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POSITIONS

Undergraduate Studies Coordinator, Department of Political Science, School of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences, Clemson University. August 2024-present.

Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, School of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences, Clemson University. August 2024-present.

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, School of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences, Clemson University. August 2019-August 2024.

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Political Science, School of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences, Clemson University. Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018.

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy in Political Science and International Affairs, Fall 2021
University of Georgia

- Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics
- Dissertation: “Child Early Forced Marriage as a Human Rights Violation in International and Domestic Spheres.”

Master of Arts in Political Science and International Affairs, May 2015
University of Georgia

- Thesis: “The European Union and the Tactics of Dissent”

B.A. Political Science, May 2009
Mississippi State University

CURRENT PROJECTS

Working Papers

- Trask, Tara and Bella Byham. “Not Kidding Around: A sub-national comparison of U.S. and Canadian child rights laws following naming and shaming by civil society organizations”
- Trask, Tara. “Do You Take This Treaty?: International Treaties & Child Early Forced Marriage”
- Trask, Tara. “To Have and to Hold: National Laws & Child-Early Forced Marriage Treaty Compliance.”
- Trask, Tara. “For Better, For Worse: Changes in Child Early Forced Marriage Practice”

- Trask, Tara and Sarah G. Hunter. “Between Two Rivers: Funding the State or NGOs in Pursuit of Food Security.”
- Hunter, Sarah G. and Tara Trask. “The Sticky Business of Food Aid Bypass.”

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Studies Association, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022

Midwest Political Science Association, 2017, 2019

International Studies Association Midwest, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

International Studies Association Innovative Pedagogy Conference, 2022

American Political Science Association, 2019

American Political Science Association, Teaching & Learning Conference, 2020 (canceled)

Georgia Area Human Rights Network, Jr. (GAHRNET Jr.) Spring 2019

COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT

Clemson University, 2016 - Current

- POSC 1020: Introduction to International Relations
- POSC 1040: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POSC 1010: American National Government
- POSC 4470: International Law
- POSC 3610: International Conflict
- POSC 3770: Human Rights
- POSC 3050: Creative Inquiry
 - International Juvenile Justice
 - International Child Rights
 - Laws & Vows: Child Early Forced Marriage in the U.S.

University of Georgia, 2015-2017

- INTL 1101: Introduction to Global Issues (Honors)
- INTL 3200: Introduction to International Relations
- INTL 3300: Introduction to Comparative Politics

Coastal Pines Technical College, 2017-2019 (online)

- Introduction to American Government

Duke’s Talent Identification Program 2015-2019

- American Foreign Policy
- Developing Nations, Democratization, and Discontent
- Global Conflicts

TEACHING TRAINING & PEDAGOGICAL RESEARCH

Leader, Clemson Faculty Learning Community, Working Smarter Not Harder, 2024 – 2025.

Faculty Mentor, Global Challenges Course Design Institute, 2024

Clemson Thinks² Faculty Institute on Critical Thinking, Clemson University, 2024

Clemson Faculty Learning Community, Building Community in Large Classrooms, 2023 – 2024.
Inclusive Course Design Institute, 2023
Clemson Faculty Learning Community, Peer Review of Teaching, 2022 – 2023.
Clemson Office of Teaching Effectiveness & Innovation, Book Club on Inclusivity
Clemson Thinks² Faculty Institute on Critical Thinking, Clemson University, 2022
Global Challenges Course Design Institute, 2022
Clemson Teaching Symposium, 2023 (attended)
American Political Science Association, Teaching & Learning Conference, 2019

Pedagogy Projects

- Trask, Tara & Stephen Phillips. “Bracket Chats: Using Sports-Brackets to Teach American Bureaucracy.”
- Trask, Tara. “Smarter Not Harder: Using Guided Questions to Focus Student Attention.”
- Trask, Tara. “Explain It To Me: Article Assignments to Introduce Curiosity and Research”
- Trask, Tara. “Learn By Design: An International Organization Treaty Design Simulation.”

PREVIOUS TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Instructor, Clemson University, 2016-2018
Instructor, University of Georgia, 2015-2017
Instructor, Coastal Pines Technical College, 2017-2019
Instructor, Duke’s Talent Identification Program, 2015-2019
Lead Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia, 2016-2018

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Clemson University

- Member, Inclusive Excellence Committee, 2022 – Current
- Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, 2022 – Current

REFERENCES

Available upon request.