

Alexander Thomas Welch, Ph.D.
1540 Jefferson Park Ave
Charlottesville, VA 22903
Email: atwelch44@gmail.com, atw5tg@virginia.edu

Education:

- Ph.D., Government (May, 2020), University of Virginia
 - Primary Field: American Politics
 - Secondary Field: Research Methods
 - Dissertation: *Rise of the Tariff Man: Donald Trump's Conquest and Ideological Redefinition of the Republican Party*
 - Committee: James Savage (Chair), James Ceaser, Paul Freedman, Bruce Williams
 - Defended: January 16, 2020
 - Research Methods Paper: *Where are the House Independents?*
 - Committee: Jonathan Kropko, Nicholas Winter
- M.A., Government (May, 2015), University of Virginia
 - Primary Field: American Politics
 - Secondary Field: Research Methods
 - MA Thesis: *Racial Darwinism, Nationalism, and War: The Philosophical Foundations of Theodore Roosevelt's Foreign Policy*
 - Committee: James Ceaser (Chair), Sidney Milkis
- B.A., Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude* (May, 2013), Grove City College
 - Minor: National Security
 - Cumulative GPA: 3.65
 - Major GPA: 3.89

Academic and Relevant Work Experience:

- Assistant Professor, General Faculty (Politics Department), University of Virginia (August, 2020- Present)
 - PLIR 4500- National Security and American Politics (Online Seminar, Fall 2020)
 - PLAP 4500- Social Media and American Politics (Online Seminar, Fall 2020)
 - PLAP 4500- Pop Culture and American Politics (Spring, 2021)
 - PLAP 4500- Trade and Party Politics (Spring, 2021)
 - Instructional Partner for Digital Pedagogy, UVA Politics Department
- Long-Term Substitute Teacher, William Wetsel Middle School (August, 2020- Present)
 - 7th Grade History
 - 8th Grade Civics
 - Online Instructor
- Digital Pedagogy Intern, University of Virginia (June, 2020- August 2020)
 - Training in online collegiate teaching
 - Assisting professors with course adjustments and strategies for online instruction
- Lecturer, University of Virginia (July, 2017- July, 2020)
 - PLAP 1010: Introduction to American Politics

- Summer 2017, Summer 2018
 - Sole Instructor and Lecturer
- MDST 2000: Introduction to Media Studies
 - Summer 2020 (Online)
 - Sole Instructor and Lecturer
- Teaching Assistant at the University of Virginia (August, 2013- May, 2020)
 - PLAP 3140: Media in American Politics (with Paul Freedman)
 - Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015
 - PLAP 1010: Introduction to American Politics (with Larry Sabato and James Ceaser)
 - Spring 2014, Fall 2015
 - Head TA, Fall 2015
 - PLPT 1010: Introduction to Political Theory (with Colin Bird)
 - Spring 2016
 - MDST 2000: Introduction to Media Studies (with Bruce Williams and Andre Cavalcante)
 - Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
 - Head TA, 2019-2020 Academic Year
 - Online Discussion Sections, Spring 2020
 - PLAP 3270: Public Opinion and American Democracy (with Nicholas Winter)
 - Spring 2017
- Substitute Teacher, Louisa, Madison, and Orange County Public Schools (October, 2018- May, 2020)
- Graduate Assistant at the Miller Center for Public Affairs (July, 2014- August, 2020)
 - Blogger for *Riding the Tiger* blog
 - Assistant with the Edward M. Kennedy, George W. Bush, and William J. Clinton Oral History projects
- Research Assistant for the Department of Politics at the University of Virginia (September, 2016- May, 2020)
 - Paul Freedman's Research Assistant for various projects involving political use of Twitter
- Research Assistant at Grove City College (January, 2011- May, 2013)
 - Paul Kengor's primary student researcher
 - Researcher for his recent books, *The Communist* and *11 Principles of a Reagan Conservative*
 - Editorial Assistant for Chidester and Kengor, ed. 2015, *Reagan's Legacy in a World Transformed*, Harvard University Press.
 - Freelance researcher for political science faculty
- PAC Intern with the Family Research Council (June-August, 2012)
 - Researched primaries and caucuses of 2012 Republican Presidential Race
 - Wrote endorsements, press releases, and media alerts

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- Honors
 - Pi Gamma Mu Honorary
 - Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary
 - Highest Honors in Political Science at Grove City College
 - Graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Grove City College

- Fellowships
 - Charles G. Koch Research Fellow with the Center for Vision and Values at Grove City College
 - Bradley Foundation Fellowship (2016-2017), \$2,000

Conference Participation

- 2020 Institute for Faith and Freedom Conference, Grove City College
 - Paper: *Making the Best out of Imperfect Humans: The Case for American Institutions*
- 2016 Institute for Faith and Freedom Conference, Grove City College
 - Paper: *The Great (Horse) Race: How the Media Shape our Presidential Elections*
- 2015 Graduate Student Conference, University of Virginia
 - Presentation: *Racial Darwinism, Nationalism and War: The Philosophical Foundations of Theodore Roosevelt's Foreign Policy*
 - Discussant: Dale Copeland
 - International Relations/Comparative Politics Panel Chair: Geoffrey Gordon

Interviews and Presentations

- Miller Center, University of Virginia- “The Republican Party Roots of Donald Trump” on Facebook Live. May 8, 2017.
- Radio Interview- Election Analysis on the *Stacy on the Right Show*. November 7, 2016.
- Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania- “Trump: Tariff Man.” Lecture. March 11, 2020.

v 8.7.2020