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EMPLOYMENT

University of Virginia

Associate Professor of Politics and Policy	2018 - Present
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Lawmaking	2020 - Present

University of Houston

Associate Professor of Political Science	2017 - 2018
Assistant Professor of Political Science	2012 - 2017

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	May 2012
PhD, Department of Political Science	

Appalachian State University	May 2007
MA, Department of Political Science	

Campbell University	May 2003
BA, Department of Government	

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- Kirkland, Justin H. and Jeffrey J. Harden. 2022. *The Illusion of Accountability: Transparency and Representation in American State Legislatures*. New York: Cambridge University Press (In Press, Forthcoming July 2022).
- Kirkland, Justin H. and Jonathan B. Slapin. 2018. *Roll Call Rebels: Strategic Dissent in the United States and United Kingdom*. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge Elements in American Politics Series.
- Harden, Jeffrey J. and Justin H. Kirkland. 2018. *Indecision in American Legislatures*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press. Legislative Politics and Policymaking Series.

Reviewed in *Political Science Quarterly*, *American Review of Politics*, and *Congress and the Presidency*.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- Burke, Richard, Justin H. Kirkland, and Jonathan B. Slapin. 2021. "Party Competition, Personal Votes, and Strategic Disloyalty in the US States." *Political Research Quarterly*. Vol. 74 (4).
- Clifford, Scott, Elizabeth N. Simas, and Justin H. Kirkland. 2021. "Do Elections Keep the Compassionate out of the Candidate Pool?" *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Vol. 85 (2).

- Harden, Jeffrey J. and Justin H. Kirkland. 2021. “Does Transparency Inhibit Political Compromise.” With Jeffrey J. Harden. *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 65 (2).
 - * *Co-Winner of the 2021 Best Journal Article Award from the State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association.*
- Harden, Jeffrey J., Justin H. Kirkland, and Patrick E. Shea. 2021. “Legislative Transparency and Credit Risk.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 46 (1).
- Kong, Amanda Y., Meagan O. Robichaud, Kurt M. Ribisl, Justin H. Kirkland, and Shelley D. Golden. 2020. “Characteristics of Proposed and Enacted State Tobacco Control Legislation, 2010-2015.” *Journal of Public Health Policy*. Vol. 41 (3).
- Slapin, Jonathan B. and Justin H. Kirkland. 2020. “The Sound of Rebellion: Voting Dissent and Legislative Speech in the UK House of Commons.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 45 (2).
- Simas, Elizabeth N., Scott Clifford, and Justin H. Kirkland. 2020. “How Empathic Concern Fuels Political Polarization.” *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 114 (1).
- Clifford, Scott, Justin H. Kirkland, and Elizabeth N. Simas. 2019. “How Dispositional Empathy and Influences Nascent Political Ambition.” *The Journal of Politics*. Vol. 81 (3).
- Kirkland, Justin H. and Kevin K. Banda. 2019. “Perceived Ideological Distance and Trust in Congress.” *Social Science Quarterly*. Vol. 100 (5).
- Gross, Justin H., and Justin H. Kirkland. 2019. “Rivals or Allies? A Multilevel Analysis of Cosponsorship within State Delegations in the U.S. Senate.” *Congress & The Presidency*. Vol. 46 (2).
- McBrayer, Markie, Patrick E. Shea, and Justin H. Kirkland. 2018. “Federalism, Fiscal Stability, and the Credit Worthiness of U.S. State Governments.” *Statistics, Politics, and Policy*. Vol. 9 (1).
- Slapin, Jonathan B., Justin H. Kirkland, Joseph Lazzaro, Patrick E. Leslie, and Tom O’Grady. 2018. “Ideology, Grandstanding, and Strategic Party Disloyalty in British Parliament.” *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 112 (1).
- Banda, Kevin K. and Justin H. Kirkland. 2018. “Legislative Party Polarization and Trust in State Legislatures.” *American Politics Research*. Vol. 46 (4).
- Kirkland, Justin H. and Mary Kroeger. 2018. “Companion Bills and Cross-Chamber Collaboration in the U.S. Congress.” *American Politics Research*. Vol. 46 (4).
- Kirkland, Justin H. and Jonathan B. Slapin. 2017. “Ideology and Strategic Party Disloyalty in the US Congress.” *Electoral Studies*. Vol. 49.
 - * *Winner of the 2015 Leon Weaver Award for Best Paper Presented in the Representation and Electoral Systems Section of the American Political Science Association.*
- Kim, Yeaji, Leonardo Antenangeli, and Justin H. Kirkland. 2016. “Measurement Error and Attenuation Bias in Exponential Random Graph Models.” *Statistics, Politics, and Policy*. Vol. 7 (1).
- Kirkland, Justin H. and Jeffrey J. Harden. 2016. “Representation, Competing Principals, and Waffling on Bills in U.S. Legislatures.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 41 (3).
 - * *Winner of the 2015 Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.*
- Harden, Jeffrey J. and Justin H. Kirkland. 2016. “Public Financing and the Electoral Connection Between Private Donors and Legislators.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 41 (1).
- Kirkland, Justin H. and R. Lucas Williams. 2015. “Representation, Neighboring Districts, and Party Loyalty in the U.S. Congress.” *Public Choice*. Vol. 165 (3).

