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EDUCATION	Duke University , Durham, North Carolina PH.D., POLITICAL SCIENCE <i>Dissertation:</i> Destiny Unbound: Opportunity and Political Choices. <i>Committee:</i> John H. Aldrich (co-chair), Michael C. Munger (co-chair), Scott de Marchi, Georg S. Vanberg. M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE <i>Fields:</i> American Politics; Political Methodology; <i>Theme Field:</i> Political Economy.	September 2006 May 2003
	Cornell University , Ithaca, New York B.A., GOVERNMENT (CUM LAUDE) AND ECONOMICS <i>Thesis:</i> PACing Congress: A Vertical Quality Model for PAC Contributions. <i>Advisor:</i> Walter R. Mebane, Jr.	May 2000
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.	Fall 2006–Present
	GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR Department of Political Science, Duke University.	Fall 2005
	GRADUATE FELLOW Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences, Duke University.	2004–2005
	TEACHING ASSISTANT Department of Political Science, Duke University.	2001–2004
	RESEARCH ASSISTANT Department of Political Science, Duke University.	2000–2004, 2005–2006
AWARDS	UWM GRADUATE SCHOOL RESEARCH COMMITTEE AWARD “For the Folks Back Home: Accountability and Representation in the United States Senate” (\$10,827.56).	2011
	POLITICAL SCIENCE INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL GRANT REQUEST “Summer Research Assistant” (\$3,500).	2008
	DIRKSEN CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH AWARD “Parties and Leaders in the Congressional Network: Positioning Within the Social Network of Member-to-Member Campaign Contributions” (with Brendan Nyhan, \$3,465).	2007
	UWM GRADUATE SCHOOL RESEARCH COMMITTEE AWARD “Understanding Asymmetry in the Colonel Blotto Game” (\$9,958).	2007
	SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP Duke University Graduate School.	2005

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

Ensley, Michael J., Michael W. Tofias, and Scott de Marchi. 2009. “District Complexity as an Advantage in Congressional Elections.” *American Journal of Political Science* 53(4):990–1005.

Winer, Stanley L., Michael W. Tofias, Bernard Grofman and John H. Aldrich. 2008. “Trending Economic Factors and the Structure of Congress in the Growth of Government, 1930–2002.” *Public Choice* 135:415–48.

Merolla, Jennifer, Michael Munger and Michael Tofias. 2005. “*In Play*: A Commentary on Strategies in the 2004 U.S. Presidential Election.” *Public Choice* 123:19–37.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Aldrich, John, Michael Brady, Scott de Marchi, Ian McDonald, Brendan Nyhan, David Rohde and Michael Tofias. 2008. “Party and Constituency in the U.S. Senate, 1933–2004.” in *Why Not Parties?: Party Effects in the United States Senate*. Nathan Monroe, Jason M. Roberts and David W. Rohde, editors. University of Chicago Press.

Aldrich, John H., David W. Rohde and Michael W. Tofias. 2007. “One D is Not Enough: Measuring Conditional Party Government in 1887–2002” in *Party, Process, and Political Change in Congress Volume 2: Further New Perspectives on the History of Congress*. David W. Brady and Mathew D. McCubbins, editors. Stanford University Press.

RESEARCH
&
TEACHING
INTERESTS

AMERICAN POLITICS

Congress; Parties; Campaigns and Elections; The Presidency; Money and Politics; Federalism; Technology and Politics; Public Choice; New Institutionalism.

POLITICAL METHODOLOGY

Statistical Methods; Social Network Analysis; Game Theory; Computational Political Economy.

SELECTED
WORKING
&
CONFERENCE
PAPERS

“Passing the Bucks: Partisan Contribution Networks and Theories of Congressional Organization.” *Invited to revise and resubmit at Social Networks, under review since March 2012*. Previously presented at the 2008 American and Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings and the American Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison, February 2009. (with Brendan Nyhan).

“Candidates and the Complexity of Competition A Model of Partisanship Across Districts.” Prepared for delivery at the canceled 2012 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Revised version from those delivered (under earlier titles) at previous American and Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings.

“The Difficult Kind: Challengers and the Problems Posed by Electorates” A version of this paper was presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, previously presented at the 2011 American Political Science Association annual meeting as “Theories and Measures for Variations in Congressional Constituencies:

Diversity, Heterogeneity, and Complexity” (with Michael Ensley and Scott de Marchi).

“The Two-Body Problem of U.S. Senators and Their Reelection Constituencies.” Prepared for delivery at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (with Michael Ensley and Scott de Marchi).

“Partisan Defection and Loyalty among U.S. Senators.” Prepared for delivery at the 2011 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (with Michael Ensley and Scott de Marchi).

“Is This Heaven? No, It’s Iowa: Simulating Outcomes in the Iowa Caucuses.” Prepared for the conference on “Reforming the Presidential Nomination Process” at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, January 4th, 2008. And expanded on for a poster session at the 2010 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (with Tom Holbrook and Clayton Clouse).

“Are These Boots Made for Walking? Ideological Change among U.S. House Members.” Prepared for delivery at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (with Michael Ensley and Scott de Marchi).

“Dont Think Twice, Its All Right: Looking for and Finding Multiple Dimensions” (with Michael Ensley and Scott de Marchi). Presented at the 2009 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario.

“Houses in Motion: Getting to the Unidimensional Congress 1953–2004.” Prepared for delivery at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (with Michael Ensley and Scott de Marchi).

“Of Colonels and Generals: Understanding Asymmetry in the Colonel Blotto Game.” Prepared for delivery at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois. Updated August 2010.

