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## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 2011.

*Dissertation:* Religion and Political Behavior: Studies of Political Tolerance, Voting, and Public Opinion

*Director:* Dr. J. Tobin Grant

*Fields:* American Politics, Public Administration, Comparative Politics

M.A. Political Science, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 2007.

*Thesis:* Religiosity and Anxiety: A New Approach.

*Adviser:* Dr. J. Tobin Grant

B.A. History/Political Science, Greenville College, 2004.

*Minors:* Religion/Philosophy.

## Scholarship - Peer Reviewed Articles

Burge, Ryan P. and Miles Williams. 2019. "Gender in the Pulpit: The Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women" *Journal of Communication and Religion*. Forthcoming.

Burge, Ryan P. 2018. "To Be of One Mind?: How LGB Evangelicals Navigate the Political World" *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. Forthcoming.

Burge, Ryan P. and Andrew Lewis. 2018. "Measuring Evangelicals: Practical Considerations for Social Scientists." *Politics & Religion*. 1-15.

Eisenstein, Marie, George Yancey, and Ryan P. Burge. 2017. "Christian Theology and Attitudes Toward Political-Ideological Groups." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*. 13(6): 1-13.

Burge, Ryan P. and Paul A. Djupe. 2017. "An Emergent Threat: Christian Clergy Perceptions of the Emerging Church Movement" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. DOI: 10.1111/jssr.12324.

Burge, Ryan, Paul A. Djupe and Brian Calfano. 2016. "The Delegational Pulpit? Clergy Identifying as Congregational Political Representatives." *Representation*. 52(1): 43-69. DOI: 10.1080/00344893.2016.1244112.

Burge, Ryan P. and Paul A. Djupe. 2016. "Emergent Fault Lines: Clergy Attitudes Toward the Emergent Church Movement." *Journal of Religious Leadership*. 15(1): 5-30.

Burge, Ryan P. and Paul A. Djupe. 2015. "Emergent Church Practices in America: Inclusion and Deliberation in American Congregations" *Review of Religious Research* 57(1): 1-22. DOI: 10.1007/s13644-014-0157-2

Burge, Ryan and Paul Djupe. 2014. "Truly Inclusive or Uniformly Liberal: An Analysis of the Politics of the Emerging Church." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 53(3): 636-651. DOI: 10.1111/jssr.12129

Burge, Ryan. 2013. "Using Matching to Investigate the Relationship Between Religion and Tolerance." *Politics & Religion*. 6(2): 264-281. DOI: 10.1017/S1755048312000569

## Scholarship - Book Chapters

Burge, Ryan P. 2018. "Religion and Authority." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Forthcoming.

Burge, Ryan P. 2018. "We Find Truth by Talking: Comparing Authority in Evangelicalism and the Emergent Church." In *The Evangelical Crackup: Will the Evangelical-Republican Coalition Last?* eds. Paul Djupe and Ryan Claassen. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 160-173.

Burge, Ryan, Paul A. Djupe and Brian Calfano. 2015. "The Political Tolerance of Clergy and its Democratic Roots." In *Religion and Political Tolerance in America: Advances in the State of the Art*. ed. Paul Djupe. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 21-33.

## Scholarship, Non-Peer Reviewed, Online Publications

Founding Editor of *Religion in Public*, a venue for scholars of religion and politics to make their work accessible to a general audience. Full post list here.

Occasionally Contribute Analysis and/or Commentary to *The Washington Post*

"Regular churchgoing doesn't make Trump voters more moderate. It makes them more enthusiastic for Trump.". October 9, 2018 (with Paul A. Djupe)

"Romney is running for Senate. Even if he wins, the Mormon Church has already lost powerful status in D.C.". February 16, 2018.

"Hate saying 'Merry Christmas' now? Everyone has Trump on the brain.". December 22, 2017.

"A sin issue or a gun issue? Why evangelicals are deeply skeptical of gun-control laws.". November 6, 2017.

