

# Nathan K. Mitchell, Ph.D.

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Specialist in subnational, state, and local politics with a focus on public policy and elections.

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Political Science**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock Texas. Dept. of Political Science. *Fields*: American Politics, Comparative Politics, and Public Policy. (2010)

*Dissertation*: Candidate Emergence and Success: Evidence from Women in State Legislative Primary Elections.

**M.A. in Political Science**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock Texas. (2005)

**Attended Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research** (Summer 2004/2005; Advanced Coursework in Quantitative Methodology (Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Measurement, and Simultaneous Equations)

**B.S. in Environmental Policy and Planning**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg Virginia. Second Major in Political Science Awarded (2003)

## TEACHING INTERESTS

- American Politics
- Comparative Politics
- Methodology
- Public Policy

## KEY SKILLS

- Academic Advising/Coaching
- Advanced Use of Qualtrics, Google Docs/Forms, and Survey Monkey
- Advanced Use of STATA, SPSS, and Excel for Quantitative Analysis
- Certified in D2L, Sakai, Moodle, and Blackboard (LMS)
- Instructional Design/Training
- Online Course Facilitation
- Program Assessment
- Program Management

## SELECTED CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- + **EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**. Student Opinion Survey average scores above 4.7 out of 5.0 at Prairie View A&M University. Won 2012-2013 Service Learning Advocate Award for Prairie View A&M University. Certified for Distance Learning since 2009 and regularly offer online courses. 12 years of teaching experience. Won outstanding teaching award for Division of SWBPS of Prairie View A&M University (2015).
- + **EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH**. Published five manuscripts in peer reviewed journals. Presented five original research papers at regional conferences between 2010 and 2015. Won Best Poster Award in 2013 for the Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association for research on state sovereign debt.
- + **EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE**. Coordinated assessment activities and data collection for academic programs in the Division of SWBPS at Prairie View A&M University (2011 – Present). Provided leadership in producing technical reports and coordinated SACS-COC five year report for Division. Provided leadership in developing distance learning and hybrid courses for Political Science. Played key role in updating / revising POSC Core and major course offerings to keep them current with trends in the field. Regularly advised four students groups – Model UN, Political Science Club, College Democrats and Pi Sigma Alpha. Ensured compliance with university policies.
- + **MODEL UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM**. Mentored and advised undergraduate students interested in international affairs and issues at Prairie View A&M University. Provided academic enrichment and leadership training to develop skills and base knowledge of students. Coordinated budget of \$25,000 and ensured students complied with all university policies while fundraising. Chaperoned 15-25 students to national conference in New York, New York. Presided over organizational growth from 8 to 25 students.

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- + **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR** at Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas ▪ (2010 to present). *Courses*: US Government, TX Government, Research Scope and Methods, Comparative Politics, Presidency, Special Topics: Race, Gender, and Public Policy, State and Local Politics.
- + **ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR** at Lone Star College – University Park, Houston, Texas ▪ (2012 to present). *Courses*: US and TX Government
- + **FULL-TIME ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR** at Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas ▪ (2008-2010). *Courses*: Government I & II, Research Scope and Methods, Public Policy, State and Local Politics.
- + **GRADUATE PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR** at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas ▪ (2004 to 2008). *Courses*: US Government, Public Policy, Statistical Computing Lab, Gender and Politics.

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## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (2010-PRESENT)

- + Monroe, Billy, Lee Payne, and Nathan K. Mitchell. (Forthcoming). "Texas Judicial Primary Elections: A Quantitative Analysis." *Journal of Political Science*.
- + Monroe, Billy and Nathan K. Mitchell. 2015. "The History of Judicial Selection Reform in Texas." *British Journal of American Legal Studies*. V4(1): 425-452. <http://www.bcu.ac.uk/Download/Asset/50723f83-f6fe-e411-80cd-005056831842>.
- + Monroe, Billy, Nathan K. Mitchell, and Lee Payne. 2015. "An Exploratory Analysis of Judicial Elections in Texas: Does Subject Matter Jurisprudence Matter?" *Journal of Politics and Law*. V8(1): 14-25. URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5539/jpl.v8n1p14>.
- + Mitchell, Nathan K. 2014. "Ballot Access Rules and the Entry of Women Candidates in State Legislative Primaries." *Journal of Power, Politics & Governance*. V2(3&4): 1-25. URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15640/jppg.v2n3-4a1>.
- + Mitchell, Nathan K, Eric A. Booth and Billy Monroe. 2014. "Where's the Pork? Executive Type and Trade Protection in the 1990's." *Journal of International Relations and Foreign Policy*. 2(3&4), pp. 01-26. URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15640/jirfp.v2n3-4a1>.
- + Mitchell, Nathan K. and Billy Monroe. 2014. "Where do Women Run? A Case for Women Friendly Districts." *Journal of Social Science for Policy Implications*. V2(4): 37-57. URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15640/jsspi.v2n4a3>.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS (2010-PRESENT)

