

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

- “The Legislative Matching Game: Committee Matching and Effective Legislating in the States,” *Forthcoming in State Policy & Politics Quarterly*.
- “All Economics Is Local: Spatial Aggregations of Economic Information” (with David Fortunato & Laron Williams), *Political Science Research & Methods*, July 2018.
- “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.

Works under Review

- “Marginalization and Mobilization: The Roots of Female Legislators’ Collaborative Advantage in the States” (with Kathryn VanderMolen). Invited to revise and resubmit at *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*.

Selected Presentations

- “Updating and Synthesizing our Understanding of State Legislative Support for Climate Change Policy,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association meeting in San Juan, PR, 2020 (with JoyAnna Hopper).
- “Gubernatorial Impeachment and Resignation: Process and History,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association meeting in Austin, TX, 2019 (with Drew Kurlowski)
- “The Legislative Matching Game: Committee Matching and Efficient Legislating in the States,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics & Policy Conference , State College, PA, 2018.
- “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).
- “Environmental Justice and the Placement of Federal Air Monitoring Stations: A Spatial Analysis of 5 Metropolitan Areas,” paper presented to the Graduate Research Working Group at the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 2014.
- “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).

Works in Progress

- “Climate Change Agendas in the States: Who Leads and Who Follows”
- “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”
- “The Committee Claim: Committee Property Rights and Credit Claiming in the American States”

Teaching Experience

Instructor

- *Introduction to American Politics*: Sewanee: University of the South, *POLS 101*
- *Introduction to Political Theory*: Sewanee: University of the South, *POLS 105*
- *State Politics*: Sewanee: University of the South, *POLS 206* **New to Dept.**
- *The Scientific Study of Politics*: Sewanee: University of the South, *POLS 300 (Methods)* **New to Dept.**
- *Political Parties and Interest Groups*: Sewanee: University of the South, *POLS 328* **New to Dept.**

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

- *Sewanee Organize and Act: Political Participation in Tennessee*: February 22, 2018. Sewanee Community Center.
- *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

Legislative 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 Dean's Award, Department of Government, Sacramento State University, 2011