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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, August 2015.

Fields: American Politics, Methodology

Committee: Kim Quaile Hill (Chair), B. Dan Wood, Patricia A. Hurley, and J. Kevin Barge

Dissertation: Partisan Polarization, Lawmaking, and Representation in the United States Congress

B.A. in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2010.

Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2016-.

Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2015-2016.

Graduate Assistant (Teaching), Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2014-2015.

Graduate Assistant (Research), Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (with Kim Quaile Hill and B. Dan Wood), 2010-2014.

Publications

Books

Wood, B. Dan and Soren Jordan. 2017. *Party Polarization in America: The War Over Two Social Contracts*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. DOI: 10.1017/9781108164450.

Hill, Kim Quaile, Soren Jordan, and Patricia A. Hurley. 2015. *Representation in Congress: A Unified Theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. DOI: 10.1017/CB09781316256626.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Jo, Hyeran, Joshua Alley, Yohan Park, and Soren Jordan. "Signaling Restraints: International Engagement and Rebel Groups' Commitment to International Law." *Forthcoming at International Interactions (methods contributor)*. DOI: 10.1080/03050629.2020.1814761.

Haglin, Kathryn, Soren Jordan, Alison Higgins Merrill, and Joesph Daniel Ura. "Ideology and Specific Support for the Supreme Court." *Forthcoming at Political Research Quarterly*. DOI: 10.1177/1065912920950482.

Jordan, Soren and Andrew Q. Philips. 2020. "Exploring Meaningful Visual Effects and Quantities of Interest from Dynamic Models through dynamac." *The Journal of Open Source Software* 5 (54): 1-4. DOI: 10.21105/joss.02528.

Jordan, Soren. 2019. "Leadership PAC Donations and Party Status: A Technical and Theoretical Extension." *Research & Politics* 6 (4): 1-9. DOI: 10.1177/2053168019889558.

Jordan, Soren and Andrew Q. Philips. 2018. "Dynamic Simulation and Testing for Single-Equation Cointegrating and Stationary Autoregressive Distributed Lag Models." *The R Journal* 10 (2): 469-488. DOI: 10.32614/RJ-2018-076.

Jordan, Soren and Andrew Q. Philips. 2018. "Cointegration Testing and Dynamic Simulations of Autoregressive Distributed Lag Models." *The Stata Journal* 18 (4): 902-923. DOI: 10.1177/1536867X1801800409.

Conway, Nicholas D., Soren Jordan, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2018. "Courts and Issue Attention in Canada." *Social Science Quarterly* 99 (4): 1324-1348. DOI: 10.1111/ssqu.12496.

Wood, B. Dan and Soren Jordan. 2018. "Presidents and Polarization of the Electorate." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 48 (2): 248-270. DOI: 10.1111/psq.12444.

Jordan, Soren and Grant Ferguson. 2016. "Extremism in Survey Measures of Ideology." *Research & Politics* 3 (3): DOI: 10.1177/2053168016669743.

Jordan, Soren, Clayton Webb, and B. Dan Wood. 2014. "The President, Polarization and the Party Platforms, 1944-2012." *The Forum* 12 (1): 169-189. DOI: 10.1515/for-2014-0024.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

Jordan, Soren, Kim Quaille Hill, and Patricia A. Hurley. 2017. "Constituency Representation in Congress: In General and in Periods of Higher and Lower Partisan Polarization." In *Congress Reconsidered*, eds. Lawrence C. Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer. Eleventh edition. Los Angeles: Congressional Quarterly Press, pp. 119-137.

Editor-Reviewed

Jordan, Soren. 2020. "From Ferromagnets to Electoral Instability." *Nature Physics* 16 (2): 125-126. DOI: 10.1038/s41567-019-0761-8.

Jordan, Soren and Cynthia J. Bowling. 2016. "The State of Polarization in the States." *State and Local Government Review* 48 (4): 220-226. DOI: 10.1177/0160323X17699527.

Jordan, Soren. 2016. "Politics: Basic Concepts." In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, ed. Ali Farazmand. Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5_1403-1.

