

# James Godowic

## Contact

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## Education

Northern Illinois University  
Dekalb, IL

## University Service

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

## Degrees Earned

**Ph.D. Student in Political Science**-Admitted August 2015, 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

## Experience

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

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

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

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

## 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, and  
Fall 2019

## 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

British Politics and Government

European Politics and  
Government

Comparative Parties and  
Electoral Systems

Canadian Government and  
Politics

## 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.

## References

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

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