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## EMPLOYMENT

### *Faculty Appointment*

Professor of Public Policy and Politics  
University of Virginia  
2011 to present

### *Administrative Appointment*

Associate Dean (served as Acting Dean, Fall 2011)  
Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy  
University of Virginia  
2009 to present

### *Other Current Affiliations*

Nonresident Senior Fellow in Governance Studies  
The Brookings Institution  
2009 to present

### *Past Faculty Appointments*

Professor (2009-present) and Associate Professor (2002-2009)  
Department of Politics  
University of Virginia

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy  
School of Public Affairs  
University of California, Los Angeles  
July 2000 to August 2002

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and  
Lecturer, Yale Law School  
Yale University  
Fall 1996 to July 2000

### *Past Administrative Appointments*

Associate Director, Accelerated BA/ MPP Program (2006-2009)  
University of Virginia

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science, 1996  
*Credible Commitments? The Politics of Federal Trust Funds* (Bruce Cain, adviser)

M.P.P., University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, 1989

B.A., University of Virginia, Departments of History (with highest distinction) and  
Economics, 1987 [University of Delaware, coursework, 1983-84]

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Books and edited volumes

*Living Legislation: Durability, Change, and the Politics of American Law making*  
(co-editor with Jeffrey A. Jenkins) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012).

*Reforms at Risk: What Happens After Major Policy Changes Are Enacted*  
(Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008).

*Winner of 2009 Louis Brownlow Book Award, National Academy of Public  
Administration*

*Promoting the General Welfare: New Perspectives on Government Performance* (co-  
editor with Alan S. Gerber) (Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2006)

*Putting Trust in the U.S. Budget: Federal Trust Funds and the Politics of  
Commitment* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000).  
[Chinese translation, 2009].

### Articles and book chapters

"The Politicization of Evidence-Based Medicine: The Limits of Pragmatic Problem  
Solving in an Era of Polarization," (with Alan S. Gerber), *California Journal of  
Politics and Policy*: Vol. 3: Issue. 4 (2011).

"The Public Wants Information, Not Board Mandates, From Comparative Effectiveness Research," (with Alan S. Gerber, David Doherty and Conor Dowling) *Health Affairs*, October 2010 (29, no. 10 (2010): 1872-1881

"A National Survey Reveals Public Skepticism About Research-Based Treatment Guidelines," (with Alan S. Gerber, David Doherty and Conor Dowling), *Health Affairs*, October 2010, no. 10 (2010): 1882-1884

"Problem Solving in a Polarized Age: Comparative Effectiveness Research and the Politicization of Evidence-Based Medicine," (with Alan S. Gerber), *The Forum*, (April 2010).

"Response to Andrea L. Campbell," Forum on *Reforms at Risk*, *Journal Policy History*, (April 2010): 262-266.

"Polarization in Perspective: Comment on David Brady, John Ferejohn and Laurel Harbridge," in *Red and Blue Nation II: Consequences and Correctives of America's Polarized Parties*, David Brady and Pietro Nivola, eds., (Brookings Institution Press, 2008): 224-234.

"The Day After Market-Oriented Reform; or What Happens When Economists' Reform Ideas Meet Politics," in *Creating Competitive Markets: The Politics and Economics of Regulatory Reform*, Marc K. Landy, Martin A. Levin, and Martin Shapiro, eds., (Brookings Institution Press, 2007): 267-289.

"Government Performance: Missing Opportunities to Solve Problems," (with Alan S. Gerber) in Alan S. Gerber and Eric M. Patashnik, eds., *Promoting the General Welfare: New Perspectives on Government Performance* (Brookings Institution Press, 2006): 3-18.

"Sham Surgery: The Problem of Inadequate Medical Evidence," (with Alan S. Gerber) in Alan S. Gerber and Eric M. Patashnik, eds., *Promoting the General Welfare: New Perspectives on Government Performance* (Brookings Institution Press, 2006): 43-73.

"Congress and the Budget," in Sarah Binder and Paul Quirk, *Institutions of Democracy: Congress* (Oxford University Press, 2005): 382-406.

"Introduction—Reconsidering Martha Derthick's *Policymaking for Social Security*," *P.S.: Politics and Political Science*, July 2004, 433-434. Wrote introduction and edited symposium with contributions from Paul Pierson, Deborah Stone, R. Kent Weaver, and Martha Derthick.

"Between Welfare Medicine and Mainstream Entitlement: Medicaid at the Political Crossroads," (with Colleen Grogan) in Lawrence Brown, Lawrence Jacobs, and

James Morone, eds., *Wealthy, Healthy and Fair: The Politics of Health Care for a Good Society* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004): 267-298.

