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EDUCATION

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ph.D. in Political Science (May 2010)

Major: Comparative, 1st Minor: Theory, 2nd Minor: Methods, and Cognate: History

Dissertation: “Voices of the Faithful: Religion and Politics in Contemporary Indonesia”

Committee: Dr. Allen Hicken (Co-Chair), Dr. Ashutosh Varshney (Co-Chair), Dr. Zvi Gitelman, Dr. Mark Tessler, and Dr. Webb Keane (Anthropology)

Certificate in Southeast Asian Studies (December 2009)

Graduate Teacher Certificate Program (September 2008 – December 2009, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching)

Certificate in Survey Methodology (August 2005, Institute for Social Research)

M.A. in Political Science (April 2005)

Vassar College – Poughkeepsie, New York

B.A. Degree (May 2000)

Major: Political Science and Minor: Religion (primarily Asian Religious Traditions)

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, Texas

Certificate in Online Course Development, Teaching, and Review (December 2012 – July 2013)

RESEARCH

Publications

- **Peer-Reviewed Academic Journal Articles:**

- Epley, Jennifer. (2016). “Learning by Doing: Using an Online Simulation Game in an International Relations Course.” *Journal of Interactive Learning Research*, 27(3): 201-218. [Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE)]
- Epley, Jennifer and Jung, Eunsook. (2016). “Vertically Disconnected: The Politics of Islam in Democratic Indonesia.” *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 44(1-2): 54-77.
- Epley, Jennifer. (2015). “Weber’s Theory of Charismatic Leadership: The Case of Muslim Leaders in Contemporary Indonesian Politics.” *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science*, 5(7): 7-17.

- Epley, Jennifer and Smith, David. (2015). “Learner Characteristics, Online Engagement, and Student Success Rates.” *International Journal of Education and Social Science*, 2(4): 103-116.
- Epley, Jennifer (2013). “Practice Makes (Im)Perfect: Replication Problem Sets in Comparative Politics.” *Southwest Teaching and Learning Journal*, 3(1): 1-16.
- Epley, Jennifer. (2013). “The Politics of Heteronormativity for Indonesian Waria in YouTube Videos.” *Gender Questions*, 1(1): 83-97.
- Epley, Jennifer. (2004). “Development Issues and the Role of Religious Organizations in Indonesia.” *Studies On Asia Series III*, 1:1 (Fall): 39-52.
- **Encyclopedia Entries:**
 - Epley, J. L. “Indonesia and Brunei.” In Gordon Newby and James Ciment (Ed.), *The Islamic World: An Encyclopedia of History, Culture, and Society*. Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, Inc. (forthcoming 2016)
 - Epley, J. L. (2014). “Indonesia (social media and politics)” and “Nation of Islam Movement.” In Kerric Harvey and J. Geoffrey Golson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Social Media and Politics*. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications.
- **Book Review:**
 - Epley, Jennifer. (2010). Means, G.P. (2009). *Political Islam in Southeast Asia*. *Comparative Political Studies* 43: 538-542.
- **Commentaries:**
 - Epley, Jennifer. (2015). “Emphasizing the ‘Science’ in Political Science: Reflections from a Multiracial Woman Professor.” Professional Resource Center - International Studies Association. August 6. <http://www.isanet.org/Programs/PRC/Articles/ID/4856/>
 - Epley, Jennifer. (2015). “Creative Collaborations: A Political Scientist Learns the Value of Fish and Art.” Professional Resource Center - International Studies Association. March 13. <http://www.isanet.org/Programs/PRC/Articles/ID/4720>

Conference Presentations

- 2018 Southeastern Women’s Studies Association in Clemson, South Carolina; and 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia
- 2017 Southwestern Social Science Association & Southwestern Political Science Association in Austin, Texas; 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada; 2015 in Denver, Colorado; and 2014 in San Antonio, Texas
- 2016 International Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia and 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2014, 2007, 2005, and 2004 Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois
- 2013 Southwest Teaching & Learning Conference in San Antonio, Texas
- 2012 Accepted to American Political Science Association, but conference canceled due to severe storm in New Orleans, Louisiana and 2007 in Chicago, Illinois
- 2011 Western Political Science Association in San Antonio, Texas
- 2011 Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawai’i and 2010 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2009 Indonesia Council Open Conference in Sydney, Australia
- 2008 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Louisville, Kentucky
- 2008 Asian Studies Association of Australia in Melbourne, Australia
- 2005 Ohio University’s *Crossroads of Faith: Religious Resurgence & New Religious Movements in Southeast Asia* Conference in Athens, Ohio
- 2003 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois

