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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston (2016-Current)
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2014-2016)
- Assistant Professor, Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago (2005-2014)
- Visiting Scholar, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy, University of California Berkeley, 2011-2013
- Visiting Research Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, Princeton University, 2004-2005

**EDUCATION****Columbia University, Ph.D. and M.A. Degrees, Political Science Department, 2006**

- Dissertation: *The Consequences of Institutions: The Political Geography of Federal Expenditures*
- Committee: Andrew Gelman (Political Science and Statistics), Nolan McCarty (Politics Department and Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University), David Epstein (Political Science)

**BOOKS**

*Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009), with Andrew Gelman, David Park, Jeronimo Cortina [1<sup>st</sup> ed 2007, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed 2009]

**PUBLICATIONS**

12. "Do Moderate Voters Weigh Candidates' Ideologies? Voters' Decision Rules in the 2010 Congressional Elections," with James Adams, Erik Engstrom, Danielle Joeston, Walt Stone, and Jon Rogowski, forthcoming in *Political Behavior* (Published online August 2016)
11. "[Ideology and the Congressional Vote](#)," with Jon Rogowski, *Political Science Research and Methods*, July 2016.
10. "[Reform and Representation: Assessing California's Top-Two Primary and Redistricting Commission](#)", with Thad Kousser and Justin Phillips, forthcoming in *Political Science Research and Methods*

9. "[Ideology, Learning, and Policy Diffusion: Experimental Evidence](#)", with Daniel Butler, Craig Volden, and Adam Dynes, *American Journal of Political Science*, July 2015.
8. "[Polarization without Parties: Term Limits and Legislative Partisanship in Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature](#)," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (March 2015) with Seth Masket
7. "[Party Competition, Party Polarization, and the Changing Demand for Lobbying in the American States](#)," *American Politics Research* (March 2015) with John Cluverius, Virginia Gray, Jeffrey J. Harden, and David Lowery
6. "[A Primary Cause of Partisanship? Nomination Systems and Legislator Ideology](#)," *American Journal of Political Science*, April 2014 (58:2) with Eric McGhee, Seth Masket, Steven Rogers, and Nolan McCarty
5. "[Red State/Blue State Divisions in the 2012 Presidential Election](#)," *The Forum*, February 2013 (10:4), with Avi Feller and Andrew Gelman
4. "[The Ideological Mapping of American Legislatures](#)," *American Political Science Review*, August 2011 (105:3), with Nolan McCarty
3. "[A Bridge to Somewhere: Mapping State and Congressional Ideology on a Cross-Institutional Common Space](#)," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August 2010 (35:3), with Nolan McCarty and Christopher Berry
2. "[Rich State, Poor State, Red State, Blue State: What's the Matter with Connecticut?](#)," *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, November 2007(2:4), with Andrew Gelman, Joseph Bafumi, David Park
1. "[A Bayesian Multilevel Modeling Approach to Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data](#)," *Political Analysis* Spring 2007 (15), with Luke Keele, Joseph Bafumi, David Park

#### EDITED CHAPTERS

- "How US States are Polarized and Getting More Polarized", in [Political Polarization in American Politics](#) [2015] (Bloomsbury), Daniel J. Hopkins and John Sides, ed.
- "State Legislative Polarization in America's State Legislatures," in *American Gridlock: The Sources, Character, and Impact of Political Polarization* [2015] (Cambridge University Press), James Thurber and Antoine Yoshinaka, ed.
- "Party Polarization in America's State Legislatures: An Update," in [The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties](#) [2014] (Rowman & Littlefield), John Green, Daniel Coffey, David Cohen, ed.

