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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration

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Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*

May 2010

Major: Financial Economics, Minor: Sociology
Centre College, Danville, KY

International Study

January 2010

“Physical Science of Volcanoes”
New Zealand

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Climate and Energy Policy, Fiscal Federalism, and Public Finance

PUBLICATIONS

Bromley-Trujillo, Rebecca, J.S. Butler, John Poe, and Whitney Davis. *Forthcoming*. “The Spreading of Innovation: State Adoptions of Energy and Climate Change Policy.” Review of Policy Research.

WORKING PAPERS

Davis, Whitney. “Understanding the Distribution of Environmental Grants”

Bromley-Trujillo, Rebecca and Whitney Davis. “Understanding Energy Policy Adoption at the Local Level: A Closer Look at the Adoption Process”

Bromley-Trujillo, Rebecca, Whitney Davis, and John Poe. “Policy Diffusion Across Cities: Local Membership in Climate and Sustainability Networks”

CONFERENCES AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Seattle, WA (upcoming) October 2016
“Analyzing the Effects of Decentralized Public Goods: The Case of Climate Policy”

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, D.C. October 2015
“Competing Economic and Political Interests in the Distribution of Energy Grants to States”

American Society for Public Administration Conference, Chicago, IL March 2015
“Diffusion of Local Renewable Energy Policies in the United States”
(coauthors: Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo)

Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Atlanta, GA September 2014
“Predicting the Determinants of Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Grants from the Federal Government to States”

Research, Internships, and Creative Endeavors, Centre College April 2010
“Determinants of Poverty Rates in Southeastern Kentucky”

Research, Internships, and Creative Endeavors, Centre College April 2009
A Feminist Ethnographic Analysis of Gender Differences in a Male-Dominated Occupation

EXPERIENCE

Research:

Research Assistant January 2013—August 2014, May 2016—present
Assistant to Dr. Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo
Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky
Review and summarize literature and collect data for research projects relating to policy innovation and state politics.

Teaching:

Teaching Assistant August 2015—December 2015, August 2016—present
Gatton College of Business and Economics, University of Kentucky
Primary instructor for Business Statistics and Economics, an upper-level, undergraduate course focused on statistics and regression analysis.

Teaching Assistant January 2016—May 2016
Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky
Responsible for assisting a professor with a Master’s capstone course. This includes teaching statistical software to students and working with them on their individual research projects.

Teaching Assistant August 2014—May 2015
Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky
Tutored Master’s students both individually and in small groups. Also responsible for teaching upon professors’ requests.

Professional:

Mentor for the Henry Clay Student Congress June 2016
The Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship, Transylvania University
Served as a mentor to program attendees for the duration of the program. Students from across the United States joined together in this program to work on a policy solution for an assigned issue. Assisted in developing the curriculum, providing guidance, and assessing progress.

Graduate Assistant August 2012—January 2013
Academic Enhancement, University of Kentucky
Responsible for all outreach activities and public relations, coordinated presentations for undergraduate classes, gave weekly presentations for undergraduate classes on academic-related topics, and helped update and maintain the organization’s website.

Financial Secretary and Administrative Assistant May 2009—July 2012
Trinity Episcopal Church, Danville, KY
Responsible for accounts payable and receivable, payroll, updating and maintaining the organization’s website, making service schedules, recordkeeping, and publishing a weekly newsletter. Assisted with preparing materials for services.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Joined Summer 2014

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Hughes Award 2015
Awarded from Kentucky Political Science Association for a co-authored working paper, “The Spreading of Innovation: State Adoptions of Energy and Climate Change Policy.”

Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society Inducted Fall 2014

Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society for Economics Inducted Spring 2009