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Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Houston, December 2014

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Alabama at
Birmingham, May 2011

COURSES Introduction to Texas Government, *Lone Star College*, Houston, TX, Summer
2015

Legislative Process, *University of Houston*, Houston, TX, Spring 2016

**PEER-
REVIEWED
ARTICLES** Kirkland, Justin H. and R. Lucas Williams. 2014. "Partisanship and Reciprocity
in Cross-Chamber Legislative Interactions." *The Journal of Politics*. 76(3): 754-
769.

Clark, Jennifer Hayes and R. Lucas Williams. 2014. "Parties, Term Limits and
Representation in the U.S. States." *American Politics Research*. 42(1): 171-193.

Kirkland, Justin H. and R. Lucas Williams. 2015. "Representation, Neighboring
Districts, and Party Loyalty in the U.S. Congress." *Public Choice*. 165(3).

Clark, Jennifer Hayes and R. Lucas Williams. 2016. "Leadership Power, Prefer-
ence Homogeneity, and Legislative Party Conflict." *Party Politics*. Under review.

Williams, R. Lucas. 2016. "Legislative Party Influence: Evidence from Min-
nesota's Natural Experiment." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Under review.

**CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION** R. Lucas Williams. 2016. Discussant. *Policy Representation in State Legislatures
Conference*, University of Houston, Department of Political Science & Center for
Public History, Houston, TX, October 27-29.

R. Lucas Williams. 2016. "Local Officials as Partisan Operatives: An Examina-
tion of Early Voting Sites in Texas Counties." *American Political Science Associ-
ation Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4.

R. Lucas Williams. 2016. "The (Dis)Enfranchisement of Poor, Minority Voters:
The Case of Early Voting Site Selection in Texas." *State Politics and Policy Con-
ference*, Dallas, TX, May 19-21.

R. Lucas Williams. 2016. "Leadership Power, Preference Homogeneity, and

Legislative Party Conflict.” *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 7-9.

R. Lucas Williams. 2016. “The (Dis)Enfranchisement of Poor, Minority Voters: The Case of Early Voting Site Selection in Texas.” *Southern Political Science Association Conference*, San Juan, PR, January 7-9.

R. Lucas Williams. 2015. “Individual and Institutional Determinants of Legislative Knowledge: A Survey of State Legislators.” *State Politics and Policy Conference*, Sacramento, CA, May 28-30.

Clark, Jennifer Hayes and R. Lucas Williams. 2015. “Leadership Power, Preference Homogeneity, and Legislative Party Conflict” *Southwest Social Science Association Conference*, Denver, CO, April 8-10.

R. Lucas Williams. 2015. “Income Inequality, Roll-Call Consistency, and Partisan Extremism in the U.S. Senate.” *Western Political Science Association Conference* Las Vegas, NV, April 2-4.

R. Lucas Williams. 2015. “Constituency Size and Roll-Call Consistency Among Legislators.” *Southern Political Science Association Conference* New Orleans, LA, January 15-17.

Clark, Jennifer Hayes and R. Lucas Williams. 2014. “Leadership Power, Preference Homogeneity, and Legislative Party Unity” *American Political Science Association Conference*, Washington, DC, August 28-31.

Kirkland, Justin H. and R. Lucas Williams. 2013. “Representation, Neighboring Districts, and Party Loyalty in the U.S. Congress.” *Southern Political Science Association Conference* New Orleans, LA, January 9-11.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Modeling (EITM) Summer Training Institute. University of Houston, Hobby Center for Public Policy. June 16-June 28, 2013, attending participant.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

”It Takes Two to Tango: Local Candidates and the Health of American Democracy.” with Melissa Marschall and John Lappie

”Trajectories of African American Candidates in Local Politics: Running and Winning Elections in the South.” with Melissa Marschall, John Lappie, and Yuki Atsuaka

”The Impact of Income Inequality on Legislative Consistency: Evidence from the U.S. Senate.”

”Oversampling U.S. State Legislators: A Research Note and a Way Forward.”

”Local Officials as Partisan Operatives: An Examination of of Early Voting Sites in Texas Counties.” with Markie McBrayer and Andrea K. Eckelman

”Partisan Preferences for Cooperation and Gridlock in the American Public” with Matthew Ward and Markie McBrayer

OTHER PUBLICATIONS “Mayoral Elections in Minnesota.” with Melissa Marschall and John Lappie (pending release 2016)

“Mayoral Elections in Louisiana.” with Melissa Marschall and John Lappie (pending release 2016)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS *American Politics*

Legislative Institutions & Behavior
State and Local Politics
Representation
Political Parties
Local Elections
Congress
Public Policy
Income Inequality
Survey Research
Public Opinion

COMPUTER SKILLS R, Stata, SPSS, LaTeX, Qualtrics, Excel

MEDIA “Term limits alone do not cause legislators to shirk their duties-the actual results are far more complicated.” USAPP blog post by The London School of Economics and Political Science, December 19th, 2013. with Jennifer Hayes Clark.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE Research Associate. *Center for Local Elections in American Politics*.

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Integrating Computing Across the Curriculum (ICAC): Incorporating Technology into STEM Education Using XO Laptops

Research funded by National Science Foundation (NSF)
Dr. Shelia Cotton (Principal Investigator), Department of Sociology, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Full-Time Research Assistant, June 2012-August 2012
Undergraduate Research Assistant, August 2009-June 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Journal Article Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*

Discussant: *Policy Representation in State Legislatures Conference*. October 27-29, 2016. Department of Political Science & Center for Public History, University of Houston.

Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA), Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, June 2013-May 2014

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award, Southwestern Political Science Association, 2015

Southern Political Science Association Prestige-Cook Travel Award, January 2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

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PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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