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Academic Appointments

Associate Professor/Coordinator of Education Abroad, Morehead State University	2024-present
Assistant Professor, Morehead State University	2021-2024
Assistant Professor (fixed-term), Montana State University Billings	2018-2021
Visiting Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Parkside	2017-2018

Education

Kent State University, Ph.D., Political Science	2018
East Stroudsburg University, M.A., Political Science	2012
Utah Valley University, B.S., Communication	2008

Publications

Peer-reviewed Publications

Adkins, Jason M., Paul A. Djupe, and Jacob M. Neiheisel. 2023. "Preparedness Behavior and the Apocalypse: Religion and Politics in the Post 2020 Election Era." *Politics and Religion* 16 (4): 585-604. http://doi.org/10.1017/S1755048323000226

Adkins, Jason M. 2021. "Cue the Backlash." In *Exploring the Public Effects of Religious Communication on Politics*, ed. Brian Calfano. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press. doi.org/10.3998/mpub.11533900

Gilbertz, Susan J,. Matthew B. Anderson, and Jason M. Adkins. 2021. "The Bakken Blind Field: Investigating Planetary Urbanization and Opaqueness in the Oil and Gas Fields of Eastern Montana." *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 111 (2): 591-608. doi.org/10.1080/24694452.2020.1774351

Miles, Matthew, and Jason M. Adkins. 2019. "Mormon Mobilization in Contemporary American Politics." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, eds. Paul A. Djupe, Mark J. Rozell, and Ted G. Jelen. Oxford: Oxford University Press. doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.871

Other Articles

Blog Entry: "Do Americans STILL believe in prophecy after Trump," Religion in Public, 2021 (June 8), religioninpublic.blog/2021/06/08/do-americans-still-believe-in-prophecy-after-trump/ (with Paul A. Djupe and Jacob M. Neiheisel)

Blog Entry: "Religious Reactions to Vaccination in the US," Religion in Public, 2021 (April 20), religioninpublic.blog/2021/04/20/religious-reactions-to-vaccination-in-the-us/ (with Paul A. Djupe and Jacob M. Neiheisel)

Blog Entry: "Religious Divide Brewing in Utah Beer Debate," Religion in Public, 2019 (February 4), religioninpublic.blog/2019/02/04/religious-divide-brewing-in-utah-beer-debate/

Blog Entry: "Utah Bucks the LDS Church, Passes Medical Marijuana Ballot Measure," Religion in Public, 2013 (November 13), religioninpublic.blog/2018/11/13/utah-bucks-the-lds-church-passes-medical-marijuana/

Blog Entry: "The LDS Church's Waning Influence? Medical Marijuana in Utah Puts Leaders' Influence Under Spotlight," Religion in Public, 2018 (September 24), https://religioninpublic.blog/2018/09/24/the-lds-churchs-waning-influence/

Encyclopedia Entry: Richard C.A. Holbrooke, American National Biography, 2016 (September 2018). doi.org/10.1093/anb/9780198606697.013.0700874

Book Review: Campbell, David E., John C. Green, and J. Quin Monson. 2015. Seeking the Promised Land: Mormons and American Politics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014). Journal of Politics 77 (2): E5-E6. doi.org/10.1086/680146

Working Papers

"Cheering for Your Team: How Sports Fandom Affects Racial Attitudes"

"Reverse God Talk: How Religious Elites Deploy Coded Political Cues"

"Living in Zion: Testing the Effects of Religious Identity and Activity in Utah."

"What Americans Know and Want: Probing The Link Between Political Knowledge and U.S. Foreign Policy." (with Steven W. Hook)

" 'Heeding the Brethren': An Analysis of Mormon Attitudes Towards Immigration in Utah."

Conference Presentations

"Cueing Up the Flock: The Failure of Evangelical Groups Regarding Immigration," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024

"Do Congregants Follow the Shepherd: Determining if Church Members Hold Same Beliefs As Religious Denominations," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023.

"Cheering for Your Team: How Sports Fandom Affects Racial Attitudes," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022.

"Prepping for Disaster: How Partisans Cope with Electoral Defeat," (with Paul A. Djupe and Jacob M. Neiheisel) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022.

"Cheering for Your Team: How Sports Fandom Affects Racial Attitudes," Kentucky Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022.

