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### **Academic Positions**

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, August 2006 to present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science University of Nevada, Las Vegas, August 2000 to July 2006

### **Other Affiliations**

Brookings Institution Nonresident Senior Fellow in Governance Studies  
(<http://www.brookings.edu/experts/damored.aspx>)

Project Vote Smart Key Vote Advisor

Latino Decisions Nevada Monitor and Contributing Analyst

### **Education**

Ph.D., Political Science, June 2000, University of California, Davis

M.A., Political Science, June 1995, University of Georgia, Athens

B.A., Political Science, June 1992, University of California, San Diego

### **Publications: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

“Unhappy, Uninformed, or Uninterested? Understanding ‘None of the Above’ Voting” (with Mallory M. Waters and Shaun Bowler) *Political Research Quarterly*, forthcoming.

“Explaining the Decision to Withdraw from a U.S. Presidential Nomination Campaign” (with Thomas G. Hansford and A.J. Barghothi). *Political Behavior*, Vol. 32, No. 1 (June 2010):157-180.

“The 2001 Nevada Redistricting and Perpetuation of the Status Quo.” *American Review of Politics*, Vol. 27 (Summer 2006): 149-168.

“Issue Convergence in Presidential Campaigns.” *Political Behavior*, Vol. 27, No. 1 (March 2005): 71-97.

“The Dynamics of Issue Ownership in Presidential Campaigns.” *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 57, No. 3 (September 2004): 391-397.

**Publications: Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles, continued**

“Using Campaign Advertisements to Assess Campaign Processes.” *Journal of Political Marketing*, Vol. 3, No.1 (December 2003): 39-59.

“Gender, Employment Status, and Abortion: A Longitudinal Study (with Ted G. Jelen and Thomas Lamatsch) *Sex Roles*, Vol. 47, Nos.7/8 (October 2003): 321-330.

“Candidate Strategy and the Decision to Go Negative.” *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 55, No. 4 (September 2002): 669-686.

“Congressional Preferences, Perceptions of Threat, and Supreme Court Decision Making” (with Thomas Hansford). *American Politics Quarterly*, Vol. 28, No.4 (October 2000): 512-532.

“The Dynamics of Racialized Media Coverage in Congressional Elections” (with Nayda Terkildsen). *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 61, No. 3 (August 1999): 680-699.

“The Allocation of Party Controlled Resources in the House of Representatives, 1989-1996” (with Thomas Hansford). *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 52, No. 2 (June 1999): 371-386.

“A Dynamic Model of Candidate Fundraising: The Case of Presidential Nomination Campaigns.” *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 50, No. 2 (June 1997): 343-364.

**Publications: Book Chapters**

“Slowing the Tide: Partisan Gridlock and the 2011 Nevada Redistricting.” In *The Election’s Mine—I Draw the Line: The Political Battle over Redistricting at the State Level*, eds. William J. Miller and Jeremy D. Walling. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, Forthcoming.

“Reapportionment and Redistricting in the Mountain West.” In *America’s New Swing Region*, ed. Ruy Teixeira. 2012. Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, 153-185.

“Reid vs. Angle in Nevada’s Senate Race: Harry Houdini Escapes the Wave.” In *Cases in Congressional Campaigns: Storming the Hill*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., eds. David Dulio and Randall Adkins. 2011. New York: Routledge, 32-53.

“The Tea Party Angle in the Nevada Senate Race.” In *Tea Party Effects on 2010 Senate Elections Stuck in the Middle to Lose*, eds. Will Miller and Jeremy Walling. 2011. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 47-66.

“Sweet Land of Liberty: Gay Marriage and Mormonism in Nevada” (with Ted G. Jelen, and Michael W. Bowers). In *Religious Interests in Community Conflict*, ed. Laura Olson and Paul Djupe. 2007. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 51-72.

## **Publications: Reports to Sponsors and Policy Reports**

“The Impact of Diversity and Density on Reapportionment and Redistricting in the Mountain West,” Brookings Institution *Issues in Governance Studies*, Number 43, January 2012.

“The Message Versus The Messenger: The Campaign for Nevada’s 3<sup>rd</sup> District.” Prepared for the Pew Charitable Trusts’ Public Policy Program’s Improving Elections Initiative, November 2002.

## **Manuscripts under Review or in Preparation**

“Agenda Setting by Direct Democracy: Comparing the Initiative and Referendum” (with Shaun Bowler and Stephen P. Nicholson; under review).

“Mobilizing Interests in Elections: The Case of Direct Democracy Elections” (with Stephen P. Nicholson; under review).

“The Role and Purpose of the Interim Legislative Session in the American States” (with L. Erin Russell; under review).

“The Legislature Strikes Back: How States Legislatures Use Direct Democracy to Preserve and Enhance Institutional Autonomy” (with Shaun Bowler).

“Executive Turnover in Africa in the Post-Transition Era” (with Michelle Kuenzi).

“The Curious Candidacy of Jon Huntsman” (with Kenny Retzel). In *The Battle to Face Obama: The 2012 Republican Nomination*, ed. William J. Miller. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

“The Political Economy of Nevada’s Geography: The First 150 Years”

## **Conference Presentations (Last Ten Years)**

“Executive Turnover in Africa in the Post-Transition Era” (with Michelle Kuenzi; to be presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 12-15, 2012).

“The Role and Purpose of the Interim Legislative Session in the American States” (with L. Erin Russell; presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, San Diego, CA April 5-8, 2012).

