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Academic Positions

2010-present	Associate Professor of Political Science, Univ. of Miami (with tenure)
2007-2010	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Univ. of Miami
2003-2007	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Univ. of Montana
2002-03	Teaching Fellow in Political Science, UCLA

Education and Work Experience

2002	Ph.D., UCLA, Political Science.
1995-97	Legislative Assistant, U.S. House of Representatives
1994	B.A., Willamette University, Philosophy and Political Science.

RESEARCH

I study political institutions and democratic representation, particularly filibustering and institutional change in Congress, legislative parties, and party networks in American politics.

Books

Filibustering: A Political History of Obstruction in the House and Senate. 2010. University of Chicago Press.

- Reviewed in the *New York Review of Books* (Sept. 30, 2010) and *Perspectives on Politics* (Dec. 2010).
- Winner of the Fenno Book prize of the APSA Legislative section for the best book on legislative politics in 2010.

Strategic Party Government: Why Winning Trumps Ideology. 2017. University of Chicago Press. With Matthew J. Lebo.

Articles

- “Financing Friends: How Lobbyists Create a Web of Relationships among Members of Congress.” *Interest Groups and Advocacy*. October 2016, 5(3):224–262. With Jennifer Victor.
- “The Conventional Option.” *Washington University Law Review*, July 2014, 91(4)867-909. With Sergio Campos.
- “Strategic Party Government and the 2010 Elections.” *American Politics Research* September 2012, 40(5): 927-945. With Matthew Lebo.
- “The Rise of the 60-Vote Senate.” *Legislative Studies Section Newsletter*, January 2012.
- "The Past and Future of the Supermajority Senate," *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*. Vol. 9(4), Article 10, 2011.
- “The Electoral Consequences of Party Loyalty in Congress.” *American Journal of Political Science*, July 2010, 54:598-616. With Jamie Carson, Matthew Lebo, and Everett Young.
 - This article was included in the AJPS’s first “[virtual issue](#)” on Congressional Elections, September 2010, and was the most-downloaded article in this virtual issue.
- “Cooperative Party Factions in American Politics.” *American Politics Research* 2010, 38:33-53. With Seth Masket and Hans Noel.
- "Making Change: A Six-Month Review," *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*, July 2009, Volume 7(3), Article 8.
- “Polarized Agents: Campaign Contributions by Lobbyists.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, July 2009, 42:485-488. With Jennifer Victor.

- “Partisan Webs: Information Exchange and Party Networks.” *British Journal of Political Science* 39:633-653. 2009. With Seth Masket and Hans Noel.
- “Effort, Intensity and Position Taking: Reconsidering Obstruction in the Pre-Cloture Senate.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, January 2008, 20:67-92. With Kathleen Bawn.
- “Strategic Party Government: Party Influence in Congress, 1789-2000.” *American Journal of Political Science*, July 2007, 51:464-481. With Matthew Lebo and Adam McGlynn.
- “Cloture Reform and Party Government in the Senate, 1918 to 1925.” *Journal of Politics*, August 2006, 68(3):708-719.
- “Position-Taking and Cosponsorship in the U.S. House.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, May 2003, 28(2):225-246.

