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Academic Positions

2007-present Associate Professor, Department of Government, the University of Texas at Austin.
2001-2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Government, the University of Texas at Austin.

Education

2001 Ph.D. in Political Science, Stanford University.
2000 M.A. in Political Science, Stanford University.
1996 M.S. in Public Policy Analysis, University of Rochester (NY).
1993 B.A. in Political Science, University of Richmond (VA).

Publications

Books

Party Polarization in the Congress. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

The Power of the People: Congressional Competition, Public Attention, and Voter Retribution. Columbus: Ohio State University Press, 2005.

Articles in Refereed Journals

"Moderate Caucuses in a Polarized U.S. Congress" (with Jungkun Seo), *Journal of Legislative Studies*, June 2012. 18(2): 203-221.

"The Strategic Timing Behind Position-taking in the US Congress: A Study of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act" (with Taofang Huang), *Journal of Legislative Studies*, March 2012. 18 (1): 41-62.

"The Gingrich Senators and Party Polarization in the U.S. Senate" (with Dave Rohde), *Journal of Politics*, October 2011. 73(4): 1011-1024.

"The Legislative Politics of Congressional Redistricting Commission Proposals" (with Andrew Karch and Corrine M. McConnaughy), *American Politics Research*, November 2007. 35: 808-825.

"Party Polarization in the U.S. Congress: Member Replacement and Member Adaptation," *Party Politics*, July 2006. 12: 483-503.

"Party Politics during the Louisiana Purchase," *Social Science History*, Summer 2006. 30: 293-324.

"Will She Stay or Will She Go? Career Ceilings and Women's Retirement from the U.S. Congress" (with Jennifer Lawless), *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, November 2005. 30: 581-596.

"Public Pressure and Punishment in the Politics of Congressional Pay Raises," *American Politics Research*, July 2004. 32: 444-464.

"Patronage, the Pendleton Act, and the Power of the People," *Journal of Politics*, February 2003. 65: 50-68.

"Moving Up or Moving Out: Career Ceilings and Congressional Retirement," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August 1998. 23: 419-433.

"Presidential Announcement Addresses: Campaign Strategies and Voting Behavior" (with Daniel J. Palazzolo), *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Spring 1996. 26: 350-363.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Roll-Call Votes" (with Patrick Hickey and Abby Blass) in the *Oxford Handbook of the American Congress*, Eric Schickler and Frances Lee (eds). New York: Oxford University Press. 2011. 575-597.

"Women in Congress: From Entry to Exit" (with Jennifer L. Lawless) in *Women in Politics: Outsiders or Insiders*, Fifth Edition, Louis Duke Whitaker (ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall. 2011. 155-168. (Also in the Fourth Edition, 2006)

"Party Polarization in the 111th Congress" in APSA's Legislative Studies Section *Extension of Remarks*. January 2009.

"The Dynamics of Political Argument and The Logic of Issue Framing" (with Paul M. Sniderman) in *Studies in Public Opinion: Attitudes, Nonattitudes, Measurement Error, and Change*, Willem E. Saris and Paul M. Sniderman (eds.). Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 2004. 133-165.

"Agenda Manipulation, Strategic Voting, and Legislative Details in the Compromise of 1850" (with Barry R. Weingast), in *Party, Process, and Political Change in Congress*, David Brady and Mathew McCubbins (eds.). Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. 2002. 343-391.

"A Reassessment of Who's to Blame: A Positive Case for the Public Evaluation of Congress" (with David W. Brady), in *What is it About Government that Americans Dislike?*, John R. Hibbing and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse (eds.). New York: Cambridge University Press. 2001. 175-192.
Reprinted in *The American Congress Reader*, Steven S. Smith, Jason M. Roberts, and Ryan J. Vander Wielen (eds.). New York: Cambridge University Press. 2008. 7-15.

