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Experience

The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
Fellow, Governance Studies, 2015-present

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Ph.D., Joint Program in Political Science and Public Policy, August 2015
M.A., Political Science, December 2012
Dissertation Title: *Exceptions to the Rule: Majoritarian Procedures and Majority Party Power in the U.S. Senate*
Dissertation Committee: Richard Hall and Charles Shipan, co-chairs; Kenneth Kollman, Elisabeth Gerber

Smith College, Northampton, MA
B.A., Government (major), Economics (minor), 2006
Magna cum laude, with Highest Honors in Government

Honors and Awards

- Carl Albert Award for Best Dissertation in Legislative Studies, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association, 2016
- Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (\$20,000), 2014-15
- Gerald R. Ford Research Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (\$1,854), 2014-15
- Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant (\$7,500), 2013
- Margaret Ayers Host Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (\$5,000), 2013
- Centennial Spring/Summer Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (\$6,000), 2012
- Summer Collaboration Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (\$3,000, with Richard L. Hall), 2012
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention, 2009, 2010, and 2011
- Rackham Merit Fellow, University of Michigan, 2009-2015
- Dawes Prize for the Best Undergraduate Work on Political Science, Smith College, 2006
- Phi Beta Kappa, Smith College, 2005 (elected as a junior)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Targeted Issue Advertising: The Inside Ends of Outside Lobbying,” *Journal of Politics* 74.3 (July 2012): 888-902, with Richard L. Hall.

Work in Progress

Exceptions to the Rule: The Politics of Filibuster Limitations in the U.S. Senate, book manuscript, under review, Brookings Institution Press.

“Putting the Brakes on Greased Wheels: The Politics of Weak Obstruction in the United States Senate,” with Daniel B. Magleby, revise and resubmit, *Congress and the Presidency*.

“‘Big Money’ Wasted? Issue Advertising and Legislative Voting on the Affordable Care Act,” with Richard L. Hall, revise and resubmit, *Political Research Quarterly*

“The President and Congress,” in *The Obama Legacy*, eds. Andrew Rudalevige and Bert Rockman (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, forthcoming).

“Financing the 2016 Congressional Elections,” with Richard L. Hall, in David B. Magleby, ed. (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, forthcoming).

“Explaining the Gender Gap in American Partisanship,” with Nancy Burns, Ashley E. Jardina, and Donald R. Kinder.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

“From Base Closings to the Budget: Exceptions to the Filibuster in the United States Senate,” in *Party and Procedure in the United States Congress*, 2nd ed., eds. Jacob Straus and Matthew Glassman (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016).

“Restoring Congress as the First Branch,” with Kevin R. Kosar, Lee Drutman, Paul Glastris, Yuval Levin, and Jonathan Rauch, *R Street Policy Study No. 50*, R Street Institute, January 2016.

“The Politics of Gender,” with Nancy Burns, Ashley E. Jardina, and Donald R. Kinder, in *New Directions in Public Opinion*, ed. Adam J. Berinsky (New York: Routledge, 2015).

“Truth and Reconciliation,” with Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein, *The New Republic*, 20 April 2009.

“Assessing the 110th Congress, Anticipating the 111th,” with Sarah Binder, Thomas Mann, and Norman Ornstein, *Mending the Broken Branch*, vol. 3, The Brookings Institution, January 2009.

“One Year Later: Is Congress Still the Broken Branch?” with Sarah Binder and Thomas Mann, *Mending the Broken Branch*, vol. 2, The Brookings Institution, January 2008.

“Could Congress Be Waking Up?” with Thomas Mann, *New York Times*, 19 January 2008.

“Is the Broken Branch on the Mend? An Early Report on the 110th Congress,” with Sarah Binder and Thomas Mann, *Mending the Broken Branch*, vol. 1, The Brookings Institution, October 2007.

“A New, Improved Congress?” with Thomas Mann, *New York Times*, 26 August 2007.

“Is Congress on the Mend?” with Thomas Mann, *New York Times*, 28 April 2007.

Conference Papers

“Using Procedural Change to Obscure the Causal Chain: Creating Delegation Exceptions in the U.S. Senate,” presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Procedural Change for Policy Gain: Creating Majoritarian Exceptions in the U.S. Senate,” presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

“Restraining the President through Majoritarian Rule Change in the United States Senate,” presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Picking the Pivot: Use and Consequences of the Budget Reconciliation Procedures in the United States Senate,” presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Rules, Roll Calls, and Representation: Special Rules and the Roll Call Record in the House of Representatives,” with Daniel B. Magleby, presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Issue Advertising and Legislative Voting on the Affordable Care Act,” with Richard L. Hall, presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Designing State Legislative Institutions: The Case of Tax and Expenditure Limitations,” presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“The Cost of Doing Business: Obstruction, Roll Calls, and Unanimous Consent in the United States Senate,” with Daniel B. Magleby, presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Partisan Gender Gaps and Racial Divides,” with Nancy Burns, Ashley E. Jardina, and Donald R. Kinder, presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.

“Issue Advertising and Roll Call Voting,” with Richard L. Hall, presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Issue Advertising and Legislative Advocacy,” with Richard L. Hall, presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

Past Professional Experience

Research Assistant, Professors Nancy Burns and Donald Kinder, University of Michigan, 2010-2015

- Assisted with data collection and analysis for book-length project on role of race and gender in the American political system
- Assisted with data analysis for book manuscript on the role of ideology in the American political system.

Research Assistant, Professor Kenneth Kollman, University of Michigan, 2010

- Assisted with drafting and development of introductory textbook on American politics
- Created tables and figures and provided fact-checking support

Research Assistant, Professor Michael Traugott, University of Michigan, 2009

- Assisted with data analysis for research project on voting machine audits

Senior Research Coordinator, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution, 2006-2009

- Research support for Senior Fellows Thomas Mann and Sarah Binder
- Responsibilities included data collection and analysis; drafting text for reports, memos, and other publications; and other research assistance on topics including Congress and the legislative process, the 2006 and 2008 elections, policy responses to the financial crisis, election administration, and federal judicial selection.

Teaching Experience

George Mason University:

Instructor, Public Administration 540: Public Policy Process, Spring 2017

University of Michigan:

Instructor, Political Science 311: American Political Processes, Summer 2014

Instructor, introductory American politics module for incoming international masters' students, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, August 2014

Graduate Student Instructor, Political Science 326: American State Politics (Professor Jenna Bednar), Fall 2010; Fall 2011

Graduate Student Instructor/Administrative Assistant, Political Science 111: Introduction to American Politics (Professor Kenneth Kollman), Winter 2012

Additional Training

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Princeton University, Summer 2012

Pedagogical Training

University of Michigan Graduate Teacher Certificate, Fall 2014

Sweetland 993 (half-semester training for upper-level writing instructors), Fall 2010

POLSCI 993 (one-semester instructor training), Fall 2010

Center for Research on Learning and Teaching GSI Teaching Orientation, Fall 2010

Institutional and Departmental Service

Governance Studies Representative, Brookings Institution Inclusion and Diversity Committee, 2016-present

Co-President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists (GAPS), 2012-2013

Co-Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Politics, University of Michigan Department of Political Science, 2011-2012

Member, Admissions Committee, Joint Doctoral Program in Political Science and Public Policy, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, 2012

Member, Women's Caucus, University of Michigan Department of Political Science, 2009-2015

Professional Service

Reviewer for: *Legislative Studies Quarterly, Research and Politics*

Conference discussant: Midwest Political Science Association (2011); "Presidential Power in the United States: Emerging Research," University of Michigan (2014)

References

Available upon request.

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