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Department: POLI_SCI Political Science
Course: 323-0-20 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior
Quarter: Spring 2008

CTEC Online TA Report for Toby Wayne Bolsen

Teaching Assistant Questions

Wording of Statement	Number of responses	6 (high)	5	4	3	2	1 (low)	Average
22. The lab teacher was able to answer the students' questions adequately	39	27	11	1	0	0	0	5.67
23. The lab teacher was well prepared for each session	39	29	9	1	0	0	0	5.72
24. The lab teacher communicated ideas in a clear manner	39	27	10	2	0	0	0	5.64
25. The lab teacher showed strong interest in teaching the course	39	32	6	1	0	0	0	5.79

Comments: / he's really into the subject and always has a point or two to bring up during class when we're in lecture- it would be best if he discussed some of those outside of class with professor Chong but it helps when we're in discussion section because he always has things to talk about and discuss- knows a lot about the field and it shows. // Toby is an extremely knowledgeable T.A. He has a lot of passion for the subject and a lot of interesting ideas. /// Toby is very interested in his students and want to see them succeed. He's really engaged in the material and has done a lot of research on public opinion and voting behavior, so he really helped to supplement Dennis's lectures. He gave a great lecture on theories of a red/blue state divide in the US and has an interesting perspective, having lived in different areas of Illinois. / the best ta that I have had at northwestern. Toby takes the time to listen to each of his students and share ideas regarding the material in class / He is very enthusiastic and engaging. / Toby was a great TA. He was really knowledgeable about the subject, he facilitated interesting discussion. He was also really helpful and answered any questions I had. / Toby is all you could ask for in a TA - enthusiastic, smart and dedicated. He knows how to drum up conversation and really it's just great to see how passionate he is about political science. // Toby was AMAZING! His enthusiasm and insightful comments were always enjoyable, and sometimes I found myself enjoying section more than class. / Toby is a great TA. He is an asset to the course and to the students. He really cares about students and wants to best augment lecture material. / Toby was an amazing TA, he was very accessible, clearly cared about his students, and went out of his way to help everyone out. Having him as a resource was extremely helpful, No weaknesses on his part. /// Toby was great! He highlighted all of the major points, and we had some interesting discussions! /// He's a good communicator and teacher. /// Toby is amazing. He was so enthusiastic, charismatic, and helpful. He really cared that his students were engaged and interested. His lecture on red states and blue states was one of the best of the quarter. Discussion were always interesting, even if he talked the whole time! (I liked it better when Toby talked rather than a whole class discussion)! One of the nicest most caring TAs I've had at NU! Thanks! / Great T.A. Was very interesting to listen to and interested in what students had to say. / toby just loves to teach and share his knowledge, but he love to hear himself talk as well / he was great,

able to answer questions. / / / no weakness toby was available all the time and would help you at any cost / Toby is extremely enthusiastic about the material. He is always willing to talk to anyone and eager to hear your opinions and reasoning - great for discussions! / / Extraordinarily enthusiastic and always able to answer questions. / / Great discussion leader, very engaging and knowledgeable. Very personable and friendly as well. One of the best TA's I've ever had at Northwestern. / he was overall very good. he answered all the questions we had and helped the class lead in stimulating discussion. he knew what he was talking about and was always prepared. / / He is so interested in the subject and always willing to help / Toby was fantastic... enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the material, always there to answer questions, and make discussion interesting and helpful