#### REVISE AND RESUBMIT

- "[Ideology, Party and Opinion: Explaining Individual ACA Implementation Votes in the States](#)" (solo) at *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (to be resubmitted January 2017)
- "[Geography, Uncertainty, and Polarization](#)", with Jonathan Rodden, Chris Warshaw, Chris Tausanovitch, and Nolan McCarty at *Political Science Research and Methods* (to be resubmitted January 2017)
- "[Has the Top Two Primary Elected More Moderates?](#)," with Eric McGhee, at *Perspectives on Politics* ((to be resubmitted March 2017)

**ACTIVE WORKING PAPERS***Representation*

- [“Congruence, Responsiveness, and Representation in American State Legislatures”](#) (solo)

*Polarization*

- [“Unequal Incomes, Ideology and Gridlock: How Rising Inequality Increases Political Polarization”](#), with John Voorheis and Nolan McCarty (to be submitted to *American Political Science Review* March 2017)
- [“Primary Electorates vs. Party Elites: Who are the Polarizers?”](#), with Seth Masket

*Health Policy*

- [“Public Opinion and the State Politics of the Affordable Care Act”](#), with Ryan T. Moore

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012\*, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004, 2003, 2002)
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004, 2003)
- State Politics and Policy Conference (2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2007)
- Annual Meeting of the Political Methodology Section (2003)
- Annual Meeting of the Western Politics Association (2003)

## DATA

- Individual level state legislator ideology data, 1993-2014 (last update: June 2015)
- Aggregate level state legislature ideology data, 1993-2014 (last update: June 2015)
- Available at <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/bshor>

## GRANTS

- Laura and John Arnold Foundation, 2013-2015 (\$157,856)
- Center for the American Governor, Rutgers University, 2013-2014 (\$5,000)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Pilot Grant, 2012 (\$12,000)
- Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012 (\$49,333)
- National Science Foundation, Political Science Program, “Collaborative Research: The Ideological Mapping of American Legislatures”; co-PI with Nolan McCarty, 2011-2014 (home institution \$135,261, total \$434,451)
- Dean’s Grant for Survey Research, 2008 (\$22,000)
- Program on Political Institutions Research Grant, 2007 (\$2,500)
- Columbia University President’s Fellowship
- Political Methodology Conference, 2003
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Summer 2003 (Accepted)
- GSAS Summer Fellowship, 2002

## HONORS

- American Political Science Association 2016 Franklin L. Burdett/Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper presented at the 2015 annual meeting (for “Unequal Incomes, Ideology and Gridlock: How Rising Inequality Increases Political Polarization”)
- Legislative Studies Section of the American Political Science Association 2016 CQ Press Award for best paper presented at the 2015 annual meeting (for “Unequal Incomes, Ideology and Gridlock: How Rising Inequality Increases Political Polarization”)
- State Politics Section of the American Political Science Association 2015 Best Journal Article Award (for “A Primary Cause of Partisanship”)
- State Politics and Policy Quarterly 2012 Best Article (for “Polarization without Parties”)

## SOFTWARE

- Voteview/Voteworld for Windows
  - Written collaboratively with Howard Rosenthal and Keith T. Poole, 1993-2004
  - Available at <http://voteworld.berkeley.edu/vwpc.html>

**INVITED TALKS (SOLO)**

- Political Science Department, University of Washington (2016)
- Political Science Department, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) (2015)
- Political Science Department, University of New Mexico (2015)
- Political Science Department, University at Buffalo (2014)
- Political Science Department, Temple University (2014)
- American Politics Speaker Series, Texas A&M (2014)
- American Politics Workshop, University of Maryland College Park (2014)
- American Politics Workshop, Stanford University (2013)
- American Politics Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2013)
- OLLI Talk on Polarization, University of California Berkeley (2013)
- Methods Workshop, University of Rochester (2012)
- School of Public Health, University of California Berkeley (2012)
- American Politics Workshop, University of North Carolina (2011)
- American Politics/Methods Workshop, Stanford University (2010)
- Methodology Seminar, Princeton University (2010)
- Visiting Committee of the Harris School, University of Chicago (2008)
- Annual Harper Lecture, Los Angeles and San Diego (2008)
- Quantitative Social Science Workshop, Columbia University (2007)
- American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago (2006)
- Political Economy Workshop, University of Chicago (2006)
- Political Economy Workshop, Columbia University (2006)

