

Curriculum Vitae

Christopher N. Lawrence 

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, University of Mississippi, December 2003.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Memphis, May 1998, with a minor in Computer Science. Additional undergraduate coursework at Georgetown University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Administrative Appointments

Chair, Department of Political Science, School of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Middle Georgia State University, July 2019–December 2024 (twelve-month contract).

- Worked with colleagues across the school to develop and implement the university's professional applied doctoral program in public safety administration (Doctor of Science in Public Safety).
- Worked with colleagues to develop and implement combined Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree.
- Led colleagues in the development and implementation of new undergraduate minors in African & African Diaspora Studies, Global Studies, Local Government Administration, and Pre-Law.
- Led departmental shift to fully-online delivery of courses March–July 2020 and implementation of social distancing measures for in-person courses upon reopening in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Developed software tools to monitor daily data reports on class enrollments and student progression and final grade reports to inform decisions about class scheduling, advising, and faculty teaching assignments.
- Developed departmental class schedules for five physical campuses and online delivery each term.
- Hired, managed, evaluated, mentored, and supervised full-time and part-time faculty.
- Supervised third-year review, tenure, promotion, and post-tenure review processes for full-time faculty.
- Resolved conflicts involving faculty, staff, and students, including grade appeals and academic infractions.
- Completed faculty credentialing, departmental and program assessments, and comprehensive program reviews in support of university system and SACSCOC regional accreditation requirements.
- Managed departmental budgets, including faculty development, travel, and supplies funding.
- Developed program marketing materials and social media accounts, led department student recruitment and retention efforts, advised students, approved transfer credit and course substitutions, and certified student degree completion audits.
- Participated in university-level core curriculum assessment and scheduling processes.
- Participated in university and school strategic planning processes.
- Represented the university, school, and department at on-campus and community events.

Assistant Chair and Political Science Program Coordinator, Department of History and Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences, Middle Georgia State University, August 2014–June 2019 (twelve-month contract).

- Led the development and implementation of the Bachelor of Science in Political Science degree program with departmental and university colleagues.
- Worked with Office of International Programs to rejoin University System of Georgia's European Union Studies Certificate program.
- Developed political science class schedules for five physical campuses and online delivery each term.
- Assisted chair in hiring, managing, evaluating, mentoring, and supervising full-time and part-time faculty.
- Assisted chair with annual departmental and program assessments and comprehensive program reviews.

Faculty Appointments

Professor of Political Science, Middle Georgia State University, July 2023–present.

Associate Professor of Political Science, Middle Georgia State University, July 2017–June 2023.

Assistant Professor of Political Science (with tenure), Middle Georgia State University, July 2016–June 2017.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Middle Georgia State University, August 2012–June 2016.

Formerly known as Macon State College, August 2012–January 2013; Middle Georgia State College, January 2013–June 2015.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Virginia Tech, August 2011–May 2012.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M International University, August 2008–August 2011.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Tulane University, July 2007–May 2008.

Saint Louis University, August 2006–May 2007.

Duke University, August 2005–May 2006.

Millsaps College, August 2004–August 2005.

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Bobbi Gentry and Christopher N. Lawrence. 2025. “Grand Theft Student: Strategies and Tactics for Political Science Recruitment.” *Journal of Political Science Education* 21(4): 596–609.

Christopher N. Lawrence and Julie A. Lester. 2018. “Evaluating the Effectiveness of Adopting Open Educational Resources in an Introductory American Government Course.” *Journal of Political Science Education* 14(4): 555–66.

Bobbi Gentry, Christopher N. Lawrence, and Erin Richards. 2016. “The Tie that Binds: Exploring Community College Curriculum Design.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 49(3): 535–40.

Scott H. Huffmon, Christopher N. Lawrence, and Allie Briggs. 2016. “Describing Ourselves: Identity Overlap and Fault Lines Regarding How Southerners Would Describe the South to Non-Southerners.” *Hungarian Journal of English and American Studies* 22(1): 53–78.

Christopher N. Lawrence and Scott H. Huffmon. 2015. “Keeping Up with the Congressmen: Evaluating Constituents’ Awareness of Redistricting.” *Social Science Quarterly* 96(1): 65–75.

Christopher N. Lawrence and Michelle L. Dion. 2010. “Blogging in the Political Science Classroom.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43(1): 151–56.

Christopher N. Lawrence. 2007. “Of Shirking, Outliers, and Statistical Artifacts: Lame-Duck Legislators and Support for Impeachment.” *Political Research Quarterly* 60(1): 159–62.