Research Assistance

Research Coordinator and Research Assistant for Dr. Ashutosh Varshney, University of Michigan, *Ethnic Conflict & Peace Research Project* (May 2003 – January 2006)

TEACHING

Political Science Courses:

Associate Professor, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (September 2016 – Present) and Assistant Professor (August 2010 – August 2016)

POLS 2305 – U.S. Government and Politics (introductory course; University Core Curriculum)

- *Formats: Face-to-Face, Hybrid, Fully Online, and Learning Community*
- *Typical class sizes: 35, 55, 175, 200, and 250*

POLS 3303 – Contemporary Political Analysis (upper-level research design and methods)

POLS 3321 – Comparative Politics (upper-level course)

POLS 3331 – International Relations (upper-level course)

POLS 4312 – Government Budgeting and Finance (upper-level course)

POLS 4390 – Asian Politics (upper-level course)

POLS 4390 – Religion & Politics (upper-level course)

POLS 4396 – Contemporary Indonesian Politics (Directed Individual Study)

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan (September 2008 – December 2009)

Political Science 111 – Introduction to American Politics with Dr. Kenneth Kollman

Political Science 140 – Introduction to Comparative Politics with Dr. Ronald Inglehart

Political Science 300 – Contemporary Issues in Political Science with Dr. Gregory Markus

Vassar Maguire Fellowship for Teaching in Indonesia:

Full-Time Teacher, Sanata Dharma University (August 2000 – June 2002)

Speaking I, II, IV, and V

Writing IV

English Literature

Cross-Cultural Understanding A and B

AWARDS

Teaching Awards

- 2017 Excellence in Disability Access and Inclusion Award at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi - Office of Disability Services
- 2015 Nominee for Excellence in Teaching (2nd place) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- 2014 Nominee for Excellence in Teaching Innovation (2nd place) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Research, Writing, & Training Grants and Fellowships

- 2017-2018 Faculty Teaching & Scholarly/Creative Activities Grant at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- 2016-2017 International Research Travel Grant at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

- 2014 Faculty Teaching & Scholarly/Creative Activities Grant at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- 2013 Academic Sharing Program for Curriculum Development from the Center for Southeast Asian Studies – University of Michigan
- 2012 Texas Research Development Fund Mini-Grant at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- 2012 Faculty Teaching & Scholarly/Creative Activities – College Research Enhancement Fund at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- 2011 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College and University Faculty: “The Study of Religion” Seminar at the University of Virginia
- 2010-2011 Texas Research Development Fund Award at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- 2010 University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School One-term Dissertation Fellowship
- 2007-2008 University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2007 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion – Jack Shand Research Award: Funding for dissertation-related expenses
- 2006 Fulbright Fellowship in Jakarta, Indonesia for 11 months (Institute of International Education and the American-Indonesian Exchange Foundation)
- 2006 University of Michigan Department of Political Science block grant: Fieldwork funding
- 2006 University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School Discretionary Fund award (candidate): Funding for dissertation fieldwork
- 2005 Roy Pierce Scholar Award: Summer research funding with Dr. Allen Hicken, Political Science (Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, and University of Michigan)
- 2005 University of Michigan International Institute Individual Fellowship: Support for summer research in Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2005 United States-Indonesia Society travel grant: Summer research in Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2005 Association for Asian Studies Dissertation Workshop on “Religion and Politics”
- 2004 University of Michigan Center for Southeast Asian Studies block grant: Funding for pre-dissertation trip to Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2004 University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School Discretionary Fund award (pre-candidate): Funding for Vietnam field study trip led by Bowling Green State University
- 2004-2006 Graduate Seminar on Global Transformations: Interdisciplinary courses and 2005 summer funding (Advanced Study Center, International Institute, and University of Michigan)
- 2004 Minority Social Science Training Award at the Institute for Social Research: Funding for survey methods courses during summer 2004
- 2003-2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies [FLAS] Fellowships for Southeast Asian Studies – Indonesia (University of Michigan and the United States Department of Education)
- 2003 Ohio University Workshop Participant: “Beyond Violence: Developing Rationales for Peace” (U.S. Institute of Peace and Ohio University – Southeast Asian Studies)
- 2003 University of Michigan-Dearborn Seminar Participant: “Worldviews: A Seminar on American Religious Diversity” (National Conference for Community and Justice, the Episcopal Church, and University of Michigan-Dearborn partnered with the Pluralism Project)
- 2003 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs Percy Buchanan Graduate Student Award for Best Paper in the Southeast Asia category

