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Trisha Miller

EDUCATION:

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California
Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2015
Dissertation Defended: March 27, 2015
Dissertation Title: From George H.W. Bush to Barack Obama: A
Mixed Methods Analysis of Presidential Rhetoric
Dissertation Chair: Jean Schroedel, Ph.D.
Comprehensive Areas: American Politics and Public Policy

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California
M.A. Public Policy, May 2012

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
M. A. Political Science, May 2010
Comprehensive Areas: American Government and Public Administration
Thesis: Evaluating the Vice Presidency Using The Effective Model:
A Look At Gore And Cheney
Advisor: Barbara Poole, Ph.D.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
B.A. Political Science, May 2002 *summa cum laude*

Lake Land College, Mattoon, Illinois
A.A. Political Science, May 2000

**WORKS IN
PROGRESS:**

Wikstrom, Kris, **Trisha Miller**, Heather Campbell, and Mike Tscudi.
“Environmental Justice and Water Policy During a Drought Event: Community
Fragility and Cut-Back Assignments.” (In Review)

Miller, Trisha. “Donald Trump’s Anger and Fear Rhetoric in the 2016
Presidential Election.”

Miller, Trisha. "The two Hillaries: A comparison of rhetoric from the 2008 and 2016 primary campaigns."

**RESEARCH
PRESENTATIONS:**

"Environmental Justice and Water Policy During a Drought Event: Community Fragility and Cut-Back Assignments." Kris Wikstrom, Trisha Miller, Heather Campbell (Main Presenter: Kris Wikstrom). Presented at the Harvey Mudd Biennial Conference for Sustainable Design and Solution October, 2016 in Claremont, CA.

"Poisoning the Well: The Rhetoric of Fear and Anger in the 2008 Presidential Campaign." Alex Hindman, **Trisha Miller** (Main Presenter: Alex Hindman). Poster Presentation at American Political Science Association conference August, 2014 in Washington, D.C.

"Scriptural Speech: Partisan Differences in Religious Rhetoric during the 2008 Presidential Election." Alex Hindman, **Trisha Miller**. Presented at Christians in Political Science conference May 31, 2014 at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California.

"Talking the Talk: Partisan Differences in the Use of Religious Rhetoric." Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference April 18, 2014 in Seattle, Washington. **Trisha Miller**, Jean Schroedel, and Moana Vercoe.

"Influencing American Foreign Policy: Does the Indian American Group Have What It Takes?" presented at the International Studies Association-Midwest conference November 7, 2009 in St. Louis, Missouri.

"The October Debates: Who Benefits From Them?" presented at Sciencefest at Eastern Illinois University Spring 2002. I also presented this research as a poster presentation at the Capitol in Springfield, Illinois.

**OTHER
PRESENTATIONS:**

Workshop: Demystifying the Quails, Panelists: **Trish Miller** and Emily Saunders Claremont Graduate University, Division of Politics and Economics Department of Politics and Policy, April 24, 2014.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE:**

Fall 2016:

Visiting Professor, Research Methods

Fall (2016) at the University of Montana, Missoula. This is a online graduate course covering qualitative and quantitative research methods and utilizes Excel for the quantitative aspect.

Visiting Professor, Program Evaluation

Fall (2016) at the University of Montana, Missoula. This is a online graduate course focusing on understanding and evaluating public policy and programs. This course focuses on case applications and research design.

Part-time Faculty, Polls, Statistics, and Political Interpretation

Fall (2016) at California State University, Fullerton (2 sections). This course covers quantitative research methods in political science, specifically concentrating on research design and statistical measures used in analyzing social science research. This course uses SPSS.

Part-time Faculty, Political Behavior and Motivation

Fall (2016) at California State University, Fullerton. This course focuses on political behavior, focusing on race, class, ideology, and party.

Adjunct Faculty, American National Government

Fall (2016) at Mount San Antonio Community College, Walnut, CA. This course is an introductory course to American National Government covering national institutions, domestic and foreign policy, separation of powers, public opinion and civil rights and civil liberties.

Adjunct Faculty, Information Technology

Fall (2016) at University of Laverne, College of Business and Public Management, LaVerne, CA. This is an introductory course covering Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint where students learn desktop and electronic publishing, presentation and multimedia, data collection and organization using spreadsheets and databases.

Spring 2016:

Part-time Faculty, Polls, Statistics, and Political Interpretation

Spring (2016) at California State University, Fullerton. This course covers quantitative research methods in political science, specifically concentrating on research design and statistical measures used in analyzing social science research. This course uses SPSS.

Part-time Faculty, Research in Public Management

Spring (2016) two sections at California State University, Fullerton. This course covers research concepts and computer applications applied to public administration and policy analysis and focuses on training students to use Excel to perform statistical operations.