Book Reviews:

Beyond Ideology: Politics, Principles, and Partisanship in the U.S. Senate by Frances E. Lee. *Congress & The Presidency*, September-December 2010, 37(3):323-4.

Authoritarianism and Polarization in American Politics by Marc J. Hetherington and Jonathan D. Weiler. *Perspective on Politics*, September 2010, 8(3):956-7.

Parties and Policies: How the American Government Works by David Mayhew. *Political Science Quarterly*, Winter 2009-10, 124:730-1.

Divided America: The Ferocious Power Struggle in American Politics by Earl and Merle Black. *Perspectives on Politics*, December 2007, 5:822-3.

The Broken Branch: How Congress Is Failing America and How to Get It Back on Track by Thomas E. Mann and Norman J. Ornstein. *Political Science Quarterly*, Summer 2007, 122:322-4.

Legislative Entrepreneurship in the U.S. House of Representatives by Gregory Wawro. *American Political Science Review*, June 2002, 96:434-5.

Research Honors, Awards, Fellowships and Grants

2011-2012	$15,168 grant from the Vice President for Research, the College of Liberal Arts, and Undergraduate Studies, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 13 students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covers travel expenses for a research trip to Washington, D.C.
2011	CQ Press Award for the best paper on legislative studies presented at the 2010 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (co-authored with Dave Rohde).
Summer 2011	National Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University.
2010-2011	$13,048 grant from the Vice President for Research, the College of Liberal Arts, and Undergraduate Studies, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 16 students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covers travel expenses for a research trip to Washington, D.C.
Summer 2010	National Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University.
Spring 2010	Faculty Research Award, the College of Liberal Arts, the University of Texas at Austin. The award provided a release from teaching for one semester.

2009-2010	$10,900 grant from the Vice President for Research, the College of Liberal Arts, and Undergraduate Studies, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 13 students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covers travel expenses for a research trip to Washington, D.C.
2008-2009	$6,600 grant from the Vice President for Research, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 7 students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covers travel expenses for a research trip to Washington, D.C.
2008-2009	$6,400 grant from the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 7 students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covers travel expenses for a research trip to Washington, D.C.
2007-2008	$7,500 grant from the Vice President for Research, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 9 students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covers travel expenses for a research trip to Washington, D.C.
2006-2007	$9,700 grant from the Vice President for Research, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 10 students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covers travel expenses, supplies, and incidental miscellaneous expenses.
2005-2006	$11,000 grant from the Vice President for Research, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 11 students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covers travel expenses, supplies, and incidental miscellaneous expenses.
Spring 2005	Dean's Fellowship, the College of Liberal Arts, the University of Texas at Austin. The award provided a release from teaching for one semester.
2004-2005	$7,600 grant from the Vice President for Research, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 9 students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covers travel expenses, supplies, and incidental miscellaneous expenses.
2004	Subvention Grant from the Vice President for Research, the University of Texas at Austin. The $4,378 helped pay for the production of *The Power of the People*.
2004	Summer Research Assignment, the University of Texas at Austin.
2003-2004	$10,000 grant from the Vice President for Research, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised ten students researching party polarization in the U.S. Congress. The grant covered travel expenses, supplies, and incidental miscellaneous expenses.
2002-2003	$6,000 grant from the Vice President for Research, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 6 students researching major legislation in Congress since World War II. The grant covered travel expenses, supplies, and incidental miscellaneous expenses.
2002	$5,500 grant from the Public Policy Clinic at the University of Texas at Austin. Grant awarded to hire summer research assistants for the Lawmaking in the Modern Congress Project.
2001-2002	$14,400 grant from the Vice President for Research, the University of Texas at Austin. Supervised 33 students researching major bill failures in Congress since World War II. The grant covered travel expenses, supplies, and incidental miscellaneous expenses.
2001	$12,000 grant from the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Stanford University. Supervised 10 students who conducted work on major pieces of legislation enacted since World War II. Grant covered summer salaries and miscellaneous expenses.
2000	Pi Sigma Alpha Award. Awarded by the Midwest Political Science Association for the best paper delivered at the 1999 Annual Meeting (co-authored with Paul Sniderman).
2000	Graduate Research Opportunity, Grant Recipient. Offered by the Dean of the Arts and Sciences, Stanford University.
2000	Social Science History Institute at Stanford University, Grant Recipient.
1998	Lily M. and Henry J. Budde Fellowship. Awarded by the Political Science Department, Stanford University.
1996	Best Graduate Student Paper Award at the New York Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Teaching Awards

