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Education:

- *PhD in Political Science, January 2010*, New School for Social Research, New York, NY
Major Field: American Politics Minor Field: Comparative Politics
- *M.A. in Political Science, May 2005*, New School for Social Research, New York, NY
- *B.A., Political Science and American Studies, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa May 2002*, Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts

Academic Position Held:

- Chair, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, 2019-Present
Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
- Associate Professor of Political Science, 2018-Present
Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2012-18
Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas

Books:

- *Introduction to Texas Government*. (With Brenda Norton). OER Textbook, 2021, Updated 2022.
- *Republican Presidents and the Safety Net: From Moderation to Backlash*. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2019).
- *Undeserving: SNAP Reform and Conceptions of the Deserving Poor*. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2018).
- *The Policy and Politics of Food Stamps and SNAP*. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).
- *Mexican Inclusion: The Origins of Anti-Discrimination Policy in Texas and the Southwest*. (College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 2012).

Articles, Chapters, Entries and Book Reviews:

- “Mexicans as a Distinct Class of People” and “The Cabinet Committee on Mexican American Affairs.” *The Chicana and Chicano Movement: From Aztlán to Zapatistas*, Adelaida Del Castillo and Norma Iglesias-Prieto, eds. (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press, forthcoming, 2024).
- “Gerald Ford: A Minority Legislator Promoting New Right Lite.” *Social Science Quarterly*. November 16, 2023.
- “Fair Employment Practices Committee.” *Handbook of Texas*. December 1, 2021.
- “Election of Shirley Chisholm to Congress, 1968” and “Freedom Riders, 1947 and 1961.” *50 Events That Shaped African American History: An Encyclopedia of the American Mosaic*, Jamie J. Wilson, ed. (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2019).
- “The Kerr-Mills Act and the Puzzles of Health Care Reform.” *Social Science Quarterly*. August 20, 2019.
- “History of Race and Racism in New Mexico.” and “History of Race and Racism in Tennessee.” *Racism in the United States: A State by State Encyclopedia*, Patricia Reid Merritt, ed. (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2018).
- “Diplomatic Pressure.” in *The Cultural Fabric of the Americas*, Joshua Hyles, ed. (Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge University Scholars, 2018).
- “Brazil,” “Drug Testing,” “Security, Civil Liberties, and the Law” and “Voting.” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Surveillance, Security, and Privacy*, Bruce A. Arrigo, Joseph Golson, eds. (New York: Sage Publications, 2018).
- “From FDR’s food stamps to Trump’s harvest boxes: The history of helping the poor get enough to eat.” www.theconversation.com. February 15, 2018.
- “Elite Leadership and Racial Liberalism: Dennis Chavez, New Mexico and Anti-discrimination Politics and Policy.” *Congress & The Presidency*. Vol. 44, No. 1 (Spring 2017).
- “Big Government Conservatism: George W. Bush, Welfare Reform and Food Stamps.” *The George W. Bush Presidency: Domestic and Economic Policy*, Meena Bose and Richard Himmelfarb, eds. (Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science, 2016).
- “Borderlands.” (with Carlos Figueroa). *Contemporary Issues for People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today*. Kofi Lomotey, Pamela Braboy Jackson, Muna Adem, Paulina X. Ruf, Valire Carr Copeland, Alvaro Huerta, Norma Iglesias-Prieto, and Donathan L. Brown, eds. (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2016).

