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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2003** WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, Political Science
Fields: American Politics, Formal Theory and Methodology
- M.A. 1999** WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, Political Science
- B.A. 1997** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, Highest Honors in
Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2003-present)
American Political Science Association, Congressional Fellowship (2004-2005)

PUBLISHED PAPERS

- “Gridlock Lobbying: Breaking, Creating, and Maintaining Legislative Stalemate.”
Forthcoming 2010 in Interest Group Politics, 8th ed, Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A.
Loomis, eds. Washington, DC: CQ Press.
- “The Social Utility of Informal Institutions: Caucuses as Networks in the 110th U.S. House
of Representatives.” 2009. *American Politics Research*, 37(5): 742-66, with Nils Ringe.
- “Polarized Agents: Campaign Contributions by Lobbyists.” 2009. *PS: Politics & Political
Science*, 42(3): 485-488, with Gregory Koger.
- “Strategic Lobbying: Demonstrating how Legislative Context Affects Interest Groups’
Lobbying Tactics” 2007. *American Politics Research*, 35(6): 826-845.
- “Dynamic Agenda Setting on the U.S. Supreme Court: An Empirical Assessment.” 2002.
Harvard Journal on Legislation, 39(2), with Lee Epstein and Jeffrey A. Segal
- “The Institutional Effect on Majority Rule Instability: Bicameralism in Spatial Policy
Decisions.” 2000. *The American Journal of Political Science*. 44(3): 523-540, with
William P. Bottom, Cheryl L. Eavey, and Gary J. Miller.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Keeping Your Friends Close and Your Enemies Closer: Information Networks in Legislative Politics,” with Nils Ringe (University of Wisconsin, Madison) and Justin Gross (Carnegie Mellon University). *Currently under review at British Journal of Political Science.*

“Legislating versus Campaigning: The Legislative Behavior of Higher Office Seekers.” *Currently under review at Political Research Quarterly.*

“The Beltway Network: A Network Analysis of Lobbyists’ Donations to Members of Congress,” with Gregory Koger (University of Miami). *Will be under review at Journal of Politics by November 30, 2009.*

“Competing for the Platform: The Politics of Interest Group Influence on Political Party Platforms,” with Gina Yannitell Reinhardt (Texas A&M University). *Working paper 80% complete.*

“Sister, Can you Spare a Minute? Gender Disparities in Legislative Workload and Constituency Representation.” *Working paper 60% complete.*

“The Agreement Score: Legislative Networks and Ideology.” A working paper with Seth Masket (University of Denver), Betsy Sinclair (University of Chicago), and Gregory Koger (University of Miami). *Working paper 50% complete.*

“Show Me the Money: Political Ambition, Specialization, and PAC Donations,” with Alex Morin (Texas A&M University, graduate student). *Working paper 50% complete.*

Book Project: *Legislative Member Organizations: How Parliaments and Legislatures Use Informal Institutions to Connect to Each other*, with Nils Ringe (University of Wisconsin, Madison) and Chris Carman (University of Strathclyde, Scotland). *Project 20% complete.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

Introduction to American Politics
Introduction to Quantitative Methods
Congress/Legislative Process
Interest Group Politics

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL

Legislative Process: U.S. Congress
Interest Group Politics

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Beltway Network: A Network Analysis of Lobbyists’ Donations to Members of Congress,” with Gregory Koger, University of Miami. Presented at: the meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2-5, 2009; the 2nd Annual Networks in Political Science conference at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. June 11-13, 2009; the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON (Canada), September 3-6, 2009; Conference on Bicameralism at Vanderbilt University, October 22-24, 2009.

“Gimme All Your Planks, or I’ll Take These Voters Elsewhere—or—Campaigning to the Median Voter or Mobilizing the Base? The Politics of Interest Group Influence on Political Party Platforms.” with Gina Yannitell Reinhardt (Texas A&M University). Presented at the meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2-5, 2009, and the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON (Canada), September 3-6, 2009.

“Stealing the Platform: How Interest Groups Affect Party Campaign Platforms,” with Gina Yannitell Reinhardt (Texas A&M University). Presented at the Visions in Methodology conference. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. October 2-4, 2008.

