

Nathan D. Gibson

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Presidential management of the executive branch; Congress; bureaucratic capacity; separation of powers; money in politics	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Elizabethtown College Assistant Professor of Political Science Fall 2023–present	
	Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute Postdoctoral Fellow Fall 2022–Summer 2023	
	Princeton University Postgraduate Research Associate and Lecturer Spring 2022	
EDUCATION	Princeton University Ph.D., Politics 2021 <i>Dissertation:</i> Presidential Use of Centralization and Politicization <i>Fields:</i> American Politics, Formal & Quantitative Methods <i>Committee:</i> Brandice Canes-Wrone (Chair), Charles Cameron, Nolan McCarty	
	M.A., Politics 2017	
	Vanderbilt University B.A., Public Policy Studies, <i>Cum Laude</i> 2015 <i>Policy track:</i> Education Policy Minor in Mathematics	
BOOK PROJECT	<i>The Policies Presidents Make: When and Why Presidents Centralize Executive Branch Policymaking</i>	
PUBLISHED WORKS	Gibson, Nathan D. 2026. “A Theory of Presidential Centralization with Politicization” <i>Journal of Theoretical Politics</i> 38(2): 110-132.	
	Cameron, Charles M., and Nathan D. Gibson. 2020. “New Directions in Veto Bargaining: Message Legislation, Virtue Signaling, and Electoral Accountability.” In <i>SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science & International Relations</i> , eds. Luigi Curini and Robert J. Franzese. London: SAGE. 224-243.	

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, and Nathan D. Gibson. 2019. "Does Money Buy Congressional Love? Individual Donors and Legislative Voting." *Congress & the Presidency* 46(1): 1-27.

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, and Nathan D. Gibson. 2019. "Developments in Congressional Responsiveness to Donor Opinion." In *Can America Govern Itself?*, eds. Frances E. Lee and Nolan M. McCarty. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 69-92.

WORKING PAPERS

"The Consequences of Presidential Centralization"

"Measuring Presidential Centralization: A View from the Executive Agencies"

"The Politics of Presidential Centralization"

"The Politicization of Congressional Capacity" (with Ben Hammond and Leah Rosenstiel)

TEACHING

PS 230: Research Methods Spring 2024 - Spring 2026
Elizabethtown College

PS 363/PP 563: American Domestic Policy Fall 2023; Spring 2025; Spring 2026
Elizabethtown College

PS 101: Foundations of American Government Fall 2023 - Fall 2025
Elizabethtown College

PS 313: The American Presidency Fall 2025
Elizabethtown College

PS 316: The American Electoral Process Fall 2024
Elizabethtown College

Postgraduate Lecturer: POL 329 Policy Making in America Spring 2022
Co-Instructor: Charles Cameron

Graduate Teaching Fellow: Assistant in Instruction Orientation Fall 2021
McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, Princeton University

Head Preceptor: POL 325 The Presidency and Executive Power Fall 2020
Instructor: Lauren Wright
(Note: Taught virtually using Zoom)

Preceptor: POL 325 The Presidency and Executive Power Fall 2018
Instructor: Lauren Wright

Preceptor: POL 220 American Politics Fall 2017
Instructors: Paul Frymer and Sarah Staszak

GRANTS AND AWARDS	Elizabethtown College Faculty Grant 2025 <i>Elizabethtown College grant for creating database of congressional staff</i> Summer Creative Arts and Research Program Grant 2024; 2025 <i>Elizabethtown College grant for joint research with undergraduate students on congressional staff capacity</i> George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award 2022 <i>Awarded by APSA's Presidents and Executive Politics section for the best dissertation on the presidency completed in 2021</i> Dean's Completion Fellowship 2021 <i>Competitive Princeton fellowship for an extended semester of funding</i> Summer Institute for Collaborative Teaching Grant 2021 <i>Competitive grant plus semester of funding for collaboration with Charles Cameron to re-design and co-teach POL 329</i> University Fellowship 2016–2021 <i>Princeton University full-time Ph.D. fellowship</i> CSDP Graduate Student Research Grant Fall 2018 <i>Grant for archival research on presidential centralization</i> CSDP Graduate Student Research Grant Spring 2018 <i>Grant for congressional staff capacity project (with Ben Hammond and Leah Rosenstiel)</i> William S. Carpenter Fund in Politics 2015–2016 <i>Fellowship awarded to outstanding applicants in Princeton Politics</i>
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PRESENTATIONS	The Politics of Presidential Centralization 2024 <i>American Political Science Association</i> The Politicization of Congressional Capacity (with Ben Hammond and Leah Rosenstiel) 2024 <i>American Political Science Association</i> Centralization and Accountability 2023 <i>Age of Reagan Conference</i> Centralization, Politicization, and the Trump Administration 2021 <i>American Political Science Association</i> Centralization, Politicization, and the Modern Presidency 2020 <i>American Political Science Association</i> Empirical Implications of Presidential Centralization with Politicization 2019 <i>American Political Science Association</i> Presidential Use of Centralization and Politicization (JSS Session)
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	<i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	2019
	The Politicization of Congressional Capacity (with Ben Hammond and Leah Rosenstiel) <i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	2019
SERVICE	Middle States Commission on Higher Education Re-accreditation Self-study Standard VII Working Group <i>Elizabethtown College</i>	2026
	Resources and Strategic Planning Council <i>Elizabethtown College</i>	2025-2026
	Engineering Sciences Hiring Committee <i>Elizabethtown College</i>	2025-2026
	Legal Studies Hiring Committee <i>Elizabethtown College</i>	2025
	Political Science Honors Thesis Committee <i>Elizabethtown College</i>	2024; 2025
	<i>Discussant</i> , Conference on Presidential Power, the Administrative State, and American Democracy <i>University of Chicago</i>	2024
	Graduate Mentoring Award Review Committee <i>Princeton University</i>	2022
	Reviewer for <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Congress & the Presidency</i> , <i>Public Choice</i> , and <i>Political Behavior</i>	
OTHER INVITED TALKS/POPULAR MEDIA	Elizabethtown College Student Assembly on Executive Orders	2025
	Campaign 2024 Post-Mortem, Elizabethtown College	2024
	FOX43 Lancaster	2024
	Keynote speaker at Pi Sigma Alpha Banquet, Elizabethtown College	2024
REFERENCES	Brandice Canes-Wrone Professor of Political Science and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution Stanford University Email: bcwrone@stanford.edu	
	Charles Cameron Professor of Politics and Public Affairs Princeton University Email: ccameron@princeton.edu	
	David Lewis Rebecca Webb Wilson University Distinguished Professor Vanderbilt University Email: david.lewis@vanderbilt.edu	

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