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### Academic Positions

- *Stony Brook University (SUNY), Department of Political Science*  
Assistant Professor, August 2001 – present  
Director, M.A. in Public Policy Program, January 2003 – August 2007
- *Stanford University, Social Science History Institute & Department of Political Science*  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, August 2000 – July 2001

### Education

- *University of California, San Diego*, Ph.D. in Political Science, 2001  
Exams: Formal Theory and Methodology; American Politics; Comparative Politics  
Dissertation: “Checks and Balances: Party Politics and Judicial Power”  
Mathew McCubbins (Chair), Gary Cox, Gary Jacobson, Joel Sobel, Michael Parrish
- *University of California, Los Angeles*, B.A. *cum laude* in Political Science, 1995  
Thesis: “Effects of Factor Mobility and Partisanship on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations: Tax Policy in the American States, 1966-1992” (High Honors in Political Science)

### Scholarly Publications

6. “Candidates, Campaigns, or Partisan Conditions? Reevaluating Strategic Politicians Theory,” with Michael Ensley. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 32, 3: 361-394 (August 2007)
5. “Ambivalence, Information, and Electoral Choice,” with Howard Lavine. *American Political Science Review*, 99, 2: 169-184 (May 2005).
4. “Remodeling the Competition for Capital: How Domestic Politics Erases the Race to the Bottom,” with Mark Hallerberg. *American Political Science Review*, 98, 2: 261-276 (May 2004)  
★ Winner of the APSA Luebbert Prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics in 2003 or 2004  
(Awarded by APSA Section 20, Comparative Politics)
3. “Regulating Slavery: Deck-Stacking and Credible Commitment in the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850,” *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, 19, 2: 307-342 (October 2003).
2. “Globalization and Tax Reform: An Updated Case for the Importance of Veto Players,” with Mark Hallerberg, *Politische Vierteljahreschrift*, 40, 4: 618-627 (Dezember 1999).
1. “Internationalization and Changes in Tax Policy in OECD Countries: The Importance of Domestic Veto Players,” with Mark Hallerberg, *Comparative Political Studies*, 31, 3: 321-352 (June 1998).

### Current Submissions

“Voter Response to Congressional Campaigns: New Techniques for Analyzing Aggregate Electoral Behavior,” with Damon Cann and Michael Ensley. *Public Choice*. Status: Under Review (submitted August 16, 2006; resubmitted February 23, 2007)

“Advice or Contempt? The Changing Politics of Federal Judicial Nominations,” with Maxwell Mak. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. Status: Under Review (submitted July 11, 2007)

“Southern Comfort: Incumbency and Realignment in Congress,” with Helmut Norpoth. *American Political Science Review*. Status: Under Review (submitted July 16, 2007)

### Conference & Working Papers

“Campaign Advertising, Credit Claiming, and ‘Fenno’s Paradox’,” with Andrew Sidman. In preparation for delivery at Texas A&M University Conference on Congressional Elections, September 2007.

“Campaign Advertising and Credit Claiming in the 2002 House Elections,” with Andrew Sidman. Presented at 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Panel 40-4, *Ads and Messages in Congressional Elections*.

“Candidate Perception in a Presidential Election.” (Under revision in preparation for submission.)

“Emotions and Expectations in a Trust Game: An Experimental Analysis,” with Erin Cassese, Stanley Feldman, and Leonie Huddy. In preparation.

“The Psychology of Strategic Bargaining Experiments: ‘Prosocial’ and ‘Parochial’ Personalities,” with Pazit Ben Nun. Presented at the 2007 American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Panel 5-10, *Emotion and Learning*.

“Endogenous Dichotomous Explanatory Variables in Regression Analysis,” with Michael Ensley. Presented at 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Panel 35-9, *Candidate Quality, Strategy, and Competition*.

“Partisan Attitude Strength: Exploring the Dimensionality and Consequences of Partisanship in the 1980 Presidential Election,” with Michael Ensley. Presented at 2005 American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Poster Session, *Elections and Voting*.

“Forecasting House Elections from the Micro-Level.” Presented at 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Panel 18-13, *Congressional Elections in Time*.

