

Hope Dewell Gentry  
Curriculum Vitae, December 2023

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**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2023-Present	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, Montana State University Billings
2021-2023	Lecturer of Political Science, Department of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, Montana State University Billings

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**EDUCATION**

2016-2021	Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Texas Dissertation: "The Strategic Use of Religion in a Secular State: The Impact of Religious Organizations on Japanese Politics" Major Professor: Dr. Ko Maeda
2012-2014	M.A., International Studies, University of Wyoming Thesis: "Japanese Nationalism and Shinto, Then and Now: The Quest to Recover Lost Values" Major Professor: Dr. Thomas Seitz
2009-2010	B.A., International Studies, University of Wyoming
2006-2008	A.A., World Languages, Casper College

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Politics and Religion  
Nationalism  
East Asian Politics  
Identity and Politics

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Politics and Religion  
Research Methods  
Comparative Politics  
East Asian Politics

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## PUBLICATIONS

Regina P. Branton, Rachel S. Torres, Justin Walsh, and **Hope Dewell Gentry**. 2023. "Mexican Immigrant Acculturation: The Impact of Political, Social, and Economic Characteristics of One's Sending State" *Journal of Borderlands Studies*. 38(5): 805-823.

**Dewell Gentry, Hope**. 2021. "The Political Strategy of Appealing to Religious Nationalism: Examining Motivations to Join Religious Organizations by Japanese LDP Politicians" *Politics and Religion*. 14(4): 691-711.

Esparza, Diego, Santiago Arca Henon, and **Hope Dewell Gentry**. 2020. "Peacekeeping and Civil-Military Relations in Uruguay" *Defense and Security Analysis*. 36 (3): 314-334.

**Dewell Gentry, Hope** and Regina Branton. 2019. "The Impact of Intergroup Contact and Intergroup Conflict on Japanese Immigration Attitudes" *Eurasian Border Review*. 10 (1): 43-58.

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## NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Dewell Gentry, Hope**. 2022. "Confucianism and Democracy." *Zarytheus*. California State University Dominguez. 9(1): 13-18. \*A public access journal's transcript of an invited lecture.

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## WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Does the Experience of Ethnic Conflict Enhance Ethnic Identity?" with Bora Jeong (Revise and Resubmit)

"Exploring the Foundation and Impact of Covid-19 Vaccine Conspiracy Theories: A Case Approach" with Simona Kukovič, Miro Haček, and Paul Pope (Revise and Resubmit)

"Partisanship and Policy Preference (In Progress)

"Is Shinto a Nationalist Religion? Examining the Relationship between Shinto, Nationalist Sentiment, and Support for the LDP" (In Progress)

"The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease: Comparing the Political Behaviors of Shinto Nationalists, Shinto Non-Nationalists, and Non-Shintoists" (In Progress)

"Does Confucianism Hinder Democracy?" with Bora Jeong (In Progress)

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## INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES

November 13, 2023	Secondary Data Analysis Lecture for “Research Methods” SOCI 400 (Dr. Jennifer Scroggins)
November 2, 2022	“2022 Mountain States Poll” for the Democratic Study Group
September 21, 2022	“The Relationship Between Confucianism and Democracy in the Post WWII Period” for California State University Dominguez Hill Lecture Series
March 19, 2022	“2021 Mountain States Poll” for the American Association of University Women
October 28, 2021	“Contemporary Connection between Religion and Japanese Nationalism” for Montana State University Billings Office of International Studies East Asia Themed Semester
October 30, 2019	“The Political Strategy of Appealing to Religious Nationalism: Examining Motivations to Join Religious Organizations by Japanese LDP Politicians” for Texas Christian University’s Political Science Distinction Club
April 4, 2019	Civil Liberties Lecture for “US National Government” GOV 2013 (Dr. Ayal Feinberg)
October 14, 2016	American Presidency Lecture for “American Government: Laws and Institutions” PSCI 1040 (Dr. Paul Hensel)
October 21, 2016	Campaigns and Elections Lecture for “American Government: Processes and Policies” PSCI 1050 (Dr. Kimi King)