Books

Contributing author, *American Government*, by Glen Krutz, et al., Houston: OpenStax, 2025.

Book Chapters

Christopher N. Lawrence. 2022. “What Do We Teach With? An Examination of Texts.” Chapter 6 of Mitchell Brown, Shane Nordyke, and Cameron Thies, eds., *Teaching Undergraduate Political Methodology*. Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward Elgar Publishing. (Peer-reviewed.)

Christopher N. Lawrence. 2016. “Geography of Representation: Gerrymandering, Representation, and Turnout.” Chapter 14 of Bridgett A. King and Kathleen Hale, eds., *Why Don’t Americans Vote? Causes and Consequences*. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 124–35.

Christopher N. Lawrence and Scott H. Huffmon. 2013. “Incumbency, Influence, and Race: Redistricting, South Carolina Style.” Chapter 3 of William J. Miller and Jeremy D. Walling, eds., *The Political Battle over Congressional Redistricting*. Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 43–65.

Encyclopedia Entries

- Christopher N. Lawrence. n.d. "Introduction to Comparative Politics." Forthcoming in Dan Mallinson, Julia Hellwege, and Joseph Roberts, eds., *The Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science*. Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Christopher N. Lawrence. 2017. "Districting." In Fathali M. Moghaddam, ed., *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage.
- Christopher N. Lawrence. 2011. "Monarchy," "Despotism," "Popular Sovereignty," "Class Conflict," "Majoritarianism," "Social Democracy," "Executive Power," "Judicial Power," "Socialism," and "Globalization." In Steven L. Taylor, ed., *30-Second Politics*. New York: Metro Books.
- Christopher N. Lawrence. 2010. "Busing/Anti-Busing," "Civil Rights Movement," "George C. Wallace," and "New South." In Thomas Langston, ed., *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History*, vol. 6. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.
- Christopher N. Lawrence. 2008. "Voter Knowledge and Ignorance." In Kenneth F. Warren, ed., *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Campaigns, Elections, and Electoral Behavior*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage.

Other Publications

- Christopher N. Lawrence. 2011. Book review of Desmond King, et al., 2009. *Democratization in America: A Comparative-Historical Analysis*. *The American Review of Politics* 31: 380–82.
- Christopher N. Lawrence. 2007. "Regime Stability and Presidential Government: The Legacy of Authoritarian Rule, 1951–1990." Published in Ukrainian translation in *Oikumene*, the journal of the National Institute for Strategic Studies, Kyiv, Ukraine, 5: 45–64.
- Amy Brandon, Mitchell Brown, Christopher Lawrence, and Jennifer van Heerde. 2006. "2006 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference: Teaching Research Methods Track Summary." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 39(3): 535.
- Christopher N. Lawrence and Dirk Eddelbuettel. 2005. "Quantian: A Comprehensive Scientific Computing Environment." *The Political Methodologist* 13(2): 10–13.

Working Papers

- Bobbi Gentry and Christopher N. Lawrence. "What's core in the undergraduate curriculum of Political Science?" Slated for inclusion as a chapter in John Ishiyama and Michelle D. Deardorff, eds., n.d. *Rethinking the Political Science Major*.
- Adolphus G. Belk, Scott H. Huffmon, and Christopher N. Lawrence. "The Truth is Never Black and White: The Persistence of Race-Related Interviewer Effects in Today's South."
- Christopher N. Lawrence. "Political Knowledge, Partisanship, and the Public's Response to Changing Economic Conditions." Previously presented at the 2010 American Political Science Association Conference, 2011 Western Political Science Association Conference (revised), and 2011 European Political Science Association Conference (further revised).

Selected Conference Papers

- "Group Decision-Making in Open Source Development: Putting Ranked-Choice Voting in Practice." Revised and updated paper presented at the 2025 Georgia Political Science Association Conference.
- "The Potential for 'Gerrymander-proofing' Congressional Elections Using Compensatory Seats." Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- "The Eye of the TIGER: The Politics of Recovery Act Transportation Spending." Presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- "Building a New Political Science Major from Scratch in the Contemporary Era." Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- "Macon a New Government: The First Election in a Newly Consolidated City-County." Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Conference and 2014 International Political Science Association Conference.

