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Tenure-Track Appointments

2025 📅 **Assistant Professor of Political Science**, University of Pittsburgh - Greensburg.

Education

- 2025 📅 **Ph.D. Political Science**, American University.
Dissertation: *Covering the Lavender Candidate: LGBT Candidates, Campaigns, and the Media*
Committee: Andrew R. Flores (Chair), David Barker, and Donald P. Haider-Markel
Examination fields: *American Politics, Comparative Politics*
- 2019 📅 **M.A. Political Science**, American University.
- 2018 📅 **B.A. Political Science**, American University. (*Combined BA/MA Program*)

Research Interests

American politics, mass media, political communication, political behavior, LGBTQ politics

Research Publications

Journal Articles

- 1 Strode, Dakota, and Mark Tenenbaum. "Under Pressure?: The Influence of Cross-Pressures on the Political Attitudes and Behaviors of People at the Intersections of LGBT and Christian Identities". *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (Forthcoming).
- 2 Strode, Dakota. "Understanding the News Coverage of Gay Candidates: Pete Buttigieg's 2020 Primary Campaign and the Partisan News Media". *Political Research Quarterly* 78, no. 4 (2025): 1491–1509. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129251371701>.
- 3 Strode, Dakota, Tenaya Storm, and Andrew R. Flores. "Transgender People Disproportionately Report Problems while Trying to Vote Than Cisgender People". *The Journal of Politics* 87, no. 3 (2025): 1199–1203. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1086/732978>.
- 4 Flores, Andrew R., Dakota Strode, and Donald P. Haider-Markel. "Political Psychology and the Study of LGBTQ+ Groups, Politics, and Policy: Existing Research and Future Directions". *Political Psychology* 46 (2024): 213–249. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12989>.
- 5 Strode, Dakota, and Andrew R. Flores. "Voter Registration Rates and Traits by Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression in the United States". *Public Opinion Quarterly* 85, no. 3 (2021): 913–928. <https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfab042>.

Book Chapters and Reviews

- 1 Strode, Dakota. "Cultural Barriers to LGBTQIA+ Individuals in Politics". In *SAGE International Encyclopedia of Politics and Gender*, ed. by Lia K. Roberts. SAGE, 2025.
- 2 Haider-Markel, Donald P., and Dakota Strode. "LGBT Politics in the United States". In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, ed. by Mark Jones. Oxford University Press, 2025.
- 3 Strode, Dakota, and Andrew R. Flores. "Elected Officials". In *SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies*, 2nd ed., ed. by Abbie Goldberg. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2024.

- 4 Flores, Andrew R., and Dakota Strode. "LGBTQ Politics". In *SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies*, 2nd ed., ed. by Abbie Goldberg. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2024.

Working Papers

- 1 Strode, Dakota. "The Political Ambition of LGBTQ People and the News Media", Under Review.
- 2 Strode, Dakota. "The Campaigns of Transgender Candidates: Exploring Their News Coverage, Campaign Strategies, and Identities".
- 3 Strode, Dakota. "LGBT Affinity: The Role of Sexual Orientation on Voter Support for LGBT Candidates".
- 4 Flores, Andrew R., and Dakota Strode. "The Structure and Diversity of Political Ideology and Attitudes among Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals, and Transgender People".
- 5 Andrew R. Flores, Dakota Strode, Lilyana Pan. "A Sexual Orientation Not Listed Here: Traits and Socio-Political Attitudes of "Something Else".

Conference Participation

- 1 Strode, Dakota. "The Campaigns of Transgender Candidates: Exploring Their News Coverage, Campaign Strategies, and Identities". News Brunswick, NJ: Politics & Gender Conference, 2025.
- 2 Strode, Dakota. "The Political Ambition of LGBTQ People and the News Media". Chicago, IL: Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, 2024.
- 3 Strode, Dakota, and Mark Tenenbaum. "Under Pressure?: The Influence of Cross-Pressures on the Political Behavior of LGB Christians". Chicago, IL: Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, 2024.
- 4 Andrew R. Flores, Dakota Strode, and Lilyana Pan. "Applying a Meta-Regression Framework for Understanding Trends in Public Opinion". Chicago, IL: Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, 2024.
- 5 Andrew R. Flores, Dakota Strode, Lilyana Pan. "A Sexual Orientation Not Listed Here: Traits and Socio-Political Attitudes of "Something Else". Chicago, IL: Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, 2024.
- 6 Strode, Dakota. "When LGBTQ People Come Out to Congress: Describing When They Testify and What They Say using a Decade of Hearings in Four Congressional Committees". Chicago, IL: Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, 2023.
- 7 Flores, Andrew R., and Dakota Strode. "The Structure and Diversity of Political Ideology and Attitudes among Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals, and Transgender People". Chicago, IL: Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, 2023.
- 8 Strode, Dakota. "Gay Presidential Candidates and Partisan Online Media: Pete Buttigieg's 2020 Primary Campaign". Chicago, IL: Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, 2022.
- 9 Strode, Dakota. "'Whose Opinions Matter to Congress?: A Lack of LGBTQ Witnesses in Congressional Hearings". Washington, DC: American University Tri-School PhD Conference, 2021.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association – Research Sections:

Sexuality and Politics; Qualitative and Multi-Method Research; Political Communication

Midwestern Political Science Association

National Capital Area Political Science Association

American Association For Public Opinion Research

Service and Relevant Experience

Reviewer

Journal of Politics

Journal of Political and Military Sociology

Politics, Groups, and Identities

Political Behavior

European Journal of Politics and Gender

Grants and Awards

- 2025  **Outstanding Graduate Scholarship/Research Award**, American University, School of Public Affairs.
- 2024  **Graduate Student Professional Development Fund**, American University. \$500
- 2024  **Gill Family Foundation Scholarship**, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University, School of Public Affairs. \$5,500
- 2024  **Summer Diversity Academy Fellow**, American University, School of Public Affairs.

Teaching

University of Pittsburgh - Greensburg

Instructor of Record

PS-200: American Politics (F 2025, two sections; S 2026, two sections)

PS-200: American Politics - Honors Option (F 2025)

PS-1234: Electoral Behavior & Democratic Process (F 2025)

PS-1204: Women in Politics (S 2026)

PS-1289: LGBTQ Politics & Public Policy (S 2026)

PS-1235: Media & Politics (F 2025)

American University

Instructor of Record

GOVT-110: US Politics (Summer 2024)

Teaching Assistant

GOVT-401: LGBTQ Politics & Policy (F 2020; F 2024)

GOVT-650: Political Analysis (F 2021; 2023)

GOVT-653: Intro to Quantitative Methods (S 2021; 2022)

GOVT-310: Introduction to Political Research (F 2024; S 2025)

SPA-613: Conduct II (S 2024; S 2025)

References

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