- Hall, Matt E. K., Justin H. Kirkland, and Jason Harold Windett. 2015. "Holding Steady on Shifting Sands: Counter-majoritarian Decision Making in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Vol. 79 (2).
- Kirkland, Justin H. 2014. "Ideological Heterogeneity and Legislative Polarization in the United States." *Political Research Quarterly*. Vol. 67 (3).
- Kirkland, Justin H. and R. Lucas Williams. 2014. "Partisanship and Reciprocity in Cross-Chamber Legislative Interactions." *The Journal of Politics*. Vol 76 (3).
- Kirkland, Justin H. 2014. "Chamber Size Effects on the Collaborative Structure of Legislatures." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 39 (2).
- Kirkland, Justin H. and Justin H. Gross. 2014. "Measurement and Theory in Legislative Networks: The Evolving Topology of Congressional Cooperation." *Social Networks*. Vol. 36 (1).
- Kirkland, Justin H. 2013. "Hypothesis Testing for Group Structure in Legislative Networks." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 13 (2).
- Kirkland, Justin H. 2013. "Wallet- Based Redistricting: Evidence for the Concentration of Wealth in Majority Party Districts." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 13 (1).
- Cranmer, Skyler J., Bruce Desmarais, and Justin H. Kirkland. 2012. "Toward a Network Theory of Alliance Formation." *International Interactions*. Vol. 38 (3).
- Kirkland, Justin H. 2012. "Multi-Member Districts' Effect on Collaboration Between U.S. State Legislators." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 37 (3).
- Lowery, David, Virginia Gray, Justin H. Kirkland, and Jeffrey J. Harden. 2012. "Generalist Interest Organizations and Interest System Density: A Test of the Competitive Exclusion Hypothesis." *Social Science Quarterly*. Vol 93 (1).
- Benz, Jennifer, Justin H. Kirkland, Virginia Gray, David Lowery, Jennifer Sykes, and Mary Deason. 2011. "Mediated Density: The Indirect Relationship Between Public Policy and PACs." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 11 (4).
- Kirkland, Justin H. 2011. "The Relational Determinants of Legislative Outcomes: Strong and Weak Ties Between Legislators." *The Journal of Politics*. Vol. 73 (3).
- Kirkland, Justin H., Virginia Gray and David Lowery. 2010. "Policy Agendas, Party Control, and PAC Contributions in the American States." *Business and Politics*. Vol. 12 (4).
- Lowery, David, Virginia Gray, Jennifer Benz, Mary Deason, Justin Kirkland and Jennifer Sykes. 2009. "Understanding the Relationship between Health PACs and Health Lobbying in the American States." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. Vol. 39 (1).