Adjunct Faculty, American National Government

Fall (2016) at Mount San Antonio Community College, Walnut, CA. This course is an introductory course to American National Government covering national institutions, domestic and foreign policy, separation of powers, public opinion and civil rights and civil liberties.

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Fall 2015:

Part-time Faculty, Political Parties

Fall (2015) at California State University, Fullerton. This is an upper-division undergraduate course focusing on the three forms that political parties take: Parties in the Electorate; Parties as Organizations; and Parties in Government.

Part-time Faculty, Introduction to Public Management/Public Policy Spring (2014) at California State University, Fullerton. This is a cross-listed course for both political science and criminal justice majors. The focus of this course is to introduce students to the overarching concepts in public policy focusing on public management.

Spring 2015:

Adjunct Instructor, Policy Evaluation

Spring (2015) Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. This is a graduate course focusing on understanding and evaluating public policy. This course focuses on case applications and research design.

Part-time Faculty, Political Behavior and Motivation

Spring (2015) at California State University, Fullerton. This course focuses on political behavior, focusing on race, class, ideology, and party.

Part-time Faculty, Polls, Statistics and Political Interpretation

Spring (2015) at California State University, Fullerton. This course covers quantitative research methods in political science, specifically concentrating on research design and statistical measures used in analyzing social science research.

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Part-time Faculty, Introduction to Public Management/Public Policy Spring (2014) at California State University, Fullerton. This is a cross-listed course for both political science and criminal justice majors. The focus of this course is to introduce students to the overarching concepts in public policy focusing on public management.

Teaching Assistant for the Advanced Quantitative Methods course, (Spring 2014; Spring 2013) at Claremont Graduate University. Responsible for sessions to teach students how to complete their homework assignments using quantitative methods, as well as grading all of the weekly assignments and lecturing periodically throughout the semester.

Teaching Assistant for the Child and Youth Policy course, Fall (2013) at Claremont Graduate University. This is a transdisciplinary course which allows me to work with a diverse set of students in multiple majors.

Presidential Assistantship, Eastern Illinois University, Fall, 2009; Spring, 2010. My duties included tutoring students in the American Government and Constitution class each semester. I implemented study sessions to help prepare students for exams, as well as held regular office hours each week. I was able to guest lecture in some sections of this class.

Guest Lecturer for Professor Melinda Mueller, summer of 2009, for a multidisciplinary Senior Seminar entitled, "Pop Culture and Politics." (Performed for Independent Study credit).

Graduate Research Assistant, Eastern Illinois University, Spring 2009.

Director of Youth and Music, First Christian Church, January 2001-September 2006, Effingham, Illinois. Developed new programs. Oversaw all programs, chose and developed curriculum for all classes from preschool through high school. Recruited and chose volunteers to teach classes. Trained teachers in Sunday School curriculum. Directed Adult and Youth Choirs.

Substitute teacher for Effingham Unit #40 schools during 2002/2003 academic year

CONSULTING: Independent Policy Consultant for Los Angeles County Office of Education (July 2014-September 2014). Provided support to evaluators on policy issues for the Early Childhood Education Career Development Policy Project Evaluation.

**AWARDS/
ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Ph.D Program at Claremont Graduate University:

- Teaching Assistant Spring 2014 Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Teaching Assistant Fall 2013 Child and Youth Policy (Transdisciplinary course)
- Teaching Assistant Spring 2013 Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Snider Single Parent Fellowship
- Student Mentor for 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, and 2014/2015 academic years
- Student member of Policy Professor Search Committee Fall 2012

Master's Program at Eastern Illinois University:

- Presidential Assistantship for 2009/2010 academic year
- Graduate Assistantship for Spring 2009
- Graduate Student Mentor 2009/2010 academic year
- Vice President of Administrative Affairs for Graduate Student Advisory Council Fall of 2009
- Student member of Research Grants Committee for 2009/2010 academic year
- Recipient of Williams Travel Grant for Research

Undergraduate at Eastern Illinois University:

- Outstanding Senior in Political Science Award
- Scholars in Undergraduate Research at Eastern Award
- Social Science Writing Award, second place
- Member of Phi Sigma Alpha

Community:

- Mentor for child in Effingham Unit #40 schools Fall 2007-Spring 2010
- Assistant Coordinator Operation Christmas Child Collection Center in Effingham from 2002-2006

**TEACHING
INTERESTS:**

Introduction to American Government
The Modern Presidency
Political Behavior
The Policy Process
Policy Evaluation/Cost Benefit Analysis
Public Management
Child/Youth Policy
Methods

**RESEARCH
INTERESTS:**

Presidential Rhetoric
Civic Education Policy
Child/Youth Policy
ECE workforce policy
Candidate Traits and Rhetoric