Conference Travel Grants

- 2010 – Present: Annual conference travel grants from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

- 2016 International Studies Association Travel Grant
- Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, and Spring 2014 Center for Faculty Excellence Conference Travel Grant from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Fall 2013 Center for Faculty Excellence Teaching and Learning Travel Grant from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2005 University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School
- 2008 University of Michigan – Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Program
- 2007 American Political Science Association
- 2004 and 2005 University of Michigan International Institute

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Department Service:

- Political Science Program Coordinator (April 2017 – Present)
- Regular engagement with department and discipline meetings
- Member of job search committees
- Assessment, University Core Curriculum Program, and WEAVE (January 2016 – Present)
- Assisted with Common Core Assessment for Political Science (Spring 2015)
- Member of Scholarships Committee (January 2014 – Present)
- Assigned as Faculty Mentor for new professors (2013 – Present)
- Communities of Practice meetings for political science curriculum development (2011 – 2013)

College Service:

- Religious Studies Minor Program Coordinator (May 2016 – December 2017):
<https://tamuccreligion.wordpress.com/>
- Regular engagement with college meetings
- College of Liberal Arts – University Core Curriculum Program Resource Group Representative (January 2016 – Present)
- College of Liberal Arts/School of Arts, Media, and Communication Awards Committee (September 2015 – Present)
- Member of Diversity/Global Learning High Impact Practices (HIPs) Community of Practice Committee (September 2014 – February 2015)
- Member of College of Liberal Arts Vision Committee (November 2013 – May 2014)
- Department delegate at a luncheon with a visiting delegation from Waseda University (September 2014)
- Presenter during the New Faculty Orientations panels (October 2013, September 2014, and September 2015)

University Service:

- Regular engagement with university meetings
- Member of Macat Pilot Project (January 2014 – May 2014)
- Co-organizer with Dr. Bradley Shope for Communities of Practice Workshops – Center for Faculty Excellence (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, and Fall 2013)
- Attend commencements (Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Fall 2014, Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, and Summer 2017)

- Member of Provost’s Inclusive Excellence Strategic Planning Group (March 2013 – July 2013)
- Guest speaking engagements: Islander Forum – Faculty Enhancement Day; student groups associated with Raindrop Turkish House, Interfaith Peace Corps, and different international student organizations; Rotaract; African-American Cultural Society; Psychology Club; an interfaith panel at a social forum on campus; and Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- Island Days

Professional Service:

- Founder and administrator of “Indonesia Inquiry” (www.indonesiainquiry.com): Resource website dedicated to Indonesian Studies (2006 – Present)
- Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *The American Journal of Political Science*, *Asian Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, Routledge Asian Studies, and *Southwest Teaching and Learning Journal*
- Member of the Editorial Review Board of the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE) (January 2016 – Present)
- Religion and Politics Section Chair for the Midwest Political Science Association’s 2014 Annual Meeting (July 2013 – April 2014)
- Volunteer for University of Michigan Department of Political Science Alumni (2010 – Present)
- Volunteer for the Fulbright Program – Indonesia (2006 – Present)

Professional Memberships:

- American Political Science Association
- Religious Research Association
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Southeastern Women’s Studies Association
- Southwestern Social Science Association / Southwestern Political Science Association

Community Service:

- Board of Trustees member, Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures (2013 – 2015)

SKILLS

Computer: Microsoft Office, PowerPoint, Excel, SPSS, Blackboard, McGraw-Hill Connect and LearnSmart, Dropbox, Skype, CoffeeCup HTML Editor, and Wordpress

Languages: English (native) and Indonesian (advanced)

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Social Science Capacity Building for Indonesian Organizations

Short-Term Consultant, World Bank (December 2006 – March 2007)

The Politics of Economic Reform in Asia Seminar Series

Graduate Student Assistant, University of Michigan Department of Political Science and the William Davidson Institute (October 2002 – May 2003)