

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Experience

Retail Keyholder, GameStop	February 2025 – Present (20 hrs./week)
Planned Career Break	March 2022 – February 2025
Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of California, Riverside	September 2017 – March 2022 (20 hrs./week)
Primary Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Riverside	July 2020 – September 2020 (20hrs./week)

Education

University of California, Riverside: PhD in Political Science, 2022.

University of California, Riverside: M.A. in Political Science, 2019.

Oakland University: B.A. in Political Science with minors in International Relations and French Language, 2015.

Publications

- Willis, N. T. & Indriðason, I. H. (2025). No Hard Feelings? The Effects of Competition on Vote Transfers in Two-Round Elections. *French Politics* 23 (2): xx-xx.
- [Willis, N. T. \(2022\). Pathways to Populism: Economics, Culture, and Ideological Convergence. Prospectus/Dissertation project.](#)
 - Presented at the Winter School on Elections, l'Université de Montréal, 2020.

Presentations

- “The Pirate Bay: A New Non-State Actor in International Relations” paper presented on a panel at the Annual Michigan Political Science Association Conference, Rochester, MI., October 23-24, 2014.

- Also presented as a poster at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL., April 16-19, 2015.

Professional Training

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, 2021.

Professional Services

Vice President, Pi Sigma Alpha, Oakland University Chapter, 2015.

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Teaching

University of California, Riverside, Department of Political Science

- Comparative Politics
- Mass Media and Public Opinion (Primary Instructor)
- Politics of the Underdeveloped World
- The Nation State and Capitalism
- World Politics

Fellowships and Awards

IQMR Departmental Award, University of California, Riverside, Summer 2020. Funding to attend the Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research at Syracuse University.

Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship, University of California, Riverside, 2016-2017 (USD 48,768)

URC Student Travel Grant, Oakland University, 2015 (USD 400)

Michigan Competitive Scholarship, 2014-2016 (USD 318 for 2015-2016; USD 676 for 2014-2015)

OU Geographic Region Award, Oakland University, 2012-2016 (USD 2,000 Annual Award)

OU Talented Scholar Award, Oakland University, 2012-2016 (USD 3,000 Annual Award)

Professional Competencies

Research Methods

Qualitative Methods, Quantitative Methods, Mixed Methods

Software

R, Stata, LaTeX, Microsoft Office,
Google Suite, Adobe Acrobat

Cloud Storage

OneDrive, Dropbox, Google Drive

Operating Systems

Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS

Research Interests

- Comparative Politics (Political Parties; Elections; Populism; European Politics).
- Institutional Theory (Institutional Change; Historical Institutionalism).