

SKYLAR JOSEPH COVICH

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of California, Santa Barbara

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science. Degree expected 2016.

Dissertation: "Christianity and the Politics of Poverty in the United States"

M.A., Political Science, 2012.

Subfields: American Politics, Politics and Religion

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University. Certificate, 2013.

Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, California

B.A., Politics, Minor in Theology/Religious Studies, *magna cum laude*, 2009.

Hagerty Award for the Most Distinguished Student in the School of Liberal Arts

Teaching and Research Interests

American Government

Interest Groups

Politics and Religion

American Religious History (Christianity)

Political Parties

Elections and Voting

Selected Fellowships and Awards

UC Santa Barbara Graduate Division

Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, 2015-2016

College of the Holy Cross, Boston, Massachusetts

Graduate Fellow, Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and the Intellectual Life, June 2011.

National Federation of the Blind

National Scholarship Award, 2007.

Publications

"Economic Performance and Presidential Trait Evaluations." With Lisa Argyle, Marcus Arrajj, E.G. Garay, Julian Gottlieb, Heather Hodges, and Eric Smith. Under Review. *Electoral Studies*.

"A College Senior Speaks About Diversity: The Disability Perspective." In Virginia N. Gordon & Thomas L. Minnick (Eds.), *Foundations: A Reader for New College Students*. Fifth Edition. Independence, KY: Wadsworth Higher Education, 2010.

Conference Presentations

"Catholics, Liberal Protestants and American Health Care Policy." Poster Presentation, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California, September 2015.

"Christianity and the Politics of the Minimum Wage in the United States." Symposium on Religion and Public Life. Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2015.

Conference Presentations, continued.

“Christianity and the Politics of Poverty in the United States.” Christians in Political Science Conference, Azusa Pacific University, Los Angeles, May 31, 2014.

“Economic Performance and Presidential Trait Evaluations: A Longitudinal Analysis” with Lisa Argyle. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12, 2012.

University Teaching Experience

Department of Political Science, UC Santa Barbara

Teaching Associate – Full responsibility for course, including preparing syllabus and course lectures, course discussions and grading.

US Political Interest Groups (Political Science 153, 30 students) Summer 2015.

along with

Summer Teaching Institute for Associates (STIA) through UCSB Instructional Development

Guest lectures

“Interest Groups, Religious Organizations, Social Movements and Political Parties in American Foreign Policy” Political Science 127, Winter 2015.

“Religion & International Relations.” Political Science 7, Winter 2013.

“Why does the United States Have a Two-Party System?” Political Science 12, Winter 2011

Teaching Assistant – *Lead discussions, hold office hours, grade papers & exams.*

American Foreign Policy (Political Science 127) Winter 2015

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Political Science 6)

Winter 2013, Spring 2014.

Introduction to International Relations (Political Science 7)

Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Winter 2014.

Introduction to American Politics (Political Science 12)

Winter 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2014.

US Interest Groups (Political Science 153: Spring 2010.

Academic Service

Peer reviewer, March 2015-present.

At request of journal editors, review submitted manuscripts for academic publication.

Department of Political Science, UC Santa Barbara

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2010-2013.

Graduate Student Association, UC Santa Barbara

Department Representative to Student Assembly, 2013-2014.

Graduate Representative, Advisory Committee on Campus Access, 2010-present.

Graduate Representative, Commission on Disability Equality, 2009-2011.

Saint Mary’s College of California, Moraga, California

Student Representative, Collegiate Seminar Governing Board, 2008-2009.

Core Curriculum Task Force, 2007-2009.