- “Assessing Multiple Learning Outcomes in American National Government.” Presented at the 2014 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- “American Identity: Explaining Public Opinion Toward Immigrants and Immigration,” with Maruice Mangum (Texas Southern University). Presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- “Group Position and Voting: Explaining Turnout in Presidential Elections,” with Maruice Mangum (TSU). Presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- “Reforming Research Methods at a Minority-Serving Institution,” with Lynne L. Manganaro (TAMU) and Marcus A. Ynalvez (TAMU). Presented at the 2009 APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning.
- “Textbook Methodology: Undergraduate Research Methods as Depicted in Textbooks.” Presented at the 2008 APSA Conference on Teaching and Learning.
- “Accounting for the ‘Known Unknowns’: Incorporating Uncertainty in Second-Stage Estimation.” Presented at the 24th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 2007.
- “Should Voters Be Encyclopedias? Measuring the Political Sophistication of Survey Respondents in the United States and the Netherlands.” Previously presented at the 2007 Southern Political Science Association and Midwest Political Science Association conferences.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Courses:

- American National Government.
- Brexit and the Future of the European Union.
- Campaigns and Elections.
- Comparative Federalism and Multilevel Governance.
- Congress and the Presidency.
- Congress/Legislative Politics.
- Constitutional Law: Institutions and Processes.
- Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties.
- Introduction to Comparative Politics.
- Introduction to Global Issues.
- Introduction to Political Science.
- Introduction to the European Union.
- Parties and Elections.
- Political Participation.
- Politics of the American South.
- Politics of the British Isles (U.K. and Ireland).
- Public Opinion and Political Behavior.
- Research Methods (political science and sociology).
- State and Local Government (Texas Government).

Graduate Courses:

- Research Design (political science, public administration, and sociology).
- Applied Quantitative Methods (political science, public administration, and sociology).
- American Political Institutions.
- American Political Behavior.
- Public Policy Development and Implementation.

Invited Presentations

- “SOTL in SoAL” professional development workshop on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for the School of Arts and Letters, Middle Georgia State University, November 12, 2025.
- “The 2008 Presidential Election,” U.S. Consulate, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, November 4, 2008.
- Roundtable participant, “New Media and Politics: A Roundtable on Political Scientists as Bloggers,” 2008 Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, La., January 2008.
- “Conceptualizing and Measuring Political Sophistication.” Presented to PLSC 313/Public Opinion and HONR 201H/Voting and Political Participation, Winthrop University (Rock Hill, S.C.), September 2005.
- “An Overview of the Interstate 69 Corridor.” Presented at “Trading Justice: NAFTA’s New Links and Conflicts” symposium, The University of Memphis Center for Research on Women and Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, March 2005.
- Roundtable participant, “Can Academics be Bloggers? Can Bloggers be Academics?,” 2005 Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, New Orleans, La., March 2005.
- “The 2004 Elections in Mississippi,” Greater Jackson (Miss.) Optimist Club, October 2004.

Awards

- Open Educational Resources (OER) Research Fellowship, the Open Education Group/The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, 2015–16 (≈\$5,000 travel support and stipends).
- Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grant for POLS 1101 (American Government), University System of Georgia, co-P.I. with Julie A. Lester, 2015 (\$10,800).
- Grant to attend Institute for Humane Studies “Liberty and the Art of Teaching” Workshop, George Mason University, July 2012.
- Scholar of the Year (Social Sciences), College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M International University, 2010.
- National Science Foundation-sponsored grant to participate in the OPOSSEM (Online Portal of Social Science Education in Methodology) Project to develop open course content for undergraduate research methods courses, co-sponsored by ICPSR, University of South Dakota, and McMaster University (≈\$6,000 travel support).
- Texas A&M International University Research Travel Grants (competitive): April 2010 (\$1,000 travel support); February 2011 (\$1,086 travel support).
- Edward R. Artinian Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association, January 2010 (\$250 travel support).
- National Science Foundation-sponsored grant to attend the Washington University Summer Institute in the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, June 2007 (\$1,500).
- H.O.P.E. (Honoring Our Professors’ Excellence) Award, Residence Life and Housing Services, Division of Student Affairs, Duke University, 2005–06 Academic Year.
- First recipient of the Warren E. Miller Scholarship to attend the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences, University of Michigan, 2001.

