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Education

PhD in Political Science / University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Subfields: American Politics, Public Policy, Legal Studies

Dissertation: *Why Education Matters: Political Participation and Interpretive Experiences at High School*

Degree Awarded: September 2018

Master of Science in Teaching / Pace University, New York, NY

Areas of Concentration: Lesson Planning, Curriculum Design, Child Psychology

Degree Awarded: May 2005

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy / Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

Minors: Political Science, Sociology

Independent Study: *Indigent Defense Reform*

Degree Awarded: May 2002

Teaching Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor / College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

POLS 100: Principles of American Government, Fall 2019

POLS 299: State and Local Politics, Fall 2019

Full-time Instructor / Springfield College, Springfield, MA

POSC 110: Introduction to American Government, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

POSC 210: Public and Human Services Administration, Fall 2018

POSC 320: Civil Liberties, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

POSC 330: State and Local Politics, Spring 2019

POSC 340: Public Policy, Spring 2019

POSC 388: U.S. Environmental Policy, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Instructor / University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

LS 250: Introduction to Legal Studies, Winter 2017, Winter 2018, Winter 2019

PS 377: Interpretation and Analysis (research methods and writing), Spring 2013 – Spring 2018 (5 iterations)

LS 450: Legal Research and Writing, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

PS 208: Political Parties and Elections, Fall 2012 – Spring 2016 (4 iterations)

Lecturer / Clark University, Worcester, MA

PSCI 154: Introduction to U.S. Public Policy, Spring 2018

PSCI 157: U.S. Environmental Politics, Spring 2017

Lecturer / Smith College, Northampton, MA

GOV 200: American Government, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

Lecturer / Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA

GOV 1301: U.S. Government, Fall 2017

GOV 1303: American Public Policy, Fall 2016

Lecturer / Assumption College, Worcester, MA

POL 201: American Government, Fall 2017

Research Publications

Stoddard, Samuel V., *Why Education Matters: Political Participation and Interpretive Experiences at High School*.

University of Massachusetts Doctoral Dissertations, September 2018

La Raja, Ray; Rauch, Jonathan; Stoddard, Samuel V., *The State of State Parties – and How Strengthening Them Can Improve Our Politics*.

The Brookings Institution, March 2016

Stoddard, Samuel V., *Monitoring for Success: Positive Interactions with Troubled Students*.

The Teacher's Network: Action Research, May 2006

Stoddard, Samuel V.; Kowal, Michael S., *Shifting Ideologies: How Primary Challenges Affect Incumbents*.

Submission in process

Stoddard, Samuel V., *Interscholastic vs. Intramural: Why Sports Matter for Political Participation*.

Submission in process

Research Presentations

La Raja, Ray; Rauch, Jonathan; Stoddard, Samuel V., *The State of State Parties*.

The Brookings Institution, March 2016

Stoddard, Samuel V., *Interscholastic vs. Intramural: Why Sports Matter for Political Participation*.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2015

Stoddard, Samuel V.; Kowal, Michael S., *Primary Challengers and Incumbent Ideology: Testing the Impact of Well-Funded Challengers on the Ideological Placement of Members of Congress*.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2015

Stoddard, Samuel V., *Teaching Good Citizenship: Secondary School Activities and Young Adult Participation*.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2014

Stoddard, Samuel V., *Rules and Committees in Congress*.

U.S. Institute on American Politics and Political Thought, June 2013

Stoddard, Samuel V., *The Cultural Evolution of Leverett, Massachusetts*.

New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2009

Stoddard, Samuel V., *Monitoring for Success: Positive Interactions with Troubled Students*.

The Teacher's Network Leadership Institute, May 2006

Instructional Management and Design

Junior Writing Program Lead Instructor / University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

Advised and supported research methods and writing instructors in the Departments of Political Science and Legal Studies.

Curriculum and Training Consultant / Summit Educational Group, Newton, MA

May 2011 – present

Designed and composed lessons and other content for SAT and ACT textbooks; trained classroom teachers.

Assistant / Microsoft Impact Grant

June 2011 – June 2013

Designed and implemented blended learning curriculum for large lecture course, PS 101: American Politics

Director of Education / Sylvan Learning Center, New York, NY

December 2006 – June 2007

Managed educational programs for approx. 150 students; directed staff of approx. 35 teachers.

Political Experience

Researcher / The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

September 2015 – March 2016

Conducted quantitative and qualitative research on state political parties.

Director / New York City High School Voter Registration Program, New York, NY

August 2006 – June 2007

Designed and managed pilot program to register New York City high school seniors to vote.

Campaign Staff / Chris Owens for Congress, Brooklyn, NY

June – September 2006

Recruited, trained and managed campaign volunteers in New York's 11th District.

Director of Voter Registration / The Dave Matthews Band and Headcount.org

July – September 2004

Recruited, trained and managed volunteers to conduct voter registration drives at concert venues.

Secondary Teaching Experience

Classroom Teacher and Tutor / Summit Educational Group, Newton, MA

May 2009 – present

Taught SAT and ACT classroom programs at private high schools across New England; tutored students individually.

Law and Mathematics Teacher / Secondary School for Law, Brooklyn, NY

June 2003 – August 2006

Taught students in Grades 7 – 10; served as 7th Grade Advisor.

Intervention Specialist / Secondary School for Law, Brooklyn, NY

August 2004 – August 2006

Designed and managed Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program for troubled students.

Mock Trial Team Coach / Secondary School for Law, Brooklyn, NY

September 2003 – August 2006

Aided students in preparing legal arguments and cases for statewide competitions.

Fellowships, Grants and Awards**Conference Travel Grant / University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**

Spring 2013 – Spring 2015 (3 iterations)

Dissertation Research Grant / University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Fall 2014

Graduate Research Initiative Summer Grant / University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Summer 2013

Outstanding Teaching Assistant / UMass Political Science Honor Society, Amherst, MA

2012 - 2013

Residential First Year Student Choice Award / University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

2012 - 2013

MetLife Fellow / Teacher's Network Leadership Institute, New York, NY

September 2005 – June 2006

Conducted action research; coordinated with policymakers and industry leaders to promote educational reform.

NYC Teaching Fellow / New York City Department of Education, New York, NY

June 2003 – May 2005

Earned a Master's in Teaching degree; taught at an underprivileged public secondary school.

Language Skills

Fluent in written and spoken Spanish (near native)

Native English Speaker

Computer Skills

Proficient in a variety of data analysis programs, including STATA, R, and Microsoft Office Suite

Proficient in a variety of online learning platforms, including Moodle, Brightspace, and Blackboard

References

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