“Governance Reform via Direct Democracy: Comparing the Referendum and Initiative Processes” (with Shaun Bowler, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL March 31-April 3, 2011).

### **Conference Presentations (Last Ten Years), continued**

“The Etiology of Interest Mobilization in Direct Democracy Elections” (with Stephen P. Nicholson, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, NV March 16-19, 2011).

“Executive Turnover in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Michelle Kuenzi) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 22-25, 2010

“What’s On the Ballot? The Nature and Origins of Direct Democracy in the American States” (with Stephen P. Nicholson and Shaun Bowler) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2-5, 2009.

“The Mobilization of Interests in Direct Democracy Elections” (with Stephen P. Nicholson) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, NV March 13-15 and the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science, San Diego, CA March 20-22, 2008.

“Direct Democracy and Group Mobilization” (with Stephen P. Nicholson). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV March 8-10, 2007.

“Heterogeneous Candidate Motivations, Perceptions of Competitiveness, and the Winnowing Effect in Presidential Nomination Campaigns” (with Thomas G. Hansford and A.J. Barghothi). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 20-23, 2006.

“The Effect of Senate Campaign Activity on the Statewide Presidential Vote, 1988-2004” (with Shelia Dubron-Lambert and Allison Johnson). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 20-23, 2006.

“‘Sweet Land of Liberty:’ The Gay Marriage Amendment in Nevada” (with Ted G. Jelen and Michael W. Bowers). Presented at Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA January, 2006.

“Candidate Strategy, the Economy, and Voter Perception.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, CA, March 17-19, 2005.

“Candidate Strategy, the Economy, and Voter Perception.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR March 11-13, 2004.

“The Dynamics of Party Owned Issues in Presidential Campaigns.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, CO March 27-19, 2003.

“The Use of Campaign Advertisements to Assess Campaign Processes: A Cautionary Tale.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 25-28, 2002.

### **Conference Presentations (Last Ten Years), continued**

“Reshuffling the Deck in Boomtown: The 2001 Nevada Redistricting.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA March 23-25, 2002.

### **Invited Talks**

“The Next Swing Region: Reapportionment and Redistricting in the Intermountain West,” Brookings Mountain West Scholars Lecture Series, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, September 27, 2011.

“The Immigration Issue: Arizona, Nevada, and the Nation,” The Political Demography and Geography of the Intermountain West Conference, Las Vegas, NV October 8, 2010.

### **Awards, Recognitions, and Grants**

Recognized as a Nevada Influencer (most influential political players) by *Campaigns and Elections*, February 2011.

Nevada Department of Transportation/University of Nevada, Reno Vehicle Miles Travel Pilot Study Sub-grant, 2009-10.

Allan Saxe Best Paper Award (“The Mobilization of Interests in Direct Democracy Elections” with Stephen P. Nicholson) presented by the Southwestern Political Science Association for the Best Paper on State and Local Politics presented at the 2008 SWPSA Meeting.

Case Study Consultant (NV 3<sup>rd</sup>) Pew Charitable Trusts Improving Elections Initiative (principal investigators: L. Sandy Maisel and Darrell West), 2002.

### **Graduate Courses Taught**

Seminar in Research Design and Methods  
Advanced Research Design and Methodology  
Proseminar in American Politics  
Comparative Political Behavior (with Dr. Michele Kuenzi)

### **Undergraduate Courses Taught**

Introduction to American Politics  
Research Methods in Political Science  
Legislative Process  
Interest Groups and Political Parties  
Public Opinion and Political Behavior  
Elections and Governance in the New Millennium

## **Professional Service**

### **Reviewer:**

*American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, American Review of Politics, Asian Journal of Communication, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Congressional Quarterly Press, Electoral Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Political Marketing, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Longman Publishing, Party Politics, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies, Politics & Gender, Politics and Policy, Politics and Religion, Public Opinion Quarterly, State Politics & Policy Quarterly, W.W. Norton and Company, Wadsworth Publishing.*

### **Executive Council:**

Southwestern Political Science Association, 2009-2011.

### **Program Committee:**

Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, 2012  
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2006 and 2010.  
Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, 2005 and 2004.

### **Panel Discussant:**

Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, 2012  
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2011  
Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, 2007, 2004, and 2000.

### **Panel Chair:**

Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, 2012  
Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 2001.

### **Awards Committees:**

Charles Redd Politics of the West Award Committee (presented for the best paper on politics and the west at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association), 2006-2007.  
Western Political Science Association's Dissertation Award Committee, 2007-2008.

### **Professional Memberships:**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association

## **Selective University, College, and Department Service**

University Representative, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), 2002-present.  
Chair, University Bylaws Committee, February 2011-present.

### **Selective University, College, and Department Service, continued**

Member, College of Liberal Arts, Personnel Committee, 2010-2011.

Member, Berkley Family Pre-Law Scholarship Committee. 2003.

Member, College of Liberal Arts, Enrollment and Retention Committee, 2000-2001.

Assessment Officer, Department of Political Science, 2005-08 and 2009-present.

Member, Department of Political Science, Course and Curriculum Committee, 2001-2005, 2010-2011.

Member, Department of Political Science, Personnel Committee, 2008-2010 and 2011-present.

Member, Department of Political Science, Graduate Committee, 2009-2010.

Chair, Department of Political Science, Course and Curriculum Committee, 2007-2008.

Member, Department of Political Science, EPS Advisory Committee, 2002-2003, 2007-2008.

Member, Department of Political Science, Public Law Search Committee, 2007-2008.

Member, Department of Political Science, Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2004-2005.

Member, Department of Political Science, