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## **Education**

Ph.D.: 2009 West Virginia University. (Fields: American, Judicial, Public Policy)  
Dissertation: "Agenda Setting and Presidential Power in the United States."

M.A.: 2005 West Virginia University (Political Science)  
Master's Thesis: "The Effects of Presidential Approval on Same Party  
Gubernatorial Candidates"

B.A.: 2003 University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (Political Science)

## **Professional Experience**

### **Administrative Appointments**

Chair, Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service (2020-present).

### **Full-Time Academic Appointments**

University of West Georgia

- Professor. 2021-present.
- Associate Professor of Political Science 2015-2021.
- Assistant Professor of Political Science 2009-2015

Marshall University (Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science) 2008-2009

## **Academic and Professional Awards and Honors**

Nominated for University of West Georgia *University College Outstanding Researcher*.  
2021-22.

Nominated for University of West Georgia *College of Social Sciences Outstanding Service  
Award*. 2020.

City of Villa Rica Volunteer of the Year. 2017.

University of West Georgia *College of Social Sciences Outstanding Service Award*. 2013.

HERF Graduate Fellowship, WVU 2007-2008 Academic Year.

Stephen J. Wolfe Scholarship-Best Student of the Presidency. WVU, 2005.

Departmental Conference Travel Grant. WVU, November, 2004.

Inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society, 2003.

Honorable Mention, Dayton Model United Nations Conference, 2002.

## **Books and Edited Volumes**

Rutledge, Paul E. and Chapman Rackaway, eds. 2021. *The Unorthodox Presidency of Donald J. Trump*. In Press at University of Kansas Press.

## **Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters**

Rutledge, Paul E. 2021. "Understanding Trump's Strategy and Opportunity." In Rutledge, Paul E. and Chapman Rackaway, eds. *The Unorthodox Presidency of Donald J. Trump*. Chapter 6, In Press at University of Kansas Press.

Rutledge, Paul E. 2020. "Trump, COVID-19, and the War on Expertise." *American Review of Public Administration* 50(6-7): 505-11.

Putch, Chandra, Chapman Rackaway, Paul Rutledge and Brian Sloboda. 2020. "An Analysis of the Results from the 2016 Presidential Election." *Journal of Global Politics and Current Diplomacy* 8(1): 5-30.

Fleming, Anthony K., Paul E. Rutledge, Gregory C. Dixon, and J. Salvador Peralta. 2016. "When the Smoke Clears: Focusing Events, Issue Definition, Strategic Framing, and the Politics of Gun Control." *Social Science Quarterly* 97(5): 1144-56.

Rutledge, Paul. 2016. "Presidential Power and Agenda Setting." In Zahariadis, Nikolaos, ed. *Handbook of Public Policy Agenda Setting*. Edward Elgar Publishing. 236-53.

Rutledge, Paul and Heather A. Larsen-Price. 2014. "The President as Agenda-Setter in Chief: The Dynamics of Congressional and Presidential Agenda Setting." *Policy Studies Journal* 42(3): 443-464.

Larsen-Price, Heather A. and Paul Rutledge. 2013. "Follow the Leader: Issue-Dependent Representation in American Political Institutions." *Congress and the Presidency* 40(1): 1-26.

Rutledge, Paul. 2012. "Developing a Georgia Policy Database: a Research Proposal." *The Georgia Journal of Public Policy* 2(Volume 1, Article 2): 1-13.

Baumgartner, Frank R., Beth L. Leech, Heather A. Larsen-Price, and Paul Rutledge. 2011. "Congressional and Presidential Effects on the Demand for Lobbying." 2011. *Political Research Quarterly* 64(March): 3-16.

### **Manuscripts Currently Under Revision**

Fleming, Anthony K., Paul E. Rutledge, and J. Salvador Peralta. 2021. "The Gun Stops Here: Firearm Policy and Presidential Issue Framing." Invited to revise and resubmit at *Midsouth Political Science Review*.

### **Other Publications**

Rutledge, Paul. 2008. "Mandates", in Kenneth F. Warren ed. *Encyclopedia of U.S. Campaigns, Elections, and Electoral Behavior*. Sage Publications.

