

# **Matthew P. Arsenault**

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## **CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION**

Mount Aloysius College, Department of Justice, Law, and Society  
*Assistant Professor of Political Science*, August 2014 to present

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science, Western Michigan University, 2012  
First Field: Comparative Politics  
Second Field: American Politics  
Dissertation Entitled, "Varieties of Politics, Varieties of Capitalism: The Effects of Political Institutions on Capitalist Diversity."

M.A., Political Science, Western Michigan University, 2007

M.D.A., International Development Administration, Western Michigan University, 2007

B.A., Political Science, and Asian Studies, Western Michigan University, 2003

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, 2009

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2008

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR:** Courses taught at Mount Aloysius College

Capstone Research and Writing Seminar  
History and Politics of the Middle East  
U.S. Legislative Process  
Western Political Thought  
Contemporary Africa  
American Judicial Process and the Supreme Court  
Terrorism and Political Violence  
American Public Policy  
Comparative Political Economy  
Social Science Research Methods  
Courts and Criminal Procedure

Comparative Politics (Online and traditional lecture)  
International Relations (Online and traditional lecture)  
American National Government (Online and traditional lecture)  
Introduction to Political Science

INSTRUCTOR: Courses taught at Western Michigan University

Comparative Politics  
International Relations  
Critical Thinking about Politics (online and traditional lecture)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Arsenault, M. (2019.) Research methods in counter-insurgency warfare: Lessons learned from an embedded political scientist. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*.

Arsenault, M. (2017). *The effects of political institutions on varieties of capitalism*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT FELLOW: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Washington, D.C., 2012 – 2014

Contributed to the design and implementation of testing procedures to ensure financial institution (over \$10 billion in assets) compliance with federal financial regulations.

INTELLIGENCE ANALYST: U.S Department of the Army, Iraq, 2010 - 2011

Conducted socio-political analyses of the operational environment in Thi Qar and Maysan Provinces, Iraq, while embedded with U.S. Army infantry battalions.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

Paper. “Is Trump Really Unique?: A Discursive Analysis of Trump’s Campaign Rhetoric along the American Civil Religious Dimension.” Southwestern Social Science Association. Austin, TX. 2017. With Anthony Squires.

Paper. “The Economic Effects of Electoral Reform: New Zealand.” Australian and New Zealand Studies Association of North America. Orland, FL. 2016.

Paper. "The American Civil Religion in Presidential Elections." Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2016. With Anthony Squires.

Paper. "Varieties of Politics, Varieties of Capitalism: The Effects of Political Institutions on Capitalist Diversity." Southern Political Science Association. Orlando, FL. 2013.

Paper. "Political Institutions and Economic Reforms: Britain and Germany in the 1980s." Southern Political Science Association. Orlando, FL. 2013.

Paper. "Macro-Political Structures and Comparative Capitalism: The Effects of Institutional Change on Market Coordination." Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research. Syracuse, NY. 2009.

Paper. "Civic and Ethnic Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Republics: Implications for Democracy." Political Studies Association of Ireland postgraduate annual meeting. Cork, Ireland. 2009. With Mark Beougher and Emily Zerndt.

Paper. "The Relationship between Political Institutions and Market Structures: A Call for the Use of Natural Experiments." Social Science History Association Miami, FL. 2008.

Paper. "Are Institutions the Answer? Mitigating Sectarian Protest in Divided Nations." Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations. Kalamazoo, MI. 2008.

Paper. "Examining Variation in Production Regimes: An Analytical Framework." Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. New Orleans, LA. 2008. With Brian B. Crisher.

Paper. "Political Institutions and Production Regimes." Michigan Political Science Association. Kalamazoo, MI. 2007. With Brian B. Crisher.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

"Examining Best Practices in Online Course Design." Mount Aloysius College Teaching Conference. Mount Aloysius College. 2018

"Best Practices in Instructional Design." Mount Aloysius College. Faculty Development Series. 2018

"Do All Thoughts Matter?" Academic Honors Societies Colloquium Panelist, Mount Aloysius College. 2018.

“U.S. Foreign Policy and the Rise of the Islamic State.” ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, TX. 2017.

