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At WSU since 2003, Ridout has taught a wide range of courses, including American politics, elections, media and politics, political behavior, research methods, and statistics, and he has supervised 10 graduate students.

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