Book Reviews

Wood, B. Dan and Soren Jordan. 2018. "*The Polarizers: Postwar Architects of Our Partisan Era*. By Sam Rosenfeld. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017. 336p. \$30.00 cloth." *Perspectives on Politics* 16 (3): 798-800. DOI: 10.1017/S1537592718001974.

Wood, B. Dan and Soren Jordan. 2018. "Response to Sam Rosenfeld's review of *Party Polarization in America: The War Over Two Social Contracts*." *Perspectives on Politics* 16 (3): 798. DOI: 10.1017/S1537592718001962.

Jordan, Soren. 2018. "*Opting Out of Congress: Partisan Polarization and the Decline of Moderate Candidates*. By Danielle M. Thomsen. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017. 202p. \$99.99 cloth." *Perspectives on Politics* 16 (1): 230-232. DOI: 10.1017/S1537592717003140.

Software

dynamac. R (cran.r-project.org/package=dynamac) and Stata ([andyphilips.github.io/dynamac/](https://github.com/andyphilips/dynamac/)) packages to dynamically simulate autoregressive distributed lag (ARDL) models and perform related tests for cointegration. With Andrew Q. Philips. (Related papers above.)

Working Projects

Books

Polarization and lawmaking in the United States Congress with an original dataset of restrictive rules in the House of Representatives.

Regulatory models, management models, and their applications to an original database on hydraulic fracturing violations (500,000+ fracking inspections over a decade). With Jonathan Fisk and A.J. Good. Manuscript submitted, under advance contract at *University of Pittsburgh Press*.

Related: National Science Foundation Grant submission in January 2019 (Rejected).

Selected Current Research Papers

Benton, Allyson L., Soren Jordan, and Andrew Q. Philips. "Picture Perfect: Visualizing Statistical and Substantive Significance of ARCH and GARCH Models."

Flink, Carla M. and Soren Jordan. "Party Polarization and Budgetary Volatility in the US Federal Government."

Jordan, Soren. "Conditional Party Government and Lawmaking in the United States Congress."

Jordan, Soren, Grant Ferguson, and Kathryn Haglin. "Measuring and Manipulating Support for Universal Basic Income." *Related:* Hayek Fund award for \$3,000; IRB approval awarded. *Under review*.

Jordan, Soren, Grant Ferguson, and Kathryn Haglin. "They're Coming for You! How Perceptions of Automation Affect Public Support for Universal Basic Income." *Related:* Hayek Fund award for \$3,000; IRB approval awarded.

Jordan, Soren, Hannah L. Paul, and Andrew Q. Philips. "How to Cautiously Uncover the 'Black Box' of Machine Learning Models."

Jordan, Soren and Andrew Q. Philips. "Improving the Interpretation of Random Effects Regression Results."

Vande Kamp, Garrett N. and Soren Jordan. "The Necessity of Moving Averages for Dynamic Regression Models."

Selected Recent Conference Research Paper Presentations

"Party Polarization and Budgetary Volatility in the US Federal Government." At the Public Finance Consortium on Politics and Administration in Public Finance, Virtual, May 2021. With Carla M. Flink.

"They're Coming for You! How Perceptions of Automation Affect Public Support for Universal Basic Income." At the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2021. With Kathryn Haglin and Grant Ferguson.

"The Necessity of Moving Averages for Dynamic Regression Models." At the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2021. With Garrett N. Vande Kamp.

"Measuring Support for Universal Basic Income." At the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2020. With Kathryn Haglin and Grant Ferguson.

"How to Cautiously Uncover the 'Black Box' of Tree-Based Machine Learning Models." At the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2020; the International Methods Colloquium, Virtual, June 2020; and Latin American PolMeth, Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 2020. With Andrew Q. Philips and Hannah L. Paul.

“Picture Perfect: Visualizing Statistical and Substantive Significance of ARCH and GARCH Models.” At PolMeth Europe, Hamburg, Germany, March 2020; the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2020; and the European Political Science Association, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2020. With Allyson L. Benton and Andrew Q. Philips.

Research Interests

Legislative representation
Partisan polarization
Congress and lawmaking
Methodology

Teaching Interests

American institutions
Public opinion or political behavior
Parties or party conflict
Methodology

Teaching Positions and Experience

Sole Instruction (Auburn University)

POLI 1090: American Government in a Multicultural World. Large lecture sections (150 students). Fall 2016 (one section); Fall 2017 (one section); Spring 2018 (one section); Fall 2018 (one section); Fall 2019 (one section); Spring 2020 (one section); Fall 2020 (one section).

