

Mitchell Dylan Sellers Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Florida, 2016
Specialization: American Government, Political Methodology and Public Policy
Dissertation: "Power Play: Gubernatorial Use of Executive Orders in the American States"

M.P.H., Epidemiology, Tulane University, 2021*

M.A., Political Science, University of Florida, 2014

M.P.A., Public Administration, Texas State University, 2011
Specialization: Urban and Environmental Planning
Applied Research Project: "Discrimination and the Transgender Population: A Description of Local Government Policies that Protect Gender Identity or Expression"

B.S., Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2009
Minor: Urban and Regional Planning

Academic Appointments

2019-present Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Tulane University
2018-2019 Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Colorado State University
2016-2018 Assistant Professor (non-tenure track), Political Science, Temple University
2015-2016 Instructor, Political Science, University of Florida
2011-2015 Graduate Assistant, Political Science, University of Florida

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Sellers, Mitchell D. 2020. "Executives, Executive Politics, and the LGBTQ Community." In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of LGBT Politics and Policy*. (Eds.) Taylor, J. K. and Haider-Markel, D. P. New York: Oxford University Press.

Sellers, Mitchell D. 2020. "Transgender Issues." In *Legislating Morality in America: Debating the Morality of Controversial U.S. Laws and Policies*. (Ed.) Haider-Markel, D. P. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

- Taylor, Jami K., Lewis, Daniel C., and Haider-Markel, Donald P. 2018. *The Remarkable Rise of Transgender Rights: How a Small, Seemingly Marginalized Group becomes a Political Force*. Chapter 3: Executive Expansion of Transgender Rights (with **Sellers, Mitchell D.**). Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Sellers, Mitchell D.** 2018. "Absent Inclusion Polices: Problems Facing Homeless Transgender Youth," *Public Integrity*.
- Sellers, Mitchell D.** 2017. "Gubernatorial Use of Executive Orders: Unilateral Action and Policy Adoption," *Journal of Public Policy*, 37(3): 315-339.
- Hicks, William, McKee, Seth C., **Sellers, Mitchell D.** and Smith, Daniel A. 2015. "A Principle or a Strategy? Voter Identification Laws and Partisan Competition in the American States," *Political Research Quarterly*, 68(1): 18-33.
- Sellers, Mitchell D.** 2014. "Discrimination and the Transgender Population: Analysis of the Functionality of Local Government Policies that Protect Gender Identity," *Administration & Society*, 46(1): 70-86.
- Sellers, Mitchell D.** 2014. "Executive Expansion of Transgender Rights: Electoral Incentives to Issue or Revoke Executive Orders." In *Transgender Rights and Politics: Groups, Issue Framing, and Policy Adoption* (Eds.) Taylor, J. K. and Haider-Markel, D. P. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Sellers, Mitchell D.** and Colvin, Roddrick. 2014. "Explicit Use of Transgender-Inclusive Language and Its Effects on the Adoption and Implementation of Local Nondiscrimination Policies." In *Transgender Rights and Politics: Groups, Issue Framing, and Policy Adoption* (Eds.) Taylor, J. K. and Haider-Markel, D. P. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Other Publications

- Sellers, Mitchell D.** 2018. "Book Reviews: The Courts, the Ballot Box, & Gay Rights: How Our Governing Institutions Shape the Same-sex Marriage Debate. By Joseph Mello. *Morality at the Ballot Direct Democracy and Political Engagement in the United States.*" *Perspectives on Politics*, 16(4): 1189-1191.
- Sellers, Mitchell D.** 2017. "[The 4 Key Things You Need to Know about Trump's Proposed Ban on Transgender Military Service.](#)" *Washington Post* (31 July 2017) Monkey Cage.
- Hicks, William D. and McKee, Seth C. and **Sellers, Mitchell D.** and Smith, Daniel A. 2014. "Party Competition is the Primary Driver of the Recent Increase in Restrictive Voter ID Laws in the American States." *USApp— American Politics and Policy Blog* (12 Nov 2014). Blog Entry.

Research and Teaching Interests

American Institutions
 Executive-Legislative Relations
 Public Administration and Health

Civil Rights and Discrimination
 Public Policy and Policymaking
 State Politics and Policy

Courses Taught

Instructor: Undergraduate Courses
 American Government (Intro)
 Executive Politics
 Interest Group Politics

Environmental Policy
 Healthcare Policy
 LGBTQ Politics

Politics of Inequality
Race and Ethnicity
State and Local Politics (Intro)

Public Policy (Intro)
Research Methods (Intro)
State Politics (Upper-level)

Instructor: Graduate Courses
Data Analysis

Social Welfare Policy

Manuscripts under Review

Sellers, Mitchell D. “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell... But Pursue? Explaining Enforcement of the Ban on Gays in the Military.”

Forster, A. Diana and **Sellers, Mitchell D.** “How Masculinity Trumps Experience: Electoral Success of Female Gubernatorial Candidates”

Working Papers

Sellers, Mitchell D. Book Draft. *Cultural High: Understanding the Societal and Public Health Effects of Marijuana Policy in America.*

Sellers, Mitchell D. “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell: Gender and Racial Bias in Discharge Rates.”
Edwards, Amani and **Sellers, Mitchell D.** “Handling Bias: Are Individuals in Disadvantaged Groups more likely to File Discrimination Complaints?”