- “Taxation and Social Policy” and “Military Service and Immigrant Legal Status” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Economics and Society*, Frederick Wherry, ed. (New York: Sage Publications, 2015).
- “Nixon’s War on Cancer.” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Cancer and Society*, Graham Colditz, ed. (New York: Sage Publications, 2015).
- “Gerald Ford (administration).” *The Sage Encyclopedia of World Poverty*, Mehmet Odkeon, ed. (New York: Sage Publications, 2015).
- “Food Deserts” and “Medicaid.” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*. Linhood H. Cousins and J. Jeffrey Golson, eds. (New York: Sage Publications, 2014).
- “Presidential Policy Directive 20.” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Social Media and Politics*. Kerrie Harvey, J. Jeffrey Golson, eds. (New York: Sage Publications, 2014).
- “Executive Order 8802,” “Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986,” “League of United Latin American Citizens,” “*Plyler v. Doe*,” “Tomas Rivera Policy Institute” and “U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.” *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*. Carlos Cortes, J. Jeffrey Golson, eds. (New York: Sage Publications, 2013).
- Book Review of *Working the Boundaries. International Labor and Working Class History*. (Spring 2007).
- “The Two Directions of American Democracy.” *Canon*. (Fall 2004).

Community Involvement and Presentations:

- Speaker, Juneteenth Celebration, Angelo State University, June 16, 2023
- Interview, KLST, Student Loan Forgiveness, September 2022
- Interview, KLST, Election Laws, October 2021
- Interview, KLST, Constitutional Amendments, October 2021
- Interview, Ram Radio, October 2021
- Constitution Day, Angelo State University, September 2021, September 2022, September 2023
- Interview, Columbus Ohio NPR Station, Food Stamps, August 2021

- Interview, KLST, Afghanistan, August 2021
- Interview, Fox News West Texas, Local Elections, April 2021
- Interview, Fox News West Texas, Immigration, April 2021
- Black History Month Panel, Angelo State University, February 2021
- Interview, Fox News West Texas, Corporate Contributions, January 2021
- Constitution Day, Angelo State University, September 2020
- Interview, KLST/KSAN, Proposition 4 Issues, November 2019
- Participant, Hispanic Heritage Event, September 2019
- Participant, Humanities Month/War Stories, Angelo State University, October 2018
- Participant, Latino Heritage Event, Angelo State University, September 2018
- Poster Presentation, AAUW Conference, Angelo State University, April 2018
- Interview, The Attitude Radio Show, SNAP Issues, February 2018
- Interview, KCBS Radio, SNAP Issues, February 2018
- Interview, *Austin American-Statesman*, Russia Hearings, April 2017
- Interview, KIDY TV, Immigration Issues, January 2017
- Interview, KIDY TV, Election Day, November 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Write In Vote Issues, October 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Presidential Debate Issues, September 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Election 2016 Issues, May 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Immigration Issues, April 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Local Election Issues, April 2016
- Presenter, Gender and the Patriarchy, Angelo State University Philosophy Club, February 2016

- Interviews, KIDY TV, Election 2016 Issues, January-March 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Immigration Issues, January 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Syrian Refugee Issue, November 2015
- Participant, *Miss Representation* Panel Discussion, March 2015
- Speaker, 1 Billion Rising Event, Sponsored by Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center, February 2015.
- CONNECT! Faculty Development Presentation, CONNECT! Showcase, Angelo State University, November 24, 2014.
- “Big Lake Disincorporation Template.” Co-authored with Jack Barbour. Prepared November 2013.
- Participant, Graduate School Panel, Angelo State University, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, November 2013.
- Interview, KLST TV, Angelo State University Civil War Lecture Series, October 2013.
- Guest Speaker on Immigration, San Angelo Rotary Club, October 2013.
- Participant, Civil War Lecture Series, Angelo State University, October 2013.
- Participant, 8! Performance, Angelo State University, April 2013.
- Participant, America In Decline? Panel, Siena College, April 2012.

Papers Presented:

- “Gerald Ford: The President as Minority Legislator.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association. November 4, 2023.
- “Pauline Kibbe and Carlos Castañeda: A Paradoxical Relationship.” Presented at Carlos E. Castañeda’s Catholic Texas, September 21, 2023.
- “Narrowing the Scope: Carter Administration Officials and the Creation of the Department of Education.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Virtual Summer Conference, June 16, 2023.
- “Implementing a Texas Government OER Textbook and Curriculum.” Presented at TTU Libraries Open Education Week Conference, March 10, 2023.

