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Education

Ph.D., Economics, California Institute of Technology, 1985.

B.A., Economics, Duke University, 1981.

Academic Positions

Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor of Political Science and Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2001-present.

STICERD Distinguished Visitor at the London School of Economics, February-March, 2003, and April-May, 2004.

Professor, Department of Political Science and Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1998-2001.

Professor, Department of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1997-1998.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1992-1997.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Chicago, 1985-1992.

Honors, Awards and Fellowships

Heinz Eulau Award for the best paper in the American Political Science Review in 2002 (for “Equal Votes, Equal Money: Court Ordered Redistricting and the Distribution of Public Expenditures in the American States”), 2003.

Jack Walker Award, for the outstanding paper on political parties published in the last two calendar years, awarded by the American Political Science Association (for “The Effects of Party and Preferences on Congressional Roll Call Voting”), 2002.

Jewell Loehenberg Award for the best article to appear in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2001 (for “The Effects of Party and Preferences on Congressional Roll Call Voting”), 2002.

Weaver Award for the best paper on political representation at the American Political Association annual meetings (for “Why Did a Majority of Californians Vote to Limit Their Own Power?”), 1999.

Carnegie Mellon GSIA Postdoctoral Fellowship in Political Economy, 1990-91

Alfred P. Sloan Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1984-85.

The John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Fellowship, 1984.

Hagen-Smit/Tyler Fellowship, 1982-83.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1980.

Published Articles in Journals

“The Decline of Third Party Voting in the United States (with Shigeo Hirano), *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming, 2006.

“Purple America” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Jonathan Rodden), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, forthcoming, 2006.

“The Political Orientation of Newspaper Endorsements in U.S. Elections, 1940-2002” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Rebecca Lessem), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming, 2006.

“Television and the Incumbency Advantage” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Erik Snowberg), *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, forthcoming, 2006.

“Legislative Effectiveness and Legislative Life” (with Gerard Padro i Miquel), *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, forthcoming, 2006.

“Party and Incumbency Cues in Voting: Are They Substitutes?” (with Stephen Ansolabehere, Shigeo Hirano, and Michiko Ueda), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, Spring 2006, vol 1, pages 119-137.

“Unrepresentative Information: The Case of Newspaper Reporting on Campaign Finance” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Erik Snowberg), *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Summer 2005, vol. 69, no. 2, pages 213-231.

“Legislative Bargaining Under Weighted Voting” (with Michael Ting and Stephen Ansolabehere), *American Economic Review*, September 2005, vol. 95, no. 4, pages 981-1004.

“Voting Weights and Formateur Advantages in the Formation of Coalition Governments” (with Stephen Ansolabehere, Aaron Strauss, and Michael Ting), *American Journal of Political Science*, July 2005, vol. 49, no. 3, pages 550-563.

“Why Roll Calls? A Model of Position Taking in Legislatures” (with Michael Ting), *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, April 2005, vol. 21, no. 1, pages 153-178.

“Reapportionment and Party Realignment in the American States.” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, November 2004, vol. 153, no. 1, pages 433-457.

“Using Term Limits to Estimate Incumbency Advantages When Officeholders Retire Strategically” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, November 2004, vol. 39, no. 4, pages 487-515.

“Did Firms Profit from Soft Money?” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Michiko Ueda), *Election Law Journal*, 2004, vol. 3, no. 2, pages 193-198.

“Roll Calls, Party Labels, and Elections” (with Michael Ting), *Political Analysis*, Autumn 2003, vol. 11, no. 4, pages 419-444.

“Bargaining in Bicameral Legislatures: When and Why Does Malapportionment Matter?” (with Michael Ting and Stephen Ansolabehere), *American Political Science Review*, August 2003, vol. 97, no. 3, pages 471-481.

“Why Is There So Little Money in U.S. Politics?” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and John de Figueiredo), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Winter 2003, vol. 17, no. 1, pages 105-130.

“Equal Votes, Equal Money: Court Ordered Redistricting and the Distribution of Public Expenditures in the American States” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Alan Gerber), *American Political Science Review*, December 2002, vol. 96, no. 4, pages 767-777.

“Are PAC Contributions and Lobbying Linked? New Evidence from the 1995 Lobby Disclosure Act” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Micky Tripathi), *Business and Politics*, August 2002, vol. 4, no. 2, pages 131-155.

