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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Assistant Professor, Department of Public Service & Administration Bush School of Government, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>	2019–
Academic Visitor, Graduate School of Public & International Affairs <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>	Fall 2023
Post-Doctoral Researcher, School of Governance <i>Utrecht University</i> , Netherlands	2017-2019
Carlos H. Cantu Post-Doctoral Fellow Project for Equity, Representation & Governance, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>	2016

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station	2016
M.P.A. Public and Economic Policy, London School of Economics & Political Science	2010
B.A. Political Science and Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station	2008

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Bureaucratic politics, policy responsiveness, policy preferences, social policy, and economic insecurity

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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(<sup>†</sup> *Open access publication*; \* *Graduate student co-author*)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Compton, Mallory E., and Andrew Q. Philips. “Does job insecurity shape policy preferences? An experimental manipulation of labor market risk,” Forthcoming in the *Journal of Politics*.

Compton, Mallory E., Matthew Young, Justin Bullock, and Robert Greer. 2023. “Administrative Errors and Race: Can technology mitigate inequitable administrative outcomes?” *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory*. 33(3): 512-528. (Cited by 3)

<sup>†</sup>Compton, Mallory E., Scott Douglas, Lauren Fahy\*, Joannah Luetjens\*, Paul 't Hart, and Judith van Erp. 2022. “Walk on the bright side: What might we learn about public governance by studying its achievements?” *Public Money & Management* 42(1): 49-51. (Cited by 12)

- †Compton, Mallory E. 2021. “Serving the Unemployed: Do more generous social insurance programs provide better quality service?” *Journal of Policy Studies* 36(3):1-11. (Cited by 1)
- Nesbit, Rebecca, Laurie Paarlberg, and Mallory E. Compton. 2020. “Who is My Neighbor?: The Effect of Racial In-Group Representation and Residential Isolation on Volunteering,” *Politics, Groups & Identities* 8(5):918-936. (Cited by 2)
- †Compton, Mallory E., Johanna Luetjens\*, and Paul ’t Hart. 2019. “Designing for Policy Success” *International Review of Public Policy* 1(2): 119-146. (Cited by 31)
- Meier, Kenneth J., Mallory E. Compton, Miyeon Song\*, John Polga-Hecimovich, and Cameron Wimpy. 2019. “Bureaucracy and the Failure of Politics: Challenges to Democratic Governance” *Administration & Society* 51(10): 1576-1605. (Cited by 64)
- Compton, Mallory E. and Christine S. Lipsmeyer. 2019. “Everybody Hurts Sometimes: Pocketbook and Sociotropic Policy Preferences in Context,” *Journal of Politics* 81(2): 539-551. (Cited by 15)
- †Compton, Mallory E. 2018. “Less Bang for Your Buck? How Social Capital Constrains the Effectiveness of Social Welfare Spending,” *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 18(3): 215-245. (Cited by 10)
- Compton, Mallory E., and Kenneth J. Meier. 2016. “Managing Social Capital and Diversity for Performance in Public Organizations.” *Public Administration* 94(3): 609-29. (Cited by 29)
- Meier, Kenneth J., Nathan Favero, and Mallory E. Compton, 2016. “Social Context, Management, and Organizational Performance: When Human Capital and Social Capital Serve as Substitutes,” *Public Management Review* 18(2):258-277. (Cited by 36)

#### Editor-Reviewed Articles & Chapters

- †Compton, Mallory E. 2019. “The Social Warfare State: Americans’ Making of a Civic Generation” in *Great Policy Successes*. M. Compton and P. ’t Hart, eds. Oxford (UK): Oxford University Press. (Cited by 2)
- †Compton, Mallory E. and Paul ’t Hart. 2019. “Looping to Success (and Failure): Second-order Mechanisms and Policy Outcomes” in *Making Policies Work: First and Second Order Mechanisms in Policy Design*. G. Capano, M. Howlett, and M. Ramesh, eds. Edward Elgar Publishing. (Cited by 9)
- Compton, Mallory E., and Kenneth J. Meier. 2017 “Bureaucracy to Post-Bureaucracy: The Consequences of Political Failures” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Business and Management*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Cited by 8)

#### Book

- †Compton, Mallory E. and Paul ’t Hart. (eds.) 2019. *Great Policy Successes*. Oxford (UK): Oxford University Press.
- Cited by 72; print copy held by 51 libraries; electronic copy held by 344 libraries.
  - *Reviewed by:* McConnell, Allan. 2021. “Great Policy Successes” in *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* 23(3): 389-90.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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### Under Review (*titles removed for work under review*)

- Paper on bureaucratic errors and program complexity in public administration, with Matthew Young, Justin Bullock, and Rob Greer, invited to revise and resubmit at *Public Management Review*.

