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EDUCATION

University of California Merced, Merced, California

Ph.D. Political Institutions & Political Economy

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Expected May 2025

Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky

B.A. in Political Science

Cumulative/Major GPA: 3.918/3.974

May 2019

B.S. in Economics

Cumulative/Major GPA: 3.918/4.0

May 2019

PUBLICATIONS

"Hours into Votes: Underemployment at the Ballot Box"

Published in *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics*

Spring 2019

Contributor, *The Trifecta in Voting Barrier Causation: Economics, Politics, and Race*

Published by Lexington Books

February 2020

WORKING PAPERS

"Broadness of Mandate and Its Consequences"

Introduces breadth of mandate to describe the range of governing responsibilities, uses the rotation of the executive position on cantonal councils as a source of exogeneity, and observes that the connection between performance and electoral support weakens when breadth increases.

"Identification of an Upper Bound for Retrospective Voting"

Uses our extant literature to identify a set of criteria that should maximize capacity for retrospective voting, identifies union local elections as a proximately ideal institution, and shows that when treated with an exogenous shock the capacity for punishing incumbents is substantively small.

"Electoral Influence of the Spatial Distribution of Union Locals"

Attempts to understand the electoral influence of unions through the spatial distribution of union locals, uses a comparison of just-won and just-lost union elections to build a case for causality, and strongly establishes the importance of proximity on electoral impact.

"The Costs of Change: An Experimental Analysis of Americans' Willingness to Consider Democratic Variation"

Coauthored paper with Emily Ann Israelson that builds a conceptual model which places different electoral institutions along a representativeness-participation axis and maps out the limits of acceptable change with a survey experiment.

CONFERENCES

"The Effects of Union Density on Public Expenditures"

Presented at the Kentucky Political Science Association Annual Meeting

March 2018

"Social or Special Interests: How Unions Influence Spending"

Presented at the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists Annual Meeting

September 2018

"Hours into Votes: Underemployment at the Ballot Box"

Presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting

October 2018

"Union Locals as an Upper Bound on Economic Voting"

Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

April 2022

"Broadness of Mandate and Its Consequences"

Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

April 2022

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

University of California Merced, Merced, California

Graduate Research Assistant

Assisted in all areas of scholarly research including coordinating other research assistants.

May 2020 – February 2024,

May 2024 – Present

University of California Merced, Merced, California

Graduate Instructor

Designed and taught an undergraduate course on the topic of political geography.

February 2024 – May 2024

University of California Merced, Merced, California

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Designed and led weekly lecture review and discussion sections for up to 30 students.

August 2019 – May 2020,
July 2021 – August 2021

AWARDS

PIPE Comprehensive Exam Distinction

Examination committee requested that a note of distinction be made on the final evaluations.

February 2022

NKU Faculty Senate Award

Received university-wide award for excellence in undergraduate research.

May 2019

ISRC Research and Creativity Fellowship

Received \$1000 to research the effects of underemployment on voting.

April 2018 – August 2018

NKU Excellence Scholarship

Received four-year merit scholarship.

August 2015 – May 2019

REFERENCES

Nathan Monroe, Professor, Tony Coelho Chair of Public Policy

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Courtenay R. Monroe, Professor & Department Chair

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SERVICE

ISRC Journal

Student Member of the Editorial Board

Acted as an editor in the peer review process and aided with the creation of the journal.

May 2018 – May 2019

TRAINING

Programming Languages

Proficient in R, Rust, and a bit of Python.

Geographic Information Systems

Familiar with common industry software like QGIS and ArcGIS.

Surveys

Experience with designing and implementing a large-deployment survey with Qualtrics.