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Education

Ph.D. Political Economy. Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. 1993.

M.S. Political Economy. Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. 1992.

A.B. Economics with Honors. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. 1990.

Academic Employment

Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Princeton University, 2003 – current.

Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 9/2004-7/2005.

Associate professor of Politics and Public Affairs (with tenure), Princeton University, 2001-2003.

Associate professor of Political Science (with tenure), Columbia University, 2000-2001.

Robert Eckles Swain National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University 1999-2000.

Assistant professor of Political Science, Columbia University, 1996-2000.

Assistant professor, School of Business Administration, University of Southern California, 1993-1996.

Instructor, Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Carnegie Mellon University, 1993.

Administrative

Associate Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (2005 -).
Faculty Chair, PhD Program, Woodrow Wilson School, 2002-2004.
Director, Graduate Program in Political Economy, 2001-2004.
Executive committee, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2003-2004.
Chief Judge, University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt, 1988-1990.

Honors, Awards, and Grants

Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 2004-2005.
Robert Eckles Swain National Fellow, Hoover Institution 1999-2000.
Patrick J. Fett Award, given for the best paper on the scientific study of Congress and the Presidency at the 1998 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings.
John M. Olin Fellowship in Political Economy (1990-1993)
Phi Beta Kappa (1990)
Council for Humanities and Social Sciences, Columbia University, 1996-97 (\$6,000)
National Science Foundation Grant, 1995-96 (\$87,500)
Institute for Social and Economic Theory and Research, Columbia University (\$10,000)
Russell Sage Foundation “Polarization, Inequality, and Public Policy in the American States,” 2002-2003 (\$97,000)

Books

Political Game Theory (with Adam Meirowitz). 2006. Cambridge University Press.
Polarized America: The Dance of Political Ideology and Unequal Riches (with Keith T. Poole and Howard Rosenthal). 2006. MIT Press.

Monographs

The Realignment of National Politics and the Income Distribution (with Keith T. Poole and Howard Rosenthal). 1997. American Enterprise Institute Studies on Understanding Economic Inequality.

Journal Articles

[“Bureaucratic Capacity, Delegation, and Political Reform,”](#) (with John Huber). 2004. *American Political Science Review* 98(3): 481-494.
[“The Appointments Dilemma”](#). 2004. *American Journal of Political Science* 48(3): 413-428.

- ["Political Resource Allocation: The Benefits and Costs of Voter Initiatives,"](#) (with John G. Matsusaka). 2001. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. 17(2): 413-448.
- ["The Hunt for Party Discipline"](#) (with Keith Poole and Howard Rosenthal). 2001. *American Political Science Review*. 95(3):673-687.
- ["Cabinet Decision Rules and Political Uncertainty in Parliamentary Bargaining"](#) (with John Huber). 2001. *American Political Science Review*. 95(2):345-360.
- ["The Politics of Blame: Bargaining before an Audience,"](#) (with Timothy Groseclose) 2000. *American Journal of Political Science*. 45(1):100-119.
- ["The Time to Give: PAC Motivations and Electoral Timing,"](#) (with Lawrence Rothenberg). 2000. *Political Analysis*. 8(3):230-259.
- ["Coalitional Maintenance: Politicians, Parties, and Organized Groups,"](#) (with Lawrence Rothenberg). 2000. *American Politics Quarterly*, 28(3):291-308.
- ["Proposal Rights, Veto Rights, and Political Bargaining,"](#) 2000. *American Journal of Political Science*, 44(3):506-522.
- ["Presidential Pork: Executive Veto Power and Distributive Politics,"](#) 2000. *American Political Science Review*, 94(1):117-129.
- ["Advice and Consent: Senate Response to Executive Branch Nominations 1885-1996"](#) (with Rose Razaghian). 1999. *American Journal of Political Science*, 43(3):1122-43.
- ["An Empirical Spatial Model of Congressional Campaigns"](#) (with Keith T. Poole). 1998. *Political Analysis*, 7(1):1-30.
- ["Presidential Reputation and the Veto,"](#) 1997. *Economics and Politics*, 9(1):1-26.
- ["Commitment and the Campaign Contribution Contract"](#) (with Lawrence Rothenberg). 1996. *American Journal of Political Science*, 40(3): 872-904.
- ["Veto Power and Legislation: An Empirical Analysis of Executive-Legislative Bargaining from 1961-1986"](#) (with Keith T. Poole). 1995. *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, 11(2):282-312.

Book Chapters

“The Policy Consequences of Political Polarization.” In press. Paul Pierson and Theda Skocpol eds. *The Transformation of the American Polity* Princeton University Press.

“Does Bicameralism Matter?” (with Michael Cutrone) In press. *Handbook of Political Economy*.

“Models of Vetoes and Veto Bargaining,” (with Charles Cameron). 2005. *Annual Review of Political Science* 7:409-435.

“Bureaucratic Capacity and Legislative Output,” (with John Huber) forthcoming in *The Macropolitics of Congress*. Eds: E. Scott Adler and John Lapinski.

“Hitting the Ground Running: The Timing of Presidential Appointments in Transition,” (with Rose Razaghian) in *Presidential Power: Forging the Presidency for the 21st Century*. Eds: Martha Joynt Kumar, Robert Y. Shapiro, and Lawrence R. Jacobs. New York: Columbia University Press.

“Congress and the Territorial Expansion of the United States” (with Keith Poole and Howard Rosenthal) in *New Directions in Studying the History of the U.S. Congress*. Eds: David Brady and Mathew McCubbins. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Reviews and Comments

Comment on Melissa Cully Anderson and Nathaniel Persily “Regulating Democracy Through Democracy: The Use of Direct Legislation in Election Law Reform” forthcoming, *University of Southern California Law Review*.

