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Employment & Affiliations

Research Director, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2017–present
Affiliate Faculty, Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), 2018–present
Senior Researcher, Fors Marsh Group, 2015–2017
Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Arkansas State University, 2013–present
Post-Doctoral Fellow in Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2014–2015

Education

Ph.D., Texas A&M University, 2014
Dissertation: “Foiled Expectations: When Democracy Doesn’t Deliver”
M.A., Arkansas State University, 2009
B.A., Arkansas State University, 2007

Research

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Whitten, Guy D., Laron K. Williams, and Cameron Wimpy. N.d. “Interpretation: The Final Spatial Frontier.” *Political Science Research and Methods*. Forthcoming.
- Walker, Matthew W., Sarah A. Evans, Cameron Wimpy, Amanda Berger, and Alexandria Smith. 2018. “Developing Smokeless Tobacco Prevention Messaging for At-Risk Youth: Early Lessons from ‘The Real Cost’ Smokeless Campaign.” *Health Equity* 2(1): 167–173 DOI: [10.1089/heq.2018.0029](https://doi.org/10.1089/heq.2018.0029).
- McKallagat, Chris, Flávio D. S. Souza, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring, and Cameron Wimpy. 2017. “Are Media at Work in Your Neighborhood? The Effect of Media Freedom, Internet Access and Information Spillover on Workers’ Rights.” *Social Science Quarterly* 98(3): 1078–1098. DOI: [10.1111/ssqu.12443](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12443).
- Wimpy, Cameron, and Guy D. Whitten. “What Is and What May Never Be: Economic Voting in Developing Democracies.” *Social Science Quarterly* 98(3): 1099–1111. DOI: [10.1111/ssqu.12444](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12444).
- Garcia, Blake E., and Cameron Wimpy. 2016. “Does Information Lead to Emulation? Spatial Dependence in Anti-Government Violence.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 4(1): 27–

46. DOI: [10.1017/psrm.2014.18](https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2014.18). Winner of best paper in PSRM Award from European Political Science Association.

Book Chapters

- Wimpy, Cameron, Marlette Jackson, and Kenneth J. Meier. 2017. “Administrative Capacity and Health Care in Africa: Path Dependence as a Contextual Variable.” in Amanda Rutherford, Claudia Avellaneda and Kenneth J. Meier (eds). *Context and Government Performance: Public Management in Comparative Perspective*. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press, 27–48.
- Whitten, Guy D., and Cameron Wimpy. 2015. “Stata and Political Science” in Enrique Pinzon (ed). *Thirty Years with Stata: A Retrospective*. College Station: Stata Press, 121–125.

Other Publications

- Reid, Irvin D., and Cameron Wimpy. 2013. “Defining Opposition: An Interview with Afonso Dhlakama of RENAMO.” *Ufabamu: A Journal of African Studies*. 37(1).
- Wimpy, Cameron. 2011. “The 2009 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Mozambique.” *Electoral Studies*. 30(2):366–368. DOI: [10.1016/j.electstud.2011.02.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2011.02.004).
- Wimpy, Cameron. 2010. Review of: Valeri, Marc. 2010. “Oman: Politics and Society in the Qaboos State.” *Digest of Middle East Studies* 19(2):340–341. DOI: [10.1111/j.1949-3606.2010.00052.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1949-3606.2010.00052.x).

Papers Under Review

- “Politics, Bureaucracy, and Successful Governance: The Problem of Political Failure.” (with Kenneth J. Meier, Mallory Compton, John Polga-Hecimovich, and Miyeon Song)
- “In the Air or on the Ground? Citizen Perceptions and Management Capacity in Developing Countries.” (with William P. McLean)
- “To Have or Not to Have: Patrimonial Voting in Developing Countries.” (with Guy D. Whitten)
- “X Marks the Spot: Discovering the Treasure of Spatial-X Models.” (with Guy D. Whitten and Laron K. Williams)

Current Applied Research Projects

- “Residual Votes and Abstentions in the 2016 Election.” (with Charles Stewart III, R. Michael Alvarez, and Stephen Pettigrew)
- “The Military and Overseas Vote in U.S. Elections: Exploring New Data and Trends.” (with Charles Stewart III)
- “Poll Workers and Volunteerism.”

- “Election Administration and Voter Confidence.”

Working Papers

- “Channel Open: Spatial Econometric Methods for Analyzing the Flow of Information.”
- “Communication Technology and Social Conflict Diffusion.”

Research Interests

Developing Countries | Comparative Political Development | International Relations | Political Economy | Political Methodology | Political Violence | Public Policy | Spatial Econometrics

Teaching

Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics | Political Economy | International Relations | Policy Analysis | Research Methods

Courses & Workshops Taught

- POSC 6003, Techniques of Political Science and Public Administration Research (graduate course)
- POSC 4223, Middle Eastern Political Systems, Arkansas State University
- POSC 6533, Public Policy Analysis, Arkansas State University (graduate course)
- POSC 3203, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Arkansas State University
- A Scientific Approach to Qualitative Data Analysis, Texas A&M University (graduate course)
- POLS 325, African Politics, Texas A&M University
- Multivariate Models for Social Scientists and Policy Analysts: Choices, Interventions, Dynamics (assistant instructor to Harold D. Clarke & Guy D. Whitten), Concordia University (ICPSR Graduate Workshop)
- POLS 603, Quantitative Political Analysis II, Texas A&M University (graduate course student instructor for Guy D. Whitten)
- POSC 3313, American Foreign Policy, Arkansas State University
- PS 1010, American National Government, Wayne State University
- POSC 2103, Introduction to United States Government, Arkansas State University

Selected Conference Presentations

- Meier, Kenneth J., Mallory Compton, John Polga-Hecimovich, Miyeon Song, and Cameron Wimpy. "Politics, Bureaucracy, and Successful Governance: The Problem of Political Failure." American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Boston, MA. September 2018.
- Wimpy, Cameron. "Poll Workers and the Potential Population." American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Boston, MA. September 2018.
- Wimpy, Cameron, and Charles Stewart III. "The Military and Overseas Vote in U.S. Elections: Exploring New Data and Trends." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2018.
- Wimpy, Cameron, and Kenneth J. Meier. "Administrative Capacity, Context, and Educational Outcomes in Contemporary Africa." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2018.
- McLean, William, and Cameron Wimpy. "The Capacity of Public Administration in Comparative Perspective." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2018.
- Whitten, Guy D., Laron K. Williams, and Cameron Wimpy. "X Marks the Spot: Discovering the Treasure of Spatial-X Models." Modeling Politics & Policy in Time and Space Conference, College Station, TX. April 2017.
- Wimpy, Cameron. "Channel Open: Spatial Econometric Methods for Analyzing the Flow of Information." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2017.
- Da Silva Souza, Flávio, Chris McKallagat, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring, and Cameron Wimpy. "Media at Work: The Effect of Media Freedom and Internet Access on Workers' Rights." American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco, CA. September 2015.
- Hall, Thad, and Cameron Wimpy. "Volunteerism and Poll Workers." American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco, CA. September 2015.
- Wimpy, Cameron, Laron K. Williams, and Guy D. Whitten. "X Marks the Spot: Exploring Spatial Robustness." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2015.
- Wimpy, Cameron, Laron K. Williams, and Guy D. Whitten. "There's More Going on Next Door Than you Thought: Exploring Spatial Robustness." Robustness Testing and the Empirical Analysis of Observational Data Workshop. Cologne, Germany. September 2014.
- Wimpy, Cameron, and Guy D. Whitten. "What is and What May Never Be: Economic Voting in Developing Democracies." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2014.
- Wimpy, Cameron, and Guy D. Whitten. "To Have and to Have Not: Patrimonial Voting in Africa." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2013.
- Garcia, Blake E., and Cameron Wimpy. "Does Information Lead to Emulation: Media Openness & the Spread of Social Conflict." Spatial Models of Politics in Europe and Beyond, Texas

- A&M University European Union Center. College Station, TX. February 2013.
- Jackson, Marlette, Cameron Wimpy, and Kenneth J. Meier. “For the Want of a Bureaucrat: Administrative Capacity and Public Health in Africa.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2012. Wimpy, Cameron. “Ethnic Identity and Arbitrary Borders.” International Studies Association Annual Meetings. San Diego, CA. April 2012.
- Wimpy, Cameron, and Kim Yi Dionne. “Should I Stay or Should I Go? The 2011 Referendum in Southern Sudan.” Presentation to Africa in World Politics Conference. Austin, Texas. March 2011.
- Wimpy, Cameron. “Civic Associationalism and Voter Turnout in Transitional Democracies.” American Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Washington D.C. September 2010.
- Wimpy, Cameron. “Cohort and Cultural Effects on Unconventional Political Behavior in the Islamic World.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. April 2009.

