

Jordan A. Windham

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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame

Political Science

University Presidential Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences

Notre Dame, IN

2026 - current

University of Wyoming

MA: Political Science

GPA 4.0

Laramie, WY

2026

Masters Thesis:

The Political Consequences of Wyoming's Primary Election Reforms for State-Level Governance

Auburn University

Honors BA, summa cum laude, University Honors Scholar

GPA 4.0

Auburn, AL

2022

Major: Political Science, Minors: Spanish, Public Administration

Honors Thesis:

Aliens Among Us: Political Alienation in the 2016 US Presidential Election

Selected Relevant Coursework:

Research Design, Policy Analysis, Nonlinear Models, Statistical Methods for the Biological Sciences, US Congress, Executive Politics, Voting Behavior & Representation, Political Parties & Interest Groups

RESEARCH

Research Experience

University of Notre Dame

Research Assistant

Notre Dame, IN

2026 - current

- Collecting, cleaning, and coding campaign websites for Campaign View dataset

University of Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center; Laramie, WY

2025 – 2026

Research Assistant

- Develop, implement, and analyze multi-discipline survey research with research team
- Assist with creation of state and stakeholder reports and deliverables in R and Excel

University of Wyoming; Laramie, WY

2024 – 2025

Research Assistant

- Work with political science faculty collecting and coding data, drafting literature reviews, designing survey instruments, and conducting preliminary analyses

Conservation Governance Lab; Auburn, AL

2022 – 2024

Affiliated Researcher

- Collaborated with an interdisciplinary team to research comparative state natural resource management policy approaches and impacts on communities

Auburn University Undergraduate Research Fellowship

2021 – 2022

Undergraduate Research Fellow

- Developed and published research article and presentation on how the White House shapes public attitudes in moments of national crisis
- Presented research at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) in San Antonio, TX and Auburn University Research Symposium

Auburn Honors Leadership Research Lab

2021 – 2022

Project Director, Lead Researcher

- Worked with Honors College Director to create the Leadership Lab as a space to develop and operationalize student-led research projects
- Recruited and led an 6-person interdisciplinary team to create Lee County Voices, a community-facing website facilitating accessible local civic participation, and presented at the 2022 Annual Southern Regional Honors Council Meeting in Birmingham, AL

Stanford Hoover Institution & Alabama Innovation Commission

2021 – 2021

Undergraduate Research Fellow

- Worked with an interdisciplinary team to generate recommendations for Alabama public policies that fuel innovation and create growth for AL in education access and research
- Collaborated with national, state, and community partners to prepare policy recommendations that connected Alabama's higher education system to support equitable investment and development
- Presented policy recommendations to Alabama state legislators, the Alabama Innovation Commission, and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice

Publications

“Is the Legislature Broken? The Evolving Dysfunction of Congress and Paths to Reform.” 2025. In *Divided Nation: Analyzing Policy, Behavior, and Institutional Challenges in Modern American Democracy*. Eds. Jamie Carson and Ryan D. Williamson. De Gruyter. With Ryan D. Williamson.

“Safeguarding Democracy: Addressing Cyber and Physical Threats to U.S. Elections.” Forthcoming. In *Handbook on Cyber Conflict and Warfare*. Ed. Nicholas Michael Sambaluk. De Gruyter. With Ryan D. Williamson.

“The Politics of Perception: How the White House Manipulates National Crisis Narratives.” 2023. In *The Auburn University Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship*. With Matthew Q. Clary.

“The Role of Alabama Universities in Fostering Innovation and Growth.” 2021. In *The Alabama Innovation Commission Report*. With Stanford's Hoover Institution for the Alabama Legislature.

Working Papers

“A New Perspective on American Political Ideology: An AI-driven Analysis of Rhetoric in the 118th Congress.” *In progress*. With Ryan D. Williamson and Autumn Sehy.

“Which Primaries Produce Effective Legislators? A Comparative Analysis of State-Level Electoral Rules.” *In progress*.

“Who Stops the Lawmakers? Measuring Individual Effectiveness at Legislative Obstruction,” *In progress*. With Ryan D. Williamson and Autumn Sehy.

“Examining Attitudes Towards Congressional Primary Elections and Reform.” *In progress*. with Ryan D. Williamson and Allyson Rocco.

Technical Reports

Wyoming Alcohol and Tobacco Sales Compliance Checks. 2025. WYSAC Technical Report No. SRC-2520. Laramie, WY: Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming. With B. Cangialosi.

