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EDUCATION **The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina USA

Ph.D., Political Science, *Expected May 2022*

- Fields: American Politics (major), Political Methodology (minor)
- Dissertation: “Voter Decision-Making in Intra-party Contests: What Voters Use to Make Decisions in Presidential Primaries in the Post-Reform Era”
- Chair: Sarah Treul
- Committee: Marc J. Hetherington, Caitlin Jewitt, Jason M. Roberts, and Suzanne Globetti

M.A., Political Science, *August 2019*

- Title: “Can the Party Still Decide? National Party Changes and Their Effect on Presidential Primaries”
- Committee: Sarah Treul (chair), Marc J. Hetherington, and Jason M. Roberts

**Virginia Tech**  
Blacksburg, Virginia USA

B.A., Economics, 2017

B.A., Political Science, 2017

- Summa Cum Laude, Deans List, Political Science Honors Program

RESEARCH INTERESTS Congress · Presidency · Legislative Politics · Primary Elections and Campaigns  
· Voting Behavior · Public Opinion

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS – Bussing, Austin, **Will Patton**, Sarah Treul and Jason Roberts. 2020. “The Electoral Consequences of Roll Call Voting: Health Care and the 2018 Election.” *Political Behavior*. Online.

PRESENTATIONS – Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, *The Effect of Town Halls on Representation in Congress*, 2018

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, *Can the Party Still Decide? National Party Changes and Their Effect of Presidential Primaries*, 2019

- University of North Carolina, American Politics Research Group, *Can the Party Still Decide? National Party Changes and Their Effect of Presidential Primaries*, 2019

ARTICLES IN  
PROGRESS

- **Patton, Will**, “Ideology, Demographics, and Electability: Explaining Vote Choice in the 2016 and 2020 Democratic Primaries.”
- **Patton, Will**, “‘Heads, I win, Tails, you cheated;’ Voters’ Perceptions of Fairness in Presidential Primaries.”
- **Patton, Will** and Caitlin Jewitt, “Congressional Primary Timing and Its Effect on Turnout and the Representativeness of the Electorate”

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*Research Assistant, Jason M. Roberts*

Spring 2019

- Research and data collection related to congressional elections and procedure

**Virginia Tech**

*Research Assistant, Caitlin Jewitt*

January 2016-May 2017

- Coding assistance with documents collected from the National Archives for mentor’s book project “The Primary Rules: Parties, Voters, and Presidential Nominations”

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*Teaching Assistant*

- POLI 100: Introduction to Government in the United States, Pamela J. Conover (Fall 2018)

*Instructor of Record*

- POLI 200: The President, Congress and Public Policy (Fall 2019; Fall 2020; Spring 2021)
- POLI 100: American Democracy in Changing Times (Spring 2020)

*Planned Courses*

- POLI 208: Parties and Elections

AWARDS/HONORS

- Political Science Undergraduate Research Award, Virginia Tech, 2017
- Royster Society Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2017-2022
- Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2021

DEPARTMENTAL  
SERVICE

- Vice President, UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate Student Representatives, 2020
- Selection Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science Robson Award for Excellence in Graduate Instruction, 2019

METHODS TRAINING	Ordinary Least Squares Regression · Maximum Likelihood Estimation · Generalized Linear Models · Special Topics in Intermediate Quantitative Methods · Game Theory
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical Packages: R, Stata</li> <li>• Applications: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics</li> </ul>
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– American Political Science Association</li> <li>– Midwest Political Science Association</li> </ul>
REFERENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Treul <i>Associate Professor of Political Science</i> <i>Bowman and Gordon Gray Term Professor</i> UNC-Chapel Hill streul@unc.edu</li> <li>• Marc J. Hetherington <i>Raymond H. Dawson Distinguished Bicentennial Professor of Political Science</i> UNC-Chapel Hill marcj@email.unc.edu</li> <li>• Jason M. Roberts <i>Professor of Political Science</i> UNC-Chapel Hill jmr08@email.unc.edu</li> <li>• Caitlin Jewitt <i>Associate Professor of Political Science</i> Virginia Tech cjewitt@vt.edu</li> </ul>