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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

Friesen, Amanda, Ryan P. Burge, and Kylee Britzman. 2019. "Digital Segregation: Gender, Occupation and Access to Politics." *Social Science Computer Review*. Forthcoming.

Burge, Ryan P. and Miles Williams. 2019. "Is Social Media A Digital Pulpit? How Evangelical Leaders Use Twitter to Encourage the Faithful and Publicize Their Work." *Journal of Religion, Media, and Digital Culture*. Forthcoming

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. "Authority, Authoritarianism, and Religion." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/9780190228637.013.667

Burge, Ryan P. 2018. "To Be of One Mind?: How LGB Evangelicals Navigate the Political World" *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. DOI: 10.1080/21565503.2018.1518784

Burge, Ryan P. and Andrew Lewis. 2018. "Measuring Evangelicals: Practical Considerations for Social Scientists." *Politics & Religion*. 11(4): 745-759.

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 Emergent 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. "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.

Research Grants

Principal Investigator (with Paul Djupe). 2019. The Social and Political Implications of Non-Denominational Protestantism. The Louisville Institute: Project Grant for Researchers. (\$14,000)

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.

Occasional Contributor to *Christianity Today*

"Only Half of Kids Raised Southern Baptist Stay Southern Baptist". May 24, 2019.

"Are Evangelicals More Altruistic than Other Groups?". April 25, 2019.

"Is Religious Decline Inevitable in the United States?". April 17, 2019.

"Race, Religion, and the Future of American Evangelicalism". April 1, 2019.

"Evangelicals Show No Decline, Despite Trump and Nones". March 21, 2019.

"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.

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

- "Organized Religion is Losing Its Followers.". April 15, 2019
"Talk of a rising religious left is unfounded. It already exists.". April 11, 2019
"Are nonreligious Democrats emerging as a counterweight to the evangelical right?.". April 1, 2019
"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.

Occasionally Write for *Religion News Service*

- "Why do evangelicals support Trump? Blame the suburbs" July 30, 2019.
"Rise of the 'nothing in particulars' may be sign of a disjointed, disaffected and lonely future" July 3, 2019.
"Most Southern Baptist women would welcome a woman pastor. It's unlikely to happen." June 11, 2019.
"Why politics may kill white churches." *Religion News Service*. May 29, 2019.
"Gallup: Number of Americans who belong to a church or house of worship plummets" April 18, 2019.
"Nones now as big as evangelicals, Catholics in the US." March 21, 2019.

Other Media Appearances

- "More Americans identify with no religion that ever before but three states see evangelical growth: study" *Fox News* July 15, 2019.
"Who Do Non-Religious Democrats Prefer?" 538 June 3, 2019.
"Why Democrats Struggle To Mobilize A Religious Left" 538 May 29, 2019.
"Dubious Faith." *Daily Mail*. May 8, 2019.
"Washington Journal" *C-SPAN* April 21, 2019.
"At Easter, faith leaders reflect on the future of their churches amid declining attendance" *Deseret News*. April 18, 2019.
"President Donald Trump wants to add a citizenship question to the census. What about a question on religion?" *Deseret News*. April 11, 2019.
"Is America becoming Godless?" *The Daily Mail*. April 4, 2019.
"The Power of the Pulpit" *Governing Magazine*. April 2019.
"Christianity is losing ground in the US, new survey says" *New York Post*. April 3, 2019.
"On Paper, the Election Is the Democrats to Lose" *New York Times*. March 27, 2019.

"Atheists Now Nearly as Numerous as Evangelicals." *BeliefNet*. March 2019.

"Younger evangelicals look an awful lot like older evangelicals post-2016." *Vox*. November 12, 2018 (with Jeremy Castle and Paul Djupe.)

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*.

"Deus Ex Machina: Using an Algorithm to Create Religious Categories" *Under Review*

"How Do LGBT Voters Navigate the Political Landscape? An Analysis of Vote Choice and Public Opinion in 2016." (with Austin Mejdreich) *Under Review*.

"#Evangelical: How Twitter Discusses American Religion." *Book Chapter for Edited Volume Submitted*.

"Thoughts and Prayers: How Members of Congress Use Religious Language." (with Brittany Bramlett) *Under Review*.

"Would Jesus Own a Cat? (Probably Not): How Religion Predicts Pet Ownership in the United States." (with Samuel Perry) *Under Review*.

"Is Becoming Born-Again a Transformative Experience?" *Under Review*.

"Conflicted Partisans: When One's Political Identity is Accompanied by Discontent" (with Clarisse Warren) *Under Review*.

Conference Activity and Invited Talks

Is Becoming Born-Again a Transformative Experience? Results from Two Sets of Panel Data. Presented at the Younger Scholars in the Sociology of Religion Conference. South Bend, IN. April 2019.

This is 50: Women, Abortion Attitudes, and Partisan Strength across Age Groups, Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2019.

Thoughts and Prayers: An Analysis of How Members of Congress Use Religious Language on Twitter, Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2019.

An Evangelical Crackup?: A Roundtable on the Book and Its Implications, Discussion at the Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2019.

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

Assistant Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Eastern Illinois University. (August 2019 to Present)

Instructor, Department of Political Science, Eastern Illinois University. (August 2012 - December 2015 and August 2016 to July 2019)

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	Interest Groups and Lobbying
Introduction to Public Administration	Interest Groups and Social Movements
Introduction to Public Policy	The Presidency (Graduate)
Introduction to International Relations	Religion and Politics
Court Management and Criminal Justice	Organizational Theory
The American Presidency	Introduction to Research Methods
Congress	Senior Capstone
American Foreign Policy	Research Methods
International Organizations	Research Methods (Graduate)
Proseminar in International Relations (Graduate)	Research Methods (Graduate) - Online
State and Local Government (Graduate) - Online	Political Behavior - Online
	Proseminar in American Politics (Graduate) - Online

Service

Graduate Curriculum Committee (2017-2018 Academic Year)

Masters Thesis Advisor: Steve Anderson (Fall 2014), Brenda Cuellar (Fall 2017), Austin Mejdrich (Summer 2018), Kamrul Islam (Spring 2019), Burcu Yildiz (Spring 2019)

Capstone Advisor: Jack Cruikshank (Spring 2017), 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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