Professional Activities

- Subject matter editor (political science), *Papers & Publications: Interdisciplinary Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 2019–present.
- Editorial board member, *The Journal of Political Science Education*, 2018–present.
- JPSE* Best Article Prize committee member (volume 20), 2025.
- Member, APSA American Civics Course Requirement Working Group, 2025–present.
- Section Chair, Political Geography, 2027 Southern Political Science Association conference.
- Section Chair, Information Technology & Politics, 2023 Southern Political Science Association conference.
- Section Chair, Public Opinion, 2015 Southern Political Science Association conference.
- Faculty co-chair, 2019 University System of Georgia European Union Studies Conference at Georgia College.
- Faculty, University System of Georgia London Study Abroad Program, summers of 2017 and 2018.
- Senior honors thesis committee service, Tulane University, 2007–08 academic year: Rebecca Jade Harry, political economy (second reader); Clarke Taggart Edwards, political economy and economics (third reader).
- Junior honors thesis supervisor for Kate Jacobson, Millsaps College, 2004–05 academic year.
- Discussant, American Political Science Association Conference on Teaching and Learning, “Teaching Research Methods” tracks, 2006–09, 2012, 2018, 2020; “Core Curriculum” track, 2011 and 2016.
- Conference paper discussant and/or panel chair: various APSA, MPSA, and SPSA conferences.
- Reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *The Journal of Education*, *The Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics*, *Politics and Policy*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *The Journal of Political Science Education*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*, *The Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, O’Reilly Media, W.W. Norton, Routledge, CQ Press, Oxford University Press, and Pearson Education.
- AP Reader, United States Government and Politics Examination, Educational Testing Service, 2006–13.
- Member, Macon–Bibb County Civic Health Strategy Team, 2019–21.
- Member, Macon–Bibb County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, 2019–20.

University and Departmental Service

Middle Georgia State University

- Campus coordinator, Georgia Legislative Internship Program (2017–present).
- Campus representative and program coordinator, University System of Georgia (USG) European Union Studies Certificate Program (2017–present).
- Campus representative, USG Chief Academic Officer’s Advisory Committee on Political Science (2024–present); chair-elect (2025–present).
- Campus representative, USG CAO Advisory Committee on Geological Sciences and Geography (2024–present).
- Chair, ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge campus steering committee on civic engagement (2017–present).
- Recorder and elected member, Promotion, Tenure, and Post-Tenure Review Committee (2025–present).
- Member, Ad Hoc Online Course Standards Committee, School of Arts and Letters (2025–present).
- Member, Academic Assessment Council (2015–24); General Education Council (2017–24); Gateways to Completion Steering Committee (2016–22); Commencement Committee (2022–24).
- Member, Doctor of Science in Public Safety admissions committee (2023–24).
- Campus Faculty Champion, University System of Georgia (USG) Affordable Learning Georgia initiative (2018–23).
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee elected member and chair-elect (2018–19).
- Search committee chair, interim department chair of Psychology & Criminal Justice and interim department chair of Teacher Education & Social Work positions (2017); assistant professor of political science position (2014–15); lecturer in political science position (2013–14).
- Search committee member, assistant professor of political science position (2021–22); assistant/associate professor of political science position (2025); lecturer in political science positions (2014–15; 2015–16).
- Chair and member, Technology Resources Committee (2015–16).
- Recorder and member, Library and Technology Resources Committee (2013–15).

Texas A&M International University

- M.A. thesis committee chair for Prakash Mansinghani, completed May 2011.
- M.A. thesis committee member for Carlos Cantú, completed May 2011.
- Senior honors thesis supervisor for Carlos Cantú, completed May 2010.
- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee (2008–11); Tantangelo and Cuéllar Scholarships Committee (2009–11); NASPAA Disciplinary Accreditation Committee (2008–11); MPA Advisory Board (2009–11).
- Search committee member, Political Theory/International Relations position (2008–09).

Computing Skills

Experience with common learning management, financial reporting, human resource management, and scheduling platforms in higher education including Banner, Oracle PeopleSoft, Brightspace/D2L, Moodle, and Blackboard.

Extensive statistical computing expertise in the Python (NumPy/Pandas), R, S-PLUS, SPSS, JAGS, and Stata environments under Windows, Mac OS, and Linux.

Geographic information systems (GIS) expertise using ESRI ArcGIS, PostGIS, Python (GeoPandas), QGIS, R (sp/maptools/rgeos packages), and OpenStreetMap.

Data collation and analysis using Postgres, SQLite, MariaDB, and other database software.

Extensive programming experience in Bourne shell, C, C++, Perl, and Python; additional background in Ada, assembly language (6502, 680x0, MIPS, x86), BASIC, Java, JavaScript, Kotlin, and Pascal.

Survey programming and administration using WinCati, Qualtrics, and other systems.

Web design and content creation using HTML5 and Javascript.