“Affirmative Ambition: The Representational Consequences of Black Higher Office Seekers.” Presented at the meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA. August 28 - September 1, 2008.

“Legislative Caucuses as Social Networks in the 110th U.S. House of Representatives,” with Nils Ringe, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Presented at the Networks in Political Science conference at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. June 12-14, 2008.

“Caucuses and Intergroups: How Informal Legislative Groups Act as Social Networks in the U.S. Congress and European Parliament,” with Nils Ringe, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Presented at the meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6, 2008.

“Staffing the Network: A comparative analysis of the role of legislative staff in the U.S. Congress and the European Parliament,” with Nils Ringe, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Paper presented at the 2007 meetings of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, Ill. August 30 – September 2, 2007.

“Strategic Lobbying: The How and Why of Interest Group Lobbying.” Presented at the 2006 meetings of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. August 30 – September 3, 2006.

“Hey, Congressman, want a promotion?” Getting Busy in the House.” Presented at the 2005 meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Ill. April 7-10, 2005.

“The Spatial Model of Interest Group Choice (revised).” Presented at the 2004 American Political Science Association Meetings. Chicago, Ill. September 2-5, 2004.

“Does ambition matter? The behavioral differences of higher-office seekers versus congressional contents.” Presented at the 2004 meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Ill. April 15-18, 2004.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Society for Political Methodology travel grant, annual meeting (Yale University) (2009)
“Professor of the Year,” presented by students of IFC/NPHC, University of Pittsburgh (2009)
Visions in Methodology travel grant, conference at Ohio State University (October 2008)
University of Pittsburgh Third Term Research Stipend (2007)
APSA Congressional Fellowship (2004-2005)
Congressional Research Award, The Dirksen Congressional Center (2001)
Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence, Washington University (2000 - 2001)
Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University (2001 - 2002)
Washington University Graduate Student Fellowship (1997 - 2001)
Washington University Dean's Award Supplement (1997- 2001)
Highest Honors in Political Science, University of California, San Diego (1997)
Alumni Award, University of California, San Diego (1997)
Phi Beta Kappa (1997)
DeWitt Higgs Award (1997) (UCSD's outstanding senior in law and public policy)

REVIEWER

American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
American Politics Research
European Journal of Political Research
European Union Politics
Journal of Politics
Legislative Studies Quarterly
National Science Foundation
Politics and Gender
Political Behavior

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American political institutions: Congress, interest groups, lobbying.
Methodology: social networks, econometrics, game theory, experiments

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Chair's Advisory Committee, University of Pittsburgh, Dept. of Political Science (2008-present)

Graduate Education Committee, University of Pittsburgh, Dept. of Political Science (2006-2007)

Methods Speaker Series Committee, University of Pittsburgh, Dept. of Political Science (2006-2007)

Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council, University of Pittsburgh (2004-2007)

Search Committee: Junior Faculty in International Relations, University of Pittsburgh (2005-2006)

Search Committee: Senior Faculty in American Politics, University of Pittsburgh (2003-2004)

President: Free Union of Graduate Students, Washington University (2000-2001)

Graduate Student Representative, Methods Search Committee, Washington University (1999)

Graduate Student Representative to the Department Faculty, Washington University (1998-1999)

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Networks in Political Science, Program Committee and Awards Committee for meetings at Harvard University, June 2009.

Political Organizations and Parties Section Co-Chair for APSA Meetings in Boston 2008 (2007-2008).

Political Organizations and Parties Section, APSA, Award Committee, Party Politics Award (2005).

Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) (2005)

Volunteer Consultant for United Nations Development Project (New Delhi, India) (November-December 2001)

Computer laboratory/Statistics Consultant (Social Sciences Computing Facility at Washington University in St. Louis) (1999- 2003)

Participant at "Liberty and Hierarchy" Conference on political economy. Presented by The Liberty Fund: Park City, Utah. June 1999. Dr. Michael Munger and Dr. Andrew Rutten, primary organizers.

Research Assistant, Dr. Mathew McCubbins, University of California, San Diego (1996-1997)

REFERENCES

Steven S. Smith
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