

# **Jim Riddlesperger**

**Professor at Texas Christian University**

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Professor Riddlesperger focuses on American politics, with emphasis in the presidency, Congress, and Texas politics

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## **Biography**

James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. (B.A., M.A., North Texas State University; Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia) is Professor of Political Science at Texas Christian University. A native of Denton, Texas, he has taught at TCU since 1982. His interest is in American politics, with emphasis in the presidency, Congress, and Texas politics. He is co-author of Texas Politics (14th edition, Cengage, 2022), Lone Star Leaders (2011, TCU), and The Austin-Boston Connection (2009, Texas A&M Press). He co-edited Reflections on Rayburn, (2018, TCU Press), Considering American Government: A Reader (2nd edition, 2020, Kendall Hunt), The Wright Stuff (2013, TCU Press), Presidential Leadership and Civil Rights Policy (Greenwood, 1995), and Special Focus: Balance of Power between Congress and the President (New York: College Board, 2008). He has published articles in the Journal of Politics, Social Science Quarterly, Social Science Journal, Judicature, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Presidential Studies Quarterly, and Congress and the Presidency among others as well as numerous chapters in edited books. He has been named the winner of the Chancellor's Award for Creative Teaching and Research and Honors Professor of the year at TCU. A frequent consultant to national, state, and local news media concerning politics and elections, he speaks to many civic and professional groups each year. He served as Chief Reader of the College Board's AP US Government and Politics Exam (2011-2015) and is past president of the Southwestern Political Science Association. He is married to Dr. Kristina Riddlesperger, is the father of two grown sons, and grandfather to four wonderful grandchildren.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Political Parties, American Political Institutions, Congress and the Presidency, Congress, Issues in American Politics, American Politics, Presidency, Civic Literacy, Texas Politics

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## **Affiliations**

American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Southwestern Political Science Association

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## **Event Appearances**

**Riddlesperger, James W., Jr. and King, James D. "The Trump Transition: Beginning a Distinctive Presidency?"**

American Political Science Association

**King, James D. and Riddlesperger, James W., Jr. ??Personnel Is Policy?: The 2016-2017 Transition into the New Administration?**

Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting

**King, James D. and Riddlesperger, James W., Jr. ?The 2016-2017 Transition into the Donald J. Trump Presidency,?**

Conference on the U.S. Presidential Election of 2016, IDC

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## **Education**

**University of Missouri-Columbia**

Ph.D. Political Science

**North Texas State University**

M.A. Political Science

**North Texas State University**

B.A. Political Science

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## **Accomplishments**

**Chancellor?s Award for Creative Teaching and Research, TCU**

2017

**Connections Hero, First winner, TCU**

2014

**Honors Professor of the Year, TCU**

2012

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