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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, Urbana, IL
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, 2022 (expected)
Major: International Relations
Minor: Methods

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Charleston, IL
Master of Arts in Political Science, 2016
Major: International Relations/Comparative Politics
Minor: American Politics

GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY, Greenville, IL
Bachelor of Arts (summa cum laude, with honors), 2015
Major: History and Political Science
Major: Philosophy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Relations, International Political Economy, Foreign Aid, Immigration, Causal Inference, Computational Methods, Machine Learning for Causal Inference.

TOOLS

R, R Markdown, tidyverse, GitHub, LaTeX, Julia, Stata, SPSS

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "Gender in the Pulpit: Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women." 2019. *Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1). 63-82.

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter." *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture* 8(3): 309-339.

Works in Progress

"Targeting Civil War: Armed Conflict and the Opportunity-Cost of Foreign Aid."

"Xinhua Coverage of Chinese Foreign Aid Allocations."

"Rival and Collective Action in International Development."

"Leveraging the 'Black Box': Random Forest Adjustment for Causal Inference."

"U.S. Development and Military Assistance to Civil War States: Complements or Substitutes?"

Book Chapters

"The World Bank." (2019). Forthcoming in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts and Empirical Insights*. (With Matthew Winters)

"Illinois 10th District: Bob Dold vs. Brad Schneider: Re-Rematch in Chicago Suburbs." (2018). In *Roads to Congress 2016: American Elections in a Divided Landscape*. (With Jeffrey Ashley)

Conference Presentations

“Stopping Spillovers or Strategic Advantage?” (2018). Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Divided We Stand: The Connection between Social Media Use and Deepening Partisan Divisions” (2016). Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences. (2016).

Other Writings

I occasionally have blogged for *Religion in Public* (religioninpublic.blog).

PROFESSIONAL

OFFICE OF EVALUATION SCIENCES—U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, Washington, D.C.
Methods Specialist (May 2020 – present)

AWARDS, POSITIONS, & SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, Urbana, IL

Awards

Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence (2018)

Assistantships

Research Assistant (August 2018 – May 2020)

Dr. Matthew S. Winters, Department of Political Science

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2017)

Instructor: Dr. Kostas Kourtikakis

Service

UIUC Political Science Math Camp Instructor (2018, 2019, 2020)

Board Member of Political Science Graduate Student Association (2019 – Present)

Grievance Committee (2019 – 2020)

Chair of Graduate Methods Committee (2020)

Contributor to Graduate Methods Cheat Sheet Repository (2019 – Present)

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Charleston, IL

Assistantships

Research Assistant (May 2016 – June 2016)

Presidential Graduate Assistant (August 2015 – May 2016)

Grants and Awards

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award (2018)

Williams Travel Grant Recipient (Fall 2016)

GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY, Greenville, IL

Teaching Assistant

Senior Capstone Seminar (February 2013 – May 2015)

History of Latin America (August 2012 – December 2012)

Western Civilization (February 2012 – December 2012)

Service

Senior Class President (2014-2015)

Greenville College Student Association Senate (Judiciary and Financial Committee) (2014-2015)

Agape Music Festival Staff (2011-2013)

Honors and Awards

McAllister Scholar (Honors Society)

Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society

Summa cum Laude