"Guiding the Faithful: How Institutional Differences Affect Political Behavior," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.

"Research: How to Conduct Surveys (Roundtable Discussion)," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.

"Public Engagement: Working with the Broadcast Media (Roundtable Discussion)," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.

"Reverse God Talk: How Religious Elites Deploy Coded Political Cues," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.

"Do the Sheep Follow the Shepherds?: A Survey Experiment on Elite Cues," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018.

"Do Congregants Follow the Shepherd: Determining if Church Members Hold Same Beliefs As Religious Denominations," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018

"Preaching Politics: How Religious Denominations Transmit Political Cues to their Members," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017.

" 'Heeding the Brethren': How Religious Cues Affect Immigration Attitudes in Utah," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016.

"The One-Party State of Utah: What Is Driving Republican Control?" Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2015.

Media Appearances

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) "Experts warn that rise of social media opens door for spreading falsehoods (January 27, 2021)

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) "New MSU Billings poll shows tight races across Montana" (October 28, 2020)

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) "Montana's U.S. senators react to Harris pick for VP" (August 11, 2020)

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) "Super Tuesday should prove big in race for Democratic nomination" (March 3, 2020)

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) "Montana political expert weighs role of socialism in 2020 campaigns" (February 17, 2020)

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) "Billings experts weighs in Iowa caucus results" (February 4, 2020)

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) "Face the State" (November 10, 2019)

Yellowstone Public Radio (Billings, MT) "Mountain States Poll Shows Majority Of Montanans, Wyomingites Oppose Impeachment Inquiry" (October 24, 2019)

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) "Election Night Coverage" (November 6, 2018)

KTVQ TV/MTN Network (Billings, MT) "Face the State" (October 21, 2018)

KTVQ TV (Billings, MT) "The Montana poll is back at MSU Billings with results expected by late October" (October 10, 2018)

KTVQ TV (Billings, MT) "Keeping an eye on Kavanaugh: MSUB political professor outlines what comes next" (October 8, 2018)

Grants and Awards

Faculty Research Grant ($5,000), Morehead State University, 2024

Department Research Grant ($3,500), Morehead State University, 2023

Creative and Research Endeavors Grant ($3,600), Montana State University Billings, 2020

Creative and Research Endeavors Grant ($2,000), Montana State University Billings, 2019

Faculty Development Grant ($1,600), Montana State University Billings, 2019

College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant ($800), Montana State University Billings, 2018

Stella C. Gray Teaching Excellence Award, University of Wisconsin-Parkside (nominated), 2018

Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award ($500), 2018

Faculty/Academic Staff Professional Opportunities Fund, University of Wisconsin-Parkside ($900), 2017

Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives Lynn E. May Study Grant ($500), 2017

Thomas R. Hensley Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching, 2017

Kent State University Graduate Research Symposium, Best Presentation in Panel ($150), 2017

Unfunded Grant Applications

Montana State University Billings Foundation Grants for Student-Centered Projects ($2,500), 2019

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Research Award ($3,000), 2016

Kent State University Graduate Student Senate Research Award ($2,000), 2016

Courses Taught

Associate/Assistant Professor, Morehead State University, 2021-present
- GOVT 600: Seminar: State and Local Government
- PA 605: Epistemology and Research Methodology
- PA 620: Bureaucracy and Public Management
- PA 630: Politics of Public Policy
- PA 640: Theoretical Foundations of Public Administration
- POLS 100: Introduction to Politics
- POLS 140: United States Government
- POLS 230: Introduction to Comparative Government
- POLS 242: State and Local Government
- POLS 330: European Parliamentary Democracies
- POLS 334: Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe
- POLS 343: Political Parties and Elections

POLS 351: Public Administration
POLS 352: American Public Policy
POLS 451: Seminar in Bureaucracy & Public Management
POLS 399: Special Topics in Political Science (Sports and Politics)
PS 600: Political Science Seminar (Sports and Politics)
PS 600: Political Science Seminar (Sports and Politics)

Assistant Professor (fixed-term), Montana State University Billings, 2018-2021
PSCI 210: Introduction to American Government
PSCI 220: Introduction to Comparative Government
PSCI 230: Introduction to International Relations
PSCI 260: Introduction to State and Local Government
PSCI 341: Political Parties & Elections
PSCI 342: Media, Public Opinion, Polling
PSCI 425: International Conflict
PSCI 426: Comparative Political Economy
PSCI 427: Research Methods