- "Gerald Ford and the End of the Expansionary Welfare State." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, January 14, 2023.
- "Allies and Spies: The Peculiar Case of Pauline Kibbe." Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 11, 2022.
- "Pauline Kibbe: An Imperfect Advocate." Presented at the Southern Political Association, January 15, 2022.
- "One Size Fits All." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, January 7, 2021.
- "From *Hombres Aqui* to Contemporary Problems." Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 30, 2018.
- "Diplomatic Pressure." Presented at the Eugene Scassa Model Organization of American States Academic Conference. November 11, 2017.
- "Reforming SNAP and the Deserving Poor." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, January 12, 2017.
- "People of Mexican Origin, Fair Employment and the Southwest 1944-1964." Presented at the Policy History Conference, June 1, 2016.
- "SNAP Reform: Punitive Policies, Moral Failings and the Creation of Social Policy" Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 26, 2016.
- "Borders and Boundaries." Presented at the Canadian Political Science Association, June 4, 2015.
- "Challenging Plyler: Child Migrants and Public Schools" Presented at the Western Political Science Association, April 4, 2015.
- "Big Government Conservatism, Expanding and Reframing Food Stamps." Presented at George W. Bush Presidential Conference, Hofstra University, March 25, 2015.
- "The Enduring Stamp of *Plyler*: MALDEF, *Plyler v. Doe* and Undocumented Immigrants." Presented at the American Political Science Association, August 28, 2014.
- "Blockages and Boundaries: Racial Orders, Immigration Restriction and Criminal Justice." Presented at the Western Political Science Association, April 18, 2014.
- "Moral Entrepreneurs, Colorblindness and Immigration Restriction." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3, 2014.

- “SNAP Reform.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association. November 15, 2013.
- “Fighting Juan Crow,” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 30, 2013.
- “No Rights and No Revolution” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 22, 2012.
- “Degrees of Opportunity” Presented at the American Political Science Association, September 1, 2011.
- “Laboratories of Democracy: State Level Fair Employment in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, April 21, 2011.
- “Post-War Endurance: Anti-Discrimination Policy in the Southwest 1945-1951.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22, 2010.
- “A New Day for the Heartland: Latino Political Incorporation in the Midwest.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22, 2010.
- “Bridges and Boundaries: Transnational Issue Networks and the FEPC.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, April 1, 2010.
- “Building Incorporation Through Small Scale State-building: People of Mexican Origin and the FEPC, 1942-45.” Presented at the New England Political Science Association, May 8, 2009.
- “Building Incorporation: The Mexican Government, Mexican Americans, and the FEPC 1942-1945.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 14, 2008.
- “Shaping Discourse and Policy: People of Mexican Origin and the FEPC.” Presented at the American Political Science Association, August 31, 2007
- “Beyond Ethnic Solutions to Racial Problems” Presented at the New School for Social Research Department of Political Science Conference, Dialogues on Power, April 26, 2007
- “Democracy at Home: The Incorporation of People of Mexican Origin into Anti-Discrimination Policy, 1941-1948.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12, 2007

- “Unfulfilled Promise: The Ambiguous Place of Mexican Americans in the Origins of Anti-Discrimination Policy 1941-1964.” Presented at the National Conference on Race and US Political Development, May 12, 2006.
- “Ten Years Later: Affirmative Action and the University of California.” Presented at the Georgia Political Science Association, November 11, 2005.

Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Ethnic Studies, Angelo State University (Spring 2024)
- Introduction to Political Science, Angelo State University (Fall 2022)
- Model Organization of American States, Angelo State University (Fall 2018, Fall 2020)
- Internship in Political Science, Angelo State University (Summer 2017, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
- Graduate Seminar in Foreign Policy, Angelo State University (Spring 2017)
- Texas Government, Angelo State University (Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Summer 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023)
- Federal Government, Angelo State University (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)
- International Relations and the Western Hemisphere, Angelo State University (Fall 2016, Fall 2021)
- Graduate Seminar in Public Policy, Angelo State University (Fall 2015)
- Nonprofit Management, Angelo State University (Spring 2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021)
- United States Foreign Policy, Angelo State University (Fall 2013, Spring 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2020)
- Independent Study, Angelo State University (Spring 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2020, Summer 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
- Urban Problems and Public Policy, Angelo State University (Spring 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Spring 2022)

- Federal and State Government Online Version, Angelo State University (Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016)
- Federal and State Government, Angelo State University (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016)
- Scope and Methods of Political Science, Angelo State University (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014)
- World Politics, Siena College (Spring 2012)
- Refugee and Migration Studies, Siena College (Spring 2012)
- United States Foreign Policy, Siena College (Fall 2011)
- European Politics, Siena College (Fall 2011)
- American Political Thought, Oberlin College (Spring 2011)
- Gender, Sexuality and the Law, Oberlin College (Spring 2011)
- Seminar on Immigration, Oberlin College (Spring 2011)
- Race, Ethnicity and the American Political System, Oberlin College (Fall 2010)
- American Political Development, Oberlin College (Fall 2010)
- The American Presidency, Monmouth College (Spring 2010)
- Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration, Monmouth College (Spring 2010)
- Introduction to American Politics, Monmouth College (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)
- Political Philosophy, Monmouth College (Fall 2009)
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (Spring 2008)
- Teaching Assistant, The U.S. Constitution in Historical Perspective, The New School University Lectures (Spring 2007)
- World Civilizations II, Pratt Institute (Spring 2006)

Professional and Service Experience:

- Reviewer, *Journal of Public Policy*, October 2023
- Reviewer, *Social Science Quarterly*, July 2023
- Chief Judge, Region XV Citizen Bee, March 2023
- Faculty Advisor, NAACP, August 2022-Present
- Presenter, CRASH Workshop, Angelo State University, August 2022
- Session Leader, Region XV Teacher Train Conference, Angelo State University, August 2022
- Alternate Member, Admissions Appeals Committee, Angelo State University, Summer 2022-Present
- Rammys Presenter, Angelo State University, April 2022
- Judge, Region XV Citizen Bee, April 2022
- Team Leader, Values Journey Team, Angelo State University, November 2021-August 2022
- Director, UIL Current Issues & Events, Angelo State University, 2021-Present
- Member, Foreign Affairs Speaker Committee, 2021-Present
- Reviewer, *State Policy & Politics Quarterly*, Spring 2021
- Certificate in Teaching and Learning, Escala Institute, Spring 2021
- Participant, Values Summit, Angelo State University, February 2021
- Member, Search Committee, 20th Century US History, Angelo State University, 2020-21
- Member, Strategic Planning Council, Angelo State University, Fall 2020
- Member, SACSCOC Policy Committee, Angelo State University, 2019-2022
- Co-Principal Investigator, Greatest Generation Oral History Project, Angelo State University, Fall 2019-Present
- Reviewer, *Social Forces*, Fall 2019

- Advisor, Student Government Association, Angelo State University, 2019-Present
- Reviewer, Oxford University Press, Summer 2019
- Member, Davidson Chair in Physical Therapy Selection Committee, Angelo State University, June 2019
- Chairman, Selection Committee, Rodgers Faculty Award, Angelo State University, Spring 2019
- Member, Selection Committee, Rodgers Administrator Award, Angelo State University, Spring 2019
- Reviewer, *Social Problems*, 2019-2020
- Assistant Director, UIL Current Issues & Events, Angelo State University, 2019-2021
- Dual Credit Liaison, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, 2019-Present
- Reviewer, Open Educational Resources, Angelo State University, Spring 2019
- Member, Honors Thesis Committee, Angelo State University, Spring 2019
- Member, Dean of Arts and Humanities Search Committee, Angelo State University, Spring 2019
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Evaluations, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- Master Plan Committee, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Second Year Retention, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- President, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- Chairman, Departmental Peer Review Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, Fall 2018
- Member, Student Service Fee Committee, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- Vice President, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2017-18
- Member, ORP Committee, Angelo State University, 2017-19