Book Chapters

- “The Fight over Filibustering in the Senate.” In development for *Congress Reconsidered*, volume 13, edited by Larry Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer.
- “Partisanship, Filibustering, and Reform in the Senate.” *forthcoming in Party and Procedure in the United States Congress, volume 2*, ed. Matt Glassman and Jacob Straus.
- “Party Networks.” In *Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*. Forthcoming. With Seth Masket and Hans Noel.
- “Filibustering and Parties in the Modern Senate.” In *Congress Reconsidered*, volume 12. Edited by Larry Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2013.
- “Filibustering and Partisanship in the Modern Senate.” In *Party and Procedure in the United States Congress*, edited by Jacob R. Straus. Rowman & Littlefield, 2012.
- “The Filibuster Then and Now: Civil Rights in the 1960s and Health Care, 2009-10.” In *From Delay to Dysfunction: the U.S. Senate, 1960-2010*, edited by Burdette A. Loomis, 159-177. Congressional Quarterly Press, 2012.
- “The Era of Congressional Dominance, 1789-1911.” In *A History of the U.S. Political System: Ideas, Interests, and Institutions*, edited by Richard Harris and Daniel Tichenor. ABC-Clio Press, 2009.
- “Filibustering and Majority Rule in the Senate: the Contest over Judicial Nominations, 2003-2005.” pp. 159-177 in *Why Not Parties?* Editors: Nathan Monroe, David Rohde, Jason Roberts. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- “Filibuster Reform in the Senate, 1913-17” in *Process, Party and Policy Making: Further New Perspectives on the History of Congress*, 2007, ed. David Brady and Mat McCubbins, Stanford University Press, 205-225.

Reviews

- A Discussion of Melissa Schwartzberg's *Counting the Many: The Origins and Limits of Supermajority Rule*. *Perspectives on Politics*, June 2015, 13:458 – 460.
- Book review of *Is Bipartisanship Dead?* by Laurel Harbridge, in *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*, 2015; 13(2): 355–357.

Book Projects

- ▶ *Majority Rule in Congress*. This book project models and explains Congressional decisions to allow or restrict obstruction.

Working Papers

- “Cloture Reform in the Senate.” With Hans Noel

- “Why Gun Control Failed”

Awards and Grants

- Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, February-March 2014, August 2015.
- College of Arts and Sciences Book Completion Grant (Fall 2013) and University Sabbatical (Spring 2014)
- Richard Fenno Prize, awarded by the APSA Legislative Studies Section for the best book on legislative politics in 2010.
- Mentoring Faculty, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, University of Michigan, 2009.
- University of Miami McLamore Research Award, 2009
- University of Miami General Research Support Award, 2008.
- APSA Small Grant to support work on *Filibustering in Congress*, 2006.
- Dirksen Congressional Center grant to study Congressional leadership elections, 2006
- University of Montana Faculty Research Grant, March 2004, March 2005
- University of Montana ad hoc grant, January 2004
- Mansfield Center Mini-Grant, 2004
- Participant, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, University of Michigan, 2003. EITM Travel Grant, 2004, 2006.
- Stewart Dissertation Fellowship, UCLA Political Science Dept., 2001-2
- Best graduate student conference paper for 2000-1, UCLA Political Science Dept., for “Cosponsorship as a Signaling Institution.”
- Dirksen Congressional Center grant to study bill cosponsorship, 2000
- UCLA Summer Mentorship Program Fellowship, 1999
- UCLA Pauley Fellowship, 1997-2001
- National Merit Scholarship, 1989-1993

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

- University of Florida, November 2015
- Political Development of Parties and Legislatures, University of Toronto, October 2015
- Foley Institute, Washington State University, April 2015
- Causal Inference Workshop, Northwestern University, July 2014
- History of Congress, University of Maryland, June 2014
- Montana State University, February 2014.
- History of Congress, Columbia University, June 2013.
- “Political Representation: Fifty Years After Miller & Stokes,” Vanderbilt University, February 2013, discussant.
- History of Congress, University of Georgia, May 2012, discussant.
- Invited Talk, University of Georgia, August 2011.
- History of Congress conference, Brown University, June 2011, discussant.

