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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Ohio State University, 2002.

M.A. in Political Science, Ohio State University, 2000.

B.A. in Political Science *summa cum laude*, Wittenberg University, 1997.

Academic Employment

Bucknell University

Chair, Department of Political Science, 2017–present

Professor, Department of Political Science, 2018–present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2008–2018

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2002–2008

Ohio State University

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, 1998–2002

Publications

Book

2016 (paperback 2019). *Leadership Organizations in the House of Representatives: Party Participation and Partisan Politics*. University of Michigan Press.

Reviewed in *Congress and the Presidency*, Vol. 44, Issue 1 (2017); *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 80, Issue 1 (2018); *Party Politics* Vol. 24, No. 5 (2018)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Forthcoming. "Rising to Leadership in an Era of Political Change: Bob Michel and the 1970s House Minority Party." In *Robert H. Michel: Leading the Republican House Minority*, Frank H. Mackaman and Sean Q Kelly, eds. University Press of Kansas.

2018. "Data Analysis and Data Visualization as Active Learning in Political Science." *Journal of Political Science Education* 14:423-439. With Alexis Leanna Henshaw.

2018. "Distributive Politics and Party Participation in the US House." *American Politics Research* 46:617–694.

2014. "The Changing Roles of House Party Leadership Organizations: The House Republican Policy Committee." *Congress and the Presidency* 41:190–222.

2013. "Congressional Endorsements in the Presidential Nomination Process: Democratic Superdelegates in the 2008 Election." *American Politics Research* 41:99–121. With Edward B. Hasecke and Kevin M. Scott.
2012. "Party Size and Representation: Evidence from the Nineteenth Century House of Representatives." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 37:175–197.
2009. "Presentation of Partisanship: Constituency Connections and Partisan Congressional Activity." *Social Science Quarterly* 90:854–867.
2008. "Institutional Change and the Electoral Connection in the Senate: Revisiting the Effects of Direct Election." *Political Research Quarterly* 61:445–457.
2008. "Who Whips? Party Government and the Expansion of House Whip Networks." *American Politics Research* 36:639–668.
2007. "Slavery, Partisanship, and Procedure: The Gag Rule, 1836–1845." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 32:33–57.
2007. "Collegial Influence and Judicial Voting Change: The Effect of Membership Change on US Supreme Court Justices" *Law and Society Review* 41:909–938. With Kevin M. Scott.
2006. "State Delegate Selection Rules for Presidential Nominations, 1972–2000." *Journal of Politics* 68:180–193. With Jeffrey K. Staton and Steven T. Wuhs.
2005. "Long-term Change and Stability in House Voting Decisions: The Case of the Minimum Wage." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 30:103–126.
2003. "The Effects of Political Representation on the Electoral Advantages of House Incumbents." *Political Research Quarterly* 56:259–270. With Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, David Kimball, and Katherine Tate.
2003. "Term Limits, Professionalization, and Partisan Control of US State Legislatures." *Journal of Politics* 65:898–908. With Edward B. Hasecke.
2001. "Influencing from Impaired Administrations: Presidents, White House Scandal, and Legislative Leadership." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 26:639–659. With William D. Anderson.
2000. "Virtual Field Trips: Bringing College Students and Policymakers Together Through Interactive Technology." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 23:829–833. With Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, J. Tobin Grant, and Andrew R. Tomlinson.

Review Essays

2019. "The Resilience of Electoral Responsiveness in a Polarized Congress" *Journal of Politics* 81(1).
2016. Review of "Separation of Powers and Legislative Organization: The President, the Senate, and Political Parties in the Making of House Rules" by Gisela Sin (Cambridge University Press, 2015), *Congress and the Presidency* 43:160–162.

