

# Ryan P. Dennehy

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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- E.D.D. 05/2027    **Ph.D., Political Science**  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
**Advisor:** Neal Woods
- 05/2022        **B.A. with Honors, Political Science and History**  
Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
**Advisors:** John Hinshaw, Noel Hubler  
**Thesis:** “Rich, Poor, and Poorer: A Theoretical Model Measuring Income Inequality and the Effects of Poverty in the United States”

## ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

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- 1                **“Party Lines and Acting for Audiences: Topic Dominance and Welfare Discourse in State Legislative Campaigns”**  
Ryan Dennehy and Joshua Meyer-Gutbrod
- 2                **“A Better Measure of Rural Identity”**  
Conor Craig, Ryan Dennehy, Krissy Lunz-Trujillo, and Joshua Meyer-Gutbrod
- 3                **“What Makes Renewable Portfolio Standards Effective? Evidence from a Meta-Analysis”**  
Neal Woods, Ryan Dennehy, Jack DeOliviera, Christopher Eddy, Jiyeon Kang, and Morgan Lowder
- 4                **“The Politics of Climate Policy Instrument Choice in the American States: A Meta-Analysis”**  
Neal Woods, Ryan Dennehy, Jack DeOliviera, Christopher Eddy, Jiyeon Kang, and Morgan Lowder

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 06/2024      **“What Makes Renewable Portfolio Standards Effective? Evidence from a Meta-Analysis”** presented with Dr. Neal Woods  
State Politics and Policy Conference, Charlottesville, VA
- 06/2024      **“Constituent Socioeconomic Status and Candidate Rhetoric: Examining the Influence on Social Welfare Policy Discourse in State-Level Campaigns”**  
State Politics and Policy Conference, Charlottesville, VA
- 03/2023      **“Measuring Class Populist Rhetoric in Federal House Elections”**  
Atlanta Symposium on Political Science, Atlanta, GA

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- FA 2024 - Pres.    **Graduate Student Researcher – Digital Campaigns Project**  
*University of South Carolina*  
*Principal Investigator:* Joshua Meyer-Gutbrod (University of South Carolina)
- FA 2021          **Research Assistant**  
*Lebanon Valley College*  
*Supervisor:* Christopher Dolan (Pennsylvania State University)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- FA 2024          **American National Government** (Undergraduate)  
*University of South Carolina*  
Teaching Assistant  
Guest-Lecturer – American Political Development, 08/2024  
Guest-Lecturer – Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, 09/2024  
*Instructor of Record:* David Darmofal (University of South Carolina)
- SP 2024          **American National Government** (Undergraduate)  
*University of South Carolina*  
Teaching Assistant  
*Instructor of Record:* David Darmofal (University of South Carolina)
- FA 2023          **Constitutional Law I: Institutional Powers** (Undergraduate)  
*University of South Carolina*  
Teaching Assistant  
Guest-Lecturer – Substantive Due Process, 11/2023  
*Instructor of Record:* Jessica Schoenherr (University of South Carolina)
- FA 2023          **American Political Parties** (Undergraduate)  
*University of South Carolina*  
Guest-Lecturer – Responsible Parties and Strategic Political Actors, 10/2023  
*Instructor of Record:* Christopher Eddy (Eastern Tennessee State University)
- SP 2023          **American National Government** (Undergraduate)  
*University of South Carolina*

Teaching Assistant  
Guest-Lecturer – Parties and Interest Groups, 04/2023  
*Instructor of Record:* David Darmofal (University of South Carolina)

FA 2022      **Congress and the Presidency** (Undergraduate)  
*University of South Carolina*  
Teaching Assistant  
Guest-Lecturer – Press Releases and Communication, 11/2022, 01/2023, 08/2023  
*Instructor of Record:* Joshua Meyer-Gutbrod (University of South Carolina)

#### SERVICE

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AY 2024-2025      **Marketing and Communications Coordinator**  
Political Science Graduate Symposium at USC

AY 2024-2025      **Representative**  
USC Political Science Graduate Organization

AY 2023-2024      **President**  
USC Political Science Graduate Organization

#### WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

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SS 2024      **ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods**  
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

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08/2024      **CCRG Recipient**  
APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant 2024

AY 2024-2025      **Thurmond-Atwater Fellow**  
Thurmond-Atwater Fellowship in Political Science

05/2023      **Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant**  
Runner-Up – USC Graduate Student Association

#### OTHER SKILLS

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Software:      *R*,  $\LaTeX$ , Excel

Methods:      Ordinary Least Squares, Text Analysis/Topic Modeling, Maximum Likelihood, Estimation (ICPSR 2024), Multidimensional Scaling (ICPSR 2024), Time Series (ICPSR 2024), Multilevel Modeling (ICPSR 2024)

#### REFERENCES

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