**INVITED CONFERENCES**

- Symposium in honor of Keith Poole, University of Georgia (2017)
- National Institute for Civic Discourse (2017)
- Representation in State Legislatures, University of Houston (2016)
- Symposium on Political Polarization, Thomas Foley Institute, Washington State University (2016)
- Center on the American Governor, Rutgers University (2014)
- Understanding Gubernatorial Behavior Conference, Washington University and University of Houston (2014)
- Political Polarization and Partisan Change Conference, American University (2014)
- State of the Parties Conference, University of Akron (2014)
- Polarization: Causes and Consequences, Hewlett Foundation (2013)
- Center on the American Governor, Rutgers University (2013)
- Council of State Governments-Eastern Regional Conference, Featured Speaker (2013)
- Conference on Legislative Gridlock, New York University (2011)

**CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

- New Applications in Ideal Point Estimation – Harris School, University of Chicago, April 2009
  - Recruited four outside speakers
  - Presented two papers

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Politics of Social Policy – Undergraduate (2016, 2017)
- American Politics MA Field Survey (2015)
- Introduction to American Politics - Undergraduate (2015)
- State Politics and Policy - Graduate (2007, 2009)
- State Politics and Policy - Undergraduate (2014, 2016, 2017)
- American Politics PhD Field Survey (2014)
- Politics of Health Policy - Undergraduate (2015, 2016)
- Politics of Health Policy - Graduate (2015)
- Public Opinion, Elections and Policy (2009, 2010, 2011)
- Ideology, Party, and Policy (2009, 2010, 2011)
- Core Course on Organization Theory (2006, 2007, 2008)
- Distributive Politics (Winter 2006, 2007, 2009)
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods and Statistics (TA)
- Introduction to American Politics (TA)
- Mass Media and American Democracy (TA)
- Introduction to Political Theory (TA)

## SERVICE

- APSA Organized Section on Legislative Studies, Chair of the 2017 CQ Press Award Committee
- APSA Organized Section on State Politics Council Member, 2015-2017
- Dissertation Award Committee, APSA Organized Section on State Politics, 2014
- MPP Admissions Committee, 2011
- MAPPS Masters' Thesis Advisor, Mateusz Tomkowiak (now PhD candidate, Princeton University)
- PhD Dissertation Advisor, Jorge Fabrega (now Assistant Professor at Universidad Adolfo Ibanez, Santiago, Chile)
- Harris School PhD Committee (2006-2010)
- Harris School Political Economy PhD comprehensive examination committee (2005-2007)
- Harris School Organizations, Institutions, and Management Concentration Advisor (2006-8)
- Political Economy and American Politics Search Committee (Harris, 2005-6)
- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*
- Panel Discussant and/or Chair: Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, State Politics and Policy Conference

## MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- APSA sections: State Politics and Policy, Behavior, Legislative Studies, Political Methodology, Parties
- Midwest Political Science Association

## MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND MENTIONS

- Newspapers and magazines: *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Congressional Quarterly*, *The American Prospect*, *The Economist*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *Sacramento Bee*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Forbes*, *US News & World Report*
- Online: Vox.com, FiveThirtyEight.com, Bloomberg View
- Television: WTTW and WNBC (Chicago)
- Radio: WDEL and RFE/RL
- See <http://research.bshor.com/press> and <http://americanlegislatures.com/press>

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Competitiveness in Institutional Design: The Case of Privatization in Russia and East Central Europe,” in John Micgiel, ed., *The Transformations of 1989-1999: Triumph or Tragedy?* (New York: Columbia University, 2000)

Co-writer and co-editor of *Nations in Transit 1997* (New Brunswick: Transaction, 1997). ISBN: 0765804115

Economic reform editor and co-writer of three follow-up volumes:

- *Nations in Transit 1998* (New Brunswick: Transaction, 1999)
- *Nations in Transit 1999-00* (New Brunswick: Transaction, 2000)
- *Nations in Transit 2000-01* (New Brunswick: Transaction, 2001)
- *Nations in Transit 2002* (New Brunswick: Transaction, 2002)

“Bulgaria in Tailspin,” *Journal of Commerce* editorial (October 25, 1996)

## LANGUAGES

- Competent in Russian

## REFERENCES

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