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Education

- PhD, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, *expected* 2023
- MA, Political Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2019
- B.A., Political Science (Minor: Middle Eastern Studies), *cum laude* with honors, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2017
- B.A., History, *cum laude*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2017
- A.A., with honors, Florida State College, Jacksonville, FL, 2014

Publications

- “Reliable Sources? Correcting Misinformation in Polarized Media Environments,” with Nicholas R. Davis, Amanda Heideman, Patrick Kraft, Jason T. Neumeyer, and Shin Young Park. *American Politics Review*, (2021).
- Taraleigh Davis. “A Tale of Two Courts: State Courts of Last Resort and Civil Rights Adjudication” in *Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in America: A Reference Handbook*. Michael LeMay, editor. New York: ABC-CLIO.
- Taraleigh Davis. “Remote Control: How Intermediate Appellate Court Online Hearings Can Help Offset State Judiciary Budget Cuts” in *The American Judicial System: A Reference Handbook*. Michael LeMay, editor. New York: ABC-CLIO. *Forthcoming*.

Select Work in Progress

- “Alexa, who should I vote for? The differential hurdles to voter participation in the 2020 election.” Under review at *Political Research Quarterly*.
- “In the Light: Procedural Legitimacy at the Supreme Court of the United States.” Fielding Wave 3 of the survey experiment.
- “The ‘Case’ for Independent Courts: The Insurance Theory of Judicialization in Autocracies.” In preparation for submission to an academic journal.
- Here Ye! Hear Me! The freshman effect on oral argument in the U.S. Supreme Court.” Analyzing data.

Select Conference Presentations

- Taraleigh Davis “Big Reputation? The consequences of public appearances on public perception of the Justices and of the Supreme Court,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting September 2022, Montreal, Canada.
- Taraleigh Davis, “In the Light: Procedural Legitimacy at the Supreme Court of the United States.” Bullet Talk Junior Law and Politics Research Community Seminar Series December 2021.
- Taraleigh Davis “The Freshman Effect on Oral Argument in the U.S. Supreme Court.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting October 2021, Seattle, Washington.
- Taraleigh Davis with Erin Kaheny and John Szmer “Organizational Advantages vs. Attorney Expertise in Supreme Court Representation,” Law and Society Annual Meeting May 2020, Denver, Colorado.*
- Taraleigh Davis, “Appropriate Adjective: Executive Authority and the Classification of Enemy Combatants,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2020, Chicago, Illinois. *
- Taraleigh Davis, “Political Stability in the Post-Soviet Region,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2019, Chicago, Illinois.
- Taraleigh Davis, “Order in the Court: Assessing Political Stability in Post-Soviet States,” Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2019, Tampa, Florida.
- Taraleigh Davis, “Emergency Powers after 9/11,” Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, October 2018, Orlando, Florida.
- Taraleigh Davis, “Leftovers of a Dissolved Empire: Assessing the Political Stability of the Former Soviet Republics of Kazakhstan, Georgia, and the Ukraine,” Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2016, Lakeland, Florida.
(* Canceled due to COVID-19)

Teaching Experience

- UA LAW 672 Innovation for Justice (Guest Lecturer, University of Arizona College of Law)
- POL 250 Law & Society (Fall 2022)
- POL 412 Constitutional Law (Spring 2023)

Teaching Assistant (PhD Level)

- POL 702 Advanced Techniques of Political Science Research (Prof. Patrick Kraft)
- POL 417 The Supreme Court (Prof. Sara Benesh)
- POL 412 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties (Prof. Sara Benesh)
- POL 316 International Law (Prof. Robert Beck)
- POL 104 Introduction to American Government and Politics (Prof. Kathy Dolan)

Research Experience

Research Assistant to Dr. Sara Benesh, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Summer 2022

Completed a research project gathering and coding extra-judicial behavior of the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Summer Research Intern, Argosy Foundation, Summer 2022

Conducted a nationwide survey and completed a research project gathering, analyzing, and displaying data on higher education.

Research/Data Analyst, Pew Trusts, Summer 2021 – March 2022

Data cleaning, merging, and analysis of large amounts of court data for multiple jurisdictions. Methodology consultation on the project.

Summer Research Intern, Argosy Foundation, Summer 2021

Completed a research project gathering, analyzing, and displaying data on affordable housing and the impact on surrounding areas.

Methods Training

- EITM Europe Summer Institute (2021)
- Erdős Institute training in Python (Spring 2022)

Service

- Political Science Student Association Coordinator, 2020-2022

Scholarships and Awards

- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Distinguished Dissertation Fellowship, 2022-2023
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship, 2021-2022
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship, 2019-2020
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Chancellor's Graduate Student Award, Fall 2019
- University of Central Florida Graduate Presentation Fellowship, Fall 2018
- University of Central Florida Scholars Award, Fall 2017
- University of Central Florida Scholars Award, Spring 2017
- University of Central Florida Scholars Award, Fall 2016
- University of Central Florida Scholars Award, Spring 2016

Skilled with Software Programs

- Stata, R, Excel, LaTeX, Nvivo, Tableau, Python, Qualtrics

Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Law and Society