

# Curriculum Vitae Clint S. Swift

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## Current Position

Visiting Assistant Professor (August 2017-present), Department of Politics, Sewanee: The University of the South

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, September 2017.

*Concentrations:* American Politics (State Politics, Legislative Behavior and Institutions, Public Opinion), Comparative Politics (Advanced Industrial Democracies: Elections, Economic Voting, Public Opinion). Advisors: Peverill Squire (chair), L. Marvin Overby, Laron Williams, and Jeffrey Milyo.

M.A., Government, California State University, Sacramento, May 2011. Emphasis in state politics.

B.S., *magna cum laude*, Political Science, Whittier College, May 2007.

ICPSR Summer Seminar on Spatial Models (Instructor: Robert Franzese), University of Michigan. July 2014.

## Research

### Publications

- “Term Limits and Collaboration Across the Aisle: An Analysis of Bipartisan Cosponsorship in Term Limited and Non-Term Limited State Legislatures” (with Kathryn VanderMolen), *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* June 2016.
- “All Economics Is Local: Spatial Aggregations of Economic Information” (with David Fortunato & Laron Williams), *Political Science Research & Methods*, forthcoming.

### Works under Review

- “Benchmarking, Spilling Over and Partisan Rationalization: A Hybrid Model of Economic Evaluations” (with David Fortunato & Laron Williams).

## Selected Conference Presentations

- “Putting Friends in High Places: Gubernatorial Appointments in Term-Limited States,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics & Policy Conference , St. Louis, MO, 2017 (with Kathryn VanderMolen and JoyAnna Hopper).
- “Building Consensus? Reconsidering the Collaborative Activity of Female Legislators,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2016 (with Kathryn VanderMolen).
- “The Conditional Effects of Term-Limited Status on Bipartisan Collaboration,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics & Policy Conference, Sacramento, CA, 2015 (with Kathryn VanderMolen).
- “Term Limits and Collaboration Across the Aisle,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2015 (with Kathryn VanderMolen).
- “A Hybrid Model of Spatial Evaluations,” paper presented at the Conference on Methodological Innovations in Comparative Politics, Texas A&M University, 2015 (with David Fortunato & Laron Williams).
- “Overcoming Problems of Scale,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2014.
- “How Much Do Californians Really Hate Taxes?: An Examination of Voting on Local-Level Tax Measures,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2012 (with Brian DiSarro).

## Other Works in Progress

- “Measuring Diversity in Political Science: Evenness, Availability, and Geographic Aggregation”
- “Strong Ties and Invisible Threads: Dealing with Cross-Unit Dependence in Models of Legislative Behavior”
- “Agendas and Committees in American State Legislatures: The Causes and Consequences of Matching Priorities with Institutional Roles.” (Dissertation Project)
- “Cash Rules: Can High Salaries Draw Experienced Candidates to Lower Offices?”
- “Beyond Batting Averages: Individual Measures of Legislative Efficiency in the American States.” (with Kathryn VanderMolen, JoyAnna Hopper, and Hanna Brandt)
- “The Committee Claim: Committee Property Rights and Credit Claiming in the American States”

## Teaching Experience

### Instructor

- *Introduction to American Politics*: Advent 2017 (Sewanee: University of the South, *POLS 101*)
- *Political Parties and Interest Groups*: Advent 2017 (Sewanee: University of the South, *POLS 328*)

### Graduate Instructor

- *Introduction to American Government*: Spring & Fall 2015, Spring 2016 (University of Missouri, *PS1100*)

### Graduate Teaching Assistant

- *Politics of the American South*: Spring 2014 (University of Missouri, PS4170). Instructor: L. Marvin Overby.
- *Introduction to Political Theory*: Fall 2013 (University of Missouri, PS2800). Instructor: Justin Dyer.
- *State Government*: Independent Discussion Sections, Spring 2013 (University of Missouri, PS2100). Instructor: Peverill Squire.
- *Political Behavior*: Fall 2012 (University of Missouri, PS4110). Instructor: John R. Petrocik.
- *Political Parties and Election Campaigns*: Spring 2012 (University of Missouri, PS4100). Instructor: Jay Dow.
- *The Constitution and Civil Rights*: Fall 2011 (University of Missouri, PS4210). Instructor: Justin Dyer.

#### **Invited Lectures and Talks**

- *Methods Workshop: Basic Tools for Digital and Online Data Collection*: April 15, 2016. University of Missouri, Department of Political Science.
- *League of Women Voters Presents: State Government Overreach?*: March 9, 2016. Columbia, Missouri access television (CAT-TV).

## **Research and Teaching Interests**

### **American Politics**

Elite political behavior; Congress and state legislatures; comparative state politics; public opinion; voting and elections.

### **Comparative Politics**

Economic voting; electoral institutions; legislative institutions.

### **Political Methodology**

Spatial models; network analysis; multilevel/mixed-effects models; measurement of complex concepts; web scraping and other automated data collection techniques.

## **Awards and Support**

**Kinder Institute Dissertation Fellow** (\$18,000), University of Missouri, 2016

**Kinder Institute Research Grant** (\$1,200), University of Missouri, 2014

**J.G. Heinberg Scholarship** (\$7,000), Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2014

**David M. Wood Research Award** (\$50), Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2014

**Bryan L. Forbis Award** (\$270), Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2013

**Dean L. Yarwood Award** (\$450), Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2012

**Finalist for the College-wide Deans Award**, Department of Government, Sacramento State University, 2011