

# CANDACE M. TURITTO

Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in American Government & Political Methodology**, University of Maryland, 2018

Dissertation: *Overexposed: How a Media Market's Total Volume of Political Information Affects the Persuasive Power of Campaign Ads*

Committee: Dr. Michael Hanmer, Chair

Dr. Antoine Banks

Dr. Donald Green (Columbia University)

Dr. Frances Lee

**M.A. in American Government & Political Methodology**, University of Maryland, 2012

**B.A. in Political Science**, Magna Cum Laude, James Madison University, 2005

## PROFESSIONAL POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

**American Viewpoint (VA):** *Research Analyst & Statistician, Jan 2016 – Dec 2016*

**Public Engagement Group/Optimus Consulting (DC):** *Lead Data Scientist, Jun 2012 – Aug 2014*

**Anthem Media/Rising Tide Media (VA):** *Media Production Manager, Jan 2008 – Mar 2009*

**Jeannemarie Devolites-Davis for State Senate (VA):** *Campaign Manager, Jul 2007 – Nov 2007*

**Romney for President:** *Iowa Regional Field Director, Jan 2007 – May 2007*

**Legislative Majority Fund (IA):** *Regional Field Director, May 2006 – Dec 2006*

**Nathan Macias for State Representative (TX):** *Campaign Manager, Dec 2005 – Mar 2006*

**Campaign Experience:** Political Data Analysis, Field & Survey Experimentation, Media Production, Campaign Management, Field Organization, GOTV Design and Execution, Polling, Modeling, General Consulting

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**University of Maryland, Fall 2020 – present**

*Director, Applied Political Analytics MS Program*

**Advanced Empirical Research:** *Fall 2020 - present*

**Internship Seminar:** *Fall 2020 - present*

**Campaign Modeling & Data Analysis:** *Fall 2020*

**New York University (DC Campus)**

**The Politics of Public Policy:** *Spring 2020 and Spring 2019*

**The Presidency:** *Fall 2019*

**American Public Opinion & Pressure Groups:** *Fall 2018*

**California State University, Northridge (DC Campus)**

**Internship Coordinator,** *Spring 2019, Summer 2019, and Spring 2020*

**American University**

**Introduction to Political Research Methods:** *Spring 2020*

**U.S. Politics:** *Fall 2018*

## University of Maryland (Graduate School)

**Institute for Government Service & Research (IGSR):** *Graduate Research Assistant, Sept 2017 – Aug 2018*

**Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC):** *Graduate Assistant for Undergraduate Independent Research Program, Spring 2018; Research Assistant, Sept 2014 – Aug 2015*

**GVPT 100 – Empirical Political Science Research Methods & Analysis:** *Teaching Assistant, Spring 2017 and Spring 2013*

**GVPT 377/388 – Capitol Hill & Public Policy Internship Seminar:** *Instructor, Fall 2015*

**GVPT 170 – Introduction to American Politics:** *Instructor, Summer 2016 and Summer 2015*

**Maryland State Board of Elections:** *Graduate Internship, Spring 2011*

## PUBLICATIONS

~ Croco, Sarah, Jared McDonald, and Candace Turitto. 2021. "Face of the Problem: How Subordinates Shield Executives from Blame" *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 1-10.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-experimental-political-science/article/abs/face-of-the-problem-how-subordinates-shield-executives-from-blame/87ED0A179BE5E37834CA1F3DDD5C5EFB>

~ Croco, Sarah, Jared McDonald, and Candace Turitto. 2020. "Making them pay: Using the norm of honesty to generate costs for political lies." *Electoral Studies* 69.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0261379420301293?via%3Dihub>

~ McDonald, Jared, Sarah Croco, and Candace Turitto. 2019. "Teflon Don or Politics as Usual? An Examination of Foreign Policy Flip-Flops in the Age of Trump." *Journal of Politics* 81(2).

[https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/702234?fbclid=IwAR0GnFUxMuNfr4TEpnIHHsB7v5ntKc\\_h89\\_9KldJT4gdw8ygIVGR-FGd1eM&](https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/702234?fbclid=IwAR0GnFUxMuNfr4TEpnIHHsB7v5ntKc_h89_9KldJT4gdw8ygIVGR-FGd1eM&)

~ McDonald, Jared, Sarah Croco, and Candace Turitto. 2019. "Here's another way Trump is different: Flip-Flopping don't affect his personal approval." *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*, March 12.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/03/12/heres-another-way-trump-is-different-flip-flopping-doesnt-affect-his-public-approval/?utm\\_term=.704272e853d9](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/03/12/heres-another-way-trump-is-different-flip-flopping-doesnt-affect-his-public-approval/?utm_term=.704272e853d9)

~ McDonald, Jared, Candace Turitto, and Sarah Croco. 2018. "Honesty first: how to make politicians pay for lying." *Vox (Mischiefs of Faction)*, July 2. <https://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2018/7/2/17520264/politicians-lies-trump>

IN PROGRESS: ~ "Competitive Compromises: The Conditional Acceptance of Flip-Flopping Politicians"

(Sarah Croco and Candace Turitto)

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

~ "Flip-Flops and Foreign Policy Under Trump" with Jared McDonald and Sarah Croco, presented at Journal of Politics' Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump Symposium, Dec 2018, Los Angeles, CA

~ "Testing the Persuasive Effects of Digital Media: A Cluster Randomized Field Experiment" with Donald Green, presented at the American Political Science Association, Aug 2014, Washington, DC: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3537287](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3537287)

~ "Competitive Compromises: The Conditional Acceptance of Flip-Flopping Politicians" with Sarah Croco, presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Nov 2013, Philadelphia, PA and at the Midwest Political Science Association, Apr 2013, Chicago, IL

~ "Counting Bullets: Estimating the Strategy Behind Negative Campaign Advertising", presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Apr 2012, Portsmouth, NH

## ACADEMIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- ~ BSOS Professional Masters Group – Coordinator, 2023-present
- ~ BSOS Data Science Fellowship – Faculty Mentor, 2022-present
- ~ GVPT Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2022-present
- ~ OES Advisory Committee, 2021-present
- ~ GVPT DEI (Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion) Committee, 2021-present
- ~ Hiring Committee for GVPT PTK Faculty Member in APAN and ENSP, 2021
- ~ UMD Graduate School Buddy Program, 2021-22
- ~ Graduate Program Admissions Committee, 2016
- ~ GVPT Graduate Student Association (UMD): *Tech Liaison*, Sept 2011 – May 2012

## AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- TLTC Experiential Learning Grant** (UMD, 2022)
- BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award – Nominee** (UMD, 2021)
- James F. Hoobler Fellowship Award** (UMD, 2018)
- Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award & Scholarship** (UMD, 2014)
- Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship** (ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 2012)
- Summer Training Award** (UMD, 2012)
- ICPSR Training Award** (UMD, 2012)
- College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Dean’s Research Initiative Grant** (UMD, 2011)
- GVPT Graduate Fellow** (UMD, 2010)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Knock On Wood Tap Studio (Takoma Park, MD):** *Board of Directors, Member*, June 2018 – present