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EDUCATION

2010	Ph.D., Political Science , Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2008	M.A., Political Science , Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2003	B.A., Political Science and History (Minor) , Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

EXPERIENCE

2023 – Present	Associate Professor , Department of Health Administration and Policy, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
2016 – 2023	Associate Professor of Political Science , University of Texas at Arlington
2010 – 2016	Assistant Professor of Political Science , University of Texas at Arlington

PUBLICATIONS

Book and Book Chapters

1. Sledge D. Health Divided: Public Health and Individual Medicine in the Making of the Modern American State. Lawrence (KS): University Press of Kansas; 2017. 320 p. ISBN: 978-0700624300.
2. Sledge D, Mohler G. Eliminating malaria in the American South. In: Brown TM, Morabia A, editors. Public Health Then and Now: Landmark Papers from AJPH. Washington (DC): American Public Health Association; 2022. DOI: 10.2105/9780875533278ch27.
3. Sledge D. Malaria. In: Steel, Brent, ed. Science and Politics. Washington (DC): CQ Press; 2014. Chapter DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781483346328.n91>
4. Farrar-Myers V, Sledge D. The perfect storm: Edwards vs. Flores in Texas's 17th District. In: Wilson EF, editor. Riding the Wave. New York (NY): Routledge; 2011. p. 55-77. 2nd ed. 2012.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Sledge D, Thomas HF. Concurrent crises and non-state service provision. Risk Hazards Crisis Public Policy. 2026 Aug.
2. Sledge D, Thomas HF. Risk communication and large language models. Risk Hazards Crisis Public Policy. 2025 Sep.
3. Bayram B, Sledge D, Thomas HF. Ideology, local-level policymaking, and international governmental organizations. Int Stud Q. 2024 Jul.

4. Sledge D, Hoang BL. Racial/ethnic representation in opioid use disorder-related clinical trials. *J Subst Use Addict Treat*. 2024 Jun.
5. Shupe E, Karim S, Sledge D. Unclaimed bodies and medical education in Texas. *JAMA*. 2023 Aug.
6. Sledge D. Policy escalation: Richard Nixon, welfare reform, and the development of a comprehensive approach to health insurance. *J Policy Hist*. 2023 Jul.
7. Sledge D, Thomas HF, Hoang BL, Mohler G. Impact of Medicaid, race/ethnicity, and criminal justice referral on opioid use disorder treatment. *J Am Acad Psychiatry Law*. 2022 Dec.
8. Hoang BL, Sledge D. The association between medication for opioid use disorder and employment outcomes in the U.S.: the relevance of race and ethnicity. *Drug Alcohol Depend*. 2022 Sep.
9. Sledge D, Thomas HF. Public perceptions of the role of government and non-state actors in responding to COVID-19. *Risk Hazards Crisis Public Policy*. 2021 Mar.
10. Mohler G, Short MB, Schoenberg F, Sledge D. Analyzing the impact of public policy on COVID-19 transmission: a case study of the role of model and dataset selection using data from Indiana. *Stat Public Policy*. 2021;8(1).
11. Bertozzi A, Franco E, Mohler G, Short MB, Sledge D. The challenges of modeling and forecasting COVID-19. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 2020 Jul.
12. Mohler G, Bertozzi A, Carter J, Short MB, Sledge D, Tita G, Uchida C, Brantingham J. Impact of social distancing during COVID-19 pandemic on crime in Los Angeles and Indianapolis. *J Crim Justice*. 2020 May-Jun.
13. Sledge D, Thomas HF. From disaster response to community recovery: non-governmental entities, government, and public health. *Am J Public Health*. 2019 Mar.
14. Sledge D. Linking public health and individual medicine: the health policy approach of Surgeon General Thomas Parran. *Am J Public Health*. 2017 Apr.
15. Sledge D, Mohler G. Eliminating malaria in the American South. *Am J Public Health*. 2013 Aug.
16. Sledge D. War, tropical disease, and the emergence of national public health capacity in the United States. *Stud Am Polit Dev*. 2012 Fall.

Published Reviews

1. Sledge D. Review of *Constitutional Contagion: COVID, the Courts, and Public Health*, by Wendy E. Parmet. *Perspectives on Politics*. 2024 Sep.
2. Sledge D. The Challenges of Public Health Leadership. Review of *My Quest for Health Equity*, by David Satcher. *American Journal of Public Health*. 2022 Feb.
3. Sledge D. Considering the Role of Transparency in Health and Health Care (Review Essay). *Hastings Center Report*. 2020 Sep-Oct.
4. Sledge D. Review of *The Economics of US Health Care Policy*. *American Review of Public Administration*. 2020 Apr.
5. Sledge D. Review of *Civil Rights and the Making of the Modern American State*. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. 2015 Aug.