Grants, Honors & Awards

- 2016: Best Published Paper in *Political Science Research and Methods*, EPSA
- 2014: Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant, Texas A&M University
- 2013: Liberal Arts Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant (with Kenneth J. Meier), Texas A&M University
- 2013: Liberal Arts Vision 2020 Dissertation Enhancement Award, Texas A&M University
- 2012: Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant, Texas A&M University
- 2010–2011: Fieldwork grants for research in Southern Sudan, Texas A&M University
- 2010–2014: Graduate research assistantship, Texas A&M University
- 2010–2011: Board of Regents graduate fellowship, Texas A&M University
- 2009: Critical Languages Scholarship for Arabic study in Morocco, U.S. State Department
- 2009: Outstanding Graduate Student, Political Science Department, Arkansas State University
- 2006: Fulbright Finalist, Syria, U.S. State Department
- 2007–2009: Graduate research/teaching assistantship, Arkansas State University
- 2006–2009: Middle East Studies grant for Arabic study in UAE & Yemen, Summer 2006, Spring 2009, Arkansas State University

Professional Memberships & Service

- Member, *American Political Science Association*
- Member, *Midwest Political Science Association*
- Member, *Society for Political Methodology*
- Member, *Southern Political Science Association*
- Member, MPA Thesis Committee for Sue Neal, Arkansas State University (defended in 2017)
- Expert Witness, South Sudanese Asylum Cases
- Peer Reviewer, *Electoral Studies*, *International Political Science Review*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Political Science Research and Methods*
- AP Exam Reader, ETS/College Board. 2008–2013.
- Credentialed Observer, 2009 Mozambican National Elections, 2011 South Sudan Referendum on Secession
- Panel Discussant, 2017 MPSA, 2018 MPSA, 2018 APSA
- Panel Chair, 2009 SWPSA, 2017 MPSA, 2018 MPSA

Skills & Software

- Arabic (Intermediate Modern Standard and Colloquial Gulf & Yemeni dialects)
- IRB CITI human subjects research certification, NIH human subjects research certification
- EITM, Field Experiments, Maximum Likelihood, Pooled Time Series, Qualitative Methods, Spatial Econometrics, Time Series
- GIS, HTML, L^AT_EX, MacRATS, Mata, Nvivo, Python, R, SPSS, Stata

Research Methodology & Software Workshops

- 2015: Qualitative Research Summer Intensive, University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill
- 2015: Qualitative Research Methods, AAPOR
- 2011–2012: Stata Courses for both Basic and Advanced Programming in Stata & Mata, Stata Corp.
- 2012: Spatial Econometrics. University of Essex Summer School in Social Science, Data Analysis, & Collection. Essex, UK, taught by Jude Hays

- 2012: Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM). University of Houston Hobby Center for Public Policy
- 2012: Experimental Methods. Texas A&M University, Winter Institute in Methods, taught by Rebecca Morton
- 2011: Empirical Analysis of Time-Series-Cross-Section Data. Texas A&M University, Summer Methods Workshop, taught by Robert Franzese
- 2011: Bayesian Multilevel Modeling. Texas A&M University, Summer Methods Workshop, taught by Jeff Gill

Teaching Training

- Teaching Political Science Course, Texas A&M University
- Advanced University Teacher Certification, Wayne State University

Software Workshops Taught

- L^AT_EX short course, Texas A&M University
- Introduction to Stata, Fors Marsh Group & MIT
- Advanced Stata Topics, Fors Marsh Group & MIT
- Mapping with `ggplot2` and R, Fors Marsh Group
- Advanced Data Analysis Using R, Fors Marsh Group

Invited Presentations

- “The Elections Performance Index: Future Directions.” University of Wisconsin—Madison, 2018.
- “Professional Pathways.” American University, 2017.
- “Government Contracting.” American University, 2016 & 2017.
- “Introduction to Spatial Econometrics.” Texas A&M University, 2014.
- “Using Technology to Overcome Collective Action Problems: A Spatial Analysis of Anti-Government Violence.” University of Arkansas, 2013.
- “Lessons from Fieldwork in The Sudan.” Arkansas State University, 2011.
- “Terrorism and the Middle East.” Arkansas State University, 2009.
- “Introduction to Islamic Politics.” Arkansas State University, 2009.

Academic References

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