

# Giovanny D. Pleites-Hernandez

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EMPLOYMENT

**Assistant Professor** July 2021 - present\*  
**Visiting Lecturer** July 2019 - June 2021  
Department of Political Science  
University of North Carolina at Asheville  
\*FMLA Leave of Absence Fall 2022 Semester

**Graduate Teaching Associate** January 2016 - July 2019  
Instructor of Record  
Department of Political Science  
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

**Lecturer** January 2015 - July 2015  
Department of Government and Justice Studies  
Appalachian State University

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Political Science** Summer 2019  
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
Major: American Politics  
Minor: Public Administration  
Cross Field Concentration: Research Methodology  
Dissertation Title: *The Political Representation of Latinos in the U.S. Congress*  
Chair (and Advisor): Nathan J. Kelly  
Members: Anthony J. Nownes, Christopher J. Ojeda, and Adam J. Newmark

**M.A., Political Science** Fall 2014  
Appalachian State University  
Concentration: American Government

**B.A., Political Science** Spring 2012  
Mars Hill University  
Senior Thesis: *Capital Punishment: A Case Study of the State of California*  
Advisor: Larry N. Stern, Ph.D

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political representation; Latinx politics; political behavior; political communication;  
race, ethnicity, and politics (REP); political institutions

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

**Pleites-Hernandez, Giovanny D.** and Nate Kelly. 2023. "The Representational Deficit of Latinxs in the U.S. House of Representatives" *The Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences* 44(2): 99-122. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/07399863231164857>

- Pleites-Hernandez, Giovanni D.** 2023. "Tweeting for Latinos? Legislative Communication in the 115th U.S. House of Representatives" *Congress & the Presidency Journal* 50(2):190-219. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/07343469.2022.2129522>
- Newmark, Adam J., Vaughan, Shannon K., and **Pleites-Hernandez, Giovanni D.** "Surviving Political Scandals: Why Do Some Transgressions End Political Careers and Others Do Not?" 2019. *Social Science Quarterly* 100(4):1268-1283 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12645>
- UNDER REVIEW "The Impact of Acculturation on Minority and Immigrant Public Opinion" with Rob Shrode
- "Legislator Framing and the Limits of Descriptive Representation"
- WORKING PAPERS "Red Tape and Latinx Political Participation"
- "The Impact of Acculturation on Minority and Immigrant Public Opinion" with Rob Shrode
- "The Substantive Representation of Latinxs in the U.S. Senate"
- OTHER PUBLICATIONS **Pleites-Hernandez, Giovanni D.** "Entry: "Address at the World's Fair in Atlanta" by Booker T. Washington" 2022. In *Global Humanities Reader: Modern Worlds and Perspectives (Volume 3)*, edited by Alvis Dunn, James Perkins, Katherine C. Zubko, and Keya Maitra, pp. 440-446. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press and UNC Asheville Humanities Program.
- Pleites-Hernandez, Giovanni D.** and Kelly, Nathan J. "Financial Deregulation, U.S. Party Politics, and Rising Income Inequality" 2016. Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings Brief
- MEDIA EXPOSURE Quoted in "Cawthorn to Run Again? What's Next for Primaried WNC Congressman, TV Pundit? Lobbyist?" by Joel Burgess in *The Citizen Times* on May 19th, 2022
- Quoted in "Students Navigate Political Unity and Lead with Integrity" by Celestine J. Epps with *The Blue Banner at UNC Asheville* on April 19th, 2022
- Interviewed for "News 13 Investigates: Political Scandals and Why They Matter Less" by Ty Russell with WLOS/ABC News 13 (aired live) on April 6th, 2022
- Quoted in "The Passing of Biden's Immigration Bill Remains Uncertain" by Jemima Malote with *The Blue Banner at UNC Asheville* on March 2nd, 2021
- Quoted in "Joe Biden Wins Electoral College, Loses North Carolina with Election Day vote" by Joe Lehrman with *The Blue Banner at UNC Asheville* on November 12th, 2020
- Quoted in "Harris Speaks at UNCA, Looking to Secure Votes for Tight Races in North Carolina" by Joe Lehrman with *The Blue Banner at UNC Asheville* on November 12th, 2020
- Teaching featured in "In Their Own Words: Students Discuss 'The Politics and Policy of Immigration' Class" article by Hannah Epperson with *UNC Asheville Communication and Marketing* on November 5th, 2020
- Quoted in "How to Vote in a Pandemic" by Joe Lehrman with *The Blue Banner at UNC Asheville* on September 13th, 2020

AWARDS

**Grants**

University Research Council Faculty Grant April 2021  
University of North Carolina at Asheville  
Funds awarded: \$1,000.00

**Conference Travel Awards**

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) April 2017, 2019  
University of Tennessee  
Funds awarded: \$1,170.00; \$1,100

**Fellowships**

Humanities Fellowship 2020-2023  
University of North Carolina at Asheville  
Compensation: Spring 2020 course release

College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2019  
University of Tennessee  
Funds awarded: \$7,500.00

Thomas Family Research Fellowship 2018-2019  
University of Tennessee  
Funds awarded: \$10,000.00

Chancellor's Fellowship 2017-2018  
University of Tennessee  
Funds awarded: \$3,000.00

Tennessee Graduate Fellow 2015-2016  
Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)  
Supervisor: Nathan J. Kelly  
Funds awarded: \$500.00

**Student Awards**

Outstanding Performance in American Politics May 2018, April 2019  
University of Tennessee  
Funds awarded: \$500.00

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Associate Award May 2017  
University of Tennessee  
Funds awarded: \$500.00

PRESENTATIONS

"The Impact of Acculturation on Minority and Immigrant Public Opinion" at the American Political Science Association Conference, September 15 - 18, 2022, Montreal, QC, Canada.