6. Sledge D. Review of Creating the Administrative Constitution. Perspectives on Politics. 2013 Dec.

Policy Reports (Non-Peer Reviewed)

1. Thomas HF, Sledge D. Analyzing land use policy in Austin. Austin (TX): City of Austin; 2025 Dec.

Research In Progress

1. Sledge D. Governing Health: America's Fractured Public Health Consensus. Book manuscript; research and writing in progress. Expected completion: 2028.
2. Sledge D, Thomas HF, Bratton R, Herron ES, Kropf M. Blame Attribution After Disaster. (currently revise and resubmit). Submitted: 2026.
3. Sledge D, Kelly J, Penman S. Building the PEPFAR coalition. Article manuscript in final draft and near submission. 2026.
4. Sledge D, Machiorlatti M, Thomas HF, Hollen H, Cookson M. Patterns of Adherence to Prostate Cancer Screening Guidelines. Manuscript in final draft and near submission. 2026.
5. Sledge D, Thomas HF, Reeves H. Heat Governance: Understanding Local-level Adaptation and Policy. Research and article drafting in progress. Anticipated submission: 2026.
6. Sledge D, Westbrook G, Thomas HF. Understanding the provision of services in the context of networked governance: an analysis of Oklahoma's Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) network. Working paper. Expected submission: 2026.
7. Sledge D, Center for Presidential History Team, Southern Methodist University. Global oral history of PEPFAR. Multi-year research project in progress. Expected completion of edited volume: 2027; expected completion of book manuscript: 2032.

RESEARCH FUNDING

1. Title: Region 6 Center for Health Security and Response (Tulane + OU + Texas A&M)

Sponsor: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Role: Sub-award Co-PI (currently covers 20% of time) | Amount Funded: \$4,000,000 | Duration: 2025–Present

2. Title: Prostate Cancer Barriers and Awareness in Oklahoma

Sponsor: University of Oklahoma Foundation | Role: PI (currently covers 43.9% of time) | Amount Funded: \$300,000 annually | Duration: 2024–Present

3. Title: Women's Resource Center of Norman Community Needs Assessment and Facility/Service Feasibility Study

Sponsor: Women's Resource Center of Norman | Role: Principal Investigator (Service Contract) | Amount Funded: \$48,500 | Duration: 2026

4. Title: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence in Behavioral Health and Medicine

Sponsor: University of Oklahoma Interprofessional Educators and Practitioners Association Interprofessional Seed Grant | Role: Co-PI | Amount Funded: \$5,000 | Duration: 2025–2026

5. Title: Elections During Crises: The Effects of Hurricane Helene on Election Administration and Perceptions of Integrity in North Carolina

Sponsor: National Science Foundation | Role: Co-PI | Amount Funded: \$67,766 | Duration: 2024–2025

6. Title: Land Development Changes and Affordability Analysis

Sponsor: City of Austin, TX | Role: Co-PI | Amount Funded: \$57,656 | Duration: 2024–2025

7. Title: Non-State Service Provision in the Context of Multiple Extreme Events

Sponsor: National Science Foundation | Role: PI | Amount Funded: \$92,366 (UTA + West Virginia University) | Duration: 2021–2023

8. Title: Supplementing State Capacity: Non-State Action and Public-Private Coordination During Times of Crisis

Sponsor: National Science Foundation | Role: PI | Amount Funded: \$71,473 | Duration: 2018–2019

9. Title: Mapping the Politics of Public Health: Threat Perception, Advocacy, and Policymaking

Sponsor: University of Texas at Arlington College of Liberal Arts, From Cure to Care: Advancing Human Well-being through Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (iC2C) Seed Grant | Role: Co-PI (with Herschel F. Thomas) | Amount Funded: \$10,000 | Duration: 2017

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

1. Sledge D. Science, uncertainty, and the challenge of public health. Keynote address presented at: Bridges 2 Access Conference, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Oklahoma City, OK; 2026 February.
2. Sledge D. The securitization of American public health. Invited presentation at: Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; New York, NY; 2025 October.
3. Sledge D. Public health and the law: development, challenges, and implications. Invited presentation at: Charles A. and Elizabeth A. Sanders and Harold Barefoot Sanders Speaker Series, UT Southwestern Medical School; Dallas, TX; 2025 April.
4. Sledge D. Non-state service provision and disaster response. Invited presentation at: Department of Economics, University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, MI; 2019 March.
5. Sledge D. Policy escalation: Richard Nixon, welfare reform, and the development of a comprehensive approach to health insurance. Invited presentation at: Department of Political Science, Indiana University; Bloomington, IN; 2018 October.

