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Education

PhD, Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2006

Major Fields: American Politics and Political Methodology

Minor Field: Organizations and Politics

Dissertation: “The Politics of Results: Comprehensive Reform and Institutional Choice,” dissertation committee: David Canon, Dennis Dresang, Donald Kettl, Kenneth Mayer, Donald Moynihan

MA, Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2001

BA, Government, University of Notre Dame, 1997

Professional Appointments

August 2006-present: Assistant Professor, Center for Public Administration & Policy,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University,
National Capital Region, Alexandria, Virginia

Teaching

PAPA 6514, Policy Inquiry, Fall 2006-2010

PAPA 6224, Design and Evaluation of Public Policies, Spring 2007-2010

PAPA 6214, Public Policy Processes and Analytical Approaches, Summer I 2007

PAPA 6294, Congress, Presidents, and Public Administration, Spring 2009, Fall 2010

PAPA 6254, Research Methods Workshop, Spring 2008, Fall 2009

PAPA 6294, Capstone in Public Policy: Politics, Policy, and Professions, Spring 2007
Center for Public Administration and Policy, Virginia Tech, Alexandria, VA

PS 530/PA 530, Ethics and Values in Policy Making, Spring 2006

Department of Political Science/La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of
Wisconsin-Madison

PSc 116, The American Presidency, Spring 2005

Department of Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Research Areas

American political institutions (Congress and the Presidency), Public administration,
Public policy, Delegation and oversight, Administrative reform, Political appointees,
Professional knowledge and governance, Performance measurement, Policy analysis

Ongoing Research Projects

- “Mixed Results: Presidents, Congress, and the Politics of Performance,” research and book manuscript, drawing on dissertation research, examining the institutional politics of results-model reform in the U.S. federal government.
- “Rooting Out Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: House Committee Investigations, 1947-2004.” With David C.W. Parker. Article manuscript under review.
- “Appointee Confirmation and Tenure: Politics, Policy, and Professionalism in Federal Agency Leadership, 1989-2009,” research analyzing dataset of Senate-confirmed appointees 1989 to 2009, with Sang Ok Choi, Patrick S. Roberts, and Michael Keeney.
- “DePART: The Legacies of OMB’s Program Assessment Rating Tool,” working paper.
- “A Century in Search of Results: Measuring Performance in American Government,” working paper.
- “Unfinished Transparency: Reform, Innovation, and Institutional Change,” working paper based on project with with Giselle Datz.

Journal Articles

- Dull, Matthew. 2006. “Why PART? The Institutional Politics of Presidential Budget Reform.” *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory*. 16 (August): 187-215.
- Dull, Matthew. 2009. “Results-Model Reform Leadership: Questions of Credible Commitment.” *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory*. 19 (April): 255-84.
- Parker, David C.W. and Matthew Dull, 2009. “Divided We Quarrel: The Politics of Congressional Investigations, 1947-2004,” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 34:3 (August): 319-345.
- Dull, Matthew and Patrick S. Roberts, 2009. “Continuity, Competence, and the Succession of Senate-Confirmed Agency Appointees, 1989-2009,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 39:3 (September): 432-453.
- Wernstedt, Kris; Patrick S. Roberts; and Matthew Dull. 2009. “Can Climate Signals Inform Emergency Management? Preliminary Evidence,” *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*: 6:1.
- Dull, Matthew and Kris Wernstedt. 2010. “Land Recycling, Community Revitalization, and Distributive Politics: An Analysis of EPA Brownfields Program Support.” *Policy Studies Journal*. 38:1 (January): 119-142.
- Dull, Matthew. 2010. “Considering and Reconsidering Organizational Culture: Sustaining Dialogue between Practitioners and Scholars.” *Public Administration Review* (Forthcoming, December 2010)

Research and Outreach Support

- Rappahannock United Way, 2010. “Community Engagement Initiative.” With Susan Willis-Walton, Beth Offenbacher, and Saunji Fyffe. \$42,700.
- Institute for Society, Culture, and the Environment, Virginia Tech, 2008. “Climate Signals and the Use of Science in Emergency Management Decision-making.” With Kris Wernstedt and Patrick Roberts. Total: \$18,932.
- Brookings Research Fellowship, Governance Studies, 2004-5.
- University of Wisconsin Vilas Travel Grant, 2003-4.

Dirksen Congressional Research Grant, 2003. "Information and Delegation: The Government Performance and Results Act, 1993."

IBM Center Research Grant, 2003. "Politics of Performance Measurement: Implementing the Government Performance and Results Act, 1993." With Donald Kettl.

Other Awards and Recognition

American Political Science Association Leonard D. White Award for best dissertation in the field of public administration, 2008.

Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Political Science, Fall 2002.