Sellers, Mitchell D. “Ordering a Fair Vote: How Governors and Executive Orders Influence Elections across the States.”

Conferences and Presentations

“Ordering a Fair Vote? How Governors and Executive Orders Influence Elections across the States,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2021.

“Marijuana Legalization’s Effects on Crime Rates- The Blunt Truth,” (with Thomas Swirbalus) Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2021.

“Who Runs? A Comparison of Male and Female Gubernatorial Candidates,” (with Diana Forster) Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2020. (Canceled due to Covid-19)

“Governors, Religion, and Candidate Quality,” (with Diana Forster) Southern Political Science Association Conference, Austin, January 2019.

“Do State Stalemates Lead to Local Innovation? A Look at Protections and Services from Local Governments,” American Society for Public Administration Conference, Denver, March 2018.

“Electoral Success of Female Gubernatorial Candidates,” (with Diana Forster) Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, November 2017.

“Measuring Gubernatorial Executive Power in the American States,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2016.

“(No?) Experience Required: Explaining Governors’ Use of Executive Power,” (with Charles Shields) American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, September 2015.

“Policymaking, Practical or Symbolic?: Exploring Functions and Gubernatorial Patterns of Executive Orders,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2015.

“Patterns in Gubernatorial Use of Executive Orders,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2015.

“Strategic Governors and Executive Orders: Adoption of Transgender-Inclusive Nondiscrimination Protections,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2014.

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell... But Pursue? Explaining Enforcement of the Ban on Gays in the Military,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2014.

“Unintended Effects of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell: Gender Bias in Discharge Rates,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2014.

“Evolution of an Issue: Voter ID Laws in the American States,” (with Seth McKee, Daniel Smith and William Hicks), American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, August 2013.

“Strategic Governors and Executive Orders: Adoption of Gay and Transgender Protections,” Poster Session, State Politics and Policy Conference, Iowa City, May 2013.

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell: Assessing Gender and Racial Biases in Discharge Rates,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2013.

“Defensive Spending: Congressional Response to Public Support of Defense Spending,” (with Kevin Baron), Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2013.

“Transgender-Inclusive Nondiscrimination Ordinances: Does Government Structure Effect Policy Strength?” Southern Political Science Association Conference, Orlando, January 2013.

Invited Talks and Other Professional Presentations

Panelist, “Author Meets Critics- Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, and Sexual Assault: Challenging the Myths,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2021.

Panelist, “Public Integrity: LGBT Homeless Symposium Edition,” American Society for Public Administration, Webinar, April 2018.

Invited Talk, “Trump's First Year: Rhetoric to Action,” Political Science Society, Temple University, November 2016.

Roundtable Participant, “Directions in LGBT Rights Research,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2014.

Professional Research or Experience

Practicum with Sankofa Community Development Corporation (CDC), June 2020-August 2020

Research Contract, University of Florida, Bob Graham Center for Public Service, 2011

Research Assistant, University of Florida, Department of Political Science, 2011

Policy Advisor, Transgender Foundation of America, January-August 2011

Internship in the Capital Improvements Department with the City of San Marcos, Texas, January 2011-May 2011

Awards, Scholarships and Grants

Best LGBTQ Publication, American Society for Public Administration, 2019

James Button Memorial Endowment, University of Florida, 2015

H. Douglas Price Award, University of Florida, 2014

Best Graduate Student Paper, University of Florida, 2014

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2014
ICPSR Program Scholar, University of Florida, 2012
Graduate Assistantship, University of Florida, 2011-16
Research Contract, Bob Graham Civic Scholar, 2011
Peggy Rudd Scholarship, 2011
Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)
Pi Alpha Alpha (National Public Affairs and Public Administration Honor Society)

Additional Education and Training

University of Washington and the National HIV Curriculum (2019)

Courses: Screening and Diagnosis

Colorado State University (2018)

Courses: Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis

Temple University (2017- 2018)

Courses: Addictions and Dependencies; Environmental Health; Epidemiologic Research Methods; Structural Equation Modeling

University of Michigan (Summer 2012)

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, Courses: Time Series Analysis; Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Methodological and Statistical Skills

Methodological Skills: Case Study; Case-Control Analysis; Content Analysis; Cross-Sectional Time-Series Analysis; Discourse Analysis; Duration Models; Hierarchical Linear Models; In-Depth Interviews; Latent Growth Curve Models; Legal Analysis; Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Policy Surveillance; Structural Equation Modeling; Survey Methods; Survival Analysis

Statistical Software: Mplus, SAS, SPSS and STATA

Professional Service

Faculty Sponsor of NextGen, Temple University, 2017- 2018

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Review of Public Administration, Journal of Politics, Polity, Public Administration Review, and Social Science Quarterly*

Awards Committee Member, Best Paper Award Presented on LGBT Politics, Midwest Political Science Association, 2016

Supervisor, Junior Fellows Program, University of Florida, 2015-2016

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
American Society for Public Administration
Midwest Political Science Association
Northeastern Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

References Available to Contact

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