### Newspaper Publications

“Blocked by War,” with Howard Lavine. *Newsday*, Sept. 29, 2002. (p. A26, Currents.)

“Why this Congressional District Defied Convention.” *The Village Times Herald*, Nov. 14, 2002. (p. 8.)

### Invited Symposia

“Thoughtfulness: Exploring the Psychological Origins of Sequential Rationality,” *Florida State University*, Experimental Social Sciences Cluster, July 30, 2007.

“Candidate Perception in a Presidential Election,” *Ohio State University*, Project in Statistics and Methodology (PRISM), May 12, 2006

“Candidate Perception in a Presidential Election,” *Duke University*, Program in Advanced Research in the Social Sciences (PARISS), March 6, 2006

“Candidate Perception in a Presidential Election,” *University of North Carolina*, American Politics Research Group (APRG), January 27, 2006

“Congressional Campaigns and Voter Choice: A New Framework for Analyzing Aggregate Electoral Behavior,” *University of Chicago*, Political Economy Workshop, October 18, 2005

“Redistricting and Uncompetitive Elections: The Electoral Foundations of Polarized Politics,” *George Washington University*, Department of Political Science, December 10, 2004

“Redistricting and Uncompetitive Elections: The Electoral Foundations of Polarized Politics,” *University of California, Davis*, Department of Political Science, December 3, 2004

“Information, Ambivalence and Electoral Choice: Voter Heterogeneity in House Elections,” *Indiana University*, Department of Political Science, February 26, 2004

“Regulating Slavery: Deckstacking in the Fugitive Slave Act,” *University of California, San Diego*, American Political Institutions Project, April 10, 2001

“Regulating Slavery: Deckstacking in the Fugitive Slave Act,” *Stanford University*, Hoover Institution, Collective Choice Seminar Series, March 10, 2001

“Behavioral Game Theory,” *Stanford University*, Department of Political Science, February 12, 2001

“Congress, Elections, and the Legal Process,” *Boston University*, Department of Political Science, February 28, 2000

“Congress, Elections, and the Legal Process,” *Michigan State University*, Department of Political Science, February 22, 2000

“Judicial Deckstacking: A Theory of Legislative-Judicial Interactions,” *California Institute of Technology*, Division of Humanities & Social Sciences, December 11, 1999

“Checks and Balances: Congress, the Courts, and Law,” *Rutgers University*, Department of Political Science, November 17, 1999

“Checks and Balances: Congress, the Courts, and Law,” *University of South Carolina*, Department of Government, November 15, 1999

“Judicial Deckstacking: A Theory of Legislative-Judicial Interactions,” *Southern California Methods Program (SCaMP)*, 1999 Fall Meetings, Lake Arrowhead, CA

### Conference Presentations

“Southern Comfort: Incumbency and Realignment in Congress,” with Helmut Norpoth. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2007, Chicago, IL. *Panel: Polarization, Realignment, and Partisan Change.*

“The Psychology of Strategic Bargaining Experiments: ‘Prosocial’ and ‘Parochial’ Personalities,” with Pazit Ben Nun. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2007, Chicago, IL, *Panel: Emotion and Learning.*

“Campaign Advertising and Credit Claiming in the 2002 House Elections,” with Andrew Sidman. Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007, Chicago, IL. *Panel: Ads and Messages in Congressional Elections.*

“Incumbency and Realignment: Partisan Change in House Elections,” with Helmut Norpoth. Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007, Chicago, IL. *Panel: The Incumbency Advantage.*

“Advice and Contempt: Obstruction of Nominations to the Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals,” with Maxwell Mak. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2006, Philadelphia, PA. *Panel: Judicial Selection to the Federal Courts.*

“Candidate Perception in the 2000 Presidential Election,” with Todd Hartmann. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2006, Philadelphia, PA. *Panel: Battlegrounds, Information, and Voters.*

“Endogenous Dichotomous Explanatory Variables in Regression Analysis,” with Michael Ensley. Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2006, Chicago, IL. *Panel: Candidate Quality, Strategy, and Competition*

