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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**

- “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.

**WORKING PAPERS**

- “Legislative Context in Models of Interest Group Strategy.” *Under review*.
- “The Spatial Theory of Interest Group Strategies.” *Under review*.
- “The Behavioral Consequences of Progressive Ambition in US Congress Members,” *Under  
review*.
- “Counteractive Lobbying Tested: An Experimental Approach,” with Scott D. McClurg,  
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. The paper suggests (and will eventually test)  
an experimental test of the counteractive lobbying hypothesis.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

“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.

“The Spatial Model of Interest Group Choice.” Presented at the 2003 meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Ill. April 3-6, 2003.

“Connecting Interest Groups and Congress: A New Approach to Understanding Interest Group Success.” Presented at the 2002 APSA Summer Methods Meeting in Seattle, Washington (July 18-20).

“Interest Groups *Do* Influence Congress (but it’s not about money).” Presented at the 2002 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings in Chicago, Illinois (April 25-28).

“Predicting Interest Group Strategies: A Survey of Interest Groups and Bills.” Presented at the 2002 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings in Chicago, Illinois (April 25-28).

“Convincing Congress: Interest Group persuasion in the 106<sup>th</sup> House.” Presented at the 2001 American Political Science Association Meetings in San Francisco, California (August 30 - September 2).

“The Challenges of Evaluating Interest Group Influence in Congress: A Study of the 106<sup>th</sup> House Resources Committee.” Presented at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings in Chicago, Illinois.

“How Congressional Parties Affect Lobbying in Congress.” Presented at the 2000 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings. Chicago, Illinois.

“A Study of Unanimity on the Court: Can we assume the Supreme Court wants unanimous decisions?” Presented at the 1999 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings. Chicago, Illinois.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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)

## **INVITED TALKS**

“Institutions Matter: Killer Amendments and how we got Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.” October 31, 2000; September 27, 2001. A lecture given to students enrolled in *Gender and American Politics* (Political Science 331B). Washington University in St. Louis—course instructor: Professor Lisa Baldez, PhD.

## **REVIEWER**

*American Journal of Political Science*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*Legislative Studies Quarterly*  
*Political Research Quarterly*

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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

## **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  
Directed Readings: Interest Group Politics

## **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council, University of Pittsburgh (2004-2007)  
Search Committee: Junior Faculty in International Relations, University of Pittsburgh (2004-2005)

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**

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**

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