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EDUCATION

The University of Alabama

Ph.D., Political Science, 2017

Major Concentration: Political Theory

Minor Concentrations: American Politics and Literary Criticism

Troy University

B.S., *summa cum laude*, Political Science, 2010

Other, Professional Development

Texas A&M University System Academic Department Leaders Workshop, 2023.

The Department Heads Workshop is designed for department chairs within the Texas A&M University System to learn leadership best practices, knowledge, and tools to lead a successful academic department.

Effective Teaching Practices Course, Association of College and University

Educators, 2022. Completion of a 25-week course in effective teaching practices requiring the implementation of evidence-based instructional approaches. The resulting credential is co-issued by the American Council on Education.

Formal Schools Instructor Course, U.S. Marine Corps, 2009. Trained in formal

school management, design and development of curriculum, and instructional performance areas to provide the foundation for success as school administrators, curriculum developers, and instructors assigned to Marine Corps Formal Schools.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio. Promoted, with tenure, September 2023.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, 2017 – 2022.

Lecturer, Honors College, The University of Alabama, 2016 – 2017.

Lecturer, Gender and Race Studies, The University of Alabama, 2016 – 2017.

Lecturer, Shelton State Community College, 2015 – 2017.

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Queer theory, political violence, contemporary political thought, subjectivity and epistemology, mourning and memorialization, conflict studies.

TEACHING HISTORY

Assistant/Associate Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio

- American Political Thought (POLS 3303).
- Philosophy of Social Science (POLS 4370).
- Ancient Political Theory (POLS 3321).
- Texas Government (GOVT 2306).
- Early Modern Political Theory (POLS 3322).
- The Politics of Truth (POLS 3306).
- American Federal Government (GOVT 2305).
- Foundations of Peace and Conflict Studies (POLS 3330).

Lecturer, The University of Alabama, Honors College

- The Politics of Truth and Truth-telling (HN 155).
- Punk Music and the Art of Self-creation (HN 155).
- Social Normative Behavior (HN 101).

Lecturer, The University of Alabama, Department of Gender and Race Studies

- Introduction to Women’s Studies (WS 200).

GTA [Instructor of Record], The University of Alabama, Department of Political Science

- The Politics of Truth and Truth-telling (PSC 321).
- Introduction to the Philosophy of Social Science (PSC 205).
- Introduction to American Politics (PSC 101).
- Introduction to Political Theory (PSC 205).

Lecturer, Shelton State Community College, Behavioral Sciences

- American National Government (POL 211).

Other, United States Marine Corps Special Operations Command

- Instructor, United States Marine Corps Special Operations School.

Other, United States Army Special Operations Command

- Instructor, United States Army 3rd Special Forces Group.

PUBLICATIONS AND CURRENT RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications (* denotes corresponding author)

Beaumont, T. E., * & Sanders, A. (2024). The necropolitics of military amnesty: Peacebuilding and othering in Northern Ireland. *Security Dialogue*, 55(5), 462–478.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/09670106241236056>.

Beaumont, T. E. (2023). Necropolitical branding: Building communities of preemptive violence. *Critical Military Studies*, 9(4), 513–531.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/23337486.2022.2156838>.

Beaumont, T. E. (2021). The phenomenology of redemptive violence. *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*, 45(4), 184–199. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0304375421999175>.

Beaumont, T. E. (2019). Queering the war dead: Gold Star families and the politics of estrangement. *Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture*, 25(5), 627–643. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504630.2018.1495071>.

Beaumont, T. E. (2017). Betraying identities in mourning with an ethic of discomfort. *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*, 42(1), 41–55. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0304375417736443>.

Beaumont, T. E. (2017). A survivor's response to sacrifice. *Critical Military Studies*, 3(3), 252–266. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/23337486.2016.1215074>.

Others

Beaumont, T. E. (2024). Review of *Discounting Life: Necropolitical Law, Culture, and the Long War on Terror* by Jothie Rajah. *Critical Studies on Terrorism*. Online first publication: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17539153.2024.2417488>.

Articles Under Review

Beaumont, Thomas E. “‘The flag draped, homeward-bound casket’: fallen soldiers, repatriation, and rethinking the work of mourning.” Currently Revise and Resubmit at *Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture*.