POLI 3000: Introduction to Political Science Research (30 students). Summer 2017 (one section); Fall 2017 (one section); Summer 2018 (one section); Summer 2019 (one section); Summer 2020 (one section).

POLI 3290: The American Presidency (40 students). Fall 2016 (one section).

POLI 3310: The Legislative Process (40 students). Spring 2017 (one section); Spring 2018 (one section); Spring 2020 (one section).

POLI 3980: Independent Study (Congressional Politics and Divided Government). Spring 2020 (one section).

POLI 7000: Research Methods for Public and Nonprofit Organizations (Masters). Spring 2021 (one section).

POLI 7960/8970: Special Problems (Special Topics: Parties and Polarization in the United States) (Masters/Ph.D.). Spring 2021 (one section).

POLI 7960: Special Problems (Independent Study: Income Inequality and Tax Policy) (Ph.D.). Summer 2019 (one section).

POLI 7960: Special Problems (Independent Study: Survey Design and Methodology) (Ph.D.). Spring 2021 (one section).

POLI 8010: Research Design and Analysis (Ph.D.). Spring 2017 (one section); Fall 2018 (one section); Fall 2020 (one section).

POLI 8130: Quantitative Methods (Ph.D.). Fall 2019 (one section).

Sole Instruction (Texas A&M University)

POLS 206: American National Government. Large lecture sections (250 students). Spring 2015 (two sections); Summer 2015 (one section); Summer 2016 (one section).

POLS 209: Introduction to Political Science Research. Writing intensive course (with R lab sessions) (20 students). Spring 2016 (one section).

Supplemental Instruction (Graduate)

Teaching assistant, ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan. Summer 2013.

- ▷ Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models (Instructor: Dean P. Lacy)
- ▷ Longitudinal Analysis (Instructor: Michael L. Berbaum)

Other Professional Activities and Service

Invited Talks

“How to Cautiously Uncover the ‘Black Box’ of Tree-Based Machine Learning Models.” At the International Methods Colloquium (IMC), June 2020. With Andrew Q. Philips and Hannah L. Paul.

Conference

Discussant, Southern Political Science Association, January 2019. Topic: Author Meets Critics: *Party Polarization in America: The War Over Two Social Contracts*.

Discussant and chair, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018. Topic: Legislative Accountability and Public Opinion.

Discussant and chair, American Political Science Association, September 2017. Topic: Representation and the U.S. Congress.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017. Topic: Partisanship, Polarization, and Public Opinion (Section 36).

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017. Topic: Polarization (Section 39).

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017. Topic: Measuring Legislator Ideology.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016. Topic: Polarization and Public Opinion.

Discussant, Western Political Science Association, April 2015. Topic: Party Polarization in Legislatures.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2015. Topic: Polarized Public Opinion.

Discussant, Western Political Science Association, April 2014. Topic: Institutional Effects on Elections.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014. Topic: The Debt Ceiling, Shutdown, and Tea Party Politics.

University, College, and Department

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee for Academic Program Review, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2020.

Member, Election Center Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2020.

Member, Ad Hoc Online Teaching Committee (COVID-19 Response), Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2020.

Member, Applied Research Methods Comprehensive Exam Section (creation and grading), Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2020-.

Developer, PhD Program Statistics Boot Camp, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2018-.

Member, POLI Scholarship Committee, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2017-.

Member, Assessment Committee, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2017-.

Member, Methods Comprehensive Exam Section (creation and grading), Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2017-.

Member, PhD Program Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2017-.

Member, Summer Meta-Assessment Institute, Auburn University, 2017, 2018, 2020.

Judge, *This Is Research* Student Research Competition, Auburn University, 2017-2019.

Volunteer, Mentor for a Morning New Faculty Orientation, Auburn University, 2017.

Developer, Professional Development Lab Sessions in R and \LaTeX for Graduate Students, Auburn University, 2017.

Member, Civic Competency and Engagement Core Student Learning Outcome Working Group, Auburn University, 2016-2017.