"Some evangelicals question whether they have overlooked the rural church". December 15, 2016.

Occasional Contributor to *Christianity Today*

"Study: Clinton Voters Twice as Likely to Leave Evangelicalism as Trump Voters". April 30, 2018. (with Paul A. Djupe)

"50 Years After MLK, Sunday Segregation Isn't Theological". April 4, 2018.

"Congrats, Billy: Stats Show Your Evangelical Movement Is Still Going Strong". March 2, 2018.

"Where Protestants and Catholics Go When They Leave Their Churches". February 20, 2018.

"Plenty of the 'Nones' Actually Head Back to Church". February 6, 2018.

"Almost No One in the US Believes in a Consistent Ethic of Life." September 13, 2017.

"Young, Female, and Pro-Trump." July 26, 2017.

Research that Has Been Featured In *The Christian Post*

"Which Sports League Is the Most Christian?". February 12, 2018.

"Are White Evangelicals Really in Decline? Scholars Dispute PRRI Findings". September 11, 2017.

“Americans Who Believe the Bible Is the Literal Word of God Are Not in Decline, Says Expert.”. May 24, 2017.

“Only 60 Percent of Evangelicals Voted for Trump?”. March 14, 2017.

Occasional Contributor to *The Corner of Church and State*

“Six words Trump never said to evangelicals”. June 24, 2016.

“Trump won big in the Bible Belt (and lots of mini-Bible Belts outside the South)”. April 21, 2016.

“Why is Trump appealing? Religious authoritarians and democracy don’t mix”. March 8, 2016.

“How does Trump attract religious conservatives? Here’s one possibility”. March 2, 2016.

“Myth of the evangelical voter? It depends on meaning of ‘evangelical’”. February 17, 2016.

Contributor to *Southern Illinois Wonders Series*. Radio Program for WSIU focusing on “The Southern Baptist Division of 1993.”

## Scholarship, Non-Peer Reviewed, Print Publications

Burge, Ryan and Ed Stetzer. “Research Report: Reltrad Coding Problems and a New Repository.” *Politics & Religion*. 9(1): 187-190. DOI: 10.1017/S1755048315000929.

Burge, Ryan. “Book Review: The Deconstructed Church.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 54(1): 179-180. March 2015.

*Focus Group Coordinator and Polling Coordinator for a survey of Democrat staffers in Illinois State Capitol* Report submitted to Senate President John Cullerton.

Burge, Ryan. *The Movement of Opinion Toward Spending Cuts, Revenue Increases, and Political Reform In Illinois: Results and Analysis of The Fourth Annual Simon Poll*. Results available in The Simon Review Paper #27, January 2012.

*Demographic and Religious Support for Reform Proposals in the State of Illinois*. Paper accepted for publication in the proceedings of the Conference for Ethics and Politics in Illinois, Chicago, IL. September 2012.

## Current Projects

“Divine Attribution? The Interaction of Religious and Secular Beliefs on Climate Change Attitudes.” (with Paul A. Djupe and Dan Cox) *Revise and Resubmit*.

“The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter” (with Miles Williams) *Revise and Resubmit*.

“Deus Ex Machina: Using an Algorithm to Create Religious Categories” *Revise and Resubmit*

“Digital Segregation: Gender, Occupation and Access to Politics.” (with Amanda Freisen and Kylee Britzman) *Manuscript in Progress*.

“God, Congress, and Social Media: Analyzing the Religious Tweets of Members of Congress.” (with Brittany Bramlett) *Manuscript in Progress*.

“Who’s In Charge? Religious Authority Values in Democratic Society.” (with Paul Djupe, Andrew Lewis, and Jake Neiheisel) *Manuscript in Progress*.

## Conference Activity and Invited Talks

*ABCUSA Clergy and Congregations: Theology, Ideology, and Demography*, The Board of General Ministries for the American Baptist Church. Portland, Oregon. June 28th, 2017.