Selected Invited Guest Lectures

1. Guest Lecturer, Physician Assistant Program, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, 2026 February.
2. Guest Lecturer, Physician Assistant Program, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, 2025 February.
3. Guest Lecturer, Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Health, Hudson College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, 2025 November.

4. Guest Lecturer, Social Policy, Hudson College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, 2024–2025.
5. Guest Lecturer, PHCH 3213: Health Policy, Law, and Ethics, Public & Community Health Program (Norman Campus), University of Oklahoma, various years.
6. Guest Lecturer, Disaster Policy and Management, instructed by Dr. Herschel F. Thomas, The University of Texas at Austin, 2025 September.
7. Guest Lecturer, Doctoral Nursing Program, courses instructed by Dr. Kristin Gigli, The University of Texas at Arlington, various years.

Selected Invited Professional Presentations, Panels, and Workshops

1. Presenter, “Policy Analysis for Practitioners,” Office of Community Engagement and Health Planning Community of Practice, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Norman, Oklahoma, October 29, 2025.
2. Presenter, “Modeling Opioid Overdoses Using Data on Drug Seizures,” NADDI of Oklahoma Training Conference, Oklahoma State University Hardesty Center for Clinical Research and Neuroscience, Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 24, 2025.
3. Panelist, “Pragmatic Solutions for the Southern U.S.,” APHA Gun Violence Prevention Seminar Series, American Public Health Association, November 12, 2024.
4. Invited Roundtable Participant, Bridges to Access Conference, discussion of pharmacy benefit managers and pharmaceutical policy, 2024.
5. Participant, Workshops on Research and Practice Integration, Texas Division of Emergency Management, 2018–2021.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATION AND ABSTRACTS

1. Branton R, Kropf M, Herron E, Sledge D, Thomas HF. Voter access and election integrity after Hurricane Helene. Presented at: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; 2025 Aug 28–31; Vancouver, BC.
2. Sledge D, Thomas HF, Branton R, Kropf M, Herron E. Blame attribution after disaster. Presented at: Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Conference Within a Conference on Disasters; 2025 Jan 8–11; San Juan, PR.
3. Sledge D, Thomas HF. Non-state service provision and compounding crises. Presented at: Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Conference Within a Conference on Disasters; 2024 Jan 10–13; New Orleans, LA.
4. Alphonso G, Sledge D, Thomas HF. Saving lives, re-opening the economy: public policymaking paradigms and first-wave state-level responses to the COVID-19 crisis. Presented at: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; 2021 Sep 30–Oct 3; Seattle, WA
5. Gigli K, Thomas HF, Sledge D. Trends in school-based referrals and treatment for adolescent opioid use disorder. Presented at: Academy Health Annual Research Meeting; 2021 Jun; Online/virtual.

6. Sledge D, Nachlis H. Regulating methadone. Presented at: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; 2020 Sep 10–13; Online/virtual.
7. Sledge D, Thomas HF. Advocacy, institutions, and the disaster state. Presented at: Comparative Agendas Project Annual Meeting; Budapest, Hungary; 2019 Jun 6-8.
8. Nachlis H, Sledge D, Thomas HF. Mobilization of disease: patients, advocacy, and American health policy. Presented at: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; 2018 Aug 30–Sep 2; Boston, MA.
9. Sledge D, Thomas HF. Supplementing state capacity: understanding how non-governmental entities shape disaster response. Presented at: Comparative Agendas Project Annual Meeting; Amsterdam, Netherlands; 2018 July 4-6.
10. Sledge D. Author meets critics: Health Divided. Roundtable discussion with Bensel R, Sparrow B, Nachlis H, Rubin RB. Presented at: Policy History Conference; 2018 May 16-19; Tempe, AZ.

SELECTED PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

1. Quoted in The New York Times, “As FEMA Shrinks, a Grassroots Disaster Response Is Taking Shape,” June 26, 2025.
2. Quoted in The Oklahoman, “Affordable Care Act Marketplace Faces Risks for Oklahoma Small Businesses,” December 24, 2024.
3. Interviewed by WFAA-TV (Dallas) regarding the political implications of President Donald Trump’s COVID-19 diagnosis, 2020.
4. Featured Guest, The Policy Agenda Podcast (University of Texas at Austin), Episode 6: “Disaster Relief,” with Herschel F. Thomas, 2019.
5. Interviewed by NPR Morning Edition, “Why Ending Malaria May Be More About Backhoes Than Bed Nets,” January 3, 2014.
6. Quoted in The Oklahoman regarding public health policy and health insurance, various years.