“Budgeting,” in Julian E. Zelizer, ed., *The Reader’s Companion to the American Congress* (New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2004): 668-686.

“Between Welfare Medicine and Mainstream Entitlement: Medicaid at the Political Crossroads,” (with Colleen Grogan), *Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law*, (October 2003): 821-858.

“After the Public Interest Prevails: The Political Sustainability of Policy Reform,” *Governance*, (April 2003): 203-234.

“Universalism within Targeting: Nursing Home Care, the Middle Class, and the Politics of the Medicaid Program,” (with Colleen Grogan), *Social Service Review*, (March 2003): 51-71.

“The Politics of Planning,” in Neil Smelser and Paul Bates, eds., *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Oxford: Elsevier, 2002).

“Paying for Medicare: Benefits, Budgets, and Wilbur Mills’s Policy Legacy,” (with Julian Zelizer), *Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law*, (February 2001): 7-36.

“Budgeting More, Deciding Less,” in Marc Landy, Martin Levin, and Martin Shapiro, eds. *Seeking the Center: Politics and Policymaking at the New Century* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2001). Abridged versions published in *The Public Interest* (Winter 2000): 65-78; and reprinted in Peter Kobraik, ed., *The Political Environment of Public Management (Second Edition)*, (New York: Addison Wesley Longman, 2001).

“Ideas, Inheritances, and the Dynamics of Budgetary Change,” *Governance*, (April 1999): 147-174.

“Unfolding Promises: Trust Funds and the Politics of Precommitment,” *Political Science Quarterly*, (Fall 1997): 431-452.

“The Contractual Nature of Budgeting: A Transaction Cost Perspective on Budgeting Institutions,” *Policy Sciences*, (Winter 1996/97): 189-212.

“The New Direction in Welfare State Research,” *Policy Currents: Newsletter of the Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association*, (September 1997): 1-6.

### Working papers

“When Policy Does *Not* Remake Politics: The Limits of Policy Feedback,” (with Julian E. Zelizer), revise and resubmit, *Perspectives on Politics*.

### Book Reviews

Lawrence D. Brown and Lawrence R. Jacobs, *The Private Abuse of the Public Interest: Market Myths and Policy Muddles* and Bryan D. Jones and Walter Williams, *The Politics of Bad Ideas: The Great Tax Delusion and the Decline of Good Government in America*, in *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2009).

David M. Primo, *Rules and Restraint: Government Spending and the Design of Institutions*, in *Election Law Journal* (December 2008)

Stuart H. Altman and David I. Shactman, *Policies for an Aging Society*, in *Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law* (December 2004).

Jonathan Oberlander, *The Political Life of Medicare*, in *Perspectives on Politics*, (March 2004)

Aaron Wildavsky, *Budgeting and Governing*, in *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, (Spring 2002).

Ronald F. King, *Budgeting Entitlements: The Politics of the Food Stamp Program*, in *American Political Science Review* (September 2001).

### Popular writings

“Now the real health care fight begins,” (with Julian E. Zelier), Politico.com, March 30, 2010.

"In Praise of Pork," *The Public Interest*, Winter 1993, (with John W. Ellwood). 19-33. Abridged version reprinted in *The Lanahan Readings in the American Polity*, Ann G. Serow and Everett C. Ladd, eds., 1997. See also rejoinder to Kenneth Ruscio, “Pork By-Products” (with John W. Ellwood), *The American Prospect*, (Fall 1994): 21-23.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration, Elected 2010

Award for Best Paper on Public Policy Delivered at the 2009 American Political Science Association, "When Policy Does *Not* Remake Politics: The Limits of Policy Feedback" (with Julian E. Zelizer)

2009 Louis Brownlow Book Award, National Academy of Public Administration

Sesquicentennial Research Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2009 (deferred)

UCLA Center for American Politics Fellowship, 2001-02

Yale Junior Faculty Fellowship, 1999-2000

Brookings Institution Dissertation Fellowship, 1995-1996

Henry Robert Braden Scholarship, 1991-92

Berkeley Policy Fellow, 1987-88

University of California Regents Fellowship, 1987-1988

Edward and Barbara Younger Prize for outstanding University of Virginia American history major, 1987

Society of Professional Journalists' Award for Excellence in College Editorial Writing, 1986

Phi Beta Kappa

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

Project: "Inadequate Medical Evidence: Political Incentives and the Prospects for Sustainable Reform" (co-PI with Alan S. Gerber)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator's Award in Health Policy Research, 2009-2012, \$335,000

Smith Richardson Foundation, 2009-2012, \$150,000

Bankard Fund for Political Economy Grant, 2006, \$23,827.44

Project: "Sustaining Reform Victories"

Smith Richardson Foundation, Fall 2005, \$78,780

Earhart Foundation, Spring 2005, \$30,000

D&D Foundation Research Grant, Spring 2005, \$10,400

Project: “Promoting the General Welfare: The Political Economy of Government Performance”

Bankard Fund for Political Economy Grant, 2003-04, \$7,500

## **CONFERENCE DIRECTION**

Co-conference director (with Jeffrey Jenkins), Embedding Laws in the American State: Policy Durability and Policy Change, Miller Center of Public Affairs, Charlottesville, Virginia, May 2-3, 2008.