*Ormond Church/State Lectureship*, Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois. April 26th, 2017

*The State of Clergy in the American Baptist Churches in the USA*, National Leadership Council Annual Meeting for the American Baptist Church. Green Lake, Wisconsin. April 6th, 2017

*Who's in Charge Here? Religious Authority Values in Democratic Society*. Paper Presented at the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences Annual Conference, Evansville, IN. October 2015.

*The Delegational Pulpit? Clergy Identifying as Congregational Political Representatives*. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2015.

*Seeds in Rocky Soil: The Interaction of Religious and Secular Beliefs on Environmental Support*. Paper Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC. August 2014.

*Seeds in Rocky Soil: The Interaction of Religious and Secular Beliefs on Environmental Support*. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2014.

*Communitarianism and Christianity: Understanding the Link between Religious Giving to Secular Causes*. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2013

*Behavior, Belief, Belonging, and Opinion*. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2012

*Pizza and Politics*. Presentation on Religion, Politics and the 2012 Presidential Campaign. Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Carbondale, IL. February 2012

*Behavior, Belief, or Belonging? Using Matching Analysis to Examine the Relationship between Religion and Voting Behavior*. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. March 2011

*Blue State Religion and Politics*. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2010

*Reevaluating the Link between Religion and Tolerance*. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2010

*A Proposed Research Design for Doctoral Dissertation*. Presented at the Southern Illinois University Conference on Religion and Politics, Carbondale IL. April 2009

*Religiosity and Anxiety: A New Approach*. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2008

## Academic Positions

*Instructor*, Department of Political Science, Eastern Illinois University. (August 2012 - December 2015 and August 2016 to Present)

*Adjunct Instructor*, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (Spring 2016)

*Adjunct Instructor*, Department of History/Political Science, McKendree University. (July 2012)

*Post Doctoral Fellow*, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Advisor on polling, public opinion, and Illinois politics. (2011 Academic Year)

*Instructor*, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University- Carbondale. (Spring, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011)

*Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University- Carbondale. Introduction to American Politics (Spring 2008, Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009.) Lecturing Instructor- Dr. Ken Mulligan

*Instructor*, Department of Social Science, Southeastern Illinois College, Harrisburg, IL. Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2007).

*Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University- Carbondale. Introduction to American Politics (Spring 2007 and Fall 2008.) Lecturing Instructor- Dr. Debra Moore

*Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University- Carbondale. Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2006). Lecturing Instructor- Dr. Randy Burnside

## Courses Taught

Introduction to American Government  
Introduction to Public Administration  
Introduction to Public Policy  
Introduction to International Relations  
Court Management and Criminal Justice  
The American Presidency  
American Foreign Policy  
International Organizations  
Proseminar in International Relations (Graduate)  
State and Local Government (Graduate) - Online

Interest Groups and Lobbying  
Interest Groups and Social Movements  
The Presidency (Graduate)  
Religion and Politics  
Organizational Theory  
Introduction to Research Methods  
Research Methods  
Research Methods (Graduate) - Online  
Political Behavior - Online

## Service

Graduate Curriculum Committee (2017-2018 Academic Year)

Masters Thesis Advisor: Steve Anderson (Fall 2014), Brenda Cuellar (Fall 2017), Austin Mejdrih (Summer 2018)

Capstone Advisor: Raphael Molina (Summer 2017), Courtney Sage (Summer 2017).

Masters Thesis Committee Member: Ryan Piers (Spring 2013), Samantha White (Spring 2014), Phillip Roughton (Fall 2014), Samantha Sarich (Spring 2015), Arianne Gouveia (Summer 2015), John Proffitt (Fall 2015), Miles Williams (Fall 2016), Samantha White (Summer 2018)

Mentoring and Recruitment Committee Member (2013-2014, 2014-2015 Academic Year)

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Politics and Religion*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Political Behavior*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2013

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