“The Incumbency Advantage in U.S. Elections: An Analysis of State and Federal Offices, 1942-2000” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), *Election Law Journal*, 2002, vol. 1, no. 3, pages 315-338.

“An Informational Rationale for Political Parties” (with Michael Ting), *American Journal of Political Science*, January 2002, vol. 46, no. 1, pages 90-110.

“The Effects of Party and Preferences on Congressional Roll Call Voting” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Charles Stewart), *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, November 2001, vol. 26, no. 4, pages 533-572.

“Estimating Party Influence on Congressional Roll Call Voting: Regression Coefficients vs. Classification Success” (with Tim Groseclose), *American Political Science Review*, September 2001, vol. 95, no. 3, pages 689-698.

“Candidate Positioning in U.S. House Elections” (with Charles Stewart and Stephen Ansolabehere), *American Journal of Political Science*, January 2001, vol. 45, no. 1, pages 136-159.

“Valence Politics and Equilibrium in Spatial Election Models” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), *Public Choice*, June 2000, vol. 103, pages 327-336.

“Campaign Warchests in Congressional Elections” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), *Business and Politics*, April 2000, vol. 2, no. 1, pages 9-33.

“Estimating Party Influence on Congressional Roll-Call Voting” (with Tim Groseclose) *American Journal of Political Science*, April 2000, vol. 44, no. 2, pages 187-205.

“Soft Money, Hard Money, and Strong Parties” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), *Columbia Law Review*, April 2000, vol. 100, no. 3, pages 598-619.

“Majority-rule Bargaining and the Under Provision of Public Investment Goods” (with William Leblanc and Micky Tripathi), *Journal of Public Economics*, January 2000, vol. 75, pages 21-47.

“Old Voters, New Voters, and the Personal Vote: Using Redistricting to Estimate the Incumbency Advantage” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Charles Stewart), *American Journal of Political Science*, January 2000, vol. 44, no. 1, pages 17-34.

“Money and Institutional Power” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), *Texas Law Review*, June 1999, vol. 77, no. 7, pages 1673-1704.

“Comparing Interest Group Scores across Time and Chambers: Adjusted ADA Scores for the U.S. Congress” (with Tim Groseclose and Steven Levitt), *American Political Science Review*, March 1999, vol. 93, no. 1, pages 33-50.

“Linear Probability Models of the Demand for Attributes with an Empirical Application to Estimating the Preferences of Legislators” (with James Heckman), *Rand Journal of Economics*, 1997, vol. 28, no. 0, pages S142-S189.

“The Impact of Federal Spending on House Election Outcomes” (with Steven Levitt), *Journal of Political Economy*, February 1997, vol. 105, no. 1, pages 30-53.

“Constituency Preferences: California Ballot Propositions, 1974-1990,” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, November 1996, vol. 21, no. 4, pages 463-488.

“Interest Group Politics Under Majority Rule” (with William Dougan), *Journal of Public*

Economics, July 1996, vol. 61, pages 49-71.

“Buying Supermajorities” (with Tim Groseclose), *American Political Science Review*, June 1996, vol. 90, no. 2, pages 303-315.

“Equilibrium and Efficiency in an Organized Vote Market” (with Tomas Philipson), *Public Choice*, 1996, vol. 89, pages 245-265.

“Political Parties and the Distribution of Federal Outlays” (with Steven Levitt), *American Journal of Political Science*, November 1995, vol. 39, no. 4, pages 958-980.

“Safe Seats, Marginal Seats, and Party Platforms: The Logic of Platform Differentiation,” *Economics and Politics*, November 1994, vol. 6, no. 3, pages 201-213.

“An Empirical Investigation of the Dynamics of PAC Contributions” (with Thomas Romer), *American Journal of Political Science*, August 1994, vol. 38, no. 3, pages 745-769.

“Comparing Committee and Floor Preferences” (with John Londregan), *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, May 1994. Reprinted in *Positive Theories of Congressional Institutions*, K.A. Shepsle and B.R. Weingast (eds.), University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, 1995, vol. 19, no. 2, pages 233-267.

“The Market for Campaign Contributions: Evidence for the U.S. Senate 1980-1986,” *Economics and Politics*, November 1993, vol. 5, no. 3, pages 219-240.

“Are Rents Fully Dissipated?” (with William Dougan), *Public Choice*, 1993. Reprinted in *The Economic Analysis of Rent-Seeking*, R.D. Tollison and R.D. Congleton (eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing, London, 1994, vol. 77, pages 793-813.