Recipient

March 2012	Member, Academy of Distinguished Teachers, the University of Texas at Austin
March 2011	Professor of the Year, awarded by the Senate of College Councils
December 2010	Professor of the Month, awarded by the Senate of College Councils
Fall 2009	Dads' Association Centennial Teaching Fellowship
Spring 2009	Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship
Fall 2007	Texas Exes Teaching Excellence Award
Fall 2007	Texas Blazers Faculty Excellence Award
Spring 2006	President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award
Spring 2005	Eyes of Texas Teaching Excellence Award

Nominations

Spring 2012	College of Liberal Arts Nominee, Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award
Spring 2010	College of Liberal Arts Nominee, Harry Ransom Award for Teaching Excellence
Spring 2009	Government Department Nominee, William David Blunk Memorial Teaching Award
Spring 2008	Finalist, Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship
Spring 2008	Government Department Nominee, William David Blunk Memorial Teaching Award
Spring 2007	Government Department Nominee, William David Blunk Memorial Teaching Award
Spring 2006	Finalist, Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship
Spring 2006	Government Department Nominee, Harry Ransom Award for Teaching Excellence
Spring 2003	Government Department Nominee, Dad's Teaching Award
Spring 2002	Nominee, Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship

Invited Talks

2012	University of Florida and University of Houston
2011	Texas Tech University, University of Wisconsin, and Yale University
2010	The College of William and Mary and the University of Richmond
2009	University of Chicago (Harris School) and Santa Clara University
2007	Southern Methodist University
2006	University of Nebraska, University of Wisconsin, Emory University Duke University (week-long seminar on my book manuscript), and Southern Methodist University
2005	Stanford University (Hoover Institution), Michigan University, Rice University, Southern Methodist University, and Austin Community College
2004	University of Houston
2003	Texas A&M University

Invited Conferences

March 2012	Derecho Electoral Estadounidense (México City) [Simultaneous Translation] Sponsored by the Tribunal Electoral "Electoral System of the United States" / "El Sistema Electoral en los Estados Unidos" "The 2012 U.S. Elections" / "Las Elecciones en Estados Unidos en 2012"
October 2011	Moving Beyond Polarization (Washington, D.C.) Sponsored by the Stennis Center for Public Service for the 112th Congress Stennis Congressional Fellows Day-long Roundtable participant, "History of Political Polarization in the U.S. and What We Can Learn from History"
October 2011	Experiments, Tolerance, and Partisanship: A Conference in Honor of Paul Sniderman (Stanford, CA)

