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EDUCATION

Ph.D Candidate, Department of Political Science, University of Houston
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Dissertation: Three Essays On Legislative Behavior In American Legislatures Committee: Jennifer Hayes Clark (chair), Justin H. Kirkland, Jason P. Casellas, and Keith E. Hamm

Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Houston, December 2014

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and History, University of Alabama at Birmingham, May 2011

PEER- REVIEWED ARTICLES

Kirkland, Justin H. and R. Lucas Williams. 2014. "Partisanship and Reciprocity in Cross-Chamber Legislative Interactions." *The Journal of Politics*. 76(3): 754-769.

Clark, Jennifer Hayes and R. Lucas Williams. 2014. "Parties, Term Limits and Representation in the U.S. States." *American Politics Research*. 42(1): 171-193.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

R. Lucas Williams. 2015. "Individual and Institutional Determinants of Legislative Knowledge: A Survey of State Legislators." *State Politics and Policy Conference*, Sacramento, CA, May 28-30.

Clark, Jennifer Hayes and R. Lucas Williams. 2015. "Leadership Power, Preference Homogeneity, and Legislative Party Conflict" *Southwest Social Science Association Conference*, Denver, CO, April 8-10.

R. Lucas Williams. 2015. "Income Inequality, Roll-Call Consistency, and Partisan Extremism in the U.S. Senate." *Western Political Science Association Conference* Las Vegas, NV, April 2-4.

R. Lucas Williams. 2015. "Constituency Size and Roll-Call Consistency Among Legislators." *Southern Political Science Association Conference* New Orleans, LA, January 15-17.

Clark, Jennifer Hayes and R. Lucas Williams. 2014. "Leadership Power, Preference Homogeneity, and Legislative Party Unity" *American Political Science Association Conference*, Washington, DC, August 28-31.

Kirkland, Justin H. and R. Lucas Williams. 2013. "Representation, Neighboring Districts, and Party Loyalty in the U.S. Congress." *Southern Political Science Association Conference* New Orleans, LA, January 9-11.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Modeling (EITM) Summer Training Institute. University of Houston, Hobby Center for Public Policy. June 16-June 28,

2013, attending participant.

**RESEARCH IN
PROGRESS**

Kirkland, Justin H. and R. Lucas Williams. 2015. "Representation, Neighboring Districts, and Party Loyalty in the U.S. Congress." *Public Choice*. *Revise and Resubmit*.

"Party Effects: A Natural Experiment and Legislative History of the Non-partisan Minnesota Legislature"

"Individual and Institutional Determinants of Legislative Knowledge: A Survey of State Legislators."

"The Impact of Income Inequality on Legislative Consistency: Evidence from the U.S. Senate"

"Leadership Power, Preference Homogeneity, and Legislative Party Conflict" with Jennifer Hayes Clark

"The Role of Party Tactics in Selecting Early Voting Locations" with Markie McBrayer and Andrea K. Eckelman

"Partisan Preferences for Cooperation and Gridlock in the American Public" with Matthew Ward and Markie McBrayer

**ACADEMIC
INTERESTS**

American Politics

Legislative Institutions and Behavior
Representation
Political Parties
State and Local Politics
Congress
Income Inequality
Survey Research
Public Opinion

**COMPUTER
SKILLS**

R, Stata, SPSS, LaTeX, Excel

MEDIA

"Term limits alone do not cause legislators to shirk their duties-the actual results are far more complicated." USAPP blog post by The London School of Economics and Political Science, December 19th, 2013. with Jennifer Hayes Clark.

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

Integrating Computing Across the Curriculum (ICAC): Incorporating Technology into STEM Education Using XO Laptops

Research funded by National Science Foundation (NSF)
Dr. Shelia Cotton (Principal Investigator), Department of Sociology, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Full-Time Research Assistant, June 2012-August 2012
Undergraduate Research Assistant, August 2009-June 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Journal Article Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*

Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA), Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, June 2013-May 2014

GRANTS AND AWARDS Southern Political Science Association Prestige-Cook Travel Award, January 2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS American Political Science Association

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