

CURRICULUM VITAE
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Trinity College, Hartford, CT Fall 2026
Visiting Assistant Professor

APSA Congressional Fellowship Program September 2025 - July 2026
The Congressional Fellowship Program is a one-year, nonpartisan program devoted to expanding knowledge of Congress by bringing professionals to Capitol Hill to work in fellowship placements on congressional staff. During this time, I serve as Legislative Fellow for Economic Policy in the Office of Senator Raphael Warnock, Georgia.

American University, Washington D.C. January 2025 - August 2025
Professorial Lecturer

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Government and Politics July 2025
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, United States
Fields: American Politics, International Relations
Dissertation: “All Talk, No Action? Evaluating Members of Congress’ Attention to Foreign Policy”
Committee: Kris Miler (Chair), David Karol, Shannon Carcelli, Mike Hanmer, Ethan Kaplan

M.A., Government and Politics 2021
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, United States

M. A., Political Science 2014
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle (Saale), Germany
Thesis: “Upper Houses between Legislative Efficiency and Effective Oversight – Bicameralism in Canada and Australia”

B. A., Political Science and Economics 2011
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle (Saale), Germany
Thesis: “Devolution in Northern Ireland – Asymmetric Decentralization in a Majoritarian Democracy”

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

With Amy Meli. 2025. “Principled Pragmatism: Big Business and Campaign Contributions After January 6.” *British Journal of Political Science*. 55, e100, 1-16.

- Winner of the Roger H. Davidson Award for the best student paper on American Government, Department of Government & Politics, University of Maryland, College Park

With Matthew N. Green. 2024. "From Congress to the States: Explaining the Emergence and Membership of Freedom Caucuses in State Legislatures" *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. 24(4), 370-388.

IN GERMAN:

2021. "A more perfect Union: Prospects for Democracy Reform in the United States", *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (Journal of Parliamentary Affairs)*, 52 (2), 408-424.

2019. "Goodbye Filibuster? Institutional Change in a Polarized U.S. Senate." *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (Journal of Parliamentary Affairs)*, 50 (4), 751-772.

With Manuel Franz. 2017. "Third-Party Candidates in U.S. Presidential Elections: Without a Chance, yet Decisive?" *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (Journal of Parliamentary Affairs)*, 49 (2), 311-328.

2016. "Irresponsible Government? The Australian Senate as an Institutional Singularity in the Age of Party Fragmentation." *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (Journal of Parliamentary Affairs)*, 47 (1), 117 – 138.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Dissertation Book Project: "Members of Congress Foreign Policy Engagement"

"Tariffs and Talking Points: Investigating Members of Congress' Attentiveness to Trade" Currently under review at *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

"Legislative Effectiveness of Party Factions: The Case of the House Freedom Caucus" Working Paper prepared for APSA 2026 in Boston, MA

"Disaggregating Cooperative Lawmaking: The many Faces of Congressional Bipartisanship" Working Paper.

"Political Theater or Substantive Representation? Investigating Members of Congress' Attention to Foreign Policy" Working Paper presented at the Junior Americanist Workshop (JAWS) in October 2024.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Florian Gawehns and Amy Meli. 2022. "Are U.S. companies punishing Republicans for Jan. 6? Here's what our research finds." *The Washington Post's Monkey Cage*. (in English, available [online](#))

Florian Gawehns. 2021. "The Freedom Caucus is not just a D.C. phenomenon." *MischiefsofFaction.org* (in English, available [online](#))

Florian Gawehns. 2019. "The problem with the Senate's "constitutional role". *Legbranch.org* (in English, available [online](#))

Florian Gawehns. 2018. "Why the November 2018 Midterms are the Most Important Elections in Decades." *Polis180.org* (in German, available [online](#))

Florian Gawehns/Johannes Thimm. 2015. "A Whiff of Freedom – The Significance of the USA Freedom Act." SWP-Aktuell 56/2015. (in German, available [online](#))

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer

American University, Washington D.C.

GOVT322 Political Parties in the U.S. (Fall 2025)

GOVT320 The U.S. Presidency (Fall 2025)

GOVT310 Introduction to Political Research (Summer 2025)

GOVT210 Political Power and American Public Policy (Spring 2025)

GOVT110 Politics in the U.S. (Spring 2025)

The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.

POL111 Introduction to American Government (Fall 2025)

POL310 The U.S. Presidency (Spring 2024)

POL400 American Political Parties (Spring 2024)

Instructor-of-Record

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

GVPT379D Divided We Stand: Political Polarization in the United States (Winter 2025, online)

GVPT 377 Experiential Learning – Internship Program (Fall 2024)

GVPT 170 American Government (Summer 2022 & 2023, Fall 2022 & 2023, Winter 2023 & 2024, online)

Teaching Assistant

Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington D.C.

IAFF 6101 International Affairs Cornerstone (Dr. Michael E. Brown, Primary Instructor – Fall 2024)

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

GVPT 457 American Foreign Relations (Dr. Shannon Carcelli, Primary Instructor – Spring 2023)

GVPT 170 American Government (Dr. Patrick Wohlfarth, Primary Instructor – Spring 2022)

GVPT 170 American Government (Dr. Stella Rouse, Primary Instructor – Fall 2021)

GVPT 170 American Government (Dr. Kris Miler, Primary Instructor – Spring 2021, Spring 2024)

GVPT 241 Political Philosophy (Dr. Sujith Kumar, Primary Instructor – Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

Martin Luther University, Halle (Saale), Germany

Introduction to Political Systems (Dr. Petra Dobner, Primary Instructor, Fall 2013)

Grader

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

GVPT 604 Introduction to War and Armed Conflict in World Politics (Dr. Deniz Cil, Fall 2023)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Policy Analyst, National Association of Vocational Training Centers, Berlin, Germany	2016 –2019
Intern, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, Germany	Spring 2015
Intern, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, New York City, USA	Fall 2014

Intern, Embassy of Germany to the United States, Washington D.C., USA

Summer 2013

RESEARCH and PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Presentations

“Explaining the Emergence and Membership of Freedom Caucuses in State Legislatures” (with Matthew Green). Paper presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference 2023 at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. May 2023.

“Principled Pragmatism? Access-Oriented Interest Groups and Campaign Contributions After January 6” (with Amy Meli). Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. April 2023.

Workshop Participation

Presenter: Junior Americanist Workshop. February 2025.

Participant: National Capital Area Political Science Association Workshop. June 2024.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. March 2024.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. April 2023.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. November 2022.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. February 2022.

Discussant: University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. September 2020.

American University, Washington D.C.

Juror – Undergraduate Research Symposium

Spring 2025

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Research Assistant – Dr. Kris Miler

Summer 2021

BSOS Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Council (DGSAC)

2020-2022