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EDUCATION:

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 2002
Ph.D. in Political Science, Field of Specialization: Public Law, American
Politics and Comparative Government

Villanova University, Villanova, PA, 1995
M.A. in Political Science

West Chester University, West Chester, PA, 1993
B.A. in Political Science

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science and
Sociology, Murray State University, August 2018-present.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science and
Sociology, Murray State University, August 2014-May 2018

Assistant Professor, Government Department, Eastern Kentucky University,
August 2009-May 2014

Associate Professor, Social Studies Department, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural
College, August 2000-July 2009

HONORS, GRANTS & AWARDS:

Excellence in Service and Leadership award (2023)

QEP Bringing Learning to Life mini-grant, (2016)

CHFA Spring Showcase Presentation (2016)

Faculty Member of the Game, (2015)

Distinguished Educational Leadership (DEL) Award for Service Education, (2012)

American Political Science Association Syllabi Collection

<https://apsanet.org/teaching/syllabi-in-political-science/online-syllabi-collections/>

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Foote, Paul, James R. Harrington, and John R. McCaskill. (2019) The Perils of Posting: An Examination of Court Cases on Off-Duty Social Media Conduct of Public Employees. Lexington Books: An imprint of the Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group Available at: https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Perils_of_Posting/n6W-DwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=info:IW3QsnVbIOEJ:scholar.google.com&pg=PP1&prints=frontcover

Foote, Paul. (2009). Part-Time Politics: Constitutional Government in the State of

Georgia. Cengage Inc.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Paul Douglas Foote, Clinger, James and Ihsan Alkhatib, "State Whistleblower Protection Laws: Diffusion of Information and Public Corruption?" *Midsouth Political Science Review*, Volume 24, (2025): 29-45. Available at: <https://www.arkpsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/MPSR-24-02-Foote-vol-24-2025.pdf>

Paul D. Foote and Austin Trantham (2023) "Centralizing the Selection of Circuit Court Nominees in the George W. Bush, Obama, and Trump Administrations," *Commonwealth Review of Political Science*: Vol. 6: No. 1, Article 2. Available at: <https://digitalcommons.murraystate.edu/crps/vol6/iss1/2>

Paul D. Foote and James Clinger, "The First Amendment and the Off-Duty Conduct of Public Employees: Tradeoffs between Civil Liberties, Agency Mission, and Public Trust," *Public Integrity*, Volume 20, No. 3 (May-June 2018): 273-283. Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10999922.2017.1300976>

Paul D. Foote, "Balancing the Ideological Scales: Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., and Moderation on the U.S. Supreme Court," *New England Journal of Political Science*, Volume 9, No. 1 (Spring 2016): 74-106. Available at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1144&context=nejps>

Paul D. Foote and Leann Lacy, "Sixty Years after *Brown v. Board of Education*: The Role that Moderate Justices' Played on the Warren Court in Closely Divided and Salient Cases." *Midsouth Political Science Review* 16: 45-72 (2015) Available at: https://www.arkpsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/MPSR/MPSR_v16_2015/MPSR-Vol16-2015-Foote-and-Lacy.pdf

Paul Foote. "The Role of Precedent and Case Salience on Judicial Decision-Making: Is Justice Anthony Kennedy a moderate or a staunch conservative on the U.S.

Supreme Court?" *Journal of Political Science* 40: 5-37 (2012) Available at: <https://digitalcommons.coastal.edu/jops/vol40/iss1/1/>

Paul Douglas Foote, "The So-Called Moderate Justices on the Rehnquist Court: The Role of Stare Decisis in Salient and Closely-Divided Cases." *Journal of Social Sciences*, Volume 6, No. 2: 186-197 (2010) Available at: <https://thescipub.com/pdf/jssp.2010.186.197.pdf>

Book Reviews:

"General Hylan B. Lyon: A Kentucky Confederate and the War in the West," by Dan Lee. *The Journal of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society*, Volume 47: 87-89 (2020)

"Constitutionalism, Executive Power, and the Spirit of Moderation," Edited by Giorgi Areshidze, Paul O. Carrese, and Suzanna Sherry. *The New England Journal of Political Science*, Volume 9, No. 2: 277-283 (fall 2016) Available at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1156&context=nejps>

"Judicial Politics in Polarized Times" by Thomas M. Keck, *the Commonwealth Review of Political Science* 3 (1): 51-54 (2015) Available at: <https://digitalcommons.murraystate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1018&context=crps>

"Decision Making by the Modern Supreme Court" by Richard L. Pacelle, Jr, Brett W. Curry, and Bryan W. Marshall, *American Review of Politics* 33: 155-157 (Spring & Summer 2012)

Encyclopedia Entries:

Foote, Paul D. (2017). Employee Rights in the Public Sector. A. Farazmand (ed.), *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy and Governance*, DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5_1161-1 Available at: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Paul-Foote-2/publication/318667306_Employee_Rights_in_the_Public_Sector/links/5f9e9c83299bf104cf796eb2/Employee-Rights-in-the-Public-Sector.pdf

"Chandler v. Miller (1997)." *Encyclopedia of the Fourth Amendment*: CQ Press.

"National Treasury Employees Union v. Von Raab (1989)." *Encyclopedia of the Fourth Amendment*, CQ Press.

"Olmstead v. United States (1928)." *Encyclopedia of the Fourth Amendment*, CQ Press.

"Bivens v. Six Unknown Fed. Narcotics Agents (1971)." *Encyclopedia of the Fourth Amendment*, CQ Press.