“Political Payoffs and the Electoral Advantages of Incumbency” (with Youngjae Lim), *Mathematical and Computer Modelling*, August/September 1992, vol. 16, no. 8/9, pages 171-183.

“Artificial Extremism in Interest Group Ratings,” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August 1992, vol. 17, no. 3, pages 319-345.

“Long-Term Investing in Politicians, or Give Early, Give Often,” *Journal of Law and Economics*, April 1992, vol. 35, pages 15-43.

“Committee Power, Structure-Induced Equilibria, and Roll Call Voting,” *American Journal of Political Science*, February 1992, vol. 36, no. 1, pages 1-30.

“On Buying Legislators,” *Economics and Politics*, July 1991, vol. 3, no. 2, pages 93-109.

“Campaign Contributions as Investments: The U.S. House of Representatives 1980-1986,” *Journal of Political Economy*, December 1990, vol. 98, no. 6, pages 1195-1227.

“Resource Allocation in Multiparty Elections,” *American Journal of Political Science*, February 1990, vol. 34, no. 1, pages 59-73.

“Election Goals and the Allocation of Campaign Resources,” *Econometrica*, May 1989, vol. 57, no. 3, pages 637-660.

“Political Geography and Interest Group Power,” *Social Choice and Welfare*, April 1989, vol. 6, pages 103-125.

“Fairness, Self-Interest, and the Politics of the Progressive Income Tax” (with Gerald Kramer), *Journal of Public Economics*, June 1988, vol. 36, pages 197-230.

Published Articles in Edited Volumes

“The Decline of Competition in U.S. Primary Elections, 1908-2004” (with Stephen Ansolabehere, Mark Hansen, and Shigeo Hirano), in *The Marketplace of Democracy*, edited by Michael McDonald and John Samples.

“Competition in State Legislative Elections, 1992-2002” (with Richard Niemi, William Berry, and Thomas Carsey), in *The Marketplace of Democracy*, edited by Michael McDonald and John Samples.

“What Did the Direct Primary Do to Party Loyalty in Congress?” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Shigeo Hirano), in *Process, Party and Policy Making: Further New Perspectives on the History of Congress*, David Brady and Mathew D. McCubbins (eds.), Stanford University Press, 2005.

“Corruption and the Growth of Campaign Spending” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Alan Gerber), in *User’s Guide to Campaign Finance Reform*, Gerald C. Lubenow (ed.), Berkeley Public Policy Press and Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2001, Ch. 2, pages 25-46.

“Money and Office: The Sources of the Incumbency Advantage in Congressional Campaign Finance” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), in *House Elections, Continuity and Change in House Elections*, D.W. Brady, J.F. Cogan and M.P. Fiorina (eds.), Stanford University Press, Stanford CA, 2000, Ch. 4, pages 65-86.

“What We Know About Agricultural Prices: Policies, Politics, and Supply” (with John Nash, Vinod Thomas and George Tolley), in *Essays on Agricultural Policy in Honor of D. Gale Johnson*, J.M. Antle and D.A. Sumner (eds.), University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1995, Ch. 9, pages 121-155.

Published Notes and Comments

“Estimating the Distribution of Voter Preferences Using Partially Aggregated Voting Data,”

Political Methodologist, 2005.

“Interpreting the Coefficient of Party Influence: Comment on Krehbiel” (with Tim Groseclose), *Political Analysis*, November 2002.

“Vote Buying, Supermajorities, and Flooded Coalitions” (with Tim Groseclose), *American Political Science Review*, September 2000, vol. 94, no. 3, pages 683-684.

Commentary on “Earnings Inequality and Central City Development” by Edwin Mills and “From John Lindsay to Rudy Giuliani: The Decline of the Local Safety Net?” by Edward Glaeser and Matt Kahn, *Federal Reserve Bank of New York Economic Policy Review*, September 1999.

“Reply” to “Comment” by Gordon Tullock, *Public Choice*, January 1995.

Comment on “The Political Economy of TRA 86: Local Interests and Washington Politics,” by Robert Inman, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Winter 1993.

“Gatekeeping or Not, Sample Selection in the Roll Call Agenda Matters,” reply to a comment by Howard Rosenthal, *American Journal of Political Science*, February 1992.

