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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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American Political Institutions, Congress, Public Choice, Political Parties, Public Policy, Early American Political Thought, Presidency, Federal Bureaucracy, Data Visualization

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#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT AND EDUCATION

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<i>Duke University, Durham, NC</i> <b>Postdoctoral Research Associate</b> Political Institutions and Public Choice Program	<b>2016 – Present</b>
<i>University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX</i> <b>Ph.D., Government</b> Dissertation: “The Roots of Legislative Durability: How Information, Deliberation, and Compromise Create Laws that Last” Committee: Bryan Jones (Chair), Sean Theriault, Brian Roberts, Chris Wlezien, Zach Elkins	<b>2016</b>
<i>University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX</i> <b>M.A., Government</b> Thesis: “Disproportionate Attention on the Supreme Court: 1948-2000”	<b>2011</b>
<i>University of Washington, Seattle, WA</i> <b>B.A., Political Science and Philosophy</b>	<b>2009</b>
<i>Bellevue Community College, Bellevue, WA</i> <b>A.A.S., Arts and Sciences</b>	<b>2005</b>

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#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

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• SSRC Negotiating Agreement in Congress Grant (\$10,000)	<b>2018</b>
• MPSA Evan Ringquist Award for Best Paper: Political Institutions	<b>2018</b>
• APSA Carl Albert Dissertation Award for Best Dissertation: Legislative Studies	<b>2017</b>
• McDonald/Long Summer Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000)	<b>2015</b>
• J.J. Pickle Chair International Travel Grants (\$7,400)	<b>2010-2015</b>
• Department of Government Professional Development Awards (\$900)	<b>2010-2014</b>
• Best Paper Award (New Ideas), <i>Comparative Agendas Project Conference</i>	<b>2013</b>
• Graduate Recruitment Fellowship (\$12,000)	<b>2010</b>
• Scan Design Fellowship (\$13,000)	<b>2009</b>
• Mary Gates Research Scholar (\$6,000)	<b>2008</b>

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#### BOOKS

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*The Great Broadening: How the Vast Expansion of the Policymaking Agenda Transformed American Politics.* (with Bryan Jones and Sean Theriault) Forthcoming from University of Chicago Press, 2019.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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Jones, Bryan D., and **Michelle Whyman**. "Lawmaking and Agenda Setting in the United States, 1948–2010." In *Tracing Political Attention: A Novel Approach to Comparative Politics*, ed. Christoffer Green-Pedersen, and Stefaan Walgrave. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014.

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## BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

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*Durable Law*

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## WORKING PAPERS

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Bypassing Gridlock: Legislative Productivity and the Transformation of U.S. Lawmaking from 1789 to 2012 (formerly titled "What is a Productive Congress," winner of the MPSA Best Paper for Political Institutions, under review at APSR)

The End of Law in an Age of Omnibus Legislation

Attribute Uncertainty and the US Financial Crisis (with Robert Shaffer, Trey Thomas, JoBeth Shafran and Bryan D. Jones).

Disproportionate Attention on the Supreme Court: 1948-2012.

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## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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What is a Productive Congress? Presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2017.

Attribute Uncertainty and the US Financial Crisis (with Robert Shaffer, Trey Thomas, JoBeth Shafran and Bryan D. Jones). Presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2015.

The End of Law in an Age of Omnibus Legislation. Presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 2014.

Attribute Uncertainty and the US Financial Crisis - PoliInformatics Challenge Submission (with Robert Shaffer, Trey Thomas, JoBeth Shafran and Bryan D. Jones). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, 2014.

Legislative Durability. Presented at the *Comparative Agendas Project Conference*, Antwerp, Belgium, June 2013.

Legislative Durability and the Johnson Era. Presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 2013.

Building Blocks and Bursts in U.S. Lawmaking. (with Bryan Jones) Presented at the *Comparative Agendas Project Conference*, Reims, France, June 2012.

Disproportionate Attention on the Supreme Court (1948-2000). Presented at the *Comparative Agendas Project Conference*, Catania, Sicily, June 2011. Submitted to *Policy Studies Journal*.

Judicial Attention to Policy Content on the Supreme Court, 1947-2006. Presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 2011.

Lawmaking and Agenda-Setting in the United States, 1948-2007. (with Bryan Jones) Presented at the *Comparative Agendas Project Conference*, Seattle, WA, June 2010.

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## TEACHING

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**Visiting Assistant Professor**, *Duke University, Durham, NC*

- POLSCI 318: Congress and the President (Fall 2016, 2017)
- POLSCI 101: Introduction to Political Science (Spring 2016, 2017)

**Teaching Assistant**, *University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX*

- GOV370M: Research on the U.S. Congress (Fall 2010-2013)
- GOV358: Introduction to Public Policy (Fall 2011)
- GOV362L: Government Research Internship (Spring 2011-2014)
- GOV310L: American Government (Fall 2014)

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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*Comparative Agendas Project Website, Austin, TX*

**Architect**

**2015**

Led a global team of developers, professors, graduate students and consultants to design a website that would organize, visualize, and share policy and budget data from twenty-three international policy projects around the world (<http://www.comparativeagendas.net/>).

*Policy Agendas Project, Austin, TX*

**Manager**

**2014-2015**

Managed the collection, coding and digitally dissemination of eighteen policy datasets for publication ([www.policyagendas.org](http://www.policyagendas.org)). Oversaw the research and technical contributions of nine graduate students and eight undergraduates.

*Policy Agendas Project, Austin, TX*

**Director of Undergraduate Research**

**2009-2014**

Taught and mentored 80 students over five years and founded the annual Government Department undergraduate research poster presentation.

*Policy Agendas Project, Austin, TX*

**Graduate Research Fellow**

**2009-2014**

Managed the collection and coding of congressional and judicial datasets and designed an instructional series on the Policy Agendas Project coding scheme.

*Center for American Politics and Public Policy, Seattle, WA*

**Research Fellow**

**2007-2008**

Oversaw the design and collection of the new Supreme Court Certiorari Denied Dataset.

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## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

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REFERENCES

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