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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 Kerrie 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

- 2016 Southwestern Social Science Association & Southwestern Political Science Association, 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, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013 Southwest Teaching & Learning Conference, 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, San Antonio, Texas
- 2011 Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawai’i and 2010 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2009 Indonesia Council Open Conference, Sydney, Australia
- 2008 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, Kentucky
- 2008 Asian Studies Association of Australia, Melbourne, Australia
- 2005 Ohio University’s *Crossroads of Faith: Religious Resurgence & New Religious Movements in Southeast Asia* Conference, Athens, Ohio
- 2003 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Illinois State University, 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

- 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

- 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 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:

- 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 – Present):
<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, and Spring 2016)
- 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), formerly known as “Indopedia”: 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
- Association for Asian Studies
- International Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Religious Research Association
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Southwestern Social Science Association / Southwestern Political Science Association
- Western 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 Jakarta-based consultant position centered on research about the overall status of Indonesian social science research organizations and their capacity, ability, and resources for policy-oriented projects. Tasks included communication with organizations, interviews, assessments regarding partnerships, searches for funding arrangements, writing staffing plans and terms of references, and creating a general research and training guide for future use.

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)

This position required seminar preparations such as speakers' travel arrangements, publicity, and communications between offices, faculty, and students. Other duties included note-taking, collecting commentaries, and organizing information for a publication. The countries covered were Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand, India, Malaysia, and China.