Comment on “Politics and Procedures in Environmental Law,” by Daniel Farber, *Journal of Law and Economic Organization*, March 1992.

Papers Submitted for Publication

“Is Private Campaign Finance a Good Thing? Estimates of the Potential Information Benefits” (with Andrea Prat and Riccardo Puglisi), submitted to the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“Testing the Swing Voter Hypothesis Using Federal Spending in the U.S. States” (with Valentino Larcinese and Cecilia Testa), submitted to the *American Journal of Political Science*.

“Equilibria in Multi-Dimensional, Multi-Party Spatial Competition” (with Michael Ting), submitted to the *American Political Science Review*.

“When Parties Are Not Teams: Platform Choice in Single Member District and Proportional Representation Systems” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and William Leblanc), submitted to the *American Political Science Review*.

“Incumbency Advantages in Primary Elections” (with Stephen Ansolabehere, John Mark Hansen, and Shigeo Hirano), submitted to the *American Journal of Political Science*.

“The Decline of Competition in U.S. Primary Elections” (with Stephen Ansolabehere, John Mark Hansen, and Shigeo Hirano), submitted to the *Journal of Politics*.

“Interest Groups and the Electoral Control of Politicians” (with Michael Ting), submitted to the Review of Economic Studies.

“Public Goods and the Law of 1/n” (with David Primo), submitted to the Journal of Public Economics.

Working Papers and Work in Progress

“Measurement Error and Issue Voting” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Jonathan Rodden), January 2006.

“Party Strength and State Government Spending” (with David Primo), August 2005.

vskip10pt“Electoral Control and Selection with Parties and Primaries” (with Michael Ting), August 2005, under revision.

“The Effects of Media Markets on Politics” (with David Stromberg), November 2004, under revision.

“Campaign Finance Regulations and the Return on Investment from Campaign Contributions” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Michiko Ueda), August 2004.

“Party Control of State Government and the Distribution of Public Expenditures” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), September 2002, under revision.

“Evidence of Virtual Representation: Reapportionment in California” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Ruimin He), 2003, under revision.

“How Campaigns Respond to Media Prices: A Study of Campaign Spending and Broadcast Advertising Prices in U.S. House Elections, 1970-1972 and 1990-1992” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Alan Gerber), under revision.

“The Great Arsenal of Democracy: The Political Economy of the County-Level Allocation of World War Two Military Spending” (with Paul Rhode and Koleman Strumpf), July 2001, under revision.

“The Value of Free Media to Political Parties” (with Rachel Cobb), in progress.

“Estimating the Normal Vote” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), in progress.

“Political and Economic Determinants of Government Spending on Social Protection Programs” (with Irene Yackovlev), April 2000, under revision.

“Why Did a Majority of Californians Vote to Limit Their Own Power?” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and Jonathan Woon), August 1999, under revision.

“Money, Elections, and Candidate Quality” (with Stephen Ansolabehere), June 1996, under

revision.

“Referendums, Initiatives, and Legislative Partisanship” (with Jeffrey Lewis), April 1996, under revision.

“Optimal Market Restrictions in Sports Leagues” (with William Dougan), 1991, under revision.

“Wartime Effects on Investment and the Stock Market,” December 1989.

“Equilibrium Campaign Contributions and Electoral Outcomes,” September 1988.

“Estimating the Effect of Campaign Spending on Electoral Outcomes,” March 1988.

“A Dynamic Bargaining Model of Majority-Coalition Formation,” April 1987.

Research Grants

National Science Foundation Grant, 2003-2005, “Parties, Factions, and Incumbency in State and Federal Elections, 1870-2000” (with Stephen Ansolabehere).

MIT Provost’s Fund for Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, 2001, “Elections to Statewide Offices and State Legislatures, 1860-2000.”

National Science Foundation Grant, 2000-2002, “Informational Rationales for Political Parties” (with Mike Ting).

MIT SHSS Dean’s Faculty Development Fund, 2000, “Legislative Turnover and Legislative Organization.”

MIT Provost’s Fund for Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, 2000, “Equal Votes, Equal Money.”

MIT SHSS Dean’s Faculty Development Fund, 1999, “An Informational Rationale for Political Parties.”

MIT SHSS Dean’s Faculty Development Fund, 1999, “Testing Institutional Theories of Congress.”

MIT SHSS Dean’s Faculty Development Fund, 1998, “Referendums, Initiatives, and State Legislative Partisanship.”

