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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2020

Dissertation: Old Dogs, New Tricks: Authoritarian Regime Persistence Through Learning

Committee: David A. Armstrong (Co-Chair), Ora John Reuter (Co-Chair), Natasha Sugiyama, Shale Horowitz, Patrick W. Kraft

Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

M.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2012

Thesis: Relative Theories of Democratization in the MENA Region and World

Committee: David A. Armstrong (Chair), Jennifer K. Smith, Paru R. Shah

B.A. Political Science, *Cum Laude*, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 2009

Thesis: Comparative Political Analysis: Democratic Potential in Islamic States

Advisor: Ali R. Abootalebi

EXPERIENCE

Argosy Foundation

Research Director: September 2019–present

Research Consultant: August 2014–November 2014; July 2015; May 2018–August 2018

Intern Researcher: January 2014–June 2014

Marquette University

Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science: Fall 2017–Spring 2019

– 2401 Introduction to Comparative Politics

– 4421 Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Totalitarianism

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Associate Lecturer, Department of Political Science: Fall 2016–Spring 2020

– 103 Introduction to Politics (online, face-to-face)

– 175 Introduction to International Relations (online, face-to-face)

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science: Summer 2013–Summer 2016

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science: Fall 2012–Spring 2016

Graduate Assistant, Department of Political Science: Spring 2011–Spring 2012

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Associate Lecturer, Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Law: Spring 2017
– 104 Introduction to International Relations

University of Michigan, ICPSR Summer Program

Teaching Assistant, Regression III (with Dave Armstrong): Summer 2018
Teaching Assistant, Regression II (with Tim McDaniel): Summer 2014

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Academic Apprentice, Department of Political Science (with Steven Hill): Spring 2009

Project Affiliations

The Ohio State University (data consultant): June 2018–August 2018
PRIO Costs of Contention (research assistant): January 2017–December 2018
Laboratories of Democracy (data consultant): August 2016
CandidateD (research assistant): Fall 2013–Spring 2014
Candidate Emergence in the States (research assistant): Fall 2012–Fall 2013
Local Elections in America Project (project assistant): Fall 2011–Spring 2012

TEACHING INTERESTS

Authoritarian politics, politics of developing states, intrastate conflict, comparative political institutions, research design and methods

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian institutions, comparative democratization, politics of natural disasters, ethnic conflict and civil war, race and ethnicity in comparative perspective, causes and implications of international conflict

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Kraft, P. W., N. R. Davis, T. Davis, A. Heideman, J. T. Neumeyer, and S. Y. Park. 2021. "Reliable Sources? Correcting Misinformation in Polarized Media Environments." *American Politics Research* 50(1): 17–29.

Shah, P. R. and N. R. Davis. 2017. "Comparing Three Methods to Classify the Race of Candidates." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics* 2(1): 124–139.

Works in Progress

Don't Shoot the Messenger: The Role of Expert Cues in Correcting Misinformation on Climate Change (with S. Y. Park, C. S. Kim, and P. W. Kraft)

Climate Change Resiliency: Patterns of Disaster Prevention in Political Regimes

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Davis, N. R., S. Y. Park, C. S. Kim, and P. W. Kraft. Don't Shoot the Messenger: The Role of Expert Cues in Correcting Misinformation on Climate Change. *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2022.

B. S. Tan and N. R. Davis. Why Would They Say No? Authoritarian Reactions to Relief Aid. *The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Boston September 2018.

Davis, N. R. Walking in Your Neighbor's Steps: Neighbor Emulation As Simplistic Learning. *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2018.

Schwarz, C. and N. R. Davis. It's Never That Simple: Unpacking the Simultaneous and Conditional Effects of Foreign Aid, Political Institutions, Economic Development, and Political Violence. *The Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association*, Baltimore February 2017.

B. S. Tan and N. R. Davis. The Logic of Authoritarian Reaction to Foreign Relief. *The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia September 2016.

Davis, N. R. Persistent Authoritarianism and the Stabilizing Effect of Resource Wealth. *The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia September 2016.

Davis, N. R. With a Little Help from Our (Autocratic) Friends: The Aid-Democratization Nexus and Chinese Development Assistance. *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2016.

Schwarz, C. and N. R. Davis. Decisions, Decisions: Re-examining the Trade-Conflict Nexus. *The Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association*, Atlanta March 2016.

Davis, N. R. Trading Faces: How Trading Partners Affect Changes in Governing Institutions. *The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, San Francisco September 2015.

Paul, N. et al. Sex and Race in Statehouse Elections: Press Coverage of Women and Minority Candidates at the Entry Level. *The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, San Francisco September 2015.

Davis, N. R. Democracy, Inclusion, and Communal Rebellion: Understanding Violence Against the State 1980–2006. *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2015.

Davis, N. R. Teaching the Rebels A Lesson: Education Provision and Civil Conflict. *The Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association*, New Orleans February 2015.

AWARDS

Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2018–2019

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association 2015

Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate School 2015
Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Political Science Department 2015
Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate School 2014
First Year Student Success Award (teaching), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2012
Chancellor's Graduate Student Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2012–2013
Leonard Gambrell World Politics Award, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 2008–2009

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, ARNOVA, 2020–present
Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago April 2017
President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2012–2016
Member, International Studies Association, 2014–2019
Member, American Political Science Association, 2013–2020
Member, Midwest Political Science Association, 2012–Present

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