Naasz, E., Thomas E. Beaumont, & Andrew Sanders, “Measuring the Impact of Necropolitics on Post-conflict Justice.” Submitted to *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*.

Working Projects

Beaumont, Thomas E. “A common past into a shared history: The spectacle of accountability in reconciling the Troubles.” Completed article length paper.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Submitted, Pending Review

Beaumont, Thomas E. (Principal Investigator), Emily Naasz & Daniel Braaten (Co-PIs). 2024. “Stories of Service: Minority South Texas Veterans in the American Narrative.” National Endowment for the Humanities, “Dialogues on the Experience of War” grant (\$100,000 max award).

Beaumont, Thomas E. (Principal Investigator). 2025. “Legislating the Other: Necropolitical Justice and the Conflict in Northern Ireland.” Texas A&M University – San Antonio’s College of Arts and Sciences Summer Faculty Research Fellowship. Funding Request: \$6,742.30.

Funded

Beaumont, Thomas E. (Principal Investigator). 2024. “The Necropolitics of Mourning: How Memorializing the Dead Shapes Processes of Post-conflict Reconciliation After the Troubles.” Texas A&M University – San Antonio’s College of Arts and Sciences Summer Faculty Research Fellowship. Funding: \$5,432.

Beaumont, Thomas E. (Principal Investigator). 2021. "Necropolitical Branding: Building Communities of Preemptive Violence." Texas A&M University – San Antonio's College of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship. Funding: \$5,000.

Beaumont, Thomas E. (Principal Investigator). 2020. "Perpetuation of Violence Articulated through Identity Politics in the United States." Texas A&M University – San Antonio's College of Arts and Sciences Summer Faculty Research Fellowship. Funding: \$3,000.

Beaumont, Thomas E. (Principal Investigator). 2019. "The Phenomenology of Redemptive Violence." Texas A&M University – San Antonio's College of Arts and Sciences Summer Faculty Research Fellowship. Funding: \$3,000.

Unfunded

Beaumont, Thomas E. (Principal Investigator). 2023. "The Necropolitics of Global Disorder: State Violence and Post-conflict Reconciliation Processes." Texas A&M University – San Antonio's Research Council Grant. Unfunded.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Beaumont, Thomas E., and Andrew Sanders. "The Necropolitics of Military Amnesty: Peacebuilding and Othering in Northern Ireland," Political Studies Association (Berlin, Germany), 2024. Andrew Sanders, presenting author. Paper presentation.

Beaumont, Thomas E., and Andrew Sanders. "Navigating Uncertainty in Northern Ireland: what political science can tell us about the current status of the Northern Ireland peace process," American Conference for Irish Studies (Limerick, Ireland), 2024. Panel organizer.

Beaumont, Thomas E. "'Permission to narrate their own history': Power, knowledge creation, and post-conflict justice in the Legacy and Reconciliation Act." American Conference for Irish Studies (Limerick, Ireland), 2024. Paper presentation.

Beaumont, Thomas E., Andrew Sanders, and Emily Naasz. "The Necropolitics of One-Sided Violence: State Violence and Post-Conflict Justice Processes in Northern Ireland," European Political Science Association annual conference (Glasgow, Scotland), 2023. Paper presentation.

Beaumont, Thomas E., Andrew Sanders, and Emily Naasz. "The Necropolitics of Military Amnesty: Peacebuilding after the Troubles," European Political Science Association annual conference (Prague, Czech Republic), 2022. Andrew Sanders, presenting author. Paper presentation.

Beaumont, Thomas E., Andrew Sanders, and Emily Naasz. "The Necropolitics of Military Amnesty: Peacebuilding after the Troubles," Southwestern Political Science Association annual conference, 2022. Panel presentation.