Review of Patricia Heidotting Conley *Presidential Mandates: How Elections Shape the National Agenda*. 2001. *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, p. 747-749.

Review of Keith L. Dougherty *Collective Action under the Articles of Confederation*. Forthcoming, *Political Science Quarterly*.

Other Work in Progress

“Presidential Vetoes in the Early Republic.”

“Polarization, Inequality, and Welfare Reform in the American States.”

“Are Committees Powerful in the Confirmation Process?” (with Rose Razaghian)

“Campaign Contributions of the Rich and Famous” (with Howard Rosenthal).

“Legislative Organization, Policy Implementation and the Possibility of Policy Change in Nascent Presidential Systems,” (with John Huber).

“A Positive Theory of Group-Politician Alliances,” (with Lawrence Rothenberg).

“The Tenure of Political Appointees” (with Kelly Chang, Stuart Jordan, and David E. Lewis). Paper presented at the 2000 American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.

“Contributors, Candidates, and the Nature of Electoral Support” (with Lawrence Rothenberg).

“Investment in Politicians? Political Alliances and Partisan Change,” (with Lawrence Rothenberg).

Courses Taught

Doctoral Level

Analysis of American Political Institutions. Princeton University.

Democratic Processes. Columbia University

Political Methodology Sequence. Columbia University

Colloquium on Political Organizations and Interest Groups. Columbia University

Research Controversies in American Politics. Columbia University

Mathematics for Political Science. Columbia University

Game Theory and Political Theory. Columbia University

Master’s Level

Legislative Politics. Princeton University. (Spring 2003)

Advanced Econometrics and Public Policy. (Spring 2003)

Business, Government, and Society. University of Southern California

Business and Its Nonmarket Environment. University of Southern California

Undergraduate

Introduction to American Politics. Princeton University.

The Development of American Political Institutions. Princeton University.

The Politics of Reform. Columbia University

Decline of the American Party System? Columbia University

Introduction to American Government and Politics. Columbia University

Public Finance. Carnegie Mellon University

Professional Activities

Conference Participation

American Economic Association (2002)
American Political Science Association (various years)
Challenges in Political Economy, Harvard University (2002)
Comparative Political Economy Workshop, Harvard (2006)
Eric M. Mindich Encounter with Authors, Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, Harvard University (2005) (for *Polarized America*)
Encounter with the Authors, Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, Harvard University (1999) (participant)
History of Congress Conference, Columbia University (2001,2002)
History of Congress Conference, Stanford University (1999,2004)
Impact of Direct Democracy, University of Southern California and University of California at Irvine (2005)
IGIER/PIER Conference on Political Economics, University of Pennsylvania (2002)
Macro-Politics of Congress, University of Colorado (2001)
Midwest Political Science Association (various years)
Northeastern Political Science Association (2002)
Political Accountability Conference, Princeton University (2002)
Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Harvard University (2002)
Public Choice Society (various years)
Russell Sage Social Dimensions of Inequality Conference (2003)
Social Science History Association (1998)
Society for Political Methodology Summer Meetings (1997-1999)
Southern California Political Economy Association (1995)
Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics (1995)
State of the Parties: 1996 and Beyond, Ray C. Bliss Institute for Applied Politics (1997)
Transformations of American Politics, Harvard University (2003,2004)
W. Allen Wallis Political Economy Conference, Rochester University (1996,2002)

Invited Workshops

California Institute of Technology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (1992)
Center for the Advance Study in the Behavioral Sciences (2005)
Columbia University, Department of Political Science (1994, 1996)
Harvard University, Department of Government (1998)
Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2000, 2005)
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (2002)
Michigan State University, Department of Political Science (2002)
New York University, Department of Politics (1998, 2001)
New York University, School of Law (2002)
Northwestern University (2003)

Ohio State University (1993)
Princeton University (1992, 1998, 2000)
Stanford University Graduate School of Business (1992,1994,1995,1999)
Stanford University Law School (2005)
Universidad Extranada de Bogota (2000)
University of California at Berkeley, Department of Political Science (2000,2004)
University of California at Los Angeles, Department of Political Science (1995,1999)
University of California at San Diego, Department of Political Science (2000)
University of Chicago, Department of Political Science (2005)
University of Kentucky, Department of Political Science (2000)
University of Oregon, Department of Political Science (1996)
University of Rochester, Department of Political Science (1995,1996,1998,1999)
University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business (1993, 2000)
Washington University, Department of Political Science (1999)
Yale University, Department Political Science (1992, 2002)
Yale University School of Management (1993)

Referee Service

Academic Press, *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economics and Politics*, *European Economic Review*, *Governance*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, MIT Press, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, *Political Analysis*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, Princeton University Press, *Rand Journal of Economics*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press.

Outside Professional Activities

Founding Editor-in-Chief, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*
Executive committee, Section on Political Economy, American Political Science Association.
Program co-chair, 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings.
Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*
Editorial Board, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*
Section Head, Political Economy, American Political Science Association Conference, 2002.
Instructor, National Science Foundation Program on Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, University of Michigan (2006)
Instructor, National Science Foundation Program on Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Harvard University (2002)

Instructor, National Science Foundation Program on Empirical Implications of
Theoretical Models, Washington University, St. Louis (2004)
Instructor, National Science Foundation Program on Empirical Implications of
Theoretical Models, Harvard University (2002)
Section Head, Parties and Interest Groups, Midwest Political Science Association, 2003.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association