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Academic Background

Assistant Professor, University of Chicago, Political Science. July 2007-Present.

California Institute of Technology, MS, June 2004 (Social Science), Ph.D, May 2007 (Social Science). Dissertation Title: "Political Networks: When a Democrat Votes Republican".

University of Redlands, *magna cum laude*, departmental honors and Phi Beta Kappa, June 2002 (Mathematics and Economics).

Publications

Journal Articles

"Mobilizing Pasadena Democrats: Measuring the Effects of Partisan Campaign Contacts." Joint work with R. Michael Alvarez and Asa Hopkins. Forthcoming in *The Journal of Politics*.

"Competition Between Discrete Random Variables, with Applications to Occupancy." Joint work with Anant Godbole and Julie Eaton. Forthcoming in *The Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*.

"Whose Absentee Votes are Counted: The Variety and Use of Absentee Ballots in California." With R. Michael Alvarez and Thad Hall. *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 27, No 4 (July 2008): pp. 673-683.

"How Much is Enough? The Ballot Order Effect and the Use of Social Science Research in Election Law Disputes." With R. Michael Alvarez and Richard L. Hasen. *Election Law Journal*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (March 2006): pp. 40-56.

"Who Overvotes, Who Undervotes, Using Punchcards? Evidence from Los Angeles County." With R. Michael Alvarez. *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol 57, No. 1 (March 2004): pp. 15-25.

Unrefereed Publications

"Design and Analysis of Experiments in Multilevel Populations", ed. Jamie Druckman *Experimental Handbook*, 2009.

"Rational Voters and the Recall Election." With R. Michael Alvarez and D. Roderick Kiewiet, in Shawn Bowler and Bruce Cain, *Clicker Politics*, Prentice-Hall, 2006.

"Counting Ballots in the 2000 Election: What Went Wrong?" with R. Michael Alvarez and Catherine Wilson, in A. Crigler et al., *Rethinking the Vote*, Oxford University Press, 2004, 34-50.

Working Papers

"The Multi-Valued Treatment Effects of Political Networks and Context: What Makes a Democrat Vote Like a Republican?"

"From Uninformed to Informed Choices: Pre-Election Polls and Updating" With Charles Plott.

"Strangers vs Neighbors: The Efficacy of Grassroots Voter Mobilization." Joint work with Margaret McConnell and Melissa R Michelson.

"Political Networks: The Relationship Between Candidate Platform Positions and Constituency Communication Structures."

"The Social Basis of Legislative Organization". With James H. Fowler and Jon C. Rogowski.

"The British Paradox: Strategic Voting and the Failure of Duverger's Law."

"Flooding the Vote: Hurricane Katrina and Voter Participation in New Orleans". With R. Michael Alvarez and Thad E. Hall.

"Political Networks and the Impact of Term Limits". With Delia Bailey.

"Detecting Spillover in Social Networks: Design and Analysis of Multilevel Experiments". With Margaret McConnell and Donald P. Green.

Honors and Awards:

Social Sciences Divisional Research Grant for CCAP survey questions, titled "Political Communication Networks" (\$5,000).

Winning proposal for the Voting Technology Project Initiative, titled "Pollworker Education: A Field Experiment", joint with Delia Bailey (\$10,000).

Winning proposal for 2006 ANES Pilot Study, titled "Political Networks".

Haynes Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, academic year 2006-2007.

Society of Political Methodology Poster Award for best poster, Political Methodology Conference, July 2005. Poster title: "Matching with Multi-Valued Treatment: An Application to the Ballot Order Effect."

HSS Divisional Fellowship, Caltech, academic year 2002-2003.

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow at Caltech with Professor R. Michael Alvarez, Summer 2001.

"Best Undergraduate Research Presentation". Annual Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America (Mathfest), August 2000.

Professional Presentations

Invited Presentations

MIT American Politics Seminar Series (June 2009), University of Rochester Political Science Dept Seminar Series (March 2009). Northwestern Law School (March 2009). Harris School American Politics Workshop (January 2009). St. Louis Area Methods Meeting (SLAMM), Washington University in St. Louis (April 2008). Harris School American Politics Workshop (October 2007). Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences Colloquia, University of California at Santa Barbara (February 2006).

Conference Presentations

Harvard Networks in Political Science Conference (June 2009, 2 paper presentations). Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2009, 2 paper presentations), West Coast Experiments in Political Science Meeting (May 2009, 1 paper presentation).

Visions in Methodology, (October 2008, 1 paper presentation). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, (August 2008, 4 paper presentations). Nuffield College, Oxford, Social Network Theory and Measurement Conference, (June 2008, 1 paper presentation). Harvard Networks in Political Science Conference (June 2008, 3 paper presentations).

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Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (September 2007, 1 paper presentation). 6th International Conference on Lattice Path Combinatorics and Applications (July 2007, 1 paper presentation). Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2007, 1 paper presentation).

Cooperative Congressional Election Studies Meeting (CCES), Lake Arrowhead California (March 2006, 1 paper presentation). Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (September 2006, 2 paper presentations). Twenty-third Political Methodology Conference (July 2006, 1 poster presentation). Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2006, 2 paper presentations). Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project Meeting (March 2006, 1 paper presentation).

Twenty-second Political Methodology Conference (July 2005, 1 poster presentation). Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2005, 2 paper presentations). University of California at Irvine, "Democracy and Its Development" (February 2005, 1 paper presentation).

Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project Symposium, "Voting Technology: Innovations for Today and Tomorrow" (October 2004, 1 poster presentation). Twenty-first Political Methodology Conference (July 2004, 1 poster presentation).

Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2002, 1 paper presentation).

Louisiana International Conference on Combinatorics (April 2001, 1 paper presentation).

University of Nebraska Undergraduate Women's Math Conference (September 2000, 1 paper presentation). Big Sky Conference on Discrete Mathematics (September 2000, 1 paper presentation). Annual Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America (Mathfest) (August 2000, 1 paper presentation).

Teaching Experience

University of Chicago

Causal Inference (Winter 2009), graduate course.

American Political Behavior (Winter 2009), graduate course.

American Politics Field Seminar (Winter 2008), graduate course.

Social Science Inquiry (Winter 2008, 2009), undergraduate course.

Political Communications Networks (Spring 2008, 2009), undergraduate course.

California Institute of Technology

Fall 2005: Guest lecturer, Course title: "American Electoral Behavior and Party Strategy", undergraduate course.

Spring 2005: Guest lecturer, Course title: "Political Corruption", undergraduate course.

Winter 2004: Guest lecturer, Course title: "Political Theory", graduate course.

Fall 2004: Guest lecturer, Course title: "American Electoral Behavior and Party Strategy", undergraduate course.

Research and Teaching Interests

American voting behavior, campaigns and elections, political networks, quantitative methodologies, voting technology, formal political theory, field and laboratory experiments.

Professional Service

Referree: *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *American Political Science Review*, *Economics and Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Communication*, *Cambridge University Press*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Behavior*, *International Journal of Public Opinion*

Society for Political Methodology: Best Graduate Poster Committee, 2007. Williams' Dissertation Proposal Prize Committee, 2009.

Midwest Political Science Association: Section Chair, Voting Behavior and Participation, 2009.

Political Networks: Development Committee, 2009.

References

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