- Chair, Committee on Committees, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2017-18
- Member, Instructor Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, Spring 2017
- Member, Academic Integrity Committee, Angelo State University, 2016-2017
- Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2016-2017
- Member, College of Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee, Angelo State University, 2016-17, 2019-Present
- Faculty Steering Committee, Eugene Scassa Model Organization of American States, 2016-2022
- College of Graduate Studies Representative, Master's Thesis Committees, Angelo State University, 2016-Present
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee, Gary Rodgers Administrator Award, Angelo State University, May 2016
- Member, Graduate Faculty, Angelo State University, April 2016-Present
- Member, Tenure Track Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, Spring 2016
- Chair, Instructor Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, Spring 2016
- Model Organization of American States Advisor, Angelo State University, 2016-2021
- Member, Academic Assessment Committee, Angelo State University, 2015-2018
- Political Science and Philosophy Senator, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2015-18
- Chair, Instructor Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, 2014-15
- Member, Western Political Science Association Dissertation Award Committee, 2014-15
- Member, Honors Thesis Committee, Angelo State University, Spring 2014
- Reviewer, Oxford University Press, 2013-14

- Completed QM Online Course Training, Angelo State University, Fall 2013
- Member, Research Enhancement Program Committee, Angelo State University, 2013-14
- Member, College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Angelo State University, 2013-16
- Assisting with Angelo State Department of Political Science and Philosophy Assessment Efforts, Spring 2013-Present
- Angelo State Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Government and Public Service Internship Program Selection Sub-Committee, 2013-2018
- Reviewer, Cengage Learning, Spring 2013; Spring 2017
- Reviewer, Routledge, Fall 2012
- Member, Talking About Teaching Reading Group, Siena College, Spring 2012
- Reviewer, *Journal of Church and State*, 2011-12
- Member, Interdisciplinary Empire Reading Group, Oberlin College, 2010-11
- Co-Advisor, Pre-Law Society, Monmouth College, 2009-10
- Facilitator, *Great Decisions*, Monmouth College, Spring 2010
- Co-Organizer, Interpreting Politics in the 21st Century Conference, New School for Social Research, May 2009
- Coordinator of Student Advising, New School for Social Research, August 2007-July 2009
- Political Science Student Advisor, New School for Social Research May 2007-July 2007
- Participant, Pedagogy Workshop, New School for Social Research, Spring 2007
- Student Representative, New School for Social Research Committee on Student Academic Affairs, September 2006-May 2007
- Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, New School for Social Research, January 2006-May 2008

- Representative, New School for Social Research Dean's Advisory Committee, February 2005-May 2009
- Treasurer/Fee Board Representative, Union of Political Science Students, New School for Social Research, March 2004-May 2007

Grants and Awards Received:

- Co-Principal Investigator, "All History is Local: Celebrating the People of West Texas" (\$69,999), Library of Congress, 2023
- Faculty Excellence Award in Research/Creative Endeavor (\$500), Angelo State University, 2023
- Co-recipient, OER Grant (\$21,474), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2020
- Faculty Excellence Award in Research/Creative Endeavor (\$500), Angelo State University, 2018
- Recipient, Research Enhancement Grant (\$6,300), Angelo State University, 2013-14
- Recipient, CONNECT! Grant (\$10,000), Angelo State University, 2013-2015
- Recipient, Lee H. Benton Fund Award for Faculty Support, Oberlin College, April 2011
- Recipient, Janey Program in Latin American Studies (\$1,400), New School for Social Research Field Research Grant, May 2007

Language Skills:

- Advanced proficiency in French and Spanish