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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois  
Department of Political Science  
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2023-Present

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## EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2023  
Dissertation title: "Chronic Illness, The Electorate, and Mass Politics."  
Committee: Jeff Mondak (chair), Aleks Ksiazkiewicz, Damarys Canache, and Tom Rudolph

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
M.A., Social Science, 2013  
Thesis title: "The Big Five: Impact on Political Discussion and Network Size"  
Advisor: Betsy Sinclair

Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona  
M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction, 1999  
Thesis title: "The Curriculum and Assessment Methods of the Mesa Public School District: A Best Practice Argument for Reform"  
Advisor: Robert Gryder

B.A. Secondary Education, Social Studies, 1996

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## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

American politics, political psychology, political behavior, biopolitics, health and politics, comparative politics, racial and ethnic politics, US Supreme Court

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## CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

- Pryor, M.** & Pryor, J. "Use of Actor Partner Interdependence Modeling (APIM) with chronically ill and well spouse dyads".  
Ksiazkiewicz, A. & **Pryor, M.** "Why are conservatives (and voters) happier? Life satisfaction and the politics of sleep and health".  
**Pryor, M.** "Calling in sick to election day: How illness shapes political participation".  
**Pryor, M.** "Too sick to care: Effects of illness on political efficacy, knowledge, and discussion".

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Pryor, M.** & Pryor, J. (June 2023). "'Our illness': Actor Partner Interdependence Modeling (APIM) of chronically ill and well spouse dyads". Paper submitted for presentation at the American Psychological Association Conference.  
**Pryor, M.**, & Rohlfing Pryor, J. (2023, April). Are you sure that's part of my job? Therapists as political process advocates. Presentation at 1st Annual Diversity, Respect, Inclusion, Veracity & Equity Symposium at Northwestern University. Evanston, IL.  
Ksiazkiewicz, A. & **Pryor, M.** (April 2021). "Why are conservatives happier than liberals? Effects of sleep and health". Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference.  
**Pryor, M.** (December 2013). "Rigor and relevance in coursework: Two-tiered instructional methods". Presentation at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, Arizona State University.

**Pryor, M.** (October 2011). “Instructing students on the congressional committee system”. Workshop presented at the Arizona Council for Social Studies Conference.

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## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Online Instructor, *The U.S. Supreme Court*, University of Illinois (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)  
Online Instructor, *U.S. Racial & Ethnic Politics*, University of Illinois (Fall 2022)  
Online Instructor, *Politics of the European Union*, University of Illinois (Summer 2022)  
Online Instructor, *U.S. Racial & Ethnic Politics*, University of Illinois (Fall 2021)  
Online Instructor, *Comparative Politics in Developing Nations*, University of Illinois (Summer 2021)  
In-person Instructor, *The U.S. Supreme Court*, University of Illinois (Spring 2022, Spring 2021)  
Online Instructor, *U.S. Racial & Ethnic Politics*, University of Illinois (Fall 2020)  
In-person Instructor, *Introduction to U.S. Government & Politics*, University of Illinois (Spring 2019)  
Online Instructor, *Comparative Politics in Developing Nations*, University of Illinois (Fall 2019)  
In-person Instructor, *Introduction to Political Science*, University of Illinois (Fall 2019)  
Clinical Faculty, *Classroom Leadership*, Arizona State University (Spring 2014)  
Clinical Faculty, *Social Studies/Diverse Language Learners in Education*, Arizona State University (Fall 2014)  
Clinical Faculty, *Student Teaching Practicum*, Arizona State University (Spring 2014, Fall 2013)  
Course Developer and Adjunct Faculty, *U.S. and Arizona Constitution*, Rio Salado College (2011-2013)  
Adjunct Faculty, *American National Government*, Rio Salado College (2008-2010)

**Note:** Political Science courses included on UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students.

- Spring 2020: List of TA's Ranked as Excellent (PS 280)
- Fall 2019: List of Instructor's Ranked as Excellent (PS 100)
- Spring 2019: List of Instructor's Ranked as Excellent (PS101)
- Spring 2018: List of TA's Ranked as Outstanding (PS 101)
- Spring 2017: List of TA's Ranked as Excellent (PS100)
- Fall 2016: List of TA's Ranked as Outstanding (PS101)

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## **ADVISING & MENTORING**

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Advisor, Political Science Department, University of Illinois (Fall 2018, Summer 2018)  
*Academic advisor for all Political Science freshmen and transfer students*  
Advisor, *Honors project for two James Scholars*, University of Illinois (2019)  
Mentor, 18 *undergraduate future teachers*, Arizona State University (Spring 2014, Fall 2013)  
Mentor, 12 *teachers*, Arizona State University (Spring 2014, Fall 2013)

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## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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NORC at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Survey Specialist II*, 2014 - 2015

Collaborated with contractors in the development and deployment of study training materials and field guidance as part of the National Children’s Study

Prepared quantitative reports to monitor data collection productivity and quality

Conducted qualitative and cognitive interviews over the phone and in person

Assisted with survey instrument development

Assisted with proposal writing, drafting participant consent forms, and IRB submissions

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

*Clinical Faculty/Site Coordinator*, 2013 - 2014

Lead faculty member on a \$650,000 grant-funded initiative by ASU and the Phoenix Suns to train and retain high quality teachers at urban Phoenix high schools

Taught, mentored, and evaluated instructional abilities of teaching candidates year long process

Prepared reports and presentations for site review by ASU and the Phoenix Suns Organization

Led a quasi-experimental research project on senior year teaching residency program to Arizona State University, the Phoenix Suns Organization,

Rio Salado College, Tempe, AZ

*Adjunct Faculty, Political Science*, 2008 - 2013

Instructed POS 110: American National Government, POS 220: U.S. and Arizona Constitution, and POS 221: Arizona Constitution

Developed original online learning materials and resources used by all instructors for POS 220: U.S. and Arizona Constitution