	Discussant of Eric Schickler's "New Deal Liberalism and Racial Liberalism in the Mass Public, 1937-1968"
June 2011	Faces of the Americas / Rostros de las Americas (Houston, TX) Sponsored by the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, the University of Texas at Austin "Creating Your Path to 2012"
February 2011	The Ninth Bulen Symposium: Forward Looking While Thinking Back (Indianapolis, Indiana) "The Gingrich Senators, the 112th Congress, and the 2012 Elections"
December 2010	Performing Under Pressure (Austin, TX) Sponsored by the Higher Education Government Relations Conference "The 2010 Congressional Midterms: Observations and Implications"
May 2010	Congress and History Workshop (Berkeley, CA) "The Gingrich Senators"
November 2009	Legislative Elections, Process, and Policy: The Influence of Bicameralism (Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee) Sponsored by Vanderbilt University "Former Republican Representatives and Party Polarization in the U.S. Senate" (with Dave Rohde)
October 2008	The 2012 Elections Sponsored by the American Chamber of Commerce and CEDAN, School of Public Policy of Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico City (México City, Mexico) "The 2012 Presidential and Congressional Elections in the United States"
February 2008	Norteamérica y el dilemma de la integración (México City) Sponsored by El Colegio de Mexico "Eight Months from Major Change or More of the Same?" [Simultaneous Translation]
May 2005	Congress and History Workshop (Washington University, St. Louis, MO) "Procedural Polarization in Congress and the Power of the People"
November 2004	Integrating Research into Undergraduate Education: The Value Added (Washington, DC) Sponsored by the Reinvention Center "Applying Principles of Learning in Diverse Undergraduate Education Settings."
December 2003	History of Congress III (San Diego, CA) Sponsored by Stanford University and the University of California, San Diego "The Origins of an Electoral Strategy: Federalists and Republicans during the Louisiana Purchase."
February 2003	The Louisiana Purchase and American Expansion: A Bicentennial Symposium (Austin, TX) Sponsored by the University of Texas Law School Discussant of Peter Onuf's "Thomas Jefferson and the Politics of the Moment"
August 2000	The Citizens' Research Foundation Summer Workshop on Money and Influence in Politics (Berkeley, CA). "The Modern History of Campaign Finance Reform."
January 1999	History of Congress II (Stanford, CA) Sponsored by Stanford University and the University of California, San Diego "Agenda Manipulation, Strategic Voting, and Legislative Details in the Compromise of 1850" (with Barry R. Weingast).
October 1998	Hendricks Symposium on Public Dissatisfaction with Government in the United States (Lincoln, NE). Sponsored by the University of Nebraska

"A Reassessment of Who's to Blame: A Positive Case for the Public Evaluation of Congress" (with David W. Brady).

Teaching and Graduate Advising

The U.S. Congress: Spring 2012, Spring 2011 (Writing), Summer 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2007, Fall 2007 (Writing), Summer 2007, Spring 2007, Spring 2006, Spring 2006 (Writing), Summer 2005, Spring 2004, Spring 2004 (Writing), Summer 2003 (Writing), Summer 2002 (Writing)
Politics of the Catholic Church: Spring 2012, Fall 2008 (Writing), Summer 2008 (in Rome), Fall 2007 (Writing), Fall 2006 (Writing)
The U.S. Senate: Fall 2011
Researching the U.S. Congress: Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2008, Spring 2008, Fall 2007, Spring 2007, Fall 2006, Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Fall 2004, Spring 2004, Fall 2003, Spring 2003, and Fall 2002
The U.S. Congress (Ph.D.): Fall 2010, Fall 2001
Congressional Elections (lower division): Fall 2010, Fall 2006, Fall 2004
Party Polarization in the United States: Spring 2009, Spring 2008, Spring 2007 (Liberal Arts Honors), Fall 2005 (Liberal Arts Honors)
Congressional Elections (upper division): Fall 2008, Fall 2006, Fall 2004 (Writing), Fall 2002, Fall 2002 (Writing)
Elections (lower division): Fall 2008
Congress and the President (Ph.D.): Spring 2008 (with Bruce Buchanan)
The Politics of Marginalized Groups (lower division): Fall 2005, Fall 2003, Spring 2003
Political Science Scope and Methods (Ph.D.): Fall 2003, Spring 2003
Issues in Congress (lower division): Spring 2002

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Patrick Hickey, "The Legislator-in-Chief: The American President as a Legislative Leader," (Chair, 2012)
Eric Svensen (current)
Abby Blass (current)
Jonghoon Eun (current)
Michelle Wolfe (current)
Rodrigo Velazquez Lopez Valarde (2010)
Jason DeBacker, Economics (2008)
Jungkun Seo (2007)
Robert Marbut, Jr. (2005)