Works in Progress

"Creative Rules for Multiple Measures: Coalition Building and Message Management through the House Rules Committee" (Working paper)

"Loyalty to the Leadership: Validating Congressional Party Voting Scores With Party Leadership Records" (Working paper)

"Whipping the 'Textbook' Congress: The Role of the House Majority Whip System in the Pre-Reform Era" (Working paper)

"House Party Leaders as Agenda-Setters: Understanding Congressional Efforts to Shape the Washington Policy Agenda" (Research in progress)

Research Interests

Legislative Politics

Party leadership, organization, and procedure

Electoral connection and constituency representation

Congressional history and development

Electoral politics

Legislative elections

Presidential selection processes

Conference Presentations

2018. "Whipping the 'Textbook' Congress: The Role of the House Majority Whip System in the Pre-Reform Era." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2017. "Rising To Leadership in an Era of Political Change: Bob Michel and the 1970s House Minority Party." Paper presented at meetings of the American Political Science Association.

2017. "Creative Rules for Multiple Measures: Coalition Building and Message Management through the House Rules Committee." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2016. "Bifurcated Rules in the House of Representatives." Paper presented at meetings of the Western Political Science Association.

2015. "Partisan Payoffs: Distributive Politics and Party Participation in the US House." Paper presented at meetings of the American Political Science Association.

2015. "Congressional Representation in an International Crisis: Position-Taking and Explanation on Syria Intervention." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2013. "Loyalty from the Leaders' Perspective: Measuring House Party Voting from Leadership Records." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2012. "Partisan Organizations in the House of Representatives." Paper prepared for presentation at meetings of the American Political Science Association.

2010. "Adaptable Institutions: Growth and Change in the House Democratic Extended Leadership, 1975–2008." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
2010. "Congressional Superdelegates in the 2008 Election: Power, Constituency, and Uncertainty." With Edward B. Hasecke and Kevin Scott. Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
2009. "A House Less Divided? Secession, Party Size, and Constituency in the 35th–38th Congresses." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
2008. "Presentation of Partisanship: Representation and Party Leadership Activity." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
2007. "Constituency Connections and Extended Leadership Positions in the U.S. House." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
2006. "Who Whips? Party Government and the Expansion of House Whip Networks." Paper presented at meetings of the American Political Science Association.
2006. "Party Power and the Expansion of House Whip Networks." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
2005. "Supreme Court Voting Change and Strategic Behavior." With Kevin M. Scott. Paper presented at meetings of the American Political Science Association.
2005. "Institutional Change and Position Taking in the Senate: The Impact of the 17th Amendment." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
2004. "Choosing How to Choose: State Delegate Selection Rules for Presidential Nominations, 1972–2000." With Jeffrey Staton and Steven T. Wuhs. Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
2003. "Vote Choice and Vote Change in the Antebellum House: Evidence from the Gag Rule, 1836–1845." Paper presented at meetings of the American Political Science Association.
2002. "Position Change in the Antebellum US House of Representatives: Evidence from the Gag Rule." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
2001. "Long-Term Position Change in Congressional Roll-Call Voting: An Event History Analysis of Minimum Wage Increases." Paper presented at meetings of the Southern Political Science Association.
2001. "The Dynamics of Long-Term Position Change in House Roll-Call Voting: The Case of the Hyde Amendment." Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.
1999. "Professionalization, Term Limits, and Divided Government in US State Legislatures: An Updated Perspective." With Edward B. Hasecke. Paper presented at meetings of the Southern Political Science Association.
1999. "Presidents, White House Scandal, and Legislative Success: A Quantitative Analysis of Watergate and Iran-contra." With William D. Anderson. Paper presented at meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Teaching

Courses Taught (undergraduate)

Introduction to Politics; American Politics; American Presidency; Judicial Politics; American Congress; Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties; Analyzing Legislatures (research seminar); Parties and Polarization in American Politics (research seminar); Mathematics and Politics (team-taught); Elections in the Media Environment (freshman seminar); Campaigns and Elections; Senior Honors Thesis

Undergraduate Mentoring: Senior Honors Theses

Katy L. Thompson, *Legislative Productivity and Party Control: A Story of Polarization?* (2016–2017)

Emily M. Cottle, *From Congregations to Congress: the Impact of Religion in the 114th Congress* (2016–2017)

Chet Otis, *The Supreme Court Confirmation Process and Its Implications* (2013–2014)

