

**Bryan T. Gervais**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

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**Education:**

Ph.D. University of Maryland, College Park, Political Science  
*Entered Program in Fall 2008*

B.A. University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Political Science, Spring 2008  
*Magna Cum Laude, Departmental Honors, Phi Beta Kappa*

**Additional Training:**

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2010

Cours de Civilisation Française de la Sorbonne, *Certificat de langue et d'initiation à la civilisation*, Paris, France, Spring 2007

**Research Experience:**

August 2010-Present	Research Assistant, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, Prof. Irwin Morris
August 2009-Present	Research Analyst, National Security Analysis Department, John Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab
June 2008-August 2008	Research Assistant, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
January 2008-May 2008	Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
June-August 2007	Research Assistant, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
June-August 2006, January 2007	Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Yale University

February-August 2006      Research Assistant, Department of Political Science,  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst

June-August 2005,  
January 2006      Research Assistant, Department of Political Science,  
Yale University

**Teaching Experience:**

Spring 2010      Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Government,  
University of Maryland

Fall 2009      Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Government,  
University of Maryland

Spring 2007      Instructor, Language Studies (English), École Sainte  
Geneviève, Asnières-sur-Seine, France

**Awards. Grants, and Fellowships:**

American Field ICPSR Summer Program Grant, \$3,000, Awarded by the Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, May 2010.

Graduate Fellowship. Awarded four-year assistantship by the Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2008.

Honors Research Grant, \$500, Awarded by Commonwealth College, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, December 2007.

Sophomore Honors Research Assistant Fellowship. Awarded by Commonwealth College, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, January 2006

**Research in Progress:**

“Reading the Tea Leaves: Understanding Tea Party Caucus Membership in the House of Representatives.” (with Irwin Morris) (Under Review).

“The Effects of Incivility in News Media on Political Deliberation: The Mimicry of Uncivil Language in Political Discussions.”(Working Paper)

“Cues and Information: The Effect of the Tea Party Label on the Act of Voting.” (with Jeffrey Taylor). (Working Paper)

### **Conference Papers:**

“The Tea Party Label as a Voter Heuristic” accepted for presentation at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 29-30, 2011, Hartford, CT.

“The Effects of Incivility in News Media on Political Deliberation: The Mimicry of Uncivil Language in Political Discussions,” accepted for presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 31-April 3, 2011, Chicago, IL.

“Can’t Read All About It: How the Decline in Newspaper Readership Affects Local Political Awareness,” presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 7-9, 2010, Atlanta, GA.

“Evidence of Communal Effects on Voter Participation: A Study on Turnout Disparities Between University Residential Areas in Student Government Elections,” presented at the 14th Annual Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference, May 2, 2008, Amherst, MA.

### **Research Interests:**

American Political Behavior  
Public Opinion  
Media and Politics

Political Sophistication  
Partisanship  
Political Learning

### **Professional Experience and Service:**

Legislative Intern, Montgomery County Council, Rockville, MD, February-April 2009  
*Assisted with legislative research and policy writing*

American Field Student Representative, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2010-2011

Discussant, American Politics Workshop, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland

### **Professional Membership:**

American Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association