

# Paige Pellaton | Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Appointments

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- 2025–present **Assistant Professor of Political Science**  
University of North Florida  
*Courses: U.S. Congress and Legislative Affairs (Fall); Introduction to American Government (Fall, Spring); Issues in State and Local Politics (Spring)*
- 2024–2025 **Adjunct Assistant Professor of American Politics and Public Policy**  
University of California Center Sacramento  
*Courses: Public Policy in California; Research Design in Public Policy; Governing California; Readings in American Politics*

## Education

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- 2024 **Ph.D.** in Political Science at the University of California, Davis  
Dissertation: *“Lawmaking Behind Closed Doors: The Influence of Career-Committee Congruence on State Legislative Behavior”*  
Co-Chairs: Matthew S. Shugart, Scott A. MacKenzie  
Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics
- 2020 **M.A.** in Political Science at the University of California, Davis
- 2017 **B.A.** in Political Science at the New College of Florida

## Publications

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- Pellaton, Paige**, Jonathan P. Colner, Alex Cohen, Cory Struthers, Siddharth Kishore, Scott A. MacKenzie, Matthew S. Shugart, Mehdi Nemati, and Ariel Dinar. Forthcoming 2025. “Chapter 21. Legislative Responsiveness to Climate Change: Politically-driven Adaptation in California’s Agricultural Sector.” In *Handbook on Climate Change Impacts, Mitigation, and Adaptation in Agriculture*, edited by Ariel Dinar and Robert O. Mendelsohn. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.
- Garlick, Alex, Mary Kroeger, and **Paige Pellaton**. 2024. “Legislative Capacity Limits Interest Group Influence: Evidence from California’s Proposition 140.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*: 1-14. Available online at: <https://doi.org/10.1111/lsq.12478>.
- Copus, Ryan, Ryan Hübert, and **Paige Pellaton**. 2024. “Trading Diversity? Judicial Diversity and Case Outcomes in Federal Courts.” *American Political Science Review*: 1-15. Available online at: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055424000625>.

## Working Papers

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Pellaton, Paige, and Rana McReynolds. 2025. "On the Emergence and Behavior of Minoritized State Lawmakers."

Pellaton, Paige. 2025. "The Room Where It Happens: Ideological Conflict in State Legislative Committees."

Pellaton, Paige. 2025. "Trust Me, I'm an Expert: The Impact of Career-Committee Congruence on State Legislative Entrepreneurship"

## Policy Papers

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Murphy, Colin, **Paige Pellaton**, and Samuel Fuller. 2022. "Improving the Transfer of Knowledge from Scientists to Policy Makers: Best Practices and New Opportunities to Engage." Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California, Davis. Research Report UCD-ITS-RR-22-04. Available online at: <https://doi.org/10.7922/G2J101G9>.

D'Agostino, Mollie, **Paige Pellaton**, and Brittany White. 2020. "Equitable Congestion Pricing." Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California, Davis. Research Report UCD-ITS-RR-20-88. Available online at: <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/17h3k4db>.

D'Agostino, Mollie, **Paige Pellaton**, and Austin Brown. 2019. "Mobility Data Sharing: Challenges and Policy Recommendations." Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California, Davis. Research Report UCD-ITS-RR-19-19. Available online at: <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/4gw8g9ms>.

## Awards

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| 2023 | The APSA Thomas Carsey Graduate Fellowship Award                                    | \$300    |
| 2023 | The Merk Family Distinguished Prospectus Award                                      | \$4,000  |
| 2022 | The WPSA Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West     | \$250    |
| 2021 | The Russell J. & Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Fellowship | \$50,000 |
| 2017 | The UC Davis Provost's Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences       | \$57,500 |

## Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

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| 2026 | Southern Political Science Association (New Orleans, LA)  |
| 2025 | Western Political Science Association (Seattle, WA)   |
| 2023 | Western Political Science Association (San Francisco, CA); Women in Legislative Studies Conference (Providence, RI); Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project Statewide Leadership Conference (Sacramento, CA)             |
| 2022 | UC Davis American Politics Reading Group (Davis, CA); UC Davis Political Science Research Workshop (Davis, CA); Western Political Science Association (Portland, OR); Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL) |

## Service

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| 2025–present | UNF Liaison     | The Washington Center                                       |
| 2025–present | Faculty Advisor | UNF Track and Field Club                                    |
| 2024–2025    | Editor          | UCCS Undergraduate Journal                                  |
| 2020-2023    | Co-Coordinator  | UC Davis Political Science Women's Roundtable               |
| 2019-2021    | Coordinator     | UC Davis American Politics Reading Group                    |
| 2019-2020    | President       | UC Davis Graduate Association of Political Science Students |

## Professional Development

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| 2025 | Say What You See: Writing Effective Alt Text for Course Content (UNF Center for Instruction and Research Technology) |
| 2025 | Smarter Assessments with Transparent Design Workshop (UC Davis Center for Educational Effectiveness)                 |

## Technical Skills

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**Programming:** R, STATA

**Other:** QUALTRICS, SQL

## References

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### Letter Writers.....

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