MIT Provost’s Fund for Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, 1997, “Campaign Finance and Relative Power in U.S. States and Cities.”

National Science Foundation Grant, 1997-1999, “The Legislative Connection in Congressional Campaign Finance” (with Stephen Ansolabehere).

National Science Foundation Grant, 1997-1998, “Formal Models of Spatial Electoral Competition” (with Stephen Ansolabehere).

MIT SHSS Dean’s Faculty Development Fund, 1997, “Measuring the Extent to Which Money Buys Access.”

National Science Foundation Grant, 1996-1997, “Campaign Finance and Political Representation” (with Stephen Ansolabehere).

MIT Provost’s Fund for Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, 1996, “Candidate Quality, Campaign Spending, and Legislative Elections.”

MIT SHSS Dean’s Faculty Development Fund, 1996, “Political Parties and Spatial Electoral Competition.”

National Science Foundation Grant, 1995-1996, “Measuring Political Party Influence in the U.S. Congress and State Legislatures.”

MIT SHSS Dean’s Faculty Development Fund, 1995, “Presidential Policy Coalitions in Congress.”

National Science Foundation Grant, 1993-1995, “Constituency Preferences and Representation: Evidence from Voting on Ballot Propositions.”

National Science Foundation Grant, 1990-1992, “Campaign Contributions as Investments, Theory and Evidence.”

University of Chicago Social Science Divisional Research Grant, 1990, “Campaign Contributions as Long-Term Investments.”

University of Chicago Social Science Divisional Research Grant, 1989, “Estimating the Effect of Campaign Spending on Election Outcomes.”

National Science Foundation Grant, “The Political Economy of Resource Allocation Decisions in Campaigns.”

Pew Charitable Trust, Program on Integrating Economics and National Security, to the University of Chicago Program on Interdependent Political Economy, participating researcher, 1987-1990.

University of Chicago Social Science Divisional Research Grant, 1987, “A Dynamic Bargaining Model of Majority-Coalition Formation.”

University of Chicago Social Science Divisional Research Grant, 1986, “Political Influence and the Geographic Distribution of Groups.”

Participation in Recent Professional Meetings and Conferences

American Economic Association, annual meeting, Boston MA, January 2006.
Conference on Political Economy, Birmingham UK, June 2005.
Conference on Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Princeton NJ, May 2004.
Wallis Institute of Political Economy Conference, Rochester NY, October 2004.
PIER Conference on Political Economics, Philadelphia PA, September 2004.
American Political Science Association, annual meeting, Chicago IL, August 2004.
Conference on Political Economy and Institutional Performance, Brussels, June 2004.
Conference on Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Cambridge MA, May 2004.
Penn Conference on the Law of Democracy, Philadelphia PA, February 2004.
History of Congress Conference, San Diego CA, December 2003.
Fordham Conference on Corporate Control, New York NY, November 2003.
Wallis Institute of Political Economy Conference, Rochester NY, October 2003.
PIER Conference on Political Economics, Philadelphia PA, September 2003.
American Political Science Association, annual meeting, Philadelphia PA, August 2003.
Annual Meeting on Game Theory and Applications, Urbino, Italy, July 2003.
Public Economic Theory Society, annual meeting Durham NC, June 2003.
Conference on Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Cambridge MA, May 2003.
Conference on Social Choice and Welfare, Malaga, Spain, May 2003.
Conference on Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Cambridge MA, November 2002.
Wallis Institute of Political Economy Conference, Rochester NY, October 2002.
International Society for New Institutional Economics, Cambridge MA, September 2002.
PIER Conference on Political Economics, Philadelphia PA, September 2002.
American Political Science Association, annual meeting, Boston MA, September 2002.
Social Choice and Welfare Society, annual meeting, Pasadena CA, July 2002.
Public Economic Theory, annual meeting, Paris, July 2002.
Conference on Applications of Networks, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy, 2002.
Conference on Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Cambridge MA, June 2002
Midwest Political Science Association, annual meeting, Chicago IL, April 2002.
Conference on Political Accountability, Princeton NJ, April 2002.
Public Choice Society, annual meeting, San Diego CA, March 2002.
American Economic Association, annual meeting, Atlanta GA, January 2002.

Editorial Board Memberships

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Refereeing

American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Cambridge University Press, Games and Economic Behavior, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics and Politics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Methodology, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Rand Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press.

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