Master's Committees

Joshua Blank (2011)
Herschel "Trey" Thomas (2011)
JoBeth Shafran (2011)
Eric Svensen (2010)
Paul Saunders Janowitz (2003)
Robert Marbut, Jr. (2003)

Undergraduate Honors Theses Committees

Christy Krawietz, Plan II (2011)
Shelby Carvalho, Liberal Arts Honors (2011)
Gary "Matt" Lamb, Government (Supervisor, 2010)
Jennifer Spencer, Government (Supervisor, 2010)
Howard Henry "Trace" Klein III, Plan II (Supervisor, 2010)
Daniel Olds, Government (2010)

Natalie Butler, Plan II (2010)
Stephen Gilsraph, Government (Supervisor, 2008)
Noah Kaplan, Government (Supervisor, 2007) – Awarded "Best Thesis" in the Government Department
Brent Risenfeld, Government (Supervisor, 2007)
Joshua Huck, Government (Supervisor, 2007)
Daniel Halfmann, Government (Supervisor, 2007)
Will Krueger, Plan II (Supervisor, 2006)
Evan Hoffman, Plan II (Supervisor, 2004)
Graham Keefe, Government (Supervisor, 2004)
Stephen Jessee, Government (Supervisor, 2002)
Phillip Dupre, Plan II (2002)

Professional Service

Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* Editorial Board (2011-present)

Member, Midwest Political Science Conference Program Committee (2011); Carl Albert Award, Best Dissertation, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association (2009); and Best Paper, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association (2004).

Member, American Political Science Association (Legislative Studies and Politics and History Sections), Western Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, and Midwest Political Science Association.

Junior Fellow, British Studies Program, The University of Texas at Austin (2001-current).

Referee

Books University of Michigan Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Kansas Press, Wadsworth, Longman, Palgrave, Routledge, Lynne Reiner, and Rowman & Littlefield.

Journals *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Legislative Studies Quarterly, American Politics Research, Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Congress & The President*, *Politics & Policy*, *Politics & Gender*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, and *Journal of Legislative Studies*.

Grants National Science Foundation (NSF), Smith Richardson Foundation, and Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS).

University Service

Member, Grants-in-Aid Committee, The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library (2001-present).
Member, College of Liberal Arts Scholarship Committee (2002-present).
Member, D.B. Halderman, Best Book on Congress Award, The Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library (2002-present).
Member, Bridging Disciplines Program, Undergraduate Studies, the University of Texas (2004-present).
Member, Archer Program Fellowship Selection Committee, the University of Texas (2012-present, also 2007-2010).
Member, Plan II Advisory Council, the University of Texas (2008-present).
Chair, University Co-op/George H. Mitchell Undergraduate Awards for Academic Excellence Selection Committee, the University of Texas (2011-present; Member, 2008-9).

Member, Faculty Advisory Counsel, Division of Instructional Innovation and Assessment (DIIA), the University of Texas (2005-10).
Member, Texas Parents Outstanding Student Award Selection Committee (2008-9).
Coordinator, Congress to Campus Program. Sponsored by the Strauss Institute, the University of Texas at Austin (2006, 2003).
Faculty Fellow for Jester Resident's Hall, the University of Texas (2001-4).
Seminar leader for a discussion on integrating undergraduates into your research for the New Teacher Orientation (2002).

Government Department Service
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee (2010-12, 2006-7, 2003-4, 2002-3)
Chair, Peer Teaching Review Committee (2007-10); member (2005-7)
Member, American Politics Search Committee (2008-9, 2007-8, 2003-4, 2002-3)
Member, Undergraduate Scholarship Committee (2005-6)
Member, Student Writing Committee (2004-5, 2003-4)
Department Representative, Human Subjects Committee (2003-4, 2002-3)
Member, Latino Politics Search Committee (2001-2)

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