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Employment

Geoquant

Senior Analyst, Political Science | Research Management 2022-present
Analyst 2021-2022

Loyola Marymount University

Lecturer in Political Science and International Relations 2021

University of California, Merced

Lecturer, Program in Political Science 2019 - 2020

University of California, Los Angeles

Lecturer, Department of Political Science 2018 - 2019

Education

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., Political Science 2018
Dissertation: *The Party Politics of Political Decentralization*
Committee: Michael Thies (Chair), Kathleen Bawn, Christopher Tausanovitch,
John Agnew (Geography), Georgia Kernell (Communications)

London School of Economics and Political Science

MSc, International Relations 2011
Dissertation: *Ignoring the People or Just Knowing Better? Reconciling
Foreign Policy Analysis' Poliheuristic Theory with Britain's Participation
in the 2003 Iraq War*

University of Michigan

B.A., Political Science with Distinction and Highest Honors 2010
Honors Thesis: *Examining the Marginals: Electoral Security and Voting
in the United Kingdom's House of Commons*

Research Interests

Comparative political institutions, federalism and devolution, political party organization, British and Western European politics

Working Papers

“Why Nationalised Parties Support Regional Devolution: Theories and Evidence from the United Kingdom”

“Principle or Pressure? Distinguishing Party Discipline and Party Cohesion in the United Kingdom”

“Decentralization and Minority Government Support in Spain”
“Coalition Partners and Policy Preferences: Party Type and Government Policies”

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

American Political Science Association: 2016 and 2019
Workshop on Theoretical and Methodological Innovations in Comparative Politics, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics: 2018
European Political Science Association: 2016
Workshop on Multilevel Governance, Decentralization, and Regionalism, VU Amsterdam: 2016
Southern California Comparative Political Institutions: 2013, 2014, and 2016
UCLA Center for European and Russian Studies: 2016
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute: 2015
Midwestern Political Science Association: 2013 and 2015
UCLA Comparative Politics Association (COMPASS): 2014

Grants and Awards

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division: 2017/2018
Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division: 2014/2015
Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, UCLA Center for European and Eurasian Studies: 2014
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division: 2012 and 2013
Pauley Fellowship, UCLA: 2011/2012
Grace Award for Best University of Michigan Undergraduate Thesis: 2010

Teaching

As Lecturer (Loyola Marymount University)

Comparative Politics (POLS 1400-03)
Comparative Political Regimes (3988-02)

As Lecturer (UC Merced, Undergraduate)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLI 003)
Comparative Political Behavior (POLI 135)
Transitions to Democracy (POLI 140)
Institutions of Democracy (POLI 130)
Comparative Political Parties (POLI 190-3)
British Politics (POLI 190-2)

As Lecturer or Instructor (UCLA, Undergraduate)

Politics and Strategy (Game Theory) (PS 30, online)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 50)
Comparative Constitutional Design (PS 166)
Political Parties in Comparative Perspective (PS 169)
Nationalism, Separatism, and Anti-Globalization (PS 169)

As Teaching Assistant (UCLA, Undergraduate)

Politics and Strategy (Game Theory) (PS 30)

Introduction to World Politics (PS 30)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 50)
Political Economy of Development (PS M167C/ IDS 100B)
Governance and Conflict (GS 100A)

Other Academic and Professional Employment

GeoQuant Inc. Consultant	2021
International Poverty Alliance Data Analyst	2021
Graduate Research Assistant Prof. Georgia Kernell: 2016 Prof. Michael Ross: 2014 Prof. Michael Thies: 2012 – 2014	2012 - 2016
Data Analyst, IMS Expert Services	2017
Reader, UCLA Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 50) Globalization and Markets (GS 1) Comparative Constitutional Design (PS 166)	2014 – 2015
Intern, The Hon. Shona McIsaac, MP (UK)	2008

University Services

Senior Student Mentor, UCLA: 2015/2016
UCLA Comparative Politics Association (COMPASS)
Coordinator: 2012/2013
Conference organization committee: 2012 – 2016
Conference discussant or chair: 2012 – 2016, 2018-2019

References

Dr. Michael Thies (Dissertation Chair)
Chair, Global Studies and Interdepartmental Program
Chair, International & Area Studies Interdepartmental Program
Associate Professor
Department of Political Science,
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