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### **Education**

**Northern Illinois University**, Dekalb, IL

**Ph.D. Student in Political Science**- ABD April 2019

First Field: Comparative Politics, Second Field: American Government

Dissertation: "A Select Group: When do Parties in Consensual Democracies Expand Their Leadership Selectorate?"

Expected completion: 2020

**M.A. in Political Science** – Comparative Politics- May 2016

Master's Thesis: "Get The Party Started: An Analysis of EU Political Party Development"

**B.S. in Meteorology**- May 2005

### **Teaching Experience**

POLS 100-American Government and Politics

Northern Illinois University-Discussion Section TA-Fall 2014 and Spring 2015

Northern Illinois University-Instructor-Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019, and Spring 2020

### **Conferences**

2019. James Godowic. "A Select Group: When do Parties in Consensual Democracies Expand Their Leadership Selectorate?" Dissertation Proposal discussed in Junior Scholar Symposium at 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

2018. James Godowic. "Ever Expanding Universe: The Democratization of Canadian Provincial Party Leadership" Paper presented at Lightning Talk at 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

### **Experience**

NIU Department of Political Science-Instructor of Record, August 2019-May 2020

Prepare and conduct all lectures for Introduction to American Government class, compose and grade all homework assignments, exams and term papers, hold office hours to provide assistance to students with questions about class material and performance in course.

NIU Department of Political Science-Undergrad Advisor, July 2018-August 2019

Advised all undergraduates on progress toward BS/BA in Political Science as well as Minors. Helped students declare Minor or Major in the discipline, as well as adjust transfer credit to meet degree requirements. Discussed courses, potential graduate school, law school and other issues with students to help them better understand their options once their undergraduate degree has been awarded.

NIU Department of Political Science- Instructor of Record, August 2017-May 2018

Prepare and conduct all lectures for Introduction to American Government class, compose and grade all homework assignments, exams and term papers, hold office hours to provide assistance to students with questions about class material and performance in course.

NIU Department of Political Science-Research Assistant, June 2017-August 2017

Working under the supervision of Dr. Ches Thurber, worked with 3 other graduate students on a grant-funded summer project to gather data on African countries' internal security forces post-independence to examine the likelihood of occurrence of civil war and/or revolution.

NIU Library/IL Secretary of State-IRAD Intern, August 2015-May 2017

Working in the Illinois Regional Archive Depository (IRAD), helped the public access archived records, some as far back as the mid-1800s, often for genealogical research. Requests were filled in person, via mail and via telephone.

NIU Department of Political Science-Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant, August 2014-May 2015

Served as Research Assistant to Dr. Scott Schraufnagel in Fall 2014, researched and entered data on legislation introduced by leaders of Congressional Membership Organizations.

Served as Teaching Assistant for POLS 100 Intro to American Government, leading discussion section on Fridays. All homework, quizzes and exams were administrated in these sessions and graded by TA.

Served as Teaching Assistant for POLS 260 Intro to Comparative Politics and POLS 360 British Politics, both under Dr. Michael Clark. Graded all exams and filled in for professor for each class as needed.

## **University Service**

Served as Secretary to the NIU Political Science Graduate Student Association  
August 2015 – August 2018

## **Honors and Awards**

2019 Northern Illinois University Martin David Dubin Memorial Scholarship

2019 Northern Illinois University Morton J. Frisch Student Travel Scholarship

2018 Northern Illinois University Morton J. Frisch Student Travel Scholarship

2015 Northern Illinois University Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science

### **Potential Courses to be Offered**

Intro to American Government

Intro to Comparative Politics

State and Local Government

British Politics and Government

European Politics and Government

Comparative Parties and Electoral Systems

Canadian Government and Politics

Politics of East Asia

### **References**

Michael Clark, Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor, Northern Illinois University Department of Political Science

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Scot Schraufnagel, Chair of the Department and Professor, Northern Illinois University Department of Political Science

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