Rutledge, Paul and Anthony Fleming. 2008. "Gun Control as a Campaign Issue", in Kenneth F. Warren ed. *Encyclopedia of U.S. Campaigns, Elections, and Electoral Behavior*. Sage Publications.

### **Invited Presentations**

COAS in the Library Presentation, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Opportunity, Accomplishment, and Unpopularity: the Presidency of Barack Obama."  
"Graduate School and Research in Political Science", University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Fall Semester, 2005.

### **Conference Participation**

"Understanding Presidential Agenda Leadership." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 17, 2019.

"The Gun Stops Here: How Have Presidents Framed the Gun Control Debate?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 13, 2017.

"The Gun Stops Here: Effects of Presidential Framing from Johnson to George W. Bush." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association. April 8-9, 2016.

"The Storm Without: International Turbulence and the American Domestic Agenda." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL: April, 2011 (with Greg Dixon, Caitlyn Clary, and Heather Larsen-Price).

"Learning Geography the Hard Way: the Influence of International Conflict on the U.S. Political Agenda." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA: January, 2011 (with Greg Dixon and Heather LarsenPrice).

Panel Chair and Discussant: "How are President's Relations with Congress Shaped?" Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA: January, 2011.

Panel Chair: "Interest Groups in the Age of Obama". Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA: January, 2011.

Panel Chair: "Presidents in Action". Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA: January, 2011.

"Public Priorities, News Stories, and Institutional Agendas: The Interplay between Public Concerns and Presidential, Congressional, and Media Policy Agendas". Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 7-9, 2010. Atlanta, GA (with Heather Larsen-Price and Lindsay Wallace).

"Political Capital and the President's Agenda: A Multivariate Test of Competing Explanations". Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January, 2010. Atlanta, GA (with Bret Wilson).

Chair: State and Local Elections Panel. Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 7-9, 2010. Atlanta, GA.

"Approval at Multiple Levels and the Race for the Governor". Presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association. November, 2009.

Discussant: Tax and Health Care Policy Panel. Annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, 2009.

"Strike While the Iron's Cold: The Politics of Presidential Attention in Political Time." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April, 2009 (with Bret Wilson).

Discussant: Public Policy Section, Panel on Democracy and Citizenship. Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: April, 2009. Chicago, IL.

"Leading and Following: The Supreme Court, the Public, and attention to issues", Presented at annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; April, 2008. Chicago, IL.

"Effects of Small Arms Trade in Relation to NGO's and IGO's." Presented at annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January, 2008. Chicago, IL (with Anthony Fleming and Sara Moats).

"The Relationship Between Party-Lines and Roll-Call Voting in the U.S. Senate, 1960-2002." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2005. Chicago, IL.

“Focusing Events: The Role of Gun Violence in the Formation of New Policy Across Seven Democracies”, presented at annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2005. Chicago, IL (with Anthony Fleming).

“Explaining Roll Call Votes and the Effects of the Party Line in the United States Senate: 1976-2002”. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January, 2005. New Orleans, LA.

“Focusing Events: The Role of Gun Violence in the Formation of New Policy in Four Western Democracies”, presented at annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, November, 2004. Boston, MA (with Anthony Fleming and Korok Biswas).

“The Dynamic Behavior of U.S. Senators”, presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, November, 2004. Boston, MA.

“Focusing Events: The Role Gun Violence Plays in the Formation of New Policy in Four Western Democracies”, presented at annual meeting of the West Virginia Political Science Association, October, 2004. Buckhannon, WV (with Anthony Fleming and Korok Biswas).

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Undergraduate**

#### University of West Georgia

American National Government, American Presidency, Agenda-Setting and Public Policy (Senior Seminar), State and Local Government, Interorganizational Behavior, American Political Development, American Political Development I, Political Satire, Public Policy, American Political Institutions.