Outreach Publications

"Is Obama using his appointment power effectively?" With Patrick Roberts. *Roll Call*. September 29, 2009.

"Fix the Vacancies Act." With Patrick Roberts. *The Hill*. January 2009.

"Remembering Civil Rights Leader Samuel Tucker." Virginia Tech's *Northern Virginia Center Newsletter*. February 18, 2010.

Invited Outreach Presentations

"Senate-Confirmed Presidential Appointees in Security and Foreign Affairs Agencies." with Patrick Roberts and Sang Ok Cho. Government Accountability Office International Affairs and Trade Team Lecture Series. April 2010.

"Missing Something Important?: Using the Heckman Selection Model in Policy Research" Policy Research Methods Workshop. George Washington University Institute of Public Policy. March 3, 2010.

"Climate Signals, Emergency Management, and the Use of Science in Public Policy Decision-making." With Kris Wernstedt and Patrick Roberts. FEMA Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, Md., June 4, 2008.

"Performance Measurement in the Public Sector," Strategy & Integration Directorate, Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC, May 15, 2008.

Conference Papers and Presentations

"Context, Capacity, and the Diffusion of EPA Brownfields Program Projects among U.S. Counties." With Kris Wernstedt. Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Policy Analysis and Management, Boston, MA. November 4-6, 2010.

"Guarding the Guardians: Oversight Appointees and the Search for Accountability in U.S. Federal Agencies." With Patrick Roberts and Sang Ok Choi. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 22-25, 2010.

"Rooting Out Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: House Committee Investigations, 1947-2004." With David C.W. Parker. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 22-25, 2010.

"Appointee Confirmation and Tenure: Politics, Policy, and Professionalism in Federal Agency Leadership, 1989-2009." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 2, 2009. With Sang Ok Choi, Patrick S. Roberts, and Michael Keeney.

- “De-PART: Assessing the Legacies of the Program Assessment Rating Tool for Management and Budgeting.” Public Management Research Conference, Columbus, OH, October 2, 2009.
- “De-PART: Assessing the Legacies of the Program Assessment Rating Tool for Management and Budgeting.” Association for Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 5, 2009.
- “Base Hits and Buy-in: Institutionalizing Performance Measurement,” with Ed Gibson, Paper prepared for the annual meeting of the American Society of Public Administration Miami, FL March 2009. With Ed Gibson
- “An Empirical Analysis of EPA Brownfields Program Support: Land Recycling, Community Revitalization, and Distributive Politics” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November, 2008.
- “Shifting Politics, Enduring Tensions, and the Tenure of Senate-Confirmed Agency Appointees,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008.
- “Truncated Transformations: Strategy and Competence in the Social Security Administration and Internal Revenue Service,” American Society for Public Administration, Washington, DC. March 2007.
- “Information, Capacity, and Control: Delegation and the Government Performance and Results Act,” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC August 2005.
- “The Politics of Results: The Dilemmas of Performance in the Social Security Administration” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Atlanta, GA, October 2004.
- “Why PART? The Institutional Politics of Presidential Budget Reform” American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004.
- “Strategic Managers, Credible Commitment and the Politics of Performance” Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 2004.
- “Divided We Quarrel: Institutional Conflict Beyond the Legislative Arena” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003. With David C.W. Parker.
- “So We’re a 7.0, But What Does That Tell Me?: Collecting and Analyzing Managerially Relevant Customer Data,” Transportation Research Board/AASHTO Management Conference, Duluth, MN, July 2003. With Alison Lebwohl.
(<http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/circulars/eco52.pdf>)
- “The Politics of Performance Measurement: Implementing the Government Performance and Results Act, 1993” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2002

Professional Activities

Reviewer: *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory*, *Public Administration Review*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Public Productivity & Management Review*

Coordinator with Giselle Datz, “Transparency Talks” lecture series, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, 2009-2010

Coordinator, Research in Progress Lunchtime Discussions, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, 2007-8

Doctoral Mentoring Program Manager, Center for Public Administration & Policy (Alexandria), 2007-8

Student Representative, UW Political Science Graduate Program Committee, 2005-6
Coordinator, Wisconsin American Politics Brown Bag, 2002-03

Other Professional Experience

Senior Analyst/Analyst, Health Care Advisory Board, Washington, DC, (1999-2000)

Developed *Practice Brief* reports of between ten and twenty pages for distribution to a membership of patient care executives (circulation approximately 2,500). Wrote *Journal Review*, monthly literature review for patient care executives.

Research Specialist/Research Associate, Health Care Advisory Board, (1997-1999)

Developed research briefs on issues relating to Medicare and Medicaid. Department quality awards for: "Inpatient Hospice" (December 1998), "The Medicare Risk Market" (November 1998), "Models of Academic Medical Centers" (September 1998).