“A Discussion on Online Course Design: A Process of Trial and Error.” Teaching and Learning Faculty Workshop, Mount Aloysius College. 2017.

“Two Invisible Hands? Exploring Variation in Capitalist Economies.” Lunch and Learn Lecture Series, Mount Aloysius College. 2017.

“A New Approach to the American Civil Religion.” Mount Aloysius Research Symposium, Mount Aloysius College. 2017.

“Presidential Campaign Rhetoric.” Lunch and Learn Lecture Series, Mount Aloysius College. 2017.

“Divergent Voices: The Cost of Free Speech.” Academic Honors Societies Colloquium Panelist, Mount Aloysius College. 2016.

“Federal Regulation and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” Invited Lecture, Mount Aloysius College. 2014.

“Liberia: An Uncivil War.” Discussant, Mount Aloysius College. 2014.

“The Iraq War and the Rise of the Islamic State.” Invited Lecture, Mount Aloysius College. 2014.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Debate Moderator for 79<sup>th</sup> State Representative District, and 30<sup>th</sup> State Senate District. Central Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women. Altoona, PA. 2017.

Chair and Discussant. “New Insights into Terrorism, State Failure, and Public Health.” Northeastern Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. 2017.

Chair and Discussant. “Topics in Comparative Politics.” Pennsylvania Political Science Association. Pittsburgh, PA. 2017.

Fulbright Scholarship Program Adviser. Mount Aloysius College.

Institutional Representative. CERIS: Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies, University of Pittsburgh.

Discussant. “Comparative Political Economy Panel – The Welfare State.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2015.

Discussant. "Professional and Career Development Roundtable: Non-Academic and Alternative Academic Careers." Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2015.

Chair and Discussant. "Undergraduate Feature Panel on Transparency and Accountability in International Relations." Michigan Political Science Association. Troy, MI. 2014.

## **AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS**

Excellence in Service Award from the National Society of Leadership and Success. 2018. With Drs. E. Mansley, M. Shuttlesworth, and T. Spanella.

Mount Aloysius Professional Development Travel Grant. 2017, 2016, 2015 & 2014.

Presidential Management Fellow, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. 2012.

Western Michigan Doctoral Associate. 2012 & 2011.

Western Michigan University All-University Teaching Effectiveness Award. 2012.

Western Michigan Political Science Teaching Effectiveness Award. 2012 & 2007.

U.S. Dept. of Defense Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal. 2011.

U.S. Dept. of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award. 2011.

Western Michigan Doctoral Assistant. 2008 through 2010.

Western Michigan University Borsos Memorial Endowed Scholarship. 2010.

Phi Sigma Alpha: National Political Science Honor Society. 2009.

Western Michigan University Political Science Tuition Grant, for Institute for Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research. 2009.

Western Michigan University Department of Political Science Travel Award. 2009 & 2007.

Western Michigan University Political Science Tuition Grant, for Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. 2009.

Western Michigan University Graduate Assistant. 2008 & 2007.

Western Michigan University Shilling Award for Graduate Scholarship. 2008.

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Grant. 2008.

Western Michigan University Graduate College Research and Travel Grant. 2007.

### **CAMPUS SERVICE**

Student Research Committee 2014-Present (co-chair 2018-19)

Campus Representative to the Consortium for Education Resources for Islamic Studies, 2014 - 2018

Campus Student Conduct Board 2015-Present

Academic Honors Society Committee 2017-Present

Mercy Presidential Scholarship Committee 2017 - 2018

Adviser to SALUTE Veteran's honor society 2017 - present

Adviser to Military Student Veterans Affairs Club 2017 – present

Fulbright Scholarship Program Adviser 2017 – present

Curriculum Committee 2018 – present

Committee on Academic Standing 2018 – present

Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences Search Committee

Faculty Adviser for MPOWER: Mount Aloysius College Anti-Bullying Initiative

### **SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH**

Master's Thesis Committee Member: "The Effect of Partisanship on the Assessments of Political Attitudes," submitted by Evan Hughes. Mount Aloysius College, Department of Psychology.

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association

Pennsylvania Political Science Association

Northeastern Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

Dr. Julie Smith, Chair  
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