

## JAKOB MILLER

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Taylor University**  
*Assistant Professor*

Upland, IN  
Fall 2017 - Present

### EDUCATION

**The Ohio State University**  
**Ph.D Political Science**  
Advisor: Thomas Nelson, Ph.D.  
Thesis: "All of the People, All of the Time: An Analysis of Public Reaction to the Use of Deception by Political Elites"

Columbus, OH  
May 2017

**Purdue University**  
**B.A. Political Science**

West Lafayette, IN  
May 2011

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Majors Overseen:** Politics and Public Service, Politics and Law

#### Selected Teaching Interests

- Introduction to American Politics
- Media and Politics
- Political Communication
- The American Presidency
- Congress
- Campaigns and Elections
- Experimental Design
- Survey and Questionnaire Design
- Populations and Sampling
- Research Methodology
- Quantitative Analysis
- Political Behavior

#### Courses Taught

**Taylor University**  
**Constitutional Law**

Upland, IN

- Worked with the Halbrook Distinguished Chair of Government to deliver a sophisticated constitutional law course
- Involved high-profile guest speakers, including former solicitor-general Fisher

**Taylor University**  
**Campaigns and Elections**

Upland, IN

- Taught an original upper level course to varying student backgrounds
- Arranged guest speakers to give students real-world practical experience
- Managed volunteer work for students both on and off campus
- Created practical work assignments, such as ad creation, to ensure students gain actionable political skills

**Taylor University**  
**American Politics**

Upland, IN  
 Fall 2017

- Taught an original introductory course to sections of 25 students, at varying levels of preparation
- Held both group and one-on-one tutoring sessions for students to increase both knowledge and competence
- Promoted internships and involvement with exterior political organizations
- Created practical work assignments, such as speech analysis or legal forecasts, to ensure students gain actionable political skills
- Assigned white papers, policy write-ups, and other applied sources to increase student familiarity with political output

**Taylor University**  
**Public Policy**

Upland, IN  
 Fall 2017

- Taught an original policy course to 40 students of widely varying majors
- Promoted internships, law schools, and sent students to volunteer at local political events
- Designed practical work assignments: students end the course having created and presented a professional policy memo suitable for action group use
- Using a policy process approach, introduced students to CBA, outcome testing, regression analysis, and other career skills for policy workers

**Taylor University**  
**Constitutional Development**

Upland, IN  
 Fall 2017

- Taught an original Constitutional course to 8 upper-level students
- Developed students' ability to read, interpret, and respond to authentic court cases
- Guided students from the foundational Christian principles of Constitutionalism through modern political controversies

**The Ohio State University**  
**Instructor, Introduction to American Politics**

Columbus, OH  
 January 2015 - 2017

- Taught an original introductory course to 40-60 students, both majors and non-majors
- Ensured student competency in political science concepts and research skills for advanced coursework
- Provided one-on-one tutoring to improve student proficiency and confidence
- Created multimedia student engagement materials in order to support colleagues' teaching efforts
- Designed assessment measures in order to provide evidence of departmental excellence in undergraduate achievement

**The Ohio State University**  
**Instructor, The American Presidency**

Columbus, OH  
 May 2014 - 2016

- Conducted an original advanced seminar on the presidency to 30-50 senior political science students
- Taught students to read, analyze, and critique the modern political science literature
- Fostered student involvement in the political process, including debate- and speech-watching events
- Prepared students to perform original political science research

**The Ohio State University**  
**Guest Lecturer, Data Analytics**

Columbus, OH  
 Autumn 2014

- Taught a small seminar of graduate students the principles of bootstrapping
- Created assignment materials to ensure students had practical, not only theoretical, knowledge
- Assisted students with the use of advanced statistical packages

**The Ohio State University**  
**Assistant, The American Congress**

Columbus, OH  
 Autumn 2013

- Assisted with the delivery of a 60-student class on the American Congress for both majors and non-majors
- Guided students through the creation of in-depth legislator research
- Offered one-on-one student interaction/tutoring to respond to personal inquiries about class content

