

Jason S. Byers

Contact Information

Department of Political Science
University of Georgia
180 Baldwin Hall
Athens, GA 30602

Phone: 864-617-0916
E-mail: byersjs@uga.edu
Website: www.jasonsbyers.com

Education

University of Georgia

Department of Political Science, Ph.D. (Expected May 2019)
Dissertation: *Walking in Their Shoes: An Examination of Congressional Representation From 1980-2016*
Committee: Dr. Jamie L. Carson (Chair), Dr. Michael S. Lynch, Dr. Anthony J. Madonna, and Dr. James E. Monogan III
Examination Fields: American Politics and Quantitative Methodology

College of Charleston, May 2013

B.A., History
B.A., Political Science

Additional Education

University of Michigan, 2016

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
· Scaling and Dimensional Analysis, Simultaneous Equation Models

Research Interests

- American Political Institutions
- Legislative Politics
- Executive Politics
- American Political Development
- Congressional Elections
- Representation
- Separation of Powers
- Quantitative Methods

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Trump and the Republican Congress: The Challenges of Governing.” 2017. *The Forum*. 15(3): 499-512. with Jamie L. Carson

Book Chapters

“What’s Rules Got to Do with It?: Parties, Reform, and Selection in the Presidential Nomination Process.” In *Changing How America Votes*. Todd Donovan, Editor. Rowman and Littlefield. with Jamie L. Carson

Software

Jason S. Byers, Jeff Gill, and James E. Monogan. 2018. “Geospatial Kriging with Metropolis Sampling.” *The Comprehensive R Archive Network*. <http://cran.r-project.org>. The krige package for R contains functions for estimating models for data that are referenced at points, such as latitude and longitude, in geographic space. It does this by estimating Bayesian kriging models using a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.

Research
In Progress

“Policymaking by the Executive: Examining the Fate of Presidential Agenda Items”
with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson
· Invited to Revise and Resubmit at *Congress & the Presidency*

“Geographical Overlap and the Emergence of Strategic Candidates in Primary Elections”

“Challengers, Choices, and Competition in Congressional Primaries”
with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson

“Getting the ‘Bad Ones’ Out?: The Trump Administration and Criminal Immigration
Prosecutions in 2017” with Ethan D. Boldt

“Resource Allocation as Representation: An Examination of Congressional Expenditures”
“Quality Challengers and Competition in U.S. House Primary Elections”
with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson

“Strategic Announcements: A Game Theoretic Approach to Presidential Primary
Candidate Announcements” with Aaron Hitefield

“Position Avoidance and the President: The Conditional Effect of Presidential Approval on
House Roll-Call Abstentions” with Laine P. Shay

Conference
Presentations

2018

“Candidate Quality and Electoral Success in U.S. Congressional Primary Elections.”
with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson
· Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

“Resource Allocation as Representation: An Examination Using Cluster Analysis.”
· Poster Presented at the Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology

“Are Congressional Primaries as Nationalized as General Elections?”
with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson
· Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

2017

“Challengers, Choices, and Competition in Congressional Primaries.”
with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson
· Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

“Geographical Overlap and the Emergence of Strategic Candidates in Primary Elections in 2012.”
· Poster Presented at the Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology

“Did Party Loyalty Trump Ideology? Assessing Candidate Effects on the 2016 Elections”
with Jamie L. Carson, Stephen Pettigrew, and Ryan D. Williamson
· Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

“Supreme Court Nominees Before the Senate: Investigating the Issues Senators Focus
on During Confirmation Hearings” with Bryan M. Black
· Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

“Congressional Abstentions on the President’s Agenda” with Laine P. Shay
· Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

“Evaluating the Role of Coattail Effects in the 2016 Elections”
with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson
· Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

2016

“Examining the Relationship Between Executive Orders and the President’s Legislative Agenda”
with Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson
· Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

2015

“Committee Assignments and 19th Century Congressional Politics:
The Search for an Electoral Connection” with Bryan M. Black and Laine P. Shay
· Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

2013

“Presidential Approval Ratings and Legislative Success”
· Paper Presented at the William V. Moore Student Research Conference

Research Experience

Research Assistant, NSF-Sponsored Project, “Smooth National Measurement of Public Opinion
across Boundaries and Levels: A View from the Bayesian Spatial Approach.”
· Dr. Jeff Gill and Dr. James E. Monogan III, Fall 2017 - Spring 2019

Research Assistant, University of Georgia Department of Political Science
· Dr. Jamie L. Carson, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
· Dr. Richard L. Vining, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
· Dr. Scott H. Ainsworth, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014
· Dr. Richard L. Vining, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014

The University of Georgia Amending Process Project
· Dr. Anthony J. Madonna and Dr. Michael S. Lynch, Spring 2014 - Fall 2014

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, University of Georgia Department of Political Science
· Political Science 7770: Graduate Teaching Seminar
· Fall 2017
· Fall 2018

Instructor of Record, University of Georgia Department of Political Science
· Political Science 1101: Introduction to American Government
· Fall 2016 - Spring 2017 (3 Sections)

Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia Department of Political Science
· Political Science 1101: Introduction to American Government
· Dr. Audrey A. Haynes, Summer 2017 and 2018 (Online Version)
· Dr. Ryan Bakker, Spring 2015
· Dr. Paul-Henri Gurian, Fall 2014

Guest Lectures, University of Georgia Department of Political Science

- Spring 2018
 - Political Science 8500: Special Topics in Research Methods (Time Series Analysis)
 - Lecture Title: Event History Modeling: Basics, Parametric Models, and the Cox Model
- Fall 2017
 - Political Science 4610: U.S. Presidency
 - Lecture Title: The Presidency and Public Opinion

Grants,
Fellowships,
and Awards

University of Georgia Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Spring 2018
· \$250.00

Society for Political Methodology Conference Attendance Grant, Summer 2017
· \$1,375.00

University of Georgia Graduate School Outstanding Teaching Award, Spring 2017

University of Georgia Graduate School Travel Grant, Spring 2017
· \$200.00

University of Georgia Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Spring 2017
· \$650.00

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Spring 2017
· \$300.00

J. Thomas Askew Fellowship, University of Georgia, Fall 2016
· \$2500.00

Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, Inter-University Consortium for Political
and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer 2016
· \$2700.00

Phi Alpha Theta, Spring 2013
· The National History Honors Society

Pi Sigma Alpha, Spring 2013
· The National Political Science Honor Society

School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Scholar, Spring 2013
· Presented to the top two students from each major within the School of Humanities and
Social Sciences at the College of Charleston

Professional
Memberships

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Society for Political Methodology

Skills

- L^AT_EX
- R
- STATA
- WinBUGS/JAGS
- Microsoft Office

Languages

- Elementary German

References

Dr. Jamie L. Carson
Department of Political Science
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602
Phone: 706-542-2889
E-mail: carson@uga.edu

Dr. Michael S. Lynch
Department of Political Science
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602
Phone: 706-542-2057
E-mail: mlynch@uga.edu

Dr. George A. Krause
Department of Public
Administration and Policy
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602
Phone: 706-542-7278
E-mail: gkrause@uga.edu

Dr. James E. Monogan III
Department of Political Science
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602
Phone: 706-542-2057
E-mail: monogan@uga.edu

Dr. Anthony J. Madonna
Department of Political Science
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602
Phone: 706-542-9446
E-mail: ajmadonn@uga.edu