Other:

- Kirkland, Justin H. and Jeffrey J. Harden. 2018. "Gridlock, Compromise, and Representation." *The Legislative Scholar* 3(1): 16–17
- Herrnson, Paul S. and Justin H. Kirkland. 2015. "Political Parties and Campaign Finance Networks." *The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*. eds. Jennifer Victor, Mark Lubell, and Alexander Montgomery.
- Kirkland, Justin H. 2014. Book Review for *The Gingrich Senators: The Roots of Partisan Warfare in Congress* by Sean Theriault. *American Review of Politics*.
- Kirkland, Justin H. and Justin H. Gross. 2011. "Legislative Networks." *The Encyclopedia of Social Networks*. Sage Press.

PROJECTS IN PREPARATION

- “Perceptions of Party Congruence and Nascent Political Ambition.” with Scott Clifford and Elizabeth N. Simas. Invited to revise and resubmit at *Political Behavior*.
- “How Competition, Incumbency, and Partisanship Inform Campaign Expenditures on Internal Polls.” With Kevin K. Banda, Galen Sheely, and Jason H. Windett.
- “Adaptation, Replacement, and Polarization in US Legislatures.” with Jason Windett, Jeffrey Harden, Rachel Porter, and Nathaniel Birkhead.
- “Polarization, Policy Stability, and the Accuracy of US State Budget Forecasting.” with Patrick Shea.
- “Professionalism and Policy Outcomes in US Legislatures.” with Jeffrey Harden, Mackenzie Dobson, and Jacob Lollis.
- “Subnational Government, Party Politics, and the Rise of Ideological Extremism.” with Jonathan Slapin and Susan Scarrow.

GRANTS

- National Science Foundation Collaborative Research Grant, (RAISE- 1937033), *The Federalism Data and Advanced Statistical Hub*, 2019-2020. Co-PI with Jason Windett, Jeffrey Harden, Nathaniel Birkhead, Mary Kroeger, Samira Shaikh, Isaac Cho, Stephanie Moller, Gordon Hull, and Audrey Joslin.
- Summer Research Grant, University of Virginia, 2019.
- New Faculty Research Grant, University of Houston, 2014.
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (SES-1023937), *The Relational Nature of Legislating*, 2010-2011. Co-PI with Thomas Carsey.
- Annual Meeting Travel Grant, Society for Political Methodology, 2010, 2011.
- Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Federation, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2009.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Emerging Scholar Award, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association, 2018.
- University of Houston Teaching Excellence Award, 2015-2016.
- Leon Weaver Award for Best Paper Presented in the Representation and Electoral Systems Section of the American Political Science Association, 2015
- Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2015
- James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research by a Graduate Student, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2012.
- Best Graduate Student Poster Award, State Politics and Policy Conference, 2010.
- Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Fellowship, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2010.
- Thomas M. Uhlman Travel Award, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2010.