Co-conference director (with Meg Jacobs), Policy History Association Conference, Miller Center of Public Affairs and Omni Hotel, Charlottesville, VA, June 1-4, 2006.

Co-conference director (with Alan Gerber), Promoting the General Welfare: The Political Economy of Government Performance, University of Virginia, November 2-4, 2004.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS (selected)**

“Doctor Knows Best: Physician Endorsements, Public Opinion, and the Politics of Comparative Effectiveness Research,” (with Alan S. Gerber, Conor Dowling and David Doherty, American Political Science Association, 2011)

“When Policy Does Not Make Politics: The Limits of Policy Feedback,” (with Julian Zelizer, American Political Science Association, Yale Law School, 2010).

“Zero Credit Policymaking: Governmental Performance, Partisan Polarization, and the Politics of Evidence-Based Medicine” (with Alan Gerber, American Political Science Association, 2010)

“When Policy Does Not Make Politics: The Limits of Policy Feedback,” (with Julian Zelizer, American Political Science Association, 2009)

“Sham Surgery: The Problem of Medical Evidence,” American Political Science Association, 2006

“The Stunning Disappearance of the Tax Reform Act of 1986: Interests, Ideas, and the Erosion of Reform,” Policy History Conference, 2006

“Who’s Minding our Knees? Medical Knowledge, Professional Self-Regulation, and the Representation of Diffuse Interests” (with Alan Gerber), Midwest Political Science Association, 2005

“Medicaid at the Crossroads” (with Colleen Grogan), American Political Science Association, 2003.

“After the Public Interest Prevails: The Political Sustainability of Policy Reform,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2001.

“After the Public Interest Prevails: The Political Sustainability of Policy Reform,” American Political Science Association, 2001.

“Political Science and the Study of ‘the Market’: The Role of Market Forces in American Politics and Government,” American Political Science Association, 2000.

“The Stunning Political Transformation of the Medicaid Program,” American Political Science Association, 1999. Picked as “Hot APSA Paper,” *The Washington Monthly*, 1999.

“Paying for Medicare: Benefits, Budgets, and Wilbur Mills’s Policy Legacy,” Policy History conference, 1999.

“Divided Government, Partisan Politics, and Tax Policy Outcomes—Does Structure Matter?” Midwest Political Science Association, 1996.

“The Growing Importance of Trust Funds in Federal Budgeting,” American Political Science Association, 1995.

“The Contractual Nature of Budgeting: A Transaction Cost Perspective on Budgeting Institutions,” Western Political Science Association, 1995.

### **PANEL CHAIR OR DISCUSSANT (very selected)**

APPAM 2010, chair, “The 2010 Midterms: Good or Bad for Fair and Effective Policymaking?”

APPAM 2010, discussant, “Widespread Crises and Messy Problems”

APSA 2010, discussant, “Institutional Settings and the Politics of Policy Making”

APSA 2010, chair, “Author Meets Critics: Julian Zelizer’s Arsenal of Democracy”

APSA 2008, discussant, “Author Meets Critics: Eric Patashnik’s *Reform at Risk* [participants included Suzanne Mettler, Paul Quirk, Meg Jacobs, Adam Sheingate and Christopher Howard]

APSA 2007, discussant, “Policy and Disadvantaged People: Lessons from State Government”

Policy History Conference 2006, discussant, panel on “Bureaucratic and Legislative Performance.”

Policy History Conference 2004, chair and discussant, “Below the Radar Screen: Unlikely Allies and Unrecognized Influences in U.S. Policymaking”

APSA 2003, chair, roundtable on “Martha Derthick’s *Policymaking for Social Security: A Quarter Century Year Retrospective.*”

APSA 1999, discussant, panel on “Development of Welfare States.”

APSA 1998, discussant, panel “New Perspectives on the Welfare State.”

APSA 1997, chair, roundtable on “Will Social Security Survive the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?”

