

WILLIAM CURTIS ELLIS, PH.D.
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND CHAIR
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, HUMANITIES, AND GOVERNMENT
ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Department of History Humanities and Government, Oral Roberts University, January 2015-present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Auburn University at Montgomery, August 2010-2014.
Graduate Faculty, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, August 2010-2014.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Department Chair, Department of History Humanities and Government, Oral Roberts University, January 2015-present.
Graduate Coordinator, School of Sciences, Auburn University at Montgomery, June 2012-2014.

POLICY EXPERIENCE

Policy Fellow, Committee on Education and Labor, United States House of Representatives, October 2008-July 2009.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma, May 2010.
Dissertation: "Committees, Subcommittees, and Information: Policymaking in Congressional Institutions," Dr. Glen S. Krutz, Chair.
M.A., Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma, July 2008.
Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Summer 2006.
B.A., in Political Science with honors, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, May 2004.

MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Certificate of Ministry and Leadership, Highlands College, Birmingham, Alabama, May 2014.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

American Politics, Public Policy, Congress, Agenda Setting, Representation, Electoral Politics, Institutions, and Research Methods

COURSES DEVELOPED/TAUGHT

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to American Politics, Public Policy Analysis, Legislative Process, Congressional Politics, Campaigns and Elections, and Political Science Research Methods.
Graduate Courses: Introduction to Applied Research and Quantitative Analysis, Public Policymaking, and American Government & Public Policy.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Campaign Finance: The Impact of *McCutcheon et al. v. FEC* in the Wake of *Citizens United*,” in *The Roads to Congress 2015*, eds., Sean D. Foreman and Robert Dewhirst. Lanham, MC: Lexington Books, 2015 (forthcoming).
- “Surrogates Beyond Borders: Black Members of Congress and the Representation of African Interests on the Congressional Foreign Policy Agenda,” (with Walter Wilson), *Polity* 2014 46,2 (April 2014): 255-273 (DOI: 10.1057/pol.2014.3).
- “Higher Education and Congressional Influence on Administrative Decisions: An Examination of NSF and NIH Research Grant Funding to Four-Year Universities” (with Tom Rabovsky), *Social Science Quarterly* 2014 (DOI: 10.1111/ssqu.12001).
- “Minority Chairs and Congressional Attention to Minority Issues: The Effect of Descriptive Representation in Positions of Institutional Power” (with Walter Wilson), *Social Science Quarterly* 2013 94,5 (November 2013): 1203-1221 (DOI: 10.1111/ssqu.12023).
- “Campaign Finance: The Impact of the *Citizens United* Decision” (with Holly Peterson, MPA student), in *The Roads to Congress 2012*, eds., Sean D. Foreman and Robert Dewhirst. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013.
- “A Dissertating Fellow: Congressional Fellowship Report,” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 42,2 (April 2009): 428-431.
- “Virginia” (with Lauren C. Bell), in *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, ed., Donald P. Haider-Markel, Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2008.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Examining the Impact of Public Attention on Fundraising in U.S. Senate Elections” (with Colin Douglas Swearingen and Joseph T. Ripberger)
- “Narrative Policy Framework and Policy Coalitions: Narrative Development and Coalition Maintenance in the Pre- and Post-ACA Landscape” (with Holly Peterson, MPA student).
- “Story Telling and Policy Change: Narrative Cohesion and Competition in Congressional Hearings.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Story Telling and Policy Change: Narrative Cohesion and Competition in Congressional Hearings,” accepted for presentation at the 2014 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-6, Chicago, IL.
- “Committee Assignment Succession & Bipartisan Breakdown in Congress.” (with Walter Wilson and David Romero), presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 29-September 1, Chicago, IL.
- “Narrative Policy Framework and Policy Coalitions: Narrative Development and Coalition Maintenance in the Pre- and Post-ACA Landscape” (with Holly Peterson, MPA student), presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 11-14, Chicago, IL.
- “Sector of Hospital Ownership and Heart Attack Mortality Rate” (with Holly Peterson, MPA student), presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 11-14, Chicago, IL.
- “Does Partisan Gerrymandering Diminish Dynamic Responsiveness? Analyzing Redistricting-Induced Constituency Change and Congressional Voting Behavior” (with Walter