Sophie J. Kleinert, *Running in Heels: An Analysis of Advertisements by Female Senate Candidates* (2013–2014)

Aravind Mohan (co-advisor), *Government Influence and the Failure of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac* (2011–2012)

Andrew Clarke, *The Blue Dog Coalition: The Impact of a Single-Issue Caucus on the 104th–110th Congresses* (2009–2010)

Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari, *U.S. Senators: Can They Keep a Promise?* (2008–2009)

Marisa Aronson (co-advisor), *“Tinkering” With Students’ Rights: Understanding the Limitations Placed Upon Public Schools by the Supreme Court* (2005–2006)

Elisabeth Salemme, *Swinging the Election: How the News Media Frames Candidates and Influences the Electorate* (2005–2006)

Alyson Walker, *Questioning the College: An Evaluation of the Electoral College and Reforms* (2003–2004)

Denise Rosenhaft, *Strategic Choices: Presidential Leadership and the Legislative Branch* (2002–2003)

Service and Other Professional Activity

University Service

Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) associated faculty, 2009–present

Legal Studies Program advisory committee, 2010–present

Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2007–2011, 2015–2017, co-chair 2010

Phi Beta Kappa Chapter Secretary, 2014–2016

Departmental Graduate School Advisor: 2006–2009, 2015–2016

Associate Registrar Search Committee, 2016

Committee on Instruction, 2011–2014

Phi Beta Kappa Award Selection Committee, chair, 2014

Teaching Awards Selection Committee, 2013

Sociology Search Committees, outside member: 2007, 2013

Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Engagement, 2012

Department Review Committee outside member, Department of Religion, 2010

Bucknell University Honors Council: 2003–2009

Religion Search Committee, outside member: 2008

Academic Planning Group: 2006–2008

Bucknell Habitat for Humanity, Co-Advisor: 2003–2005

Service to the Profession

Executive Committee, APSA Legislative Studies Section, 2011–2014

Patrick J. Fett Award committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2011

Conference Section Head, Midwest Political Science Association, 2011

Chair, Jewell-Loewenberg Award committee, APSA Legislative Studies Section, 2011

Conference Panel Discussant and/or Chair, MPSA: 2017, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2003

Roundtable Discussant and Chair, Western Political Science Association: 2016

Invited Roundtable Speaker, Association of Centers for the Study of Congress annual meeting, 2018

Conference Panel Discussant, Southern Political Science Association: 2002

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Law and Society Review*, *Congress and the Presidency*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Interest Groups and Advocacy*, *Social Science History*, *American Review of Politics*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *Politics and Policy*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Cengage-Wadsworth, W.W. Norton, CQ Press, Pearson, Oxford UP, Cambridge UP, Westview, University of Michigan Press, National Science Foundation

Member: American Political Science Association (Legislative Studies Section), Midwest Political Science Association, American Association of University Professors

Consulting

College Board CLEP American Government Test Development Committee, 2015–present

Op-Ed Contributions

"The Decline of Party Capacity in the House." LegBranch.com, 21 Feb 2018

"This is How Paul Ryan Can Bring Republicans Together." *Washington Post* Monkey Cage, 12 Dec 2016.

"Would Democratic Superdelegates Steal the Nomination from Bernie Sanders? Probably Not." With Edward B. Hasecke. *Washington Post* Monkey Cage, 1 March 2016.

Grants and Awards

Association of Centers for the Study of Congress Grant (2017)
Carl Albert Center Visiting Scholar Grant, University of Oklahoma (2017)
Bucknell Institute for Public Policy Scholarly Development Grant (2015)
Bucknell Course Development Grants (2008; 2013)
Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching (2012)
Bucknell Scholarly Development Grant (2012)
Dirksen Congressional Center Congressional Research Grant (2009)
Professional Enhancement for Graduate Students Grant (dissertation fellowship, 2000)
Ohio Board of Regents Graduate Fellowship (1997–1999)
Ohio State University Fellowship (1997–1998)
Phi Beta Kappa (Omicron of Ohio, 1996)

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