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EDUCATION
Ph.D., Political Science (Expected Completion: May 2013)
University of Houston, Houston, Texas
Fields of study: American Politics, Public Policy, Public Law

M.P.A., Public Administration, May 2004
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

B.A., French, May 2002
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Institute for American Universities in Avignon, France

DISSERTATION
"Institutional Responsiveness in Subnational Policymaking: An Examination of Sex Offender
Registration and Community Notification Laws"

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE
Jennifer Clark (Chair), Robert Lineberry, Ling Zhu, Paul Brace (Rice University)

BOOK CHAPTERS
 "Money in U.S. Elections: An Ongoing Revolution" in *The People and American Government*, 2011. Ed.
  Kent Tedin. New York: Pearson Custom Publishing. (with Susan Scarrow)

WORKS IN PROGRESS
"Crime, Punishment, and Amicus Curiae: Exploring the Effects of Amicus Briefs on Sentencing
  Outcomes in State Supreme Courts." (with Chris Nicholson)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
American Politics: State Politics, Legislative Processes, Interest Groups

Public Policy: Public Policy Analysis, Social Policy, Crime Policy

Public Law: State Courts, Judicial Process and Behavior, Constitutional Law, Law and Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE
Houston Community College, Stafford, Texas
Instructor of Record, Spring and Summer 2010
GOVT 2302 American Government: National, State, and Local II

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Jennifer Clark, Department of Political Science, University of Houston
Research Assistant, January 2012-Present
Assist professor with research projects and grading papers.

Department of Political Science, University of Houston
Research Assistant, August 2010-December 2011
Assisted professors with data management project

Houston Center for Quality of Care & Utilization Studies - Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Research Coordinator, August 2008 – January 2009
Managed and maintained data for NIH-funded study investigating obesity, H. pylori, and Barrett's esophagus.

VA Information Resource Center (VIReC) - Department of Veterans Affairs
Social Science Analyst, May 2006 – August 2008
Promoted, educated, and disseminated information about Veterans Health Administration (VHA) databases and information systems.

TrialGraphix
Research Associate, July 2004 – May 2006
Key player of a trial consulting team involved in all phases of consultation to ensure the completion of project related tasks in a timely manner and to maintain the highest level of quality in consulting services.

INTERNSHIPS
Center for Justice & Democracy
Research Intern, September 2007 – April 2008
Performed research, wrote reports, articles, and developed outreach materials on consumer protection policy issues.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION
Shomade, Salmon, and Bianca Easterly. March 2011. Decision-making in State Criminal Courts: The Impact of Prosecutor's Press Releases and Case Salience." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Easterly, Bianca, and Chris Nicholson. March 2011. "When You Really Need a "Friend:" Examining the Impact of Amicus Participation in State Supreme Court Criminal Cases." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Easterly, Bianca, and Chris Nicholson. January 2011. "Felons Need 'Friends' Too: Examining Amicus Participation in Criminal Cases before State Supreme Courts." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

Easterly, Bianca. April 2010. "Separating From the Pack: State Supreme Court Judicial Decision Making in Criminal Cases." Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, TX.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS
American Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association