Beaumont, Thomas E. "Necropolitical Branding: Building Communities of Preemptive

- Violence,” Southwestern Political Science Association annual conference, 2022. Paper presentation.
- Beaumont, Thomas E. “Necropolitical Branding: Building Communities of Preemptive Violence,” Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, 2022. Paper presentation.
- Beaumont, Thomas E. “Market Mechanisms and Brand Communities: Preemptive Militarization in Popular Representations of Violence,” Southern Political Science Association annual conference, 2022. Paper presentation.
- Beaumont, Thomas E. “Memory and Memorialization: Phenomenological Experiences of Redemption,” Southern Political Science Association annual conference, 2022. Paper presentation.
- Beaumont, Thomas E. “Queering the War Dead: Gold Star Families and the Politics of Estrangement,” Southwest Social Science Association annual conference, 2021. Paper presentation.
- Beaumont, Thomas E. “The Phenomenology of Redemptive Violence,” Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, 2021. Paper presentation.
- Beaumont, Thomas E. “Queering the War Dead: Gold Star Families and the Politics of Estrangement,” American Political Science Association annual conference, 2018. Paper presentation.
- Beaumont, Thomas E. “Engaging Identities in Mourning with an Ethic of Discomfort,” Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought annual conference, 2016. Paper presentation.
- Beaumont, Thomas E., and J. Wes Hutto. “Multinational Special Operations Exercises as Trust Building Mechanisms,” The College of International Security Affairs, May 2016. Paper presentation.

SERVICE

Texas A&M University – San Antonio

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| 2023 | Initiated and facilitated successful enrollment of Texas A&M University – San Antonio in the Department of Veterans’ Affairs Yellow Ribbon Program. |
| 2022 | Member (Faculty Senate representative), VP of Business Affairs / CFO Search Committee, Texas A&M University – San Antonio. |
| 2021 – 2022 | Member, University Salary Study Committee: Compensation Study Request for Proposals Evaluation Committee, Texas A&M University – San Antonio. |

- 2021 – 2023 Member, University Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2020 – 2023 Senator, Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2023: Chair, Assessment of Academic Administrators Committee
- 2022 - 2023: Member, Faculty Development and Research Committee
- 2022 - 2023: Member, Faculty Handbook ad hoc committee
- 2021: Member, Faculty Pay ad hoc committee
- 2021 - 2023: Member, Parking and Transportation Committee
- 2021 - 2023: Member, Faculty Evaluation of Academic Administrators ad hoc committee
- 2020 - 2023: Member, Elections Committee
- 2019 – 2022 Member, Writing Across the Curriculum Committee, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2019 – 2021 Member, General Studies Degree Committee, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2018 – 2023 Member, Academic Integrity Committee, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2018 – 2023 Member, Academic Appeals Committee, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2018 – 2019 Member, University Ring Committee, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2018 – 2019 Member, University Leadership Institute Committee (Initial development for the Cisneros Institute for Emerging Leaders), Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2017 – 2020 Faculty Advisor, Firearms Safety Training Coalition, student organization, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.

College of Arts and Sciences

- 2024 Member, Tenure Track Search Committee, Department of Sociology and Communication, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2024 Member, Special College Committee for Post-Tenure Review of Jennifer Correa, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2023 Member, Special College Committee for tenure of Mu Hu, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2023 - present Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2023 Chair, Special College Committee for Post-Tenure Review of Claire Nolaso Braaten, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2022 – 2023 Member, Faculty Grant Awards Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2022 Member, CoAS Associate Dean Search Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2022 - 2023 Member, CoAS Honors and Awards Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2018 Member, Philosophy Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.

Department of Criminology and Political Science

- 2024 Member, Assistant Professor of Political Science Search (TT), Department of Criminology and Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2024 - present Co-Program Coordinator, Political Science Program, Department of Criminology and Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2024 Member, Political Science Lecturer Search Committee (RELLIS), Department of Criminology and Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2023 Chair, Assistant Professor of Political Science Search (TT), Department of Criminology and Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.

- 2023 Member, Political Science Lecturer Search Committee (RELLIS), Department of Criminology and Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2023 Chair, Political Science Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Criminology and Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2023 - present Chair/Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee, Department of Criminology and Political Science, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2021 Member, Political Science Lecturer Search Committee (two positions), Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2020 Representative, ITS COVID response (spring 2020), Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2019 Member, Political Science Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2018 Member, Political Science Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M University – San Antonio.

Profession

Peer-Reviewer, *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*

Peer-Reviewer, *Critical Studies on Terrorism*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

European Political Science Association

American Conference for Irish Studies