**The Ohio State University**  
**Instructor/Assistant, Mass Media and Politics**

Columbus, OH  
 January 2013 - 2017

- Assisted with the operation of a large-scale (>100 students) class on political communication
- Delivered guest lectures on a variety of topics, including biased information processing and policy dissemination
- Created an original syllabus and lecture series when taking sole responsibility for the course
- Devised and operated a class-wide participation assessment system to ensure individual student attention
- Wrote and proctored essay assignments in order to guide students through analysis of their own media consumption

**Education Training:**

**Bedi Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence**

- Underwent training on Title IX, student learning modes, advising, technology use, and accommodating students with special needs, among others

**Faith Integration Workshop**

- Studied with Dr. Bird on the integration of faith and our academic disciplines

**University Center for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT)**

- Underwent training on course design and feedback, academic misconduct prevention, grading accuracy and efficiency improvement, and student relationship management

**Ohio State University Political Science Teaching Workshop Series**

- Received personal training on Political Science-specific instructional methods from senior Ohio State Political Science faculty

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Kuyers/INCHE Conference**  
**Presenter**  
*The Zacchaeus Option*

Grand Rapids, MI  
 Oct. 2019

**Indiana Political Science Conference**  
**Presenter**  
*Expectancy Violations and Elite Deception*

Evansville, IN  
 March 2018

**Southern Political Science Annual Meeting****Presenter***All the People, All of the Time?*

San Juan, PR

January 2016

**Decision Sciences Collaborative Annual Research Forum****Presenter***Public Reaction to Elite Deception*

Columbus, OH

April 2015

**POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE****Selected Research Interests**

- Political Behavior
- Political Information
- Political Communications
- Campaigns and Elections
- Campaign Finance
- Public Opinion
- Political Parties
- Interest Groups
- Political Psychology
- Political Networks
- Survey Research and Collaboration
- Experimental Research and Collaboration
- Statistical Computing

**Research Projects****Taylor University****Orwell's Collapse**

Upland, IN

Fall 2018

- Received a grant to engage in a project examining language use as a barometer of political unrest
- Worked with students to grant research experience and career preparation

**The Ohio State University****Student Researcher (Dissertation)**

Columbus, OH

Summer 2015

- Designed an original survey experiment to examine new hypotheses about how citizens' partisan affiliations can affect their processing of political deception revelations
- Fielded a large-scale research project (800 participants) using innovative and efficient sampling techniques
- Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data to reveal previously-undiscovered patterns of American political responses
- Used publicly available data and a natural experiment design to replicate these findings at the national level

**The Ohio State University****Student Researcher**

Columbus, OH

Spring 2014

- Designed and ran an original survey experiment to examine new hypotheses about how citizens process deception from their leaders
- Worked with undergraduate students in order to examine political psychological reactions to deception threats
- Presented results at the Behavioral Decision-Making Conference, Columbus, OH

**The Ohio State University****Research Assistant**

Columbus, OH

Summer 2013

- Organized an ongoing research effort into constructing network analyses of early American Congress-members for P.I.'s Gregory Caldeira and William Minozzi
- Oversaw outside research companies while digitizing high volumes of low quality records

- Undertook data management duties including cleaning, standardization, and archival to enable project progress
- Resulted in “Social Influence in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1801-1861”. Prepared for the Congress & History Conference, Vanderbilt University, May 22-23, 2015

**The Ohio State University**  
**Collaborator**

Columbus, OH  
 Spring 2013

- Collaborated with Sergio Diaz-Sierra on the design of a survey instrument to track Burkean conservatism
- Organized the collection of respondents for survey data
- Performed factor analysis and post-tests to evaluate the effectiveness of the newly devised scale