Adjunct Instructor, Bowling Green State University-Firelands, 2018-2021
POLS 1700: American Government (Processes and Structure)
POLS 1710: Introduction to Comparative Government

Adjunct Instructor, Kent State University, 2018
PADM 60381: Methods in Public Administration

Visiting Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 2017-2018
POLS 100: American Politics
POLS 105: Introduction to Politics
POLS 200: Research Methods and Sources
POLS 214: Executive and Legislative Politics
POLS 224: American Foreign Policy
POLS 375: Campaigns and Political Participation
POLS 490: Special Topics (Religion and Politics)

Teaching Fellow, Kent State University, 2016-2017
POL 10300: Public Policy
POL 30001: Research Methods

Adjunct Instructor, Ashland University, 2016
PLSC 102: Democracy in America

Adjunct Instructor, Northampton Area Community College, 2011-2012
CMTH 102: Speech Communication

Institutional service

Chair, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, 2026-present, Morehead State University

Member, General Education Reform Task Force, 2026-present, Morehead State University

Member, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, 2024-present, Morehead State University

Member, Employee Benefits Committee, 2025-present, Morehead State University | Education Abroad program director (faculty-led), 2023-present | Sweden/Finland (spring 2025) | Hungary/Romania (spring 2024) | Finland (spring 2023)

Chair, Assistant Professor of Global Studies Search Committee, 2024-25, Morehead State University

Chair, Assistant Professor of Political Science/HistorySearch Committee, 2023-24, Morehead State University

Chair, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2024-present, Morehead State University

Member of Executive Committee, Cooperative Center for Study Abroad, 2024-present

Member, Dean of Library Services Search Committee, 2023-24, Morehead State University

Member, Assistant Professor of Philosophy search committee, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Legal Studies, and Global Studies, Spring 2023, Morehead State University

Political Science Coordinator, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Legal Studies, and Global Studies, 2022-23, Morehead State University

Member, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2022-present, Morehead State University

Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Legal Studies, and Global Studies Faculty Evaluation Plan Revision Committee, Fall 2022, Morehead State University

Advisor, Model EU at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, 2022-present, Morehead State University

Panel Member, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences E-learning Panel, September 2020, Montana State University Billings

Member, University Faculty Workload Taskforce, 2020-2021, Montana State University Billings

Member, College of Arts and Science Travel Committee, 2019, Montana State University Billings

Director, Mountain States Poll, 2018-present, Montana State University Billings

Co-organizer, Model United Nations Summit, 2018-present, Montana State University Billings

Co-organizer – Mock Constitutional Convention, 2018, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Parkside Access to College Credit political science supervisor, 2017, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Political Science Graduate Student Association – Vice President, 2016-2017, Kent State University

Department of Political Science Graduate Studies Committee – Graduate Student Representative, 2016-2017, Kent State University

Student Media Policy Committee – Graduate Student Representative, 2013-2014, Kent State University

Service Outside the University

Reviewer, Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, 2024-present

Member, Cooperative Center for Study Abroad Executive Committee, 2024-present

Reviewer, Political Behavior, Politics & Religion, Social Science Quarterly

Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2015-2019, 2023

Chair and Discussant, Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2018-2019

Professional Development

Montana State University Billings – HyFlex Course Design Workshop, Fall 2020.

Montana State University Billings – Faculty Institute in Online Teaching and Learning, Summer 2019.

Online Learning Consortium – Fundamentals: Increasing Interaction & Engagement, Dec. 2017.

Online Learning Consortium – Fundamentals: Giving Effective Feedback, Dec. 2017.

Non-academic Employment

Advanced Placement Essay Scorer and Table Leader, 2014-present
Educational Testing Services, Salt Lake City, UT

Sports Reporter, 2010-2011
The Dickinson Press – Dickinson, ND

News and Education Reporter, 2008-2010
Detroit Lakes Newspapers – Detroit Lakes, MN

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (Religion & Politics; Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior; Experimental Research; Canadian Politics section member)
Midwest Political Science Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Southern Political Science Association

References

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