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Academic Employment

University of California Center Sacramento, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2017-Present

Education

- **Ph.D.**, Political Science, **University of California, Los Angeles**, 2017
Dissertation: "Why Can't We Be Friends? Essays on Gridlock
in American Legislatures"
Committee Members: Chris Tausanovitch (chair), Jeff Lewis,
Thomas Schwartz, Tim Groeling
- **B.A.**, *summa cum laude*, Political Science, **University of Florida**, 2011

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Baker, Travis J. 2016. "Delayed Gratification: Party Competition for White House Control in the U.S. House of Representatives." *Political Research Quarterly* 69: 457-468.

Baker, Travis J., and Thomas Schwartz. 2016. "Interbranch Cooperation and the Shadow of the Future." *Constitutional Political Economy* 27: 319-331.

Baker, Travis J., and David M. Hedge. 2013. "Term Limits and Legislative-Executive Conflict in the American States." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 38: 237-258.

Other Publications

Baker, Travis J. 2016. "Why talking won't help presidents win bipartisan support." *London School of Economics USAPP Blog*. 5 September. Online at <http://bit.ly/2bQr70p>.

Works-in-Progress

“Behind the Blame Game: Chief Executives, Bipartisan Legislative Success, and Reelection.” *Under review.*

“Position Taking or Policymaking? Veto Bargaining in the U.S. States.” (with Samantha Guthrie)

“Measuring Partisan Message Cohesion in the U.S. House of Representatives.” (with Aaron Rudkin)

“Incentives for Bipartisanship: Why Opposition Members Defect to the President.”

Presentations

Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association
San Francisco 2017, Washington 2014

Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013-2017

Annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, 2015

Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, 2013

Teaching Experience

Lecturer

Congress

Political Polarization

Policy Analysis in California

TA

The Presidency

Intro to American Politics

Political Parties

Game Theory

America in the 1960s

Grants and Honors

Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention, 2013, National Science Foundation

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2013, Southern Political Science Association

Graduate Research Mentorship, 2012-2013, UCLA: \$20,500

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, 2013, 2012, UCLA: \$6,500

First Year Fellowship, 2011-2012, UCLA: \$23,000

Phi Beta Kappa, 2011

Phi Kappa Phi, 2011

Eagle Scout, 2007

Occasional Reviewer

Political Research Quarterly, Legislative Studies Quarterly, State Politics & Policy Quarterly

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association