## **INVITED LECTURES**

Columbia University (1997), Princeton University (1997), Brandeis University (1998, 2000, 2005), University of Chicago (2002), SUNY-Albany (2002), U.C. Berkeley (2001), Boston University (2002), UVA Miller Center of Public Affairs Forum (2003), University of Washington (2002), Brookings Institution (2005), RWJ Health Policy Scholars Program at U.C. Berkeley (2005), College of William and Mary (2006), Georgetown Public Policy Institute (2006), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2006), University of Virginia Miller Center APD Colloquium (2006) University of Chicago (2008), Brookings Institution (2008), Yale University (2009), Noblis (2009), National Academy of Public Administration (2009), Caplin Conference on the World Economy (2009), University of Washington (2010), National Constitution Center (2010), Hewlett Foundation (2010), Australia and New Zealand School of Government Annual Conference (2010), United Jewish Fund of Charlottesville (2010), Yale Law School (2010), Senior Statesmen of Virginia (2011), U.C. Berkeley, Institute of Governmental Studies (2011), University of Minnesota (2011), NYU (2011), Harvard (2012), University of Wisconsin (2012)

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Leadership in the Public Arena (graduate)

American Public Policy (graduate)

American Political Institutions and Processes (graduate)

Policy Analysis (graduate)

New American State (graduate/ law)

Congress (graduate)

Budget Politics in an Era of Entitlements (graduate/ undergraduate)  
Politics of the Policy Process (undergraduate)  
Social Security Reform (undergraduate)  
Introduction to United States Government (undergraduate)  
Bureaucratic Politics (undergraduate)

## **MEDIA AND BLOGS**

Quoted in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *US News and World Report*, *New Republic*, *Forbes*, and other newspapers and magazines.

Radio Interviews include: *Insight with Tom Graham* (hour-long talk show on central Virginia affiliates of National Public Radio), WFAD-FM (Vermont National Public Radio affiliate), WQUB-FM (Illinois National Public Radio affiliate), Tom Pope Show (syndicated urban affairs talk show), KWAB-AM (Boulder, Colorado),

On-line “book salon” blog on my book *Reforms at Risk*, [firedoglake.com](http://firedoglake.com), July 25, 2009.

## **SERVICE**

### Professional service

Chair, Mary Parker Follett Award Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2010-11

Program Committee, Politics Division, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2011

Program Committee, Politics Division, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2010

Nominating Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2009

Chair, Mary Parker Follett Award Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2007-2008

Chair, nominating committee, Council, Public Policy Section, APSA, Spring 2006.

Council Member, Politics and History Section, APSA 2006-

Council Member, Public Policy Section, American Political Science Association, 2003-2006

Member, editorial board of the *American Journal of Political Science*, 2006-

Referee for University of Chicago Press, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Russell Sage Foundation Press, Brookings Institution Press, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Policy Sciences*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Planning Literature*, *Health Affairs*, *Governance*, *Publius*.

### University service

Planning Committee for Conference on Teaching to Mark the Inauguration of University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan, 2010-2011

Tenure review committee, 2010

Co-chair, Faculty Planning & Implementation Committee, Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, 2007-08

Third-year faculty review committee, 2008

Assistant to Provost Gene D. Block in development of the proposal for Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, 2006-2007

Stevenson Award Committee, 2007

Harper Fund Public Service Committee, 2007—

Chair, American Politics Search Committee, 2006-07

Representation of UVa Public Policy Program before Faculty Senate, BOV, and SCHEV, 2006

Provost's Faculty Committee on Public Policy, 2003-2006

Hiring committees, Department of Politics, 2005

At Large Member (by faculty election), Chair's Advisory Board, UVA Department of Politics, 2004-5

Outside member of Dean's committee on selection of chair of UVA Economics Department, 2003-04

Graduate studies/ admissions committee, 2003-04

Tenure review committee, 2003-04

American politics junior faculty hiring committee, 2003-04

Departmental search committee, media studies position, 2003

Liaison to the Congressional Research Service, UCLA School of Public Policy, 2001-02

Curriculum committee, UCLA Department of Policy Studies, 2000-02

Admissions committee, UCLA Department of Policy Studies, 2000-02

Affiliated faculty member, Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Program, Yale, 1996-2000

Yale College admissions committee, 1999

Yale Political Science Department admissions committee, 1997-98

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Research Fellow  
The Brookings Institution  
Fall 1995-Spring 1996

Program Director, John Gardner Public Service Fellowship Program  
University of California, Berkeley  
Fall 1993 to Fall 1995

Legislative Analyst, Subcommittee on Elections,  
U.S. House of Representatives (Hon. Al Swift, D-WA, chairman)  
Fall 1989 to Fall 1991

Research Assistant, The Urban Institute  
Summer 1988