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Education:

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Ph.D. in Political Science, Expected: May 2025

- *Subfields:* Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, Public Policy, and Public Administration.
- *Title:* Three Essays on the Development and Consequences of Administrative Institutions.
- *Committee:* Mallory E. Compton, Kirby Goidel, Michelle Taylor-Robinson, and Guy D. Whitten (Chair).

University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR

B.A. in Political Science, December 2019.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications:

Robert Harmel, and Leon B. Kockaya. 2024. "The Party of Reagan: External (but not Internal) Personalization," *Social Science Quarterly*, 105(3): 432–43.

Working Papers:

Leon B. Kockaya. "Taxation, Economic Productivity, and the Sub-National Differences in Informational Capacity."

Ali Kagalwala, Munroe Kim, Leon B. Kockaya, and Guy D. Whitten. "Keeping Up With the Trend: How to Deal With Trends in Time Series Analysis."

Leon B. Kockaya, and Sam Sharman. "Political Polarization and Citizen Support for State Surveillance: A Survey Experiment in the United States."

Leon B. Kockaya, Spencer Goidel, and Soren Jordan. "The Threat of Violence and Election Administration: A Spatial Analysis of U.S. National Elections."

Works in Progress:

Leon B. Kockaya. "Political Participation and Administrative Institutions: How Sub-National Differences Explain Cross-National Trends in Voter Turnout."

Andrea Junqueira, Leon B. Kockaya, Clayton Webb, Guy D. Whitten, Laron Williams, and Cameron Wimpy. "The Political Science Literature Review."

Leon B. Kockaya. "Administrative Institutions, Property Rights, and Access to Credit Markets in Developing Countries."

Leon B. Kockaya and Sam Sharman. "Announcing Fixed Exchange Rate Regimes: Why States Lie about Floating."

Conference Presentations:

Leon B. Kockaya, and Sam Sharman. 2024. "Announcing Fixed Exchange Rate Regimes: Why States Lie about Floating." Accepted for the IPES Annual Conference, Florence, Italy

Leon B. Kockaya. 2024. "Taxation and the Sub-National Distribution of Informational Capacity." Accepted for the APSA Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Leon B. Kockaya. 2024. "Taxation and the Sub-National Distribution of Informational Capacity." Presented at the EITM Summer Institute, Atlanta, GA.

Leon B. Kockaya, and Sam Sharman. 2024. "Political Polarization and Citizen Support for State Surveillance: A Survey Experiment in the United States." Presented at the SPSA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Ali Kagalwala, Munroe Kim, Leon B. Kockaya, and Guy D. Whitten. 2023. "Keeping Up With the Trend: How to Deal With Trends in Time Series Analysis." Presented at the MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Robert Harmel, Leon B. Kockaya. 2023 "The Party of Reagan: External (but not Internal) Personalization." Presented at the MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Fellowships and Grants:

Avilés-Johnson Fellow. Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, Texas A&M University, Fall 2020 - Spring 2025. (\$195,000 plus tuition and fees).

Co-Principal Investigator with Spencer Goidel and Soren Jordan. "The Threat of Violence and Election Administration: A Spatial Analysis of U.S. National Elections." The Institute for Election Administration Research and Practice, Auburn University, Summer 2024. (\$6,200).

Co-Principal Investigator with Sam Sharman. "Political Polarization and Citizen Support for State Surveillance: A Survey Experiment in the United States." Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, Spring 2024. (\$1,750).

Service:

Graduate Student Treasurer. Texas A&M University. Fall 2023 - Spring 2024.

Graduate Student Mentor. Texas A&M University. Fall 2022 - Ongoing.

Teaching Experience:

POLS 475, Government and the Economy (Instructor), Texas A&M University, Fall 2024.

Evidence-Based Teaching Certification. CIRTL, Texas A&M University, Fall 2024.

Skills:

Technical: L^AT_EX, R, STATA, and Qualtrics.

Language: English (Native), Turkish (Native), and Italian (Very Basic).

Research Methods: Time Series Analysis, Spatial Analysis, Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis, Experiments, Quasi-Experimental Causal Inference, and Machine Learning.

References:

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