudice: Why Individuals Fail to Practice What they Preach"

"Political Correctness, Racial Resentment, and the 2016 Election"

"Smuggling in the Goods: How Facts Matter (and Don't) during Opinion Formation" (with Andrew J. Bloeser & Kaye Usry)

"Following the Crowd? The Persuasiveness and Spread of Free Speech Messages on Social Media"

Teaching Experience

Courses

Allegheny College

Women and Public Policy, Fall 2020

US Campaigns and Elections, Fall 2020

Protests and Policing in a Time of Pandemic, Summer 2020

Public Opinion and Its Problems, Spring 2020

US Congress, Fall 2019

Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2019

Politics in Popular Culture, Spring 2019, Spring 2020

Gender in American Politics, Spring 2019, Spring 2020

Race and the American Political Mind, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Democracy for the Few, Fall 2018

The Tragedy of Citizenship, Fall 2018, Fall 2019

Washington University in St. Louis

Gender, Politics, and Policy in the United States, Spring 2018

American Political Parties, Fall 2017

Miami University

Gender, Politics, and Policy in the United States, Spring 2017

American Political System, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

American Political System, writing emphasis, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Campaigns and Elections, Fall 2016

University of Illinois

Introduction to Public Policy (Independent Instructor), Summer 2014, Spring 2015

Introduction to U.S. Government & Politics (Instructor), Online and Continuing Education, Instructor, August 2012-March 2013

Introduction to American Politics (T.A. for Dr. Michael Krassa), Spring 2010

Training

Workshop on Writing Across the Curriculum, August 2014

Honors and Awards

Demmler Award for Innovative Teaching given by Allegheny College (with Sharon Wesoky, Brian Harward, and Andrew Bloeser), 2019

Distinguished Junior Scholars Award given by the Political Psychology Section of the American Political Science Association, 2016

Marion Morse Wood Fellowship for Research on Interpersonal Communication, University of Illinois, 2015

Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics (with Kylee Britzman and Paul Testa), Iowa State University, 2015

Constantine W. Curris Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Travel Grant to attend the 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Introduction to Public Policy, Summer 2014, Spring 2015

Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for outstanding performance as a graduate student, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012

Select Conference Presentations

Testa, Paul, Tarah Williams, Kylee Britzman, and Matthew Hibbing. "Self Selection and the Persuasive Appeal of Social Movements." Presented at the 2019 MPSA Annual Meeting.

Bloeser, Andrew, Candaisy Crawford, and Tarah Williams. "We Just Don't Want to See It: The Desire for Authoritarianism and the Diffusion of Responsibility." Presented at the 2019 MPSA Annual Meeting.

Williams, Tarah. "Following the Crowd? The Persuasiveness and Spread of Free Speech Messages on Social Media." Presented at the 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting.

Williams, Tarah and Andrew Bloeser. "The Color of Class Politics: Economic Self-Interest and the Limits of Racial Resentment." Presented at the 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting.

Bloeser, Andrew and Tarah Williams. "Clinton, Trump, and the Power of Person-to-Person Outreach: Did the Ground Game Make a Difference?" Presented at the 2017 MPSA Annual Meeting.

Williams, Tarah. "Social Tolerance and Everyday Action: Why Attitudes are Insufficient." Presented at the 2016 APSA Annual Meeting.

Williams, Tarah. "From tolerant attitudes to tolerant actions: the problem of social influence." Presented at the 2016 MPA Annual Meeting.

Britzman, Kylee, Paul Testa, and Tarah Williams. "Gender, Influence, and Political Persuasion." Poster presented at 2015 APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference.

Bloeser, Andrew, Tarah Williams, and Kaye Usry. "Smuggling In the Goods: Why Narratives Matter For Citizen Competence." Presented at the 2015 MPSA Annual Meeting.

Wong, Cara, Jake Bowers, Tarah Williams, and Katharine Drake. "Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Misperceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context." Presented at the 2012 MPSA Annual Meeting.

Williams, Tarah, Mary Anderson, and Ryan Cragun. "Optimism, Obama and Prospective Political Judgments: The Nature and Psychology of Obama Approval." Presented at the 2011 MPSA Annual Meeting.

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Dr. Jeffery J. Mondak, 2012-2014

Research Assistant, Dr. Cara J. Wong, 2009-2011

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Cline Center for Democracy, 2008

Service

Editorial Assistant, *Political Behavior*, 2011-2012, 2014

Graduate Representative, Capricious Grading & Academic Integrity Appeals Committee, Department of Political Science, 2013-2014

Reviewer: *Journal of Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*

Program Associate, Illinois in Washington Program, Fall 2014-Spring 2016

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Midwestern Psychological Association, Western Political Science Association

Professional Experience

Legislative Research Unit- Research Assistant, Springfield, IL 2008-2009

References

Jeffery J. Mondak

James M. Benson Chair in Public Issues and Civic Leadership, Department of
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