### Paper Projects in Development

- “Appealing to a Higher Power: the burden of redressing administrative errors”
- “Electoral cycles in administrative performance”
- “Sources of Insecurity: A Conjoint Experiment on the Determinants of Policy Preferences,” with Andrew Philips and Komal Kaur\*
- “Tolerance in the Classroom: Testing Strategies to Increase Tolerance across Polarized Lines,” with Jessica Gottlieb, Brittany Perry, and Jing Zhang\*

## ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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### Technical Report

Compton, Mallory E. 2011. “Industrial Energy Efficiency in Developing Countries: A Background Note,” Vienna: United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Economic Research Working Paper No. 03/2011. (Cited by 13)

### Data Products

Compton, Mallory E. 2020. *Unemployment Insurance Administrative Errors Dataset 2002-2018*. Texas A&M University Bush School of Government. Version 16 January 2020.

Compton, Mallory E. 2023. *State Unemployment Insurance Laws and Policy Characteristics, 1990-2022*. Texas A&M University Bush School of Government. Version July 2023.

Compton, Mallory E., Polly Calderon, and Kenneth J. Meier. 2013. National Nursing Home Survey. College Station, TX: Project for Equity, Representation and Governance, Texas. (Cited by 9)

### Popularizing

Compton, Mallory E. and Paul ’t Hart. 2019. “Despite Brexit, there is still plenty to learn from government successes” *Oxford University Press Blog*. <https://blog.oup.com/2019/09/despite-brexit-there-is-still-plenty-to-learn-from-government-successes/> (17 September 2019).

Compton, Mallory E. and Paul ’t Hart. 2019. “Forget blunders – here’s what we can learn from great policy successes” *Civil Service World*. <https://www.civilserviceworld.com/articles/opinion/forget-blunders-%E2%80%93-here%E2%80%99s-what-we-can-learn-great-policy-successes> (18 September 2019).

Compton, Mallory E. and Paul ’t Hart. 2019. “Against negativism: what we can learn from great public policy successes” *Centre for Public Impact*. <https://www.centreforpublicimpact.org/negativism-can-learn-great-public-policy-successes/> (5 September 2019).

Compton, Mallory E., and Christine S. Lipsmeyer. 2019. "In the US, Preferences for More or Less Generous Social Policies Are Personal." *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*. <http://bit.ly/2u7C17p>.

Compton, Mallory E. 2019. "Economic Insecurity is Rising, and Social Capital May be Making it Worse." *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*. <http://bit.ly/2GVZVdK>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

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(\* *Conference canceled*)

### Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2014-2018
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Conference	2020-2022, 2023
European Political Science Association Annual Conference	2017, 2020*-2022
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2012-2017, 2020*-2023
Public Management Research Conference	2017
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2013-2016

### Invited Conferences

Conference to Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Texas A&M's Political Science PhD Program, December 2022. Invited panelist on "TAMU and the Future of Political Science."

\*Conference on Coalition Politics, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, May 2020

Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy Conference at University of Warwick, June 2019. Invited presentation titled "Mistakes Happen: The Economic and Social Determinants of Unemployment Insurance Performance."

The Governance Design Network Workshop, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, November 2017. Invited presentation titled "Dynamic Transformational Mechanisms in Policy Success and Failure."

The Dahrendorf Workshop: Is European integration happening on the ground?, Hertie School, Berlin, June 2017. Invited presentation titled "Successful Public Governance."

### Invited Talks

"Administrative Errors: the individual and organizational sources of bureaucratic mistakes," to the Graduate School of Public & International Affairs Internal Research Presentation, University of Pittsburgh, November 2023.

"Tolerance in the Classroom," to the Race and Ethnic Studies Institute, Texas A&M University, November 2021.

"Mistakes Happen," to the First Annual Data Workshop @TAMUPOLS, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, January 2020.

"Less Bang for Your Buck," to Political Science Doctoral Seminar on Research and Writing, Texas A&M University, November 2019.

“Occasional Watchdogs or Coalition Pork? Oversight and Policy in Coalition Government,” to the Comparative Political Economy Workshop at University of Konstanz, July 2018.

“Bureaucracy in the Trump administration: Redefining a balance of power?,” Pop-Up Lecture to the Utrecht University School of Governance, February 2017

“EITM in Practice: On the Determinants of Individual Preferences for Social Insurance,” with Andrew Philips, to the EITM Summer Academy, University of Houston, June 2015.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, Bush School of Government & Public Service

PSAA 635: Social Welfare and Health Policy Spring 2021, 2023

PSAA 634: Public Management Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

PSAA 601: Foundations of Public Service Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, School of Governance

USG 6041: Research Seminar in Public Governance 2019

USG 4261: Managing Global Problems Spring 2018 & 2019

USG 4640: Achieving Successful Public Governance Spring & Fall 2018

USG 5520: Public Administration and Organisations Fall 2017 & 2018

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, Department of Political Science