SELECTED CONFERENCE SERVICE

1. Co-Organizer, Conference Within a Conference on Disasters, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025.
2. Panel Chair and Panel Discussant, meetings of the Southern Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, and American Political Science Association, 2010–Present.
3. Judge, Student Research Poster Competitions, The University of Texas at Arlington, various years.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Student Mentorship and Research Training

1. Mentored undergraduate and graduate students in quantitative social science, health policy, public health, and disaster response research.

2. Supervised student participation in externally funded research projects supported by the National Science Foundation.
3. Mentored students on conference presentations and peer-reviewed publications, including a co-authored publication in JAMA.
4. Supervised Master of Public Health students.
5. Co-Founder and Director, Health Politics Data Initiative, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2018–2023. Developed and directed the Health Politics Data Initiative to provide undergraduate research training in quantitative social science, health policy, and public health.
6. Served on numerous Master of Arts thesis committees, The University of Texas at Arlington.
7. Served on numerous comprehensive examination committees, The University of Texas at Arlington.

Program and Course Development (Hudson College)

Program Development

- Led the design and development of the PhD Program in Health Policy, Hudson College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.
- Led revision of the Master of Public Health curriculum to establish the Health Policy Concentration.
- Developed doctoral competencies, curriculum structure, course sequencing, and program requirements for the PhD Program in Health Policy.
- Developed concentration competencies and curricular pathways for the MPH Health Policy Concentration.

Course Development and Curriculum Innovation

- Developed HAP 6393: Health Policy Leadership, Pedagogy, and Communication.
- Developed HAP 6373: Pre-Dissertation Research Workshop.
- Developed HAP 6363: Methods in Health Policy.
- Developed HAP 5343: Political Institutions, Advocacy, and the Policy Process.
- Developed HAP 5313: Health in All Policies.
- Redesigned and transitioned Health Policy and Politics to an online format.
- Revised and updated Public Health Law.

SERVICE

Department, College, University and Professional Service

2026 – Present	Chair, College of Hudson Public Health Faculty Board, OU Health Campus
2026 – Present	Vice-Chair, Department of Health Administration and Policy
2024 – 2026	President, Oklahoma Public Health Association (OPHA)

2025 – 2027	College of Hudson Public Health Academic Programs Committee, OU Health Campus
2024 – 2026	College of Hudson Public Health Bylaws Committee, OU Health Campus
2025	Departmental Faculty search committee, OU Health Campus
2024 – Present	Member, Program Evaluation Committee, Graduate College, OU Health Campus
2024 – Present	Advisory Board, Region 6 Public Health Training Center
2018 – 2021	Participant, Workshops on Research and Practice Integration convened by Texas Division of Emergency Management
2024 – Present	Co-Director of the Center for Health Outcomes, Research, and Policy
2022 – 2023	Graduate Advisor, Department of Political Science, The University of Texas at Arlington
2018 – 2022	Member, College of Liberal Arts Tenure and Promotion Committee, The University of Texas at Arlington
Various Years	Chair, Post-Tenure Review Committees, The University of Texas at Arlington
2017 – 2023	Chair, Awards Committee, Department of Political Science, The University of Texas at Arlington
2011 – 2023	Member, Faculty Search Committees, Department of Political Science, The University of Texas at Arlington
2016 – 2018	Member, Faculty Senate, The University of Texas at Arlington
2015 – 2020	Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Department of Political Science, The University of Texas at Arlington

National and International Service

Grant Reviewer

2019 – Present	Panelist, College of Reviewers, National Science Foundation
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Journal Reviewer

American Journal of Public Health (AJPH); Health Affairs; BMC Global and Public Health; Nature Communications; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS); Risks, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy; Policy History; Studies in American Political Development; Journal of Southern History; University Press of Kansas; Johns Hopkins University Press

AWARDS AND HONORS

2017	Paper of the Year Award, American Journal of Public Health , for “Linking Public Health and Individual Medicine,”
2004	William Jennings Bryan Prize for Best Honors Thesis , “‘We Must Claim Our Rights’: Les Gens de Couleur Libres in Reconstruction Louisiana, 1862-1868.” (Indiana University)
2003	Phi Beta Kappa

COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2009 – 2010	Dissertation Completion Fellowship , Andrew Mellon Foundation
2009	Graduate Student Travel Award , Social Science History Association–Rockefeller Foundation
2009	Graduate School Conference Grant , Cornell University Graduate School
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2006	Walt and Sandy LaFeber Fund Award , Cornell University
2004 – 2005	Sage Fellowship , Cornell University
Undergraduate	Wendell L. Wilkie Scholarship in Political Science , Indiana University

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2022	The Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education , Certificate in Effective College Instruction
2006	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI , Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research