“Partisan Attitude Strength: Exploring the Dimensionality and Consequences of Partisanship in the 1980 Presidential Election,” with Michael Ensley. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2005, Washington, DC. *Poster Session: Elections and Voting*

“The Relevant Campaign, 2000: Using Panels to Analyze Campaign Effects and the Emergence of Voters' Judgments,” with Todd Hartman. Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2005, Chicago, IL. *Panel: Communication Effects*

“The Relevant Campaign, 1980: Revisiting the NES Major Panel to Analyze Campaign Effects and the Emergence of Voters' Judgments,” with Michael Ensley. Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2005, Chicago, IL. *Panel: Information Processing*

“Mobilization and Campaign Finance in Congressional Elections,” with Damon Cann and Michael Ensley. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2004, Chicago, IL. *Panels: Ruling Legislators, and Ch-Ching! Money in Congressional Elections*

“Voter Heterogeneity: Ambivalence, Information, and Congressional Elections,” with Howard Lavine. Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004, Chicago, IL. *Panel: U.S. Senate Campaigns and Elections*

“Mobilization and Campaign Finance in Congressional Elections,” with Damon Cann and Michael Ensley. Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004, Chicago, IL. *Panel: Factors in Legislative Election Outcomes*

“Endogeneity Problems in Congressional Elections Research,” with Michael Ensley. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2003, Philadelphia, PA. *Panel: New Research on Congressional Elections*

“The Consequences of Voter Heterogeneity and Ambivalence in Congressional Elections,” with Howard Lavine. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2003, Philadelphia, PA. *Panel: Research on Congressional Elections*

“Congressional Election Forecasting: Some Micro-Foundational Considerations.” Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003, Chicago, IL. *Panel: Congressional Elections in Time*

“The Illusion of Invulnerability: Incumbency, Uncontested Elections, and Selection Bias,” with Michael Ensley. Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003, Chicago, IL. *Poster Session: American Politics*

“Candidate Quantity in Congressional Elections: Malapportionment, Uncontested Elections, and Selection Bias,” with Michael Ensley. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2002, Boston, MA. *Panel: U.S. Congressional Elections*

“Renovating the ‘Separation-of-Powers’ Model.” Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2002, Boston, MA. *Panel: Role of the Courts in the Political System: ‘Separation of Powers’ Models*

“Renovating the ‘Separation-of-Powers’ Model.” Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2002, Chicago, IL. *Panel: Congress and the Courts*

“A Bounded-Rationality Model of Crime & Punishment: Integrating Formal Theory and Experimental Research.” Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2001, San Francisco, CA. *Panel: Experimental Research into Strategic Behavior*

“Competing for Capital: The Effects of Veto Players, Partisanship, and Competing Countries’ Domestic Politics on Tax Reform,” with Mark Hallerberg. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2001, San Francisco, CA. *Panel: Veto Players and Policy Reform*

“Regulating Slavery: The Case of the Fugitive Slave Act.” Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2001, Chicago, IL. *Panel: Structure and Process in Congressional Time*

“Remodeling the Competition for Capital: How Domestic Politics Erases the Race-to-the-Bottom,” with Mark Hallerberg. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2000, Washington, DC. *Panel: Political Economy of European Taxation in the 1990s*

“Deckstacking in the Pre-Civil War Period: The Case of the Fugitive Slave Act.” Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 1999, Atlanta, GA. *Panel: Legislative Control of the Bureaucracy*

“Law as Equilibrium? A Formal Theory of *Federalist 78*.” Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 1999, Atlanta, GA. *Panel: Checks and Balances in the Federal System*

“Judicial Superiority? A Critique of the Applications of Public Choice and Social Choice Theories to Statutory Interpretation.” Annual Meetings of the Western Political Science Association, 1998, Los Angeles, CA. *Panel: Bicameralism and the Separation of Powers.*

“Tax Reform in the OECD Nations in the Late 1980s,” with Mark Hallerberg, Kee-Seok Kim. Annual Meetings of the International Studies Association, 1996, San Diego, CA. *Panel: Economic Growth and Domestic Welfare: Changing Patterns and Effects*

### **Other Conference Participation**

Discussant at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, September 2006, Philadelphia, PA. *Panel: “Candidate Characteristics and Elections”*

Discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, April 2006, Chicago, IL. *Panel: “Information Processing”*

Discussant at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, September 2005, Washington, DC. *Panel: “Evaluating Candidates”*

Discussant at the Conference on Historical Behavioralism, hosted by the MIT Political Science Department, October 2004, Boston, MA.