#### Marshall University

Introduction to Public Administration, Administrative Law, Public Administration and Policy Development

#### West Virginia University (Instructor of Record)

Empirical Political Analysis, Introduction to Public Administration

### **Graduate**

#### University of West Georgia

Public Policy Analysis and Evaluation, Principles of Public Administration

#### Marshall University

Administrative Law, Public Administration and Policy Development, Data Analysis

## **Research Experience**

December, 2007-December, 2008. Research Consultant. Pennsylvania Policy Database Project. Temple University, Joseph P. McLaughlin, Principle Investigator.

June, 2006-August, 2007. Graduate Research Manager. Pennsylvania Policy Database Project. Penn State University. Frank R. Baumgartner, Co-Principle Investigator.

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association (sections on Presidency, legislative politics, state and local politics, and public policy)

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Center for Presidential Studies

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary Society

### **Teaching and Research Interests**

American National Institutions, American Presidency, Political and Constitutional Development, Constitutional Law, Judicial Process, Public Administration and Public Policy, Agenda-Setting, Quantitative Political Analysis, Research Methods, Research Design, State Politics and Policy.

### **Service to the Discipline**

Manuscript reviewer for the following journals:

*American Politics Research*

*American Political Science Review*

*Georgia Journal of Public Policy*

*Government and Opposition*

*International Journal of Public Opinion Research*

*Policy Studies Journal*

*Political Research Quarterly*

*Social Sciences Quarterly*

*Studies in the Social Sciences*

Panel Discussant or Chair at the following conferences:

Midwest Political Science Association 2009

Georgia Political Science Association 2009

Southern Political Science Association 2010, 2011

AP Reader for American Government and Politics

Daytona Beach (June 2010, June 2011), Salt Lake City (2012-2015; 2017-2018; 2020.).

### **Service to the University**

Academic Calendar Committee (2021-22)

University College Associate Dean Search Committee (2021)

University of West Georgia Campus Reorganization Committee (2019-2020)

Faculty Senate Institutional Planning Committee (2017-2018)

Political Science Chair Search Committee (2017)  
Faculty Senate Faculty Development Committee (2016-2017)  
Political Science Department Personnel Committee (2017-2018)  
Political Science Department Chair's Advisory Committee (2016; 2019)  
COSS Faculty Council Chair Elect (2015)  
Political Science Instructor Search Committee (2015)  
Chair of COSS Promotion and Tenure Review Committee (2015)  
UWG Provost Search Committee (2013-2014) COSS  
Dean's Review Committee (2014-2015)  
Faculty Advisor to UWG Pi Sigma Alpha and Pi Alpha Alpha (2013-2014) Member  
of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee (2011-2012; 2015).  
Chair of Faculty Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (2010-2011)  
Chair of Faculty Senate Budget Committee (2012-2014)  
Vice President: AAUP-University of West Georgia chapter (2011-2012)  
University of West Georgia Faculty Senate (2010-2014; 2016-2018)  
President's Special Commission to Improve Retention, Progression, and Graduation  
(2010-2011) (henceforth RPG commission).  
Co-chair of workgroup on faculty, staff, and student engagement for RPG commission.  
Member of workgroup on lowering DFW rates for RPG commission.  
Department of Political Science and Planning Retention, Progression, and Graduation  
guide (2010-2011).  
Faculty Advisor to the West Georgia Campus TOMS 2009-2010.  
Faculty Advisor to Undergraduate Students.  
Dozens of MPA Exit Paper Committee Member and chairs.  
Represented Department of Political Science at University of West Georgia Preview Day:  
April 11, 2010.

### **Service to the Community**

Villa Rica Soccer Association U8 Age Group Director 2014-2015, Recreation Director  
2015-2020.

Quoted in numerous articles regarding the 2016 presidential election in "*The Hill*".

Participant in Arts and Sciences at the Library program. Public speech on Obama  
presidency delivered February 20, 2011.

Commented on the 2010 State of the Union Address by President Barack Obama through  
the University of West Georgia media relations department. Comments were made  
available to the press and on the West Georgia website. Comments were picked up by  
local radio (B-92), CNN Newswire, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and the Huffington  
Post.