“Progressive Ambition as a Process of Adaptation and Exaptation.” Prepared for delivery at the 2006 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“Lotto, Blotto, or Frontrunner: U.S. Presidential Elections and The Nature of ‘Mistakes.’” Prepared for delivery at the 2006 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (with Michael Munger and Jennifer Merolla).

“Progressive Ambition: House to Senate 1992–2002.” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association and poster sessions at the 2005 Meetings of the American and Midwest Political Science Associations, under previous title.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS Fall 2008 and 2012
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. Spring 2011

GRADUATE SEMINAR IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS Spring 2008, 2012; Fall 2010
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

GRADUATE SEMINAR IN POSITIVE POLITICAL THEORY Fall 2007, 2009, 2011
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

	CONGRESSIONAL POLITICS	Fall 2006, 2010, 2012
	University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.	Spring 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012
	ELECTIONS, MARKETS, AND NETWORKS (ONLINE)	Spring 2011
	University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.	
	PARTY POLITICS IN AMERICA (ONLINE)	Fall 2008–2009, 2011; Spring 2009
	University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.	
	PARTY POLITICS IN AMERICA	Fall 2006 and 2007
	University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.	
	DEVELOPMENT OF CONGRESS AS AN INSTITUTION	Fall 2005
	Graduate Instructor at Duke University.	
	INTERMEDIATE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS	Spring 2003 and 2004
	Teaching Assistant at Duke University with Christopher Gelpi.	
	INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL ANALYSIS	Fall 2003
	Teaching Assistant at Duke University and UNC–Chapel Hill with Marco Steenbergen.	
	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	Fall 2002
	Teaching Assistant at Duke University with Peter Feaver.	
	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN POLITICS	Fall 2001
	Teaching Assistant at Duke University with Holly Brasher.	
RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS	GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS	
	John Aldrich	2003–2004, 2005–2006
	Michael Munger	Summer 2003
	David Paletz	2001–2002
	Scott de Marchi	Summer 2006
	Peter Fish	2002–2003
	James Hamilton	2000–2001
	UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS	
	Walter Mebane (Cornell University)	Summer 2000
	Federal Trade Commission (Bureau of Economics)	Summer 1999
	Consumer Project on Technology (with James Love and Ralph Nader)	Summer 1998
PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS	American Political Science Association	Annual Meetings 2002, 2004–2011, 2012*
	Various locations.	
	Midwest Political Science Association	Annual Meetings 2001–2012
	Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois.	
	School of Politics & Economics, Monday Lunch Talk Series	March 2010
	Claremont Graduate University.	
	American Politics Workshop	February 2009
	University of Wisconsin–Madison.	
	Reforming the Presidential Nomination Process Conference	January 2008
	University of Iowa.	
	Politics Through the Lens of Parties (in memoriam of Leon Epstein)	April 2007
	University of Wisconsin–Madison.	
	The Wolf by the Ear Symposium	June 2006
	Utah State University and Liberty Fund.	

Conference on Party Effects in the United States Senate April 2006
Duke University.

Department of Political Science January 2006
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

Department of Government November 2005
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

American Politics Research Group September 2005
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Public Choice Society Annual Meeting 2005
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Micro-Foundations of Federal Institutional Stability Conference May 2004
Duke University.

History of Congress Conference December 2003
University of California–San Diego.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2002
Savannah, Georgia.

PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES

EMPIRICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THEORETICAL MODELS SUMMER INSTITUTE
Duke University (head teaching assistant) Summer 2004
University of Michigan (participant) Summer 2003

GRADUATE STUDENT COLLOQUIUM
Duke University Department of Political Science (co-organizer) 2003–2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS
American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; APSA
Legislative Studies Section; The Society for Political Methodology.

REFEREE
American Political Science Review; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal
of Politics*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Public Choice*; *American Politics Research*;
Longman Publishers; W. W. Norton & Company; Oxford University Press.

CONFERENCE PANEL CHAIR
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2012.

CONFERENCE PANEL DISCUSSANT
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012*); Midwest Political Sci-
ence Association Annual Meeting (2011).
* *The 2012 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting was canceled.*

DEPARTMENTAL
SERVICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
Undergraduate Advising Committee 2007–2012
Latino Politics Job Search Committee Fall 2009
Methods Job Search Committee Spring 2008
Strategic Planning Committee 2006–2007

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Jennifer Luse	May 2010	Clayton Clouse	<i>expected</i> 2013
Kimberly Rice	April 2012	Latisha Younger	<i>expected</i> 2013
Matthew Wisnefske	May 2012	Timothy Lynch	<i>expected</i> 2014

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT SUPERVISION

Kimberly Rice	Summer 2008	Timothy Lynch	Summer 2011–2012
Clayton Clouse	Summer 2007		

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT SUPERVISION (ULEAP)

Molly Malchow-Weber	Spring 2009	Andrew Douglas Burns	Spring 2010
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INTERNSHIP AND INDEPENDENT STUDY SUPERVISION

Annie Melissa Prak (Abele Campaign for Milwaukee County Executive)	Spring 2011
John Whitehead (Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee)	Spring 2009
Scott Dettman (Campaign Manager, Glen Brower for State Assembly)	Fall 2008
Julio Guerrero (Advancing Wisconsin)	Fall 2008
Patrick McMenimen (Senior Capstone Paper)	Spring 2007
Patrick Gahagan (Office of Senator Russ Feingold)	Fall 2006
Thomas Keeley (Senior Capstone Paper)	Fall 2006

REFERENCES

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