**Technical Training**

The Ohio State University

- **Statistical Packages:** R, Stata, SPSS, Minitab
- **Selected Techniques:** OLS, MLE, Event-History Models, Multi-Level Modeling, Bootstrapping, Randomization Inference, Agent-Based Modelling
- **Methodology:** Experimental Design, Survey Design, Survey Sampling
- **Programming:** R, Python

**Research and Event Grants**

- **Women’s Giving Circle** \$1,000 to fund a political language investigation
- **CEEP** \$1,000 to fund a student-level GOTV effort on Taylor’s Campus, including registration drive and election watch
- **National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant** (Applied) \$17,510 to fund a national survey experiment
- **Behavioral Decision Making Initiative/Decision Sciences Collaborative Grant** (2013) \$770 for political behavior research

**Grant Training**

**National Science Foundation Workshop Series**

Summer 2015

- Received one-on-one instruction and coaching from professionals and former NSF board members in order to create winning grant proposals

**PUBLICATIONS**

Miller, Jakob. “The Smokescreen Effect: Expectancy Violations and Public Reaction to Accusations of Political Deception.” *IJPS* (Under Review)

**In-Progress:**

Miller, Jakob. “A Dime’s Worth: Establishment Allegiance As An Alternative to Partisanship.”

Miller, Jakob. “The Effects of Partisan Ideologies on Network Structure.”

Miller, Jakob. “Dollar for Dollar: An Efficiency Analysis of Interest Group Access Points.”

Diaz-Sierra, Sergio and Jakob Miller. “Burkean Conservatism in the American Electorate: A Measurement Strategy.”

**SERVICE**

- Voter Registration Drive Organizer/Leader** Taylor University
- Departmental Review Author** Politics, Taylor University
- 2019 Empower Institute Guest Speaker** Taylor University
- The Echo Numerous articles/interviews** Taylor University
- Zondervan Library External Review Interview Participant** Taylor University
- Colleague's College 2018 Presenter** Taylor University
- Academic Technology Committee Committee Chair** Taylor University
- Library BGAC Committee Member** Zondervan Library, Taylor University
- The Ohio State University Graduate Mentor** Columbus, OH  
Autumn 2015 - 2017
- Act as a point of contact for new graduate students in order to ensure smooth transitions into academia
  - Guide students through research methods orientation by acting as an available resource
  - Familiarize students with departmental culture
- Pearson Education Textbook Reviewer** Columbus, OH  
Summer 2015
- Reviewed prototype interactive app-based textbook program for deployment in Introductory American Political Science courses
  - Provided feedback on suitability, design, and material focus for future textbook revisions
- The Ohio State University Guest Host and Discussant** Columbus, OH  
Summer 2014 - Present
- Host visiting researchers at departmental events
  - Prepare and facilitate discussion meetings with guest lecturers and graduate students
- The Ohio State University Undergraduate Research Pool Contributor** Columbus, OH  
Summer 2014 - Present
- Engage students with ongoing departmental research
  - Provide a valuable resource for faculty and graduate student research
- The Ohio State University Chair and Founder, APDW** Columbus, OH  
Spring 2014 - 2015
- Founded the American Politics Dissertation Workshop (APDW) to support graduate students through the dissertation process
  - Scheduled and chaired meetings of the APDW to promote faculty-student interaction
  - Guided collaborative feedback process to assist beginning researchers

**The Ohio State University**  
**Co-ordinator, Workshop in American Politics**

Columbus, OH  
Spring 2012 - 2013

- Co-ordinated meetings of the Workshop in American Politics for visiting faculty
- Recruited guest speakers and presenters to promote departmental collaboration
- Ensured a high degree of graduate student collaboration and engagement

**CHURCH INVOLVEMENT**

**Upland Community Church**

- Cosgrove Young Adult Bible Study

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

**The Ohio State University**

- Political Science Graduate Assistantship 2012 - Present
- University Fellowship 2011 - 2012

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

**Member**

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Indiana Political Science Association
- Christians in Political Science (CPS)