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Education

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley	Political Science	2004
Dissertation: Parties and Leadership PACs Committee: Nelson Polsby, Eric Schickler, Bruce Cain, John Ellwood		
M.A. University of California, Berkeley	Political Science	1999
B.A. Pomona College	Politics	1998

Employment

Case Western Reserve University	Assistant Professor	2005-date
Oberlin College	Visting Assistant Professor	2004-5

Books

Hiring and Firing Public Officials: Rethinking the Purpose of Elections
manuscript currently under review at Oxford University Press

Articles

Ideological Representation and Competitive Congressional Districts: Some Empirical Observations
(w/ Thomas Brunell)
Electoral Studies Vol. 28, 2009

Teaching Quantitative Methodology to the Math-Averse
PS: Political Science and Politics Vol. 42, No. 3, 2009

Redistricting Reform Will Not Solve California's Budget Crisis (rejoinder to: "Redistricting Reform Can Save California From Itself")
California Journal of Politics and Policy, Vol.1, 2009

Rejoinder to, "The Social Sub-optimality of Competitive Elections: Comment"
Public Choice Vol. 138, 2009

The Social Sub-optimality of Competitive Elections
Public Choice Vol. 133, 2007

WINNER: GORDON TULLOCK PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER OF 2007

The Statistical Properties of Competitive Districts: What the Central Limit Theorem Can Teach Us About Election Reform

PS: Political Science & Politics, April, 2007

Competition, Representation and Redistricting: The Case Against Competitive Congressional Districts

Journal of Theoretical Politics, October 2005

Punch Card Technology and the Racial Gap in Residual Votes

Perspectives on Politics, September 2004 (with Matthew Jarvis and John McNulty)

Book Chapters

Confluence of Interest: The Public Benefit of Allowing Officials to Redraw Their Own Districts forthcoming in *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Mend American Government and Politics*, Richard Ellis, Michael Nelson, ed.s, CQ Press.

Official Institution Reports

Counting All the Votes: The Performance of Voting Technology in the United States
Survey Research Center/Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley, 2001
(with Henry Brady, Matthew Jarvis, John McNulty)

Book Reviews

Review of *Capitol Investments: The Marketability of Political Skills*. Glenn R. Parker
Public Choice 140: 543-545, 2009

Review of *Party Influence in Congress*. Steven S. Smith (Cambridge University Press, 2007)
Journal of Politics 70: 574-575, 2008

Electoral Fraud and Attempts To Prevent It In The U.S.

Election Law Journal Vol. 5 N. 2, 2006

Other Publications

The Contrarian: A Tribute to Nelson W. Polsby
The Forum Volume 5, N.1, 2007

Manuscripts under review

Conceptualizing the Valence Dimension

Parties as Preference-Preserving Institutions

The Proximity Paradox

How Does Winning, Losing, and Electoral Competitiveness Affect Voters' Attitudes Toward

Government? Evidence from Three Western Democracies (w/ Thomas Brunell and Elizabeth Clausen)

Conference papers

Competence, Schmompetence: Theoretical and Empirical Examinations of the Valence Dimension
2009 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*

Get 'Em While They're Young: Party Influence on Preference Formation in Congress
2009 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*

The V Term: Unpacking the Dimensions of Valence and their Policy Consequences
2008 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*
2008 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*

Parties as Preference-Preserving Institutions
2007 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*

The Proximity Paradox
2007 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*

The Incremental Positioning Model: Betcha Can't Shirk Just Once
2006 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*

A Deterrence Model of Candidate Positioning and Electoral Competition: An Alternative to the Spatial Voting Model
2006 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*

Cohort Differences in Congressional Voting Patterns (with Matthew Jarvis)
2006 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*

The Honeymoon Effect: Investigating Individual Members' Propensities to Support the President
(with Casey Dominguez)
2005 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*

The Social Sub-Optimality of Competitive Elections
2005 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*

Split-ticket Voting and the Realignment of the South, (with Matthew Jarvis)
2004 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*

Coordination Between Leadership PACs
2004 Annual Meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*

Incumbent Protection and the Declining Efficiency of the Congressional Campaign Committees
2003 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*

Changing Tactics for Pursuing Majorities: The Rise of Leadership PACs and the Decline of the Congressional Campaign Committees
2003 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*

The Case Against Competitive Congressional Elections (In Praise of the Bipartisan Gerrymander)

2003 Annual Meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*

The Effect of Leadership PAC Contributions on Party Loyalty in the House: 1978-1994
2002 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*

The Electoral Consequences of Party Resurgence, (with Raymond LaRaja)
2002 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*
2002 Annual Meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*

The Expanded Party in Campaigns and in Congress, (with Jonathan Bernstein)
2002 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*

Counting All the Votes, (with Henry Brady, Matthew Jarvis and John McNulty)
2002 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*
2002 Annual Meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*

Reassessing the Impact of Campaign Contributions on Roll Call Votes, (with Matthew Jarvis)
2001 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*
2001 *Berkeley-Stanford Joint Political Science Conference*
2000 *Citizen's Research Foundation Conference on Campaign Finance*

Buying Campaign Contributions with Legislative Favors, (with Matthew Jarvis)
2001 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*

Split Ticket Voting, Policy Moderation and the Uninformed Voter
2000 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*
2000 *Berkeley-Stanford Joint Political Science Conference*

Grants and Awards

2007 Gordon Tullock Prize for Best Paper
The Social Sub-optimality of Competitive Elections
UCITE Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University 2007
Dissertation nominated for Carl Albert Award for Best Dissertation on Legislative Politics
Dean's Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley 2002-2003
First Year Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley 1998-1999
Distinction for Senior Thesis, Pomona College 1998

Professional Service

Manuscript Reviews

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
American Politics Research
Election Law Journal
Journal of Politics
Legislative Studies Quarterly
Party Politics
Political Research Quarterly

Public Choice

Panel Chair: 2004 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*
2004 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*
2005 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*
2007 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*
2009 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*

Discussant: 2005 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*
2005 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*
2006 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*
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2008 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*
2009 Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*
2009 Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*

Courses taught at Case Western Reserve University

Introduction to American Politics

U.S. Congress

Political Strategy

Public Opinion

Introduction to Research Methods

Conflict and Cooperation (SAGES First Seminar)

Ideologies, Paradigms and World Views (SAGES University Seminar)

Courses taught at Oberlin College

Introduction to American Politics

U.S. Congress

Political Strategy

Introduction to Research Methods

Courses taught at UC Berkeley (as graduate student instructor)

Introduction to American Politics

Public Opinion

Introduction to Research Methods

California Politics

Special Topics in Research Methods