- “Strategic Party Government and the 2010 Elections.” Invited talks at Yale University (Jan. 2011), Duke University and Washington University (March 2011), and Ohio State University (May 2011).
- “The Struggle to Spend: The Appropriations Process in Congress, 1991-2009.” Presented at a Woodrow Wilson Center panel, “Is Our Constitutional System Broken?” Sept. 17, 2010.
- Testified to the Senate Rules Committee on S.Res.465, July 28, 2010.
- “The Struggle to Spend,” Conference on the Politics of Federal Spending, UC-Merced, May 2010; also at a panel on “Is Our Constitutional System Broken?” Woodrow Wilson Center, September 2010.
- Panel Chair, "Changing the ‘Slow’ Institution: The U.S. Senate, 1960-2010," Dole Institute at the University of Kansas, March 2010.
- Interview on *Fresh Air with Terry Gross* discussing filibustering and obstruction reform, January 2010.
- Invited Talk on “Filibustering in Congress: How Did We Get Here?” University of Denver and University of Colorado, Jan. 2010.
- Bicameralism Conference II, Vanderbilt University, October 2009. Presenter.
- Conference on Bicameralism, Duke University, March 2009. Presenter and discussant.
- “Making Change: President Obama’s Legislative Agenda,” presented at a Woodrow Wilson Center panel on President Obama’s policy agenda.
- Presentation on “Filibustering in Congress, 1901-2004,” Georgetown University, May 2008.
- “Minorities in the 2008 Election,” Panel participant, University of Montana, February 2007.
- Conference on Party Effects in the Senate, University of Minnesota, September 2006. Presentation: “Parties and Agenda-Setting in the Senate, 1973-1998.”
- Conference on Party Effects in the Senate, Duke, April 2006. Presentation: “Strategic Party Government.” Also presented at an EITM Workshop, Canadian Political Science Association, London, ON, June 2005.
- “Understanding the Nuclear Option,” Roundtable presentation at the History of Congress Workshop, St. Louis, May 2005.
- “Pivots for Sale,” Foley Center Lecture, Washington State University, March 2004.
- “Adopting the First Senate Cloture Rule: An Applied Model of Institutional Choice,” Presented at the History of Congress Conference, UC-San Diego, December 2003.
- American Political Science Association: 2001-2016.
- Midwest Political Science Association: 1999-2014.
- Western Political Science Association: 1999-2002.
- Southern Political Science Association: 2009, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2016.

Journal Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, American Politics Research, Studies in American Political Development, British Journal of Political Science, Public Choice, Congress and the Presidency, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Law Economics and Society, Election Law Journal, Social Science Quarterly, .

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Political Parties, American Presidency, U.S. Congress, Introduction to American Politics, Graduate Seminar in American Politics, The Politics of Civil Rights, American Political Development, Interest Groups, American Political Thought, Procedure: Political and Legal Perspectives (joint with U. Miami School of Law), Introduction to Positive Political Theory.

Ph.D Dissertations Supervised

- Emily Wanless, University of Georgia, defended August 2011. Position: Augustana College
- Joshua Ryan, University of Colorado, defended June 2011. Position: Bradley University

SERVICE

Co-Founder and Contributor, Mischief of Faction blog, 2012-present <http://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction>

Contributor, *Monkey Cage* blog, 2009-2016 <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/>

Faculty Senate, 2011-present

Organizer, Political Science Speaker Series, 2015-present

AJPS Editorial Board, 2010-14

International Relations Search Committee, Fall 2013

Political Methodologist Search Committee Chair, 2012-3

M.A. program developer, 2012-3

External Chair Search Committee, 2010-11

Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, 2009-2011

American Politics Search Committee, 2008-9

Truman Scholarship Review Committee, 2009

Department Website Coordinator, 2008-

Joint Search Committee, 2007-8

D.C. Internship Supervisor, 2006-7

Kappa Sigma Faculty Advisor, 2004-7

Library Committee, 2006-7

University Outreach Program (visiting and teaching at local high schools) 2005-6

Computer Center Committee, 2004-6

Dept. Planning Committee, 2004-5

Faculty advisor to ~40 students, 2003-7

Approximately 90 media appearances and interviews, 2004-present, including *Fresh Air with Terry Gross*, January 25, 2010

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Places lived (in order): Spokane, WA; Tema, Ghana; Kalispell, MT; Kent, WA; Salem, OR; Arlington, VA; Washington D.C.; Los Angeles, CA; Missoula, MT; Coral Gables, FL. Sum of Electoral College votes: 119.

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