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Academic Record:

Ph.D., Texas A&M University, December 2009
Fields: American Politics, Political Theory
Committee: Jon R. Bond (chair), Patricia A. Hurley, Cary J. Nederman,
William West
Dissertation: *The Institutional Consequences of Congressional
Polarization*

B.A., Clemson University, 2002

Academic Appointments:

Lecturer, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of
Central Florida, 2017-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Central
Florida, 2010-17

Administrative Appointments:

Undergraduate Coordinator, School of Politics, Security, and International
Affairs, University of Central Florida, 2018-present.

Teaching:

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate:
University of Central Florida, 2010-present
“American National Government” (Honors)
“Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Political Theory” (face-to-face)
“Congress and the Legislative Process” (face-to-face and virtual)

“Judicial Politics and Process” (face-to-face and virtual)
“The American Presidency” (face-to-face)
“Scope and Methods of Political Science” (face-to-face and virtual)
“Presidential Campaigning” (virtual)
Texas A&M University, 2008-2010
“Congressional Politics”
“State and Local Government”

Graduate:
University of Central Florida, 2010-present
“Congress and the Legislative Process”

Teaching Interests:

American Politics
Political Theory- Classic, Modern, and American Political Thought
American Political Institutions- Congress, Presidency, Judiciary
Research Methods

Student Research Supervision:

Student Research Committee Service, University of Central Florida
Ph.D. Dissertation Committees: 1
Master’s Thesis Committees: 6
Undergraduate Honor’s Thesis Committees: 8

Other Activities:

Coordinator of Model U.S. Senate Team, University of Central Florida, 2018-present.
Duties are to recruit and prepare students for the annual Floyd M. Riddick Model Senate at Stetson University, Deland, Florida, with the eventual goal of establishing a permanent student organization.
Team Member Awards: Best Senator, 2018 Floyd M. Riddick Model Senate, Stetson University.

Professional Service:

University Committees:

Member, Undergraduate Committee, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida, 2010-2012, 2013-14, 2015- , (Chair, 2018-).

Chair, Undergraduate Assessment Committee, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida, 2018-

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, 2012-2013, 2014-15

Member, Methods Committee, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida, 2010-18

Member, Awards Committee, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida, 2015-18

Member, American Politics Regional Campus Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2010-2011

Member, American Politics Regional Campus Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2011-2012

Member, Visiting Instructor Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2015

Member, Political Science Department Computer Resources Committee, Texas A&M University 2006- 2007.

Professional Association Memberships:

Midwest Political Science Association

Scholarly Activity:

Publications:

Thomas Dolan and Nathan A. Ilderton. 2017. "Scared into Demanding Action: Perceived Threat from Terrorism and Policy Salience" *Polity* 49 (April) 245-69.

Erik K. Godwin and Nathan A. Ilderton. 2014. "Presidential Defense: Decisions and Strategies to Preserve the Status Quo." *Political Research Quarterly* 67 (December): 715-28.

Jon R. Bond, Richard Fleisher, and Nathan A. Ilderton. 2012. "Was the Tea Party Responsible for the Republican Victory in the 2010 House Elections?" *The Forum*.

Working Papers:

"The Tools of Control: U.S. House Committees in a Polarized Congress"

"Has *Citizens United* Won Elections? The Impact of Super PACs on Congressional Election Outcomes."

Research Interests:

Congressional Politics
American Political Institutions

Institutional Interactions
Representation

Conference Presentations (Since 2014):

“Super PACs and Congress? The Impact of Dark Money on Elections.” Paper presented at the 2021 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Convened Virtually.

“The Tools of Control: U.S. House Committees in a Polarized Congress” Paper presented at the 2019 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

“Has *Citizens United* Won Elections? The Impact of Super PACs on Congressional Election Outcomes.” Paper presented at the 2018 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

“Partisanship and Cross Chamber Gridlock in the U.S. Congress.” Paper presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Understanding Gridlock: Interactions between a Polarized Congress and the President.” Paper presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Super PACs in U.S. Senate Elections, 2010-14.” Paper presented at the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“The Effects of Super PACs on Elections to the U.S. House of Representatives.” Paper presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.