- American Politics Research Group, Summer Research Fellowship, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2008.
- Q. Whitfield Ayres Fellowship, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2007-2008.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “Transparency, Interest Group Access, and Public Participation in State Legislative Processes.” University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy, April 2022.
- “The Illusion of Accountability: Transparency and Representation in US State Legislatures.” ITAM Department of Political Science, March 2022.
- “The Illusion of Accountability: Transparency and Representation in US State Legislatures.” University of Wisconsin Madison, Empirical Study of State Politics and Policy Conference, February 2022 (Postponed by COVID-19).
- “Transparency and Compromise in State Legislatures.” Texas Tech University, Department of Political Science, Speaker Series, April 2020 (Postponed by COVID-19).
- “Transparency and Compromise in State Legislatures.” University of Colorado, Department of Political Science, American Politics Lab, January 2020.
- “Transparency and Creditworthiness in the US States.” Texas A&M University. The Political Economic Implications of Legislative Institutions. February 2019.
- “The Sound of Rebellion: Voting Dissent and Legislative Speech in the UK House of Commons.” University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative. October 2018.
- “Indecision in American Legislatures.” University of Notre Dame, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy Book Launch Series. September 2018.
- “Strategic Party Disloyalty.” The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, American Politics Speaker Series, March 2018.
- “Indecision in U.S. Legislatures.” The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Political Science, American Politics Research Group, March 2016.
- “Companion Bill Introductions as Signaling Devices: The Logic of Cross-Chamber Collaboration.” University of Colorado–Boulder, Department of Political Science, July 2014.
- “Cross-Chamber Reciprocity in the Texas Legislature.” University of Wisconsin–Madison, European Union Center for Excellence, Conference on Legislative Networks in a Transatlantic Perspective, April 2013.
- “Partisanship and Reciprocity in Cross-Chamber Legislative Interactions.” Saint Louis University, Department of Political Science, April 2013.
- “Hypothesis Testing with Network Partition Quality Statistics.” Duke University, Department of Political Science Methodology Workshop, September 2011.
- “Measuring Uncertainty in Community Detection for Weighted Networks.” Pennsylvania State University, New Faces in Political Methodology, May 2011.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- American Political Science Association Conference: 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016
- Political Networks Conference: 2010, 2013

- State Politics and Policy Conference: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2016
- Southern Political Science Association Conference: 2007, 2013, 2015
- North Carolina Political Science Association Conference: 2006
- European Political Science Association: 2016, 2017, 2018

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Virginia:

- Talbott Visiting Professorship Search Committee, Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy (2018-2019)
- Summer Stipend Award Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2018-2020)
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Politics (2018-Present)
- Steering Committee, Quantitative Collaborative (2018-present)

University of Houston:

- Chair, Department Outreach Committee (2017-2018)
- Graduate Methods Field Chair (2014-2015)
- Instructor, Workshop for Applicants to Graduate School (2014-2015), Department of Political Science
- Departmental Graduate Committee (2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2016-2017)
- Departmental Undergraduate Committee (2013-2014)
- College of Liberal Arts and Social Science Technology Advisory Committee (2013-2014)

Professional:

- Co-Editor, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2019-Current
- Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 2017- Current
- Editorial Board Member, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 2014- Current
- Executive Council Member, State Politics and Policy Section of APSA, 2015- 2017
- Executive Council Member, Political Networks Section of APSA, 2015- 2017
- Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018)
- Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2014)
- Panel Discussant, State Politics and Policy Conference (2014, 2018)
- Member, Leon Weaver Award Committee for Best Paper on Representation and Electoral Systems (2016), Representation and Electoral Systems Section of the American Political Science Association
- Chair, Political Ties Award Committee for Best Paper Published on Political Networks (2012-2014, 2021), Political Networks Organized Section of the American Political Science Association

- Member, Virginia Gray Best Book Award Committee (2015), State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association
- Graduate Student Coordinator, Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting (PolMeth XXX), July 19-21, 2012
- Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *The Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Public Choice*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Social Networks*, *Network Science*, *The Social Science Journal*, SUNY Press, National Science Foundation

PH.D. STUDENT ADVISING AND CURRENT PLACEMENT

University of Virginia:

- B. Kal Munis (committee member) - Assistant Professor, Utah Valley University
- Kim Ganczak (dissertation advisor) - Data Scientist, Castle Hill Gaming
- Richard Burke (dissertation advisor) - Current ABD
- Rachel Smilan-Goldstein (committee member) - Current ABD
- Joe Amoroso (dissertation advisor) - Current ABD

University of Houston:

- R. Lucas Williams (committee member) - Assistant Professor, Misericordia College
- Yeaji Kim (committee member) - Assistant Professor, California State University, Dominguez Hills
- Markie McBrayer (committee member) - Assistant Professor, University of Idaho
- Phillip Waggoner (dissertation advisor) - Data Scientist, Edison Software
- Matthew Ward (committee member) - Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Louisiana Lafayette