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record

*Political Science, Montana State University Billings*

“Intro to American Government” PSCI 210

“Intro to Comparative Government” PSCI 220

“Intro to International Relations” PSCI 230

“Intro to State and Local Government” PSCI 260

“Political Parties and Elections” PSCI 341

“Media, Public Opinion, Polling” PSCI 342

“Democratization” PSCI 424

“International Conflict” PSCI 425

“Comparative Political Economy” PSCI 426

“Research Methods” PSCI 427

***Political Science, University of North Texas***

“Introduction to Political Science Research” PSCI 2300

“US and Texas Constitutions and Institutions” PSCI 2306

“Governments and Politics Around the World” PSCI 3600

***Government, Dallas Christian College***

“National and State Government” GOVT 2310

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Political Science, University of North Texas*

Spring 2021	Dr. Leslie Finger: “Political Science Research Methods” PSCI 3300
Fall 2020	Dr. Gloria Cox: “American Government: Structure and Institutions” PSCI 2306
Summer 2020	Dr. Diego Esparza: “American Government: Structure and Institutions” PSCI 2306
Spring 2018	Dr. Andrea Silva: “US Political Behavior and Policy” PSCI 2305
Fall 2017	Dr. Regina Branton: “US Immigration Policy” PSCI 3100
Spring/Summer 2017	Dr. Bethany Blackstone: “American Government: Laws and Institutions” PSCI 1040
Spring 2017	Dr. Tony Carey: “American Government: Processes and Policies” PSCI 1050
Fall 2016	Dr. Paul Hensel: “American Government: Laws and Institutions” PSCI 1040
Fall 2016	Dr. Kimi King: “American Government: Processes and Policies” PSCI 1050

*International Studies, University of Wyoming*

Fall 2012/Spring 2014	Dr. Thomas Seitz: “Comparative Political Cultures” INST 4990
Fall 2013	Dr. David Messenger and Dr. Yi-Ling Chen: “Capstone: Global Trends” INST 4950
Fall 2013	Dr. David Messenger: “International History of Human Rights” INST 4380
Spring 2013	Dr. Thomas Seitz: “Capstone: Global Trends” INST 4950

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-Present	Higher Education Ambassador, Council on Foreign Relations
2021-Present	Director, Mountain States Poll at Montana State University Billings
2021-Present	Lead Faculty, Model UN at Montana State University Billings
2018-2019	Editorial Assistant, <i>Politics and Religion Journal</i>

## Graduate Research Assistant

*Political Science, University of North Texas*

Spring 2018/Fall 2019/Spring 2021	Dr. Diego Esparza
Fall 2017/Fall 2020	Dr. Regina Branton

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## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

April 2023	“Is Shinto a Nationalist Religion? Examining the Relationship between Shinto, Nationalist Sentiment, and Support for the LDP” at the Western Political Science Association Conference *Presented with revisions based on April 2022 MPSA Conference
April 2022	“Is Shinto a Nationalist Religion? Examining the Relationship between Shinto, Nationalist Sentiment, and Support for the LDP” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference
March 2022	“Does Confucianism Hinder Democracy?” with Bora Jeong at the Western Political Science Association Conference
January 2022	“The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease: Comparing the Political Behaviors of Shinto Nationalists, Shinto Non-Nationalists, and Non-Shintoists” at the Southern Political Science Association Conference
January 2021	Discussant for the Undergraduate Research Panel at the Southern Political Science Association Conference

September 2020	“Political Appeals to Abe and Religious Nationalism by Japanese LDP Politicians” at the American Political Science Association Virtual Annual Meeting
June 2020	“The Strategic Use of Religion in a Secular State: The Impact of Religion on Japanese Nationalism” at the North Texas Political Science and International Relations Research Workshops
November 2019	“The Political Strategy of Appealing to Religious Nationalism: Examining Motivations to Join Religious Organizations by Japanese LDP Politicians” at the Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium Conference
April 2018	“Explaining Working-Class Support for the Far-Right: The Impact of Globalization and Social Loss” with Meredith Winn at the International Association for Political Science Students Conference *Won Best Paper
April 2018	“Welcome Guest Workers? The Impact of Socioeconomic Status and Diversity on Immigration Attitudes” with Dr. Regina Branton at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference
February 2015	“Contending Histories in a Struggle for Japan’s Identity: Cosmopolitan Versus Nationalist Narratives in Postwar Japanese Society” the International Studies Association Annual Convention Conference
April 2014	“Japanese Nationalism: Shinto’s Contemporary Role” at the Southwestern Social Science Association Conference *Nominated for Best Graduate Student Paper