Manuscripts Under Review:

With Ihsan Alkhatib, *Approaching Foreign Law, Two Approaches, and Their Implications: The Case of Judgments from Islamic Law Countries*.

With Ihsan Alkhatib and James Clinger, *Government Censorship of Social Media: The Problem of Standing and the Strategy of Delay*

Chapter Under Review:

The Kentucky Constitution: the Antithesis of a Commonwealth for the Kentucky Government, Politics, and Public Policy, 2nd edition. University of Kentucky Press, 2026.

Current Research:

The Ascent of Originalist Thought on the U.S. Supreme Court: The Influence of the Federalist Society on the Conservative Majority in Landmark Court Cases

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

State Whistleblower Laws: Diffusion of Information and Public Corruption at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 12, 2024,

The Ascent of Originalist Thought on the U.S. Supreme Court: The Rising Influence of the Federalist Society on the Conservative Majority in Major Cases Decisions at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association Meeting in Bowling Green, Kentucky on March 3rd 2023.

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The Ascent of Originalist Thought on the U.S. Supreme Court: The Influence of the Federalist Society on the Conservative Majority in Landmark Court Cases at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in St. Pete Beach, Florida on January 14th, 2023.

The Kentucky Constitution: The Antithesis of a Commonwealth. Kentucky Political Science Association 60th Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky on March 5, 2022.

Approaching Foreign Law, Two Approaches, and Their Implications: The Case of Judgments from Islamic Law Countries with Ihsan Alkhatib at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, January 13, 2022.

Comparing Presidential Nominations of Circuit Court Judges with Austin Trantham at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association Meeting with Zoom, January 7, 2021.

Taking Their Cues: Comparing Presidential Nominations of Circuit Court Judges with Austin Trantham at the 91th Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 9, 2020.

To Post or Not to Post: An Examination of Court Cases on Off-Duty Social Media Conduct of Public Teachers, Civil Servants and Paramilitary Officers. 90th Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in Austin, Texas, January 18, 2019.

A Second Constitution: The Fourteenth Amendment in Historical Perspective. Kentucky Political Science Association 57th Annual Meeting in Murray, Kentucky on March 2, 2018

Undergraduate Research Panel IA, Panel Chair. Kentucky Political Science Association 57th Annual Meeting in Murray, Kentucky on March 2, 2018.

Topics in American Public Policy, Discussant. Kentucky Political Science Association 57th Annual Meeting in Murray, Kentucky on March 3, 2018.

Social Media and Off-Duty Public Employees. 37th Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Hollywood, Florida, October 7, 2017. Panel Human Resources: Temps and Tradeoffs in a Changing Workplace.

American Politics Panel, Panel Chair. Kentucky Political Science Association 56th Annual Meeting in Danville, Kentucky on March 4, 2017.

Social Media and Off-Duty Public Employees: Tradeoffs between Civil Liberties, Agency Mission, and Public Trust. 88th Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 14, 2017. Panel 4709- *Public Administration and Public Sector Politics.*

Exploring Constitutional Topics: Judicial Politics, Panel Chair. 88th Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 13, 2017.

The First Amendment and the Off-Duty Conduct of Public Employees: Tradeoffs between Civil Liberties, Agency Mission, and Public Trust. Kentucky Political Science Association 55th Annual Meeting in Somerset, Kentucky on March 4, 2016.
State & Local Politics Panel 1.

Undergraduate Research Panel III, Panel Chair. Kentucky Political Science Association 55th Annual Meeting in Somerset, Kentucky on March 4, 2016.

Graduate Research Panel I, Discussant. Kentucky Political Science Association 55th Annual Meeting in Somerset, Kentucky on March 5, 2016.

The First Amendment and the Off-Duty Conduct of Public Employees: Tradeoffs between Civil Liberties, Agency Mission, and Public Trust. The 47th Annual Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 13th-14th, 2015. Panel A-6 Judges, Rights and Issues Facing the Judiciary

Moderate Behavior on the Roberts Court. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2nd-4th 2015 Panel 09.04-U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky

American National Government, Undergraduate Level

Honors American National Government, Undergraduate level

Constitutional Law I, Undergraduate Level
Constitutional Law II, Undergraduate level
Mock Trial, Undergraduate level
Law in Public Administration, Undergraduate and Graduate levels
Judicial Process, Undergraduate level
State and Local Government, Undergraduate level
Judicial Politics, Undergraduate level
Government and Business, Undergraduate level
Public Administration Capstone, Graduate level
Public Sector Leadership, Graduate and Undergraduate level

SERVICE IN THE DISCIPLINE:

Former President of the *Kentucky Political Science Association*
Co-editor-in-Chief of *The Commonwealth Review of Political Science*
Editorial Board member for the *Kentucky Political Science Association*
Editorial Board member for the *Midsouth Political Science Review*
Editorial Board Member for the *International Journal of Politics and Law*
Manuscript reviewer for *Public Integrity* journal
Manuscript reviewer for the *New England Journal of Political Science*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and ACTIVITIES:

Assessment Coordinator for Political Science programs
Faculty Senator for the Political Science and Sociology Department
Mock Trial Team Club Faculty Assistant Coach
Political Science Club Advisor
University Insurance and Benefits Committee

Department Scholarship Committee

Department Student Paper Award Committee

CHFA Professional Development Committee

CHFA Education Committee

CHFA Recruitment & Retention Committee

CHFA Assessment Committee member

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Kentucky Political Science Association (KPSA)

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

Southeastern conference for Public Administration (SECOPA)