- Wilson), presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 29-September 32, New Orleans, LA.
- “Activists Beyond Borders? Minority Representatives and Foreign Policy Agendas in Congress” (with Walter Wilson), presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, Chicago, IL.
- “Examining the Impact of Public Attention on Fundraising in U.S. Senate Elections” (with Colin Douglas Swearingen and Joseph T. Ripberger) presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4, Seattle, WA.
- “Committee and Subcommittee Attention to Latino Issues in the U.S. House and Senate” (with Walter Wilson), presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, April 21-23, San Antonio, TX.
- “Individual Committee Rules and Partisan Success in Congressional Policymaking,” presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 31-April 3, Chicago, IL.
- “The Impact of Education Reforms: Are Magnet and Charter Schools Helping Students While Harming Other Schools?” (with Sara Hughes, MPA student, and Bradley Moody), presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 31-April 3, Chicago, IL.
- “U.S. Senate Perceptions of the Public Debt” (with James C. Kohler and Glen S. Krutz), presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, October 7-9, Omaha, NE.
- “Congressional Information Management and the Successful Maintenance of Policy Making Power,” presented at the 2009 meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-6, Toronto, Canada.
- “Information Management in Congressional Policy Making: A Macro-Congressional Analysis,” presented at the 2009 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-, Chicago, IL.
- “Federalism: Where Descriptive Representation Makes its “Cake”” (with Alisa Hicklin), presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, Boston, MA.
- “The Effects of Representation and Structure on Public School Inequality” (with Alisa Hicklin), presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 10-1, New Orleans, LA.
- “Seniority in the Contemporary Senate” (with Glen S. Krutz), presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 10-12, New Orleans, LA.
- “Seniority and the Emergence of Legislation in Congress” (with Glen S. Krutz), presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, Chicago, IL.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Margaret T. Lane/Virginia F. Saunders Memorial Research Award, Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association for “Surrogates Beyond Borders: Black Members of Congress and the Representation of African Interests on the Congressional Foreign Policy Agenda,” 2015.

Emerging Distinguished Teaching Professor, Auburn University at Montgomery, 2013-2014.

Provost's Online Course Development Grant, Office of the Provost, Auburn University at Montgomery, Summer 2011, \$6000.
New Faculty Grant-In-Aid 2010-2011, Office of Sponsored Programs, Auburn University at Montgomery, 2010-11, \$1300.
Fellowship, American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program, 2008-2009.
Robberson Research and Creative Endeavors Grant, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma, 2008, \$1200.
George B. Williams Award for Outstanding Graduate Research, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma, 2008.
Teaching Assistanceship, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Summer 2007.
Graduate Fellowship, Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center, University of Oklahoma, 2005-2010.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Completed: Kevin Walker (2013), Alycia Adams (2011), and Ray Morris (2011).
In Progress: David Adams, and Jessica Gratz.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Expert Interviews: Associated Press, Alabama Public Radio, WSFA 12 News, and Anniston Star for stories on local and national politics, 2011-2014.
Reviewer: American Politics Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Legislative Studies, Political Research Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, and Policy Studies Journal.
Panel Discussant and Chair: Alabama Political Science Association, 2012; Midwest Political Science Association, 2012, 2013, 2014; and Western Political Science Association, 2011.
Book Reviews: Eight in the APSA's Legislative Studies Section Newsletter, 2006-2010.
Memberships: American Political Science Association (Legislative Studies Section, Public Policy Section), Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, and Alabama Political Science Association.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

General Education Task Force, Oral Roberts University, Spring 2015-present.
Masters of Public Administration Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Spring 2013-present.
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Spring 2013-present.
Doctoral Program Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Spring 2013-present.
Keynote Speaker, AUM Scholarship Banquet, Spring 2013.
Graduate Council, Office of the Provost, Summer 2012-present.
UNIV 1000 Oversight Committee, Office of the Provost, 2013-present.
UNIV 1000 Course Design Committee, Office of the Provost, 2012 and 2013.
Service Team Leader, AUM Annual MLK Day of Service, 2012 and 2013.
Planning Committee, AUM Annual MLK Day of Service, 2011-present.

Day Course Instructor, “3D Map View: The Value of Diversity,” AUM Leadership Conference, 2011.

Introductory Speaker, AUM Martin Luther King Day Breakfast, Spring 2011.

Mock Class, “The National Debt,” AUM Warhawk Welcome 2011, Spring 2011.

Strategic Diversity Plan Committee, Spring 2011.

Keynote Speaker, “Community in a University Environment,” AUM Faculty Development Institute, Fall 2011.

Science Policy Program Course Development Group, School of Sciences, 2011-present.

Khaled Bin Sultan Fellowship Committee. Department of Political Science and Public Administration, 2011-2012.

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, 2010-present.

Admissions Committee, Ph.D. program in Public Administration and Policy, 2010-present.

COMMUNITY AND CHURCH SERVICE

Church Advisor, Grow Network, 2014-present.

Serve Team Coach, Church of the Highlands, Montgomery, Alabama, 2013-present.

Small Group Coach, Men’s Hub, Church of the Highlands, Montgomery, Alabama, 2011-present.

SERVE Day Team Leader, Church of the Highlands, Montgomery, Alabama, 2011-present.

Summer Program Volunteer, 2nd Grade, Common Ground Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama, 2011.

Small Group Leader (Marriage and Family Groups; Men’s Groups; College and Young Professionals Groups), Church of the Highlands, Montgomery, Alabama, 2010-present.

Serve Team Member, Church of the Highlands, Montgomery, Alabama, 2010-present.

Member, Church of the Highlands, Montgomery, Alabama, 2010-present.

Small Group Leader, Heartland Church, Norman, Oklahoma, 2009-2010.

Intern, Heartland Church, Norman, Oklahoma, 2009-2010.

Serve Team Member, Community Church, Washington D.C., 2008-2009

Member, National Community Church, Washington D.C., 2008-2009

Serve Team Member, Heartland Church, Norman, Oklahoma, 2008, 2009-2010

Member, Heartland Church, Norman, Oklahoma, 2008, 2009-2010