Discussant at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, September 2004, Chicago, IL. *Panel: “Cutting Corners: The Politics of Redistricting”*

Discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, April 2004, Chicago, IL. *Panel: “Campaign Agendas, Activities, and Strategies”*

Discussant at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, September 2002, Boston, MA. *Panel: “Analysis of Legislative Voting Behavior”*

Chair at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, September 2002, Boston, MA. *Panel: “Analysis of Legislative Voting Behavior”*

Discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, April 2002, Chicago, IL. *Panel: “Complementary Approaches to Formal Modeling”*

Discussant at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, September 2001, San Francisco, CA. *Panel: “History of Congress and Elections”*

Discussant at Conference on Mental Models in the Social Sciences, hosted by the University of California, San Diego, Departments of Political Science, Economics, and Cognitive Science, August 1999, La Jolla, CA.

Attendee at Conference on Liberty and Hierarchy, hosted by the Liberty Fund, June 1999, Park City, UT.

Organizer of Conference on the History of Congress, co-hosted by Stanford University and the University of California, San Diego, June 1998 in La Jolla, CA, and January 1999 in Stanford, CA.

Chair at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 1998, Los Angeles, CA. Panel: "State Legislative Politics"

Attendee at Conference on the Bureaucracy, hosted by the *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, April 1998 at Marconi Center, Port Reyes, CA.

### **Editorial and Review Experience**

Book Manuscript Reviewer: Cambridge University Press; Stanford University Press; CQ Press; Routledge Press

Article Reviewer: *American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Public Opinion Quarterly; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Comparative Political Studies; Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization; International Organization; International Studies Quarterly*

### **Departmental Service**

Program Director, M.A. in Public Policy Program, January 2003 – August 2007

Faculty Search Committees:

Center for Interdisciplinary Environmental Research (CIDER): 2007

Political Economy: 2004, 2005, 2006

American Politics: 2001, 2002

Judicial Politics: 2001, 2002

Comprehensive Exam Committees:

American Politics: 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007

Political Economy: 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007

Methods: 2004

Graduate Committee, June 2002 – June 2004

### **Mentorship**

Doctoral Dissertations Advised:

Adam McGlynn [2007], Andrew Sidman [2007]

Doctoral Dissertation Committees:

Scott Graves [2003], Ellen Baik [2004], Damon Cann [2004], Udi Sommer [2007]; Tony Carey [2007], Todd Hartman [2008], Eser Sekercioglu [2008], Maxwell Mak [2008]

Masters Theses Advised:

John-Paul Barnaba [2003], Joan Bohlke [2003], Frances Katsar [2003], Jennifer Melli [2004], Elyce Winters [2004], John Melton [2004], Michael Usinger [2005], Anthony Figliola [2005], Robert Parker [2006], Kaoru Koide [2007], Sejoong Choi [2007]

## Teaching Experience

### • Doctoral

Foundations: American Politics (6 times)	(Spring 02, 03, 07; Fall 03, 04, 05)
Game Theory (4)	(Spring 02, 03, 05, 07)
Legislative Politics (3)	(Spring 04; Fall 05, 07)
Mathematical Methods for Political Science (3)	(Summer 02, 03, 04)
Experimental Game Theory (1)	(Fall 06)
Law and Economics / PPT of Law (1)	(Fall 02)
American Political History (1)	(Spring 01 @ Stanford)

### • Masters

Administrative Law (4)	(Fall 03, 04, 06, 07)
American Democracy (4)	(Summer 02, 03, 04, 05)

### • Undergraduate

Congress (3)	(Fall 01, 02; Spring 01 @ Stanford)
Introduction to American Politics (1)	(Spring 00 @ UC San Diego)