Member, College of Liberal Arts Graduate Instruction Committee, Texas A&M University, 2014-2015.

President, Graduate Student Association, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2012-2013.

Dissertation Committee Service

Chair, Douglas Jensen, 2020-.

Chair, Kara Newby, 2020-.

Member, Zachary Mahafza, 2018-2020 (Defended).

Outreach

Interview, a1.com. Topic: Limited PAC donations to legislators who do not vote to certify election results. January 19, 2021.

Interview, WRBL (CBS News Columbus, GA). Topic: Absentee ballots and the extended vote counting period. November 4, 2020.

Panelist, Voting in 2020: What to Expect, College of Liberal Arts, Auburn University, October 23, 2020.

Interview, a1.com. Topic: Doug Jones as potential Attorney General. October 14, 2020.

Interview, a1.com. Topic: Tuberville faces prospects of working with Biden administration. October 12, 2020.

Interview, a1.com. Topic: Tuberville versus Jones for Senate. August 10, 2020.

Interview, Auburn University "Expert Answers." Topic: 2020 Presidential election. July 27, 2020.

Instructor, Election Center (The National Association of Election Officials).

- ▷ Facilitating Voter Participation (Course 7). Remote instruction (COVID-19), July 2020.
- ▷ History of Elections III: Pathways to Participation (Course 9). Remote instruction (COVID-19), July 2020.
- ▷ Constitutional Law of Elections (Course 10). Remote instruction (COVID-19), July 2020.

- ▷ History of Elections I: Ancients to 1781 (Course 11). Remote instruction (COVID-19), May 2020.
- ▷ History of Elections II: 1781 to Modern Era (Course 12). Houston, TX, March 19 and 20, 2019; Auburn, AL, May 14 and 15, 2019.

Interview, a1.com. Topic: Sessions open letter in the Republican primary run-off. May 12, 2020.

Interview, *Center for Environmental Policy and Behavior at UC Davis*. Topic: Collaboration in the politics of fracking. February 26, 2020.

Working group facilitator, Biennial Election Center Symposium, Fall 2019.

Invited lecture, AU Libraries Discover Auburn Lecture Series. Topic: Polarization. October 18, 2018.

Interview, *Fox News*. Topic: Doug Jones' vote on Judge Kavanaugh. August 6, 2018.

Interview, *USA Today*. Topic: Doug Jones' first year in office. June 13, 2018.

Interview, *Fox News: Special Report with Bret Baier*. Topic: Changing Alabama marriage process. January 26, 2018.

Instructor, Alabama Secretary of State Registrar Training Program, 2017-.

Interviews, *Reuters* and *Center for Responsive Politics*. Topic: Alabama Senate special election primary. August 9, 2017.

Interview, *KCRW Press Play (NPR)*, Los Angeles. Topic: Jeff Sessions Selected as Attorney General Nominee. November 18, 2016.

Speaker, Alabama Secretary of State Registrar's Association Meeting, Fall 2016.

Manuscript Referee

American Journal of Political Science

American Politics Research

British Journal of Political Science

Electoral Studies

Journal of Political Science Education

Legislative Studies Quarterly

Nature Physics

Political Behavior

Political Science Research and Methods

Public Opinion Quarterly

Social Science Quarterly

Memberships

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Honors and Awards

Recipient, New Faculty Semester Release from Teaching Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Auburn University, Spring 2019.

Recipient, Summer Major Grant Application Award, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, 2018.

Recipient, Auburn Author Award, Auburn University, 2018.

Recipient, College of Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant, Texas A&M University, 2013.

Recipient, Bryan Jones Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Texas A&M University, 2011.

Recipient, Emerging Scholar Fellowship, Texas A&M University, 2010.

Other Qualifications

Methodological Training

Time series
Maximum likelihood estimation
Bayesian analysis
Hierarchical linear models
Cross-sectional time series
Experimental methods
Text analysis

Computing

Preferred: R, \LaTeX
Familiar: Stata, SPSS, Excel, RATS, SAS,
HTML, Python, Scrapy, selenium

Other

CITI Human Subjects certified
Green Dot Bystander Intervention
MTurk administration
Qualtrics
Safe Zone LGBTQ+ training

References

On Request.