"Legislator Framing and the Limits of Descriptive Representation" at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 7 - 10, 2022, Chicago, IL.

"The Impact of the American Dream on Support for Government Redistribution" with Rob Shrode at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 7 - 10, 2022, Chicago, IL.

"The Impact of the American Dream on Support for Government Redistribution" with Rob Shrode at the Joint North Carolina and South Carolina Political Science Association Conference, February 25 - 26, 2022, Winthrop, SC

"Framing Support for Latino Interests? No: Exploring the Limits of Descriptive Representation" at the Joint North Carolina and South Carolina Political Science Association Conference, February 25 - 26, 2022, Winthrop, SC

“The Symbolic Representation of Latinos in Congress” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, April 1 - 3, 2021, Virtual Conference.

“Support for Government Distribution and the American Dream” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, April 1 - 3, 2021, Virtual Conference.

“Latino Symbolic Representation in the 115th U.S. House of Representatives” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, April 8 - 12, 2020, Los Angeles, CA.

“Tweeting to Latinos? Legislative Communication in the U.S. House of Representatives” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 4 - 7, 2019, Chicago, IL.

“The Substantive Representation of Latinos in the U.S. Senate” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 6 - 9, 2017, Chicago, IL.

“Surviving Political Scandals: Why Do Some Transgressions End Political Careers and Others Do Not?” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 16 - 19, 2015, Chicago, IL.

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Secretary:** North Carolina Political Science Association 2022 - present

**Reviewer:** *Congress and the Presidency Journal*; *National Council of Undergraduate Research Journal*

**Panel Chair and/or Discussant:** Midwest Political Science Association (2019; 2022); Western Political Science Association (2020, 2021)

UNIVERSITY  
SERVICE

**Course Coordinator:** Humanities 414 Summer 2023 - present

**Admissions Liaison:** Department of Political Science Spring 2023 - present

**Committee Member:** Undergraduate Research Program Advisory Council (URPAC) Fall 2021 - Present.

**External Search Committee Member:** for Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Spring 2022.

**University Fellows Faculty Mentor:** for first cohort of University Fellows for Faculty Diversity, Fall 2021 - Spring 2022.

**New Faculty Mentor:** for New Faculty Mentoring (NFM) Program, Fall 2020 - Spring 2021.

**First-Year Seminar Faculty Peer Mentor:** for Dr. Linda Cornett’s “FYS 178: Civic Engagement and Education: Asheville Edition” Course for the Fall 2020 semester, Summer 2020.

**Humanities 324 Reader Contributor:** wrote an entry for the update of the HUM 324 textbook, Spring 2020.

COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

**Faculty Panelist:** for “First Generation College Student Panel” at UNCA, Spring 2022.

**Faculty Expert:** for Southern Higher Education in Prison Collective Program (SCHEP) with Dr. Patrick Bahls, Fall 2021.

**Pro Bono Consultant:** for Pisgah Legal Services on “Public Charge Immigration Harm” Survey of Western North Carolina Community, Fall 2020.

**Faculty Advisor:** for Civic Engagement and Health Policy Student Group of the UNC-Asheville Student Health Ambassador Program, Fall 2020.

RELATED  
PROFESSIONAL  
SKILLS

Stata, SPSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, R

COURSES TAUGHT

PS 1100: National Government and Politics (Appalachian State University)  
POLS 101: Intro. to American Government and Politics (University of Tennessee)  
FYS 178: U.S. Immigration Politics and Policy (UNC-Asheville)  
POLS 220: Intro. to American Politics (UNC-Asheville)  
PS/CJ 3115: Research Methods Lab (Appalachian State University)  
POLS 326: The Legislative Process (UNC-Asheville)  
POLS 351: Public Policy and Administration (UNC-Asheville)  
POLS 374: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics in the U.S. (UNC-Asheville)  
POLS 374: Media and U.S. Politics (UNC-Asheville)  
POLS 374: Latinx Politics in the U.S. (UNC-Asheville)  
POLS 374: The Politics of Marginalization (UNC-Asheville)  
POLS 374: The Politics and Policy of Immigration (UNC-Asheville)  
HUM 414: Critical Perspectives on Contemporaneity (UNC-Asheville)  
POLS 420: Political Attitudes and Behavior (University of Tennessee)

PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS

Midwest Political Science Association (2015 - present)  
American Political Science Association (2018 - present)  
Western Political Science Association (2019 - present)  
North Carolina Political Science Association (2022 - present)

REFERENCES

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