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## **FIELD EXPERIENCE**

June 2013-July 2013	Field research, Osaka, Japan *Funded by University of Wyoming International Studies Department
July 2009	Study abroad, Seoul Women’s University, South Korea *Funded by Bahrom International Program
June 2009	Study abroad, Beijing and Shanghai, China, through University of Wyoming *Funded by University of Wyoming International Studies Department

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## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **To the University**

2023-Present	Faculty Liaison with TEDxBillings
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2023-Present	Member of the Assessment Committee at Montana State University Billings
2022-Present	Member of the Research Committee at Montana State University Billings
2022-2023	Data Fellow for the Institutional Research Department at Montana State University Billings
2021-2022	Member of Global Studies Advisory Committee at Montana State University Billings
2021-Present	Faculty Advisor for Associated Students of Montana State University Billings (Student Senate)
2020-2021	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas
2019-2020	Leadership Team Member of Women's Faculty Network, University of North Texas
2018-2021	Graduate Student Library Advisory Board, University of North Texas
2018-2021	Committee on Student Conduct, University of North Texas
July 2019-June 2020	Political Science Graduate Student Association, Chair of Professionalization
September 2018-June 2019	Graduate Student Council Senate Representative
Summer 2014	Wyoming Initiative Committee, Department of International Studies, University of Wyoming
2012-2014	International Studies Assessment Committee, Department of International Studies, University of Wyoming

## **To the Discipline**

2020-Present	ETS Reader for AP Comparative Government and Politics
Summer 2023	Reviewer for Rowman and Littlefield Publishers to create a sixth edition of the following textbook: Traugott, Michael W. and Paul J. Lavrakas. 2016. <i>The Voter's Guide to Election Polls</i> . Fifth Edition. Lulu Publishing Services.
Spring 2023	Reviewer for <i>Politics, Groups, and Identities</i>
Spring 2023	Reviewer for <i>International Journal of Public Opinion Research</i>
Summer 2022	Reviewer for <i>International Journal of Transitional Justice</i>

Summer 2022	Reviewer for <i>New Political Science: A Journal of Politics and Culture</i>
Spring 2021	Reviewer for <i>Foreign Policy Analysis</i>
Summer 2020	Reviewer for <i>International Journal of Transitional Justice</i>
Fall 2019	Reviewer for <i>Politics and Religion Journal</i>

### **To the Community**

November 2023	Provided an interview for the Daily Montanan about the Mountain States Poll
November 2023	Provided an interview for KTVQ about the Mountain States Poll
November 2023	Presented the findings of the 2023 Mountain States Poll to the press at large
October 2023	Appeared on KULR8 6pm News to discuss the Israel/Hamas conflict
August 2023	Provided an interview for the <i>Daily Montanan</i> about survey techniques
November 2022	Presented results of the Mountain States Poll to the Democratic Study Group
October 2022	Provided an interview for the <i>Billings Gazette</i> about the Mountain States Poll
October 2022	Provided an interview for <i>NBC Montana</i> about the Mountain States Poll
October 2022	Presented the findings of the 2022 Mountain States Poll to the press at large
October 2022	Provided an interview for <i>KTVQ</i> about absentee ballots
April 2022	Presented results of the Mountain States Poll to the American Association of University Women
October 2021	Presented the findings of the 2021 Mountain States Poll to the press at large

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### **HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

2022	Awarded Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages (UISFL) Grant for travel to Strasbourg, France to study European Parliament, Montana State University Billings with the US Department of Education
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2021	Won Best Research Assistant in the University of North Texas Political Science Department
2018	Nominated for Best Teaching Assistant by University of North Texas Political Science Department
2018	Won Best Paper at the International Association for Political Science Students Conference with Meredith Winn
2018	Awarded Toulouse Graduate School Travel Grant, University of North Texas
2018	Awarded Political Science Department Travel Grant, University of North Texas
2018	Awarded College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Travel Grant, University of North Texas
2014	Won Garth Massey Outstanding Graduate Award, University of Wyoming
2004	Nominated for Best Graduate Student Paper at the Southwestern Social Science Association Conference

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association

Association for Asian Studies

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

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## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Ko Maeda

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