- + 2015 Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award.
- + 2014 Artinian Award. Southern Political Science Association. "Are Primaries Gendered?" \$250.00
- + 2012-2015. "Smart Room for Social Science." Title III Grant. US Department of Education. Served as a Program Assistant. (\$250,000 – Funded; Primary PI - Dr. Michael Nojeim).
- + 2013 Best Poster Award. American Political Science Association Public Policy Section. "Sovereign Debt Restrictions in the 50 States." \$500.00
- + 2013 "Project REAL: Resources for Enhanced Access to Law School." Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Diversity Initiatives Grant, with Dr. Billy Monroe. Proposal to develop online Pre-Law/Enrichment Program. \$13,780 (Not Funded).
- + 2012-2013 Service Learning Advocate Award, Division of Student Affairs and Institutional Advancement, Prairie View A&M University.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2010-PRESENT)

- + Mitchell, Nathan K. 2015. "Are State Legislative Primaries Gendered?" Paper Presentation at the 2015 Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- + Mitchell, Nathan K. and Eric A. Booth 2013. "NetStyle: Members of State Legislatures and Social Networking." Paper Presentation at the Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL.
- + Mitchell, Nathan K. 2012. "The Limits of State Spending: US State Sovereign Debt Restrictions." Poster Presentation at the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- + Mitchell, Nathan K. 2012. "Where do Women Run? A Case for 'Women Friendly Districts' in State Elections." Presentation at the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- + Mitchell, Nathan K. 2011. "Women's Interest PACS, Donor Networks, and Recruitment in State Legislatures." Presentation at the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION (2010-2015)

- + Peer Reviewer (Data Products) for Global Integrity – International Non-Profit Reviewing State Transparency, Openness, and Corruption Laws (2015).
- + Manuscript Reviewer for: *Social Science Quarterly* (2013); *American Journal of Political Science* (2012-Present); Oxford University Press (2012); *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (American Library Association) (2012-Present); *Journal of Politics* (2008-Present); McGraw Hill Publishing (2010-2013); *Politics and Gender* (2014-Present)
- + Panel Discussant for Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2015) - State Politics Section.
- + Panel Discussant for Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2013) - Race and Public Policy, State Politics.
- + Advanced Placement Exam Reader for the College Board: Comparative Politics. (2012)
- + Westminster Debate Organizing Committee, Policy Studies Organization, Panel at Southern Political Science Association (2012)

## SERVICE TO STUDENTS (2010-2015)

- + Faculty Advisement Coordinator for University College (2012-2014, 2015-Present)
  - Serve as a liaison to the First Year Experience/Learning Community
- + Academic Advisor for Political Science (2008-Present)
  - Mentor /coach undergraduates to ensure degree completion.
- + Political Science Club **Co-Advisor** (2013-2015)
- + College Democrats **Co-Advisor** (2011-Present)
- + Model United Nations **Co-Advisor** (2008-2015)
- + Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society **Co-Advisor** (2008-2014)
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## DIVISION, & UNIVERSITY SERVICE (2010-2015)

- + Search Committee for Full Time POSC Adjunct and GEOG Adjunct (Summer 2015 – **Chair**)
- + Division Assessment Committee (2014-Present)
  - **Data and Assessment Coordinator (2012-Present):** Assisted program coordinators and Division Head with 5 year SACS reporting.
- + Political Science Curriculum Committee (2008-Present)
  - Key player in playing a key role in updating/revising the POSC Core and major course offerings to keep it current with trends in the field and in compliance with SACS accreditation policies
  - Developed State and Local Politics Course (2010, Adopted by UAC)
  - Developed Special Topics Course – Race, Gender and Public Policy (2010, Adopted as acceptable Special Topics Course by Arts and Sciences)
  - Developed new curriculum for POSC 1123 – Texas Politics (2014-2015, Adopted by UAC)
  - *Co-author* of Legal Studies Minor *Proposal* (Adopted by UAC in 2014)
  - Conducts assessment of program learning outcomes related to Scope and Methods.
- + Division Distance Learning and Technology Committee (2010-Present)
  - Developed online versions of POSC 1113 and POSC 1123
  - Developed hybrid versions of POSC 1113 and 3513.
- + Constitution Day (2012-Present – **Co-Chair**)
  - Coordinated large university event on constitutional law issues. Liaison with student affairs personnel.
- + Division Lecture Series (2012-2014 – **Co-Chair**)
  - Developed four events to encourage faculty and student intellectual and research development.
- + Division Scholarship Committee (2010-2014)
- + Search Committee for Constitutional Law Adjunct Instructor (Summer 2013- **Chair**)
- + Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Social Work (2012 - 2013)
- + Adjunct Pool Search Committee **Chair** (2012-2013)
- + Search Committee for Philosophy Tenure Track Position (Winter 2011)

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- + American Political Science Association
  - State Politics Section
- + Southern Political Science Association
- + Distance Learning Association of Texas