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Education

Vanderbilt University

PH.D. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Nashville, TN
2023 (expected)

- *Fields*: American Politics (First), Political Methodology (Second)
- *Committee*: David E. Lewis (Chair), George Krause, Sharece Thrower, Alan Wiseman
- *Dissertation*: “Strategy and Consequences of the ‘Broken’ Appointments Process”

Vanderbilt University

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Nashville, TN
2022

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Urbana-Champaign, IL
2018

- University and Department Honors

Publications

Piper, Christopher. 2022. “Presidential Strategy Amidst the ‘Broken’ Appointments Process.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Forthcoming.

Piper, Christopher and David E. Lewis. 2022. “Do Vacancies Hurt Federal Agency Performance?” *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, Forthcoming.

Piper, Christopher. 2022. “Going for Goals: Presidential Appointments and Agency Goal Change.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 52 (1): 140–67.

Working Papers

“Vacancies and Congressional Influence Over the Administrative State.”

“Vacancies and Presidential Influence Over the Administrative State in the United States.”

“Administrative Policymaking Amid Vacancies and Actings.” With Nicholas Bednar.

“When Vacancies Matter for U.S. Federal Agency Performance.” With David E. Lewis and Mark D. Richardson.

“Preaching to the Choir: Agency Composition and Unilateral Action Use.” With Meredith McLain.

“Should I Stay or Should I Go? Policy Change and Civil Servants’ Career Choices.” With Mark D. Richardson.

“Agencies in Turmoil?: The Impact of Leadership Vacancies on Federal Regulatory Policy.” With Jennifer Selin

Works in Progress

“Ideological Alignment and Personal Fealty Among Acting Officials.”

“Politics and Bureaucratic Innovation Climate.”

“Public Sanctioning of Acting Leadership.” With David R. Miller.

“Gender Representation and Policymaking Across American Bureaucracies.” With Sharece Thrower.

“Regulatory Agendas Across Presidential Administrations.” With Sharece Thrower and Nicholas Bednar.

Conference Presentations

- “When Vacancies Matter for U.S. Federal Agency Performance.” Paper presented at the 2022 Annual Public Management Research Conference. With David E. Lewis and Mark D. Richardson.
- “Vacancies and Congressional Influence Over the Administrative State.” Paper presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- “Administrative Policymaking Amid Vacancies and Actings.” Paper presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Nicholas Bednar.
- “Preaching to the Choir: Agency Composition and Unilateral Action Use.” Paper presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Meredith McLain.
- “Do Vacancies Hurt Federal Agency Performance?” Paper presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Public Administration. With David E. Lewis.
- “Presidential Appointment Strategy and the Vacancy “Problem.”” Paper presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- “Vacancies and Presidential Influence Over the Administrative State.” Paper presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- “Do Vacancies Hurt Federal Agency Performance?” Paper presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. With David E. Lewis.
- “Should I Stay or Should I Go? Policy Change and Civil Servants’ Career Choices.” Paper presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Mark D. Richardson.
- “Going for Goals - Presidential Influence Over Agency Goal Making In the Aftermath of Elections.” Paper presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- “Agencies in Turmoil?: The Impact of Leadership Vacancies on Federal Regulatory Policy.” Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Jennifer Selin.

Awards, Honors, & Grants

- 2022 **APSA Travel Grant**, APSA Presidents and Executive Politics Section
- 2020, 2022 **Vanderbilt University Graduate School Travel Grant**, Vanderbilt University
- 2020 **J. Leiper Freeman Memorial Award**, Vanderbilt University

Teaching Experience

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|-------------|---|-------------------|
| Fall 2022 | Political Strategy and Game Theory (A. Wiseman) , Teaching Assistant | <i>Vanderbilt</i> |
| Summer 2022 | Certificate in College Teaching , Center for Teaching | <i>Vanderbilt</i> |
| Fall 2021 | Event History Modeling Workshop for Political Science Ph.D. Students , Instructor | <i>Vanderbilt</i> |
| Fall 2020 | Political Strategy and Game Theory (A. Wiseman) , Teaching Assistant | <i>Vanderbilt</i> |
| Summer 2020 | Introduction to Graduate School/Math Camp for Incoming Political Science Ph.D. Students , Instructor | <i>Vanderbilt</i> |
| Spring 2020 | Statistics for Political Research (Graduate Statistics Sequence) (B. Kenkel) , Teaching Assistant | <i>Vanderbilt</i> |
| Fall 2019 | The American Presidency (D. Lewis) , Teaching Assistant | <i>Vanderbilt</i> |

Professional Service

Reviewer: *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*

Co-Chair: Vanderbilt Political Science Journal Club, 2019-2020