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EDUCATION

University of South Carolina

Ph.D. Political Science

Columbia, SC

2019-2024

American University

Master of Public Administration

Washington, DC

2015-2017

University of South Carolina

B.A. Political Science

Columbia, SC

2010-2014

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Welfare Policy; Environmental Policy; Planning and Economic Development; Policy Analysis; Ideology and Public Opinion; American Politics; Southern Politics

PUBLICATIONS

Lowder, M. A. (2026). Historical Legacies and the Racial Foundations of Government Trust in the South. *Race and Social Problems*, 18(2), 42. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-026-09505-0>

Lowder, M. A. (2025), Reframing Welfare Policy: Experimental Impacts on Public Perceptions. *Poverty & Public Policy*, 17: e70039. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pop4.70039>.

Lowder, M. A. (2025), Culture Regions and Policy Attitudes: Evaluating Welfare Spending Preferences Across Tennessee's Grand Divisions. *Social Science Quarterly*, 106: e70045. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.70045>

Lowder, M. A., Hobert, A., & Shoub, K. (2023). Institutional legacies and temporary assistance for needy families spending decisions: the case of the Freedmen's Bureau. *Journal of Public Policy*, 43(3), 578–600. doi:10.1017/S0143814X23000168

- Covered by [MassLive](#); [Cambridge Core Blog](#)

Woods, N. D., Kang, J., & **Lowder, M. A.** (2023). Do green policies produce green jobs?. *Social Science Quarterly* 104: 153–167. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13233>

Lowder, M & Carpenter, A. (2016). "Securing the World's Water: International Climate Negotiations and their Impacts." *Journal AWWA*, 108(11), 44-45.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Not Just Partisan Symbols: Right Wing Flag Displays as Visual Discourses of Exclusion

- Southern Political Science Association 2026
- Coauthored w/ Joseph Boakye

Cultural Legacies and Public Policy: Evaluating Welfare Attitudes Across Tennessee's Grand Divisions

- Southern Political Science Association 2025

The Effectiveness of Renewable Energy Policies in the American States: A Meta-Analysis

- Southern Political Science Association 2024
- Coauthored w/ Neal D. Woods, Jack DeOliveira, Christopher Eddy, and Jiyeon Kang

Disincentivizing Incentives: The Consequences of Delayed WOTC Certification Determination

- Midwest Political Science Association 2023

The Unrealized Aims of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit

- Southern Political Science Association 2023

A Meta-Analysis of State Renewable Energy Policies

- Southern Political Science Association 2023
- Coauthored w/ Neal D. Woods, Jack DeOliveira, Christopher Eddy, and Jiyeon Kang

Assessing the Impact of Clean Energy and Climate Policies: A Meta-Analysis

- Midwest Political Science Association. 2022
- Coauthored w/ Neal D. Woods and Jiyeon Kang

Resource Blessings or Curses: An Analysis of State Unemployment System Effectiveness

- Southwest Social Science Association. 2021

Resource Blessings or Curses: An Analysis of State Unemployment System Effectiveness

- New England Political Science Association. 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

East Tennessee State University

August 2024 - Present

Assistant Professor

- Intro to Public Administration (Fall 2024)
- Intro to American Government (Spring 2025; Fall 2025, Spring 2026; Fall 2026)
- Democratic Theory (Fall 2026)
- Economic Development/Planning (Fall 2024; Fall 2025)
- GIS for Planning and Development (Spring 2025)
- Intro to Nonprofit Management (Fall 2025; Fall 2026)
- Quantitative Policy Analysis (Spring 2025; Spring 2026)
- Transportation Planning (Spring 2026)

University of South Carolina

August 2019 - May 2024

Instructor of Record

- Public Opinion and Politics (Fall 2023; Spring 2024)
- American National Government (Spring 2023)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Global Politics (Fall 2019; Spring 2020)
- Introduction to Public Administration (Fall 2020)
- American National Government (Spring 2021; Spring 2022; Fall 2022)
- Public Policy (Fall 2021)

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Arnold Vedlitz Award (2024)

SPARC Graduate Research Grant (2023-2024)

Prestage-Cook Travel Award (2023)

University of South Carolina Graduate Travel Grant (2023)

University of South Carolina Political Science Department Travel Grant (2022, 2023)

TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

General Education Instruction (2025)

Intercultural Inclusion and Diversity (2023)

Teaching Toward Inclusive Excellence (2020)

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