POLS 342: Politics and Bureaucracy Spring & Fall 2016

## ADVISING & MENTORSHIP

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

### Committee Member

Leon Kockaya	PhD Political Science	<i>expected 2025</i>	
Francesco Bromo	PhD Political Science	<i>expected 2024</i>	
Jonghoon Lee	PhD Political Science	<i>expected 2023</i>	
Thiago Moreira	PhD Political Science	2023	Louisiana State University
Brenna Armstrong	PhD Political Science	2023	Rice University
M. Christy Phillips	PhD Political Science	2022	Phillips, Fractor, & Co.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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### RECEIVED

Silver Star Faculty Award, Public Service & Administration Dept. 2021, 2022

Research Fellow, Mosbacher Institute for Trade, Economics, & Public Policy 2021

ADVANCE NCFDD Faculty Success Fellow, Texas A&M University 2020

EITM UK Continuous Monitoring Survey Experiment Contest Winner 2014

EITM Summer Academy Scholarship, University of Houston 2014

Summertime for Advancement in Research (STAR) Award, Texas A&M 2015

### NOMINATED

Open Educational Resources Award, TAMU Student Government Association 2023

## GRANTS

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### AWARDED

TAMU Department of Public Service & Administration Research Grant, \$4,610 2023  
University of Colorado Boulder Political Science Research Grant, \$6,000 2023  
T3: Texas A&M Triads for Transformation, \$30,000 2020  
APSA Annual Conference Travel Grant 2018  
Professional Development Grants, Texas A&M:  
    *College of Liberal Arts* 2012, 2013 & 2014  
    *Department of Political Science* 2012 & 2013  
    *Project for Equity, Representation, & Governance* 2012  
Prestage Cook Travel Award Grant, Southern Political Science Association 2013

### SUBMITTED

“Labor market risk and preferences for social insurance,” a proposal to the NSF  
Accountable Institutions and Behavior Program, \$677,000 2023

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.  
    Academic Visitor with the Center on Labor, Human Services & Population 2012  
Overseas Development Institute, London, U.K.  
    Research Intern, International Economic Development Group Summer 2007 & 2009

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Faculty Success Program 2020  
Educate-it Winter Course for Teaching, REBO, Utrecht University 2018  
Quantitative Text Analysis, University of Essex Summer School in Social Science 2017  
Grant Writing Workshop, Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts 2015  
Spatial Econometrics, University of Essex Summer School in Social Science 2014  
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Academy, Univ. of Houston 2014  
Pooled Time Series Cross Sectional Data Analysis, University of Essex Summer School 2013  
Maximum Likelihood Estimation, University of Essex Summer School in Social Science 2013  
Dynamic Models, Concordia University, Montreal 2013  
Hierarchical Linear Modeling for Longitudinal Data, ICPSR Workshop, Boulder, CO 2012  
Analysis of Multilevel Models using Stata, ICPSR Statistical Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI 2012

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Advisor, Bush School Pride Network 2021-  
Member, MPSA Admissions Committee 2019-  
Advisor, Texas Lyceum Fellow 2021-2022

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP SERVICE

### Workshop Co-Organizer

- “School of Governance Research Day: Lost in Translation,” Utrecht University 2019  
“Great Policy Successes: A Research Seminar,” Utrecht University 2018

### Panel Organizer

- Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Conference 2020

### Panel Chair

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2017, 2021, 2022  
European Political Science Association Annual Conference 2022  
Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Conference 2020  
School of Governance Research Day, Utrecht University 2018, 2019  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2017  
“Successful Public Governance Workshop,” Utrecht University 2017

### Discussant

- European Political Science Association Annual Conference 2022  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2017, 2021-2023  
School of Governance Research Day, Utrecht University 2017, 2018, 2019

## DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

### Membership

- American Political Science Association  
- *Member*, Public Administration Section  
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management  
European Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
- *Member*, Midwest Public Administration Caucus Presidential Nominating  
Committee, 2023-2024  
Public Management Research Association

### Invited Referee

- American Journal of Political Science*  
*American Political Science Review*  
*British Journal of Political Science*  
*Electoral Studies*  
*International Journal of Public Administration*  
*International Journal of Public Sector Management*  
*International Public Management Journal*  
*International Review of Administrative Sciences*  
*Journal of European Public Policy*  
*Journal of Policy Studies*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory*  
*National Science Foundation Decision, Risk & Management Sciences Program*  
*Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly*  
*Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*  
*Perspectives on Politics*  
*Policy & Society*  
*Policy Studies*  
*Policy Studies Journal*  
*Public Administration*  
*Public Administration Review*  
*Public Management Review*  
*Public Performance & Management Review*  
*Publius*  
*State Politics & Policy Quarterly*