

Kenneth Bryant Jr.

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Experience

Associate Professor	September 2023 - Current
University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, United States	
Assistant Professor	July 2017 - August 2023
University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, United States	
Graduate Assistant	August 2012 - May 2017
University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, United States	

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.): Political Science - University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, United States	May 2017
M.A.: Political Science - University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, United States	May 2014
B.A.: Political Science - Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, United States	August 2009

Scholarly Contributions

- Book, *Is There a Bright Side?* Empowering Students in an Age of Cynicism, Bryant, K. Proposal submitted to Oxford University Press as of 3/4/25.
- Book, *Battle for the Heart of Texas: Political Change in the Electorate*, Owens, M., Wink, K. A., Bryant, K., 2022, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, OK
- Book, *Game of Politics: Conflict, Power, & Representation*, Bryant, K., Lopez, E. A., Owens, M., 2019, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX
- Chapter, *Policing Communities of Color: A Historical Examination of Social Control and Protest Management Strategies*, Bryant Jr., K., 2019, Political Authority, Social Control and Public Policy, Emerald Insight Publishers
- Journal Article, *Blue Response Matters*, Bryant Jr., K., 2019, *Critical Issues in Justice and Politics*, 11, 65–92

Grants

- New Faculty Grants Program, 09/01/2019, \$10,000.00, Completed, Summer 2020, Kenneth Bryant Jr.

Awards

- Distinguished Teaching Professor and Fellow, UT Tyler Academy of Distinguished Teachers, 2025
- Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards (ROTA), University of Texas System Board of Regents, 2023
- Distinguished Meritorious Service, University's Military and Veterans Success Center, 2022
- Prestige Impact Award, College of Arts and Sciences, 2019
- New Faculty Grant, Office of Research and Scholarship, 2019

Presentations

- Bryant Jr., K. (2025, February). Is There a Bright Side? Empowering Students in an Age of Cynicism. 34th Annual APPE International Conference. Norfolk, VA: Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE).
- Bryant Jr., K. (2021, January). "Culture of Giving" in Athletics. Patriot Club Virtual Luncheon. UT Tyler Athletics.
- Bryant Jr., K. (2021, February). "For The Culture" Discussion Panel. Black History Month event. UT Tyler: Department of Student Engagement.
- Bryant Jr., K., & Masthay, T. J. (2021, April). Issue Ownership Revisited: Public Opinion, Partisanship, and Sex Crimes. Midwest Political Science Association.
- Bryant Jr., K. (2020, October). "One Language" Guide. Social Justice & Equity Awareness Week. UT Tyler Athletics.
- Bryant Jr., K. (2020, October). "Building a UT Tyler Culture of Inclusion" Panel Discussion. Social Justice & Equity Awareness Week.
- Bryant Jr., K., & Masthay, T. (2020, April). Rethinking Issue Ownership: The Partisan Legacy of #MeToo. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- Bryant Jr., K., & Masthay, T. (2020, April). Sub-Issue Ownership: Sex Crimes, #MeToo, and Political Parties. Western Political Science Association. Los Angeles, CA.
- Bryant, K., Owens, M., & Wink, K. A. (2020, March). Debate Effects in the Texas Electorate: When There are 'More Candidates Than You Can Shake a Stick At. The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. Charleston, SC: The Citadel.
- Bryant Jr., K., & Masthay, T. (2019, April). Sub-Issue Ownership: #MeToo and the Matter of Sex Crimes. Western Political Science Association. San Diego, CA.
- Bryant Jr., K. (2018, January). Public Unrest, Police Response, and Black Attitudes. Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.
- Bryant Jr., K. (2018, April). Neighborhood-Status, Black Public Opinion, and Police Responses to Unrest. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- Bryant Jr., K. (2018, May). Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education. The American Democracy Project at Stephen F. Austin State University. Stephen F. Austin State University.