Wyoming Harvest Reports for Antelope, Deer, Elk, Sage-Grouse, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, Sandhill Crane, Black Bear, Moose, Wild Turkey, Gray Wolf, Light Goose, Mountain Lion, Furbearer, Wild Bison, Small Game, Upland Game Bird, and Waterfowl. 2025-2026 Game Season. WYSAC Technical Reports. Laramie, WY: Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming. With B. Cangialosi, M. Dorrsom, and K. Palmer.

Professional Presentations

- Midwest Political Science Association (2026)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2025)
- Boston University Pardee Atlas Graduate Research Conference (2025)
- Southern Political Science Association (2022)
- Southern Regional Honors Conference (2022)
- Auburn University Research Symposium (2022)
- Alabama State Legislature, Alabama Innovation Commission (2021)

Grants

- Simpson Research Award, Spring 2026, \$2,000
- Graduate Dean’s Scholars Award, Fall 2025, \$3,000
- Graduate Research Award, Spring 2025, \$225
- Graduate Research Award, Fall 2024, \$1,595
- Teach For America Practicum Grant, Summer 2022, \$5,000
- Auburn University Undergraduate Research Fellowship, \$3,000
- The Hoover Institution Undergraduate Research Fellowship, \$2,100

Awards

- Simpson Outstanding Political Science Graduate Award, Spring 2026
- Best Scientific Presentation, Wildlife & Wilderness Recreation Lab, Spring 2025
- Research Leadership Award, Wildlife & Wilderness Recreation Lab, Spring 2025
- Learning Climate & Culture Award, Wildlife & Wilderness Recreation Lab, Spring 2025
- Rhodes Scholarship Nominee, Fall 2023
- Harry S. Truman Scholarship Nominee, Spring 2021
- First place, Oral Presentations: *The Politics of Perception*, Auburn University Research Symposium, Spring 2022

- Meritorious Service Award, Auburn University Honors College, Spring 2022
- American Society for Public Administration Academic Excellence Award, Spring 2022
- Edgar C. Gentle III Award, Auburn University Honors College, Spring 2021
- Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr. Endowed Scholarship, Fall 2021
- Drummond Company Honors Endowed Scholarship, Fall 2019 & Fall 2020
- Charles Nolan Fortenberry Endowed Scholarship, Fall 2018
- Spirit of Auburn Founders Scholarship, Fall 2018

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Yellowstone Wild; Gardiner, MT 2026

Naturalist Guide, Yellowstone Guide Academy Certified

- Developed expertise in Greater Yellowstone wildlife, ecology, and ethical wildlife viewing practices
- Delivered adaptive, wildlife-focused tours using interpretive guiding, risk management, and guest engagement skills

The Glacier Institute; Glacier National Park, MT 2023, 2024, 2025

Outdoor Education Specialist, Montana Master Naturalist

- Guided educational hikes, providing naturalist interpretation of Montana's flora, fauna and landscape while ensuring patron safety during regular bear and wildlife encounters
- Developed and taught seminars on topics including federal management of endangered species as well as emerging issues in public lands management

Laramie Community College GED Prep; Laramie, WY 2024 – 2025

Social Science Educator

- Prepared and taught social science content to alternative high school students

Teach For America / Sacajawea Elementary; Caldwell, ID 2021 – 2024

Special Education Teacher; Case Manager: Academics & Behavior

- Collaborated with 40+ families and 24 teachers to develop individualized education plans for all K-5 special education students for literacy, mathematics, social/emotional learning, and behavior
- Directed the resource program, training and leading a team of aides in providing 40+ students with support and instruction to meet their goals and develop as learners across all subjects

Auburn Get Plugged In; Auburn University, AL 2020 – 2022

Founder, President

- Created a student organization to build community for students during COVID pandemic
- Recruited, organize, and lead a 14-person leadership team serving students
- Organized 8-10 events weekly to help students connect, get involved, build community

Auburn University Honors Congress; Auburn, AL 2018 – 2021
Formal Committee Chair

- Lead 12-person committee in creating 6 CDC-compliant fundraisers, raising over \$1,000
- Worked with the formal team to plan and host over 10 fundraisers and 2 formals

The Auburn Plainsman; Auburn, AL 2018 – 2020
Campus Writer

- Interviewed experts and community leaders to contribute publications on deadline

US Election Assistance Commission; Washington, D.C. 2020
Communications Intern

- Interviewed and facilitated communication among election officials in US states and territories to compile reports on innovative COVID-19 safety measures and protocols
- Managed social media and created content for multiple platforms

Proficiencies

Stata, R, Qualtrics, intermediate Spanish, classical Latin, K-12 credentialed teacher (Idaho)