

**Curriculum Vitae**

James P. Nelson  
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**Education:**

B.S., Political Science, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, 2004

M.S., Political Science, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, 2006

Ph.D., Political Science, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, 2011

**Dissertation:**

“Protest Meets Process: Attitudinal, Institutional, and Contextual Indicators of Third Party Voting and Candidate Entry in U.S. Legislative Elections.” Successfully defended: August 29, 2011.

**Recent Employment:**

Continuing Lecturer of American & Texas Government & Politics, University of Texas – Pan American (Fall 2009 – Summer 2011)

Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science, Lamar University (Fall 2011 – Summer 2012)

Instructor, Department of Political Science, Lamar University (Fall 2012 – Spring 2013)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Lamar University (Fall 2013 - present)

**Publications:**Lamar University

Davis, Terri and James P. Nelson. 2017. *The Texas Constitution: The People, History, and Government of the Lone Star State*. Beaumont: Lamar Literary Press. [Not Peer-Reviewed, Regional]

Nelson, J.P., Terri B. Davis, and Lacey Atkins. 2017. “Reporting and Reparations: News Coverage and the Decision to Compensate the Forcefully Sterilized in North Carolina.” *Studies in Media and Communication* 5, 1: 1-11. [Peer-Reviewed, National/International]

Sowers II, Thomas E., and James P. Nelson. 2016. "The Timing of Presidential Scandals: The Role of Economics, Divided Government and the Media." *Open Journal of Political Science* 6: 83-94. doi: 10.4236/ojps.2016.61008. [Peer-Reviewed, National/International]

Nelson, James P. 2015. "Context and Congressional Elections: Assessing the Impact of Local Influences on Third Party Voting in U.S. House Elections." *American International Journal of Social Science* 4(5): 1-10. [Peer-Reviewed, National/International]

Carsey, Thomas M., Robert A. Jackson, Melissa Stewart, and James P. Nelson. 2011. "Strategic Candidates, Campaign Dynamics, and Campaign Advertising in Gubernatorial Races." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 11(3): 269-298. [Peer-Reviewed, National/International]

### The Florida State University

Carsey, Thomas M., and J.P. Nelson. 2008. "Political Parties in Florida." In *Government and Politics in Florida (Third Edition)*, edited by J. Edwin Benton. 102-127. Tallahassee: University Press of Florida. [Not Peer-Reviewed, Regional]

### **Conference Papers:**

#### Lamar University

Nelson, J.P. and Maegan Collins. "Theology and Geography: The Politics of State Personhood Initiatives." Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans. [Regional]

Williams, Brian and J.P. Nelson. "Media, Governance and Ebola: How Will the Media Portray Government Response When the Improbable Becomes Possible?" Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association of Texas, Huntsville (Sam Houston State University). [Regional]

Nelson, James P. "The Political Geography of Equality: State Electorates and Gay Rights." Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Denver. [Regional]

Nelson, James P. "Representation or Repression? Independent and Third Party Candidate Entry and Electoral Fortunes in U. S. House Elections." Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans. [Regional]

Nelson, James P., Terri B. Davis, and Lacey Atkins. "Reporting and Reparations: News Coverage and the Decision to Compensate the Forcefully Sterilized in North Carolina." Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio. [Regional]

Sowers II, Thomas E. and James P. Nelson. "The Impact of Stadium Construction on Municipal Economic Development." Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans. [Regional]

Nelson, James P. "Voters in Context: Attitudes, Socialization, and Elections." Presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans. [Regional]

Nelson, James P. "Voters in Context: Attitudes, Socialization, and Elections." Presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. [Regional]

### The Florida State University

Nelson, J.P. "Can Policy Networks Coordinate Issues Locally?" Presented as a Poster at the 2009 International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, San Diego. [National/International]

Nelson, J.P. "Third Party Voting in US Congressional Elections." Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans. [Regional]

Nelson, J.P. "Can Policy Networks Coordinate Issues Locally?" Presented as a Poster at the 2008 Networks in Political Science Conference, Harvard University. [National/International]

Carsey, Thomas M., Robert A. Jackson, Melissa O. Neal, and J.P. Nelson, "Strategic Candidates, Campaign Dynamics, and Campaign Advertising in Gubernatorial Races in 2002." Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia. [National/International]

Carsey, Thomas M., Robert A. Jackson, Melissa O. Neal, and J.P. Nelson, "Strategic Candidates, Campaign Dynamics, and Campaign Advertising in Gubernatorial Races in 2002." Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta. [Regional]

### **Current Working Papers:**

Nelson, James P. and Brian Williams. "Residence – Governance – Disaster: Choice Among Communities in Metropolitan Houston."

Nelson, James P. and Maegan Collins. "Theology and Geography: The Politics of State Personhood Initiatives."

Williams, Brian and James P. Nelson. "Media and Governance: How Will the Media Portray Risk When the Improbable Becomes Possible?"

Nelson, James P. "Representation or Repression? Independent and Third Party Candidate Entry and Electoral Fortunes in U. S. House Elections."

Nelson, James P. "The Political Geography of Equality: State Electorates and Gay Rights."

Sowers, Thomas, James P. Nelson, and Jason Sides. "The Economic Impact of Stadium Construction on Urban Development."

**Additional Research-Related Activity:**

"A Tale of Two Parties" (panelist). Reaud Honors College. March 6, 2018. [Not Peer-Reviewed, Local]

"Cardinal Conversations: The Politics and Economics of Subsidizing Sports Facilities" (presenter). Lamar University Presidential Residence. October 5, 2017. [Not Peer-Reviewed, Local]

I served as a reviewer for *American Politics Research* in the summer of 2014 and fall of 2016. [Peer-Reviewed Journal, National/International]

I served as a reviewer for *Open Journal of Political Science* in the spring of 2017, fall of 2017, and spring of 2018. [Peer-Reviewed Journal, National/International]

I served as a textbook reviewer for Flat World Knowledge in the summer of 2017. [National/International]

Presentation to Progressive Democrats of Southeast Texas. "Policy and Geography: Why State Borders and City Boundaries Matter." May 14, 2015. [Not Peer-Reviewed, Local]

**Course Taught at Lamar University:**

POLS 2301: Introduction to American Government I

POLS 2302: Introduction to American Government II

POLS 4361: State and Local Government

POLS 4362: State and Local Government

POLS 4362: Introduction to Public Policy

POLS 5353: Public Policy Formulation

POLS 5354: Environmental Policy

POLS 5354/5320: State and Local Government

POLS 5355: Applied Research Methods

### **Lamar University Teaching Awards:**

Spring 2017: Winner: Keeper of the Clock (Lamar University Pre-Law Society's award for their favorite political science instructor)

Spring 2017: Pizza Pie with Alpha Chi: Invitee/Honoree

Fall 2015: Apple Pie with Alpha Chi: Invitee/Honoree

### **Lamar University Service:**

#### Department of Political Science

Department Academic Advisor (Fall 2017 – present)

Guest Speaker – Department of Political Science Learning Community (October 21, 2014)

MPA Program Admission Requirements Committee (Fall 2014)

Program Improvement Review Committee Member (Fall 2012-Summer 2016)

Department Scholarship Committee (Fall 2013 – present)

Department Grade Appeal Committee (Fall 2017-present)

Department Core Curriculum and Graduate Assessment Committee (2017-present)

Gray Library Representative (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

Department Representative: Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (Fall 2013-present)

Department Representative: College and University Awards Committee (Fall 2014- Fall 2016)

Faculty Senate Representative (Fall 2014-present)

Member, Faculty Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Retention (Fall 2014)

Member, Faculty Senate Budget and Compensation Committee (Fall 2015-present)

Attendee, Strategic Planning Consulting Group meeting with Faculty Senators

Department Upper-Division Assessment Review Committee (Fall 2015-Summer 2016)

Attendee, Center for Teaching and Learning Enhancement Event (Thesis Direction – September 12, 2014)

College of Arts and Sciences

College Representative: University Registration and Grading Committee (Fall 2014-Spring 2016; new term begins Fall 2018)

Lamar University

Member, Department of Psychology Assistant Professor Search Committee (2017)

Attendee, Webinar, “Higher Ed’s Most Pressing Immigration Questions Answered” (administered by EAB, February 21, 2017)

Interview segments on “Wake Up Beaumont” podcasts:

Wake Up Beaumont (Local Podcast) interview: “Episode 4: Race to be Mayor.” Julia Rodriguez [publisher]. April 20, 2017. Available at: <http://wakeupbeaumont.com/podcast/episode-4-race-to-be-mayor/>. Last accessed January 28, 2018.

Wake Up Beaumont (Local Podcast) interview: “Episode 5: City Council at Large (Round 1).” Julia Rodriguez [publisher]. April 25, 2017. Available at: <http://wakeupbeaumont.com/podcast/76/>. Last accessed January 28, 2018.

Other work on a “Wake Up Beaumont” podcast (“Special thanks to” acknowledgement on web page):

Wake Up Beaumont (Local Podcast): “Episode 6: Ward 1.” Julia Rodriguez [publisher]. April 28, 2017. Available at: <http://wakeupbeaumont.com/podcast/episode-6-ward-1/>. Last accessed January 28, 2018.

KBMT interview: “Texas Senate Bill Proposal Asks to Take Away Local Anti-Discrimination Ordinances.” Troy Kless [reporter]. November 16, 2016. Available at: <http://www.12newsnow.com/mb/news/local/texas-senate-bill-proposal-asks-to-take-away-local-anti-discrimination-ordinances/353002486>. Last accessed February 14, 2017.

KBMT interview: “When and How Did Texas Become a Red State?” Brandi Smith [reporter]. November 7, 2016. Available at: <http://www.12newsnow.com/mb/news/local/when-and-how-did-texas-become-a-red-state/349497762>. Last accessed February 14, 2017.

Competitor in Are You Smarter Than a Professor? (October 27, 2014 - Game Show-esque Homecoming Event)

Completed “Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events” class run by Lamar University Police Department (taught by Corporal Jarrod Samford, January 27, 2017)

Participated in *Provost’s Kick-Off 2017* (August 24, 2017 – Center for Teaching and Learning Enhancement)

Participated in *Blast Off* (August 17, 2016 – Center for Teaching and Learning Enhancement)

Participated in *Blast Off* (August 21, 2015 – Center for Teaching and Learning Enhancement)

Participated in *Blast Off* (August 19, 2014 – Center for Teaching and Learning Enhancement)

Participated in *Blast Off* (August 20, 2013 – Center for Teaching and Learning Enhancement)

### Community

Edited “West-Orange Cove Consolidated Independent School District: North Early Learning Center Head Start Program: 2013 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT,” [no original author listed]. [Spring 2013 semester].

### Profession

Reviewed the following text for Oxford University Press: Morone, James and Rogan Kersh. 2012. *By the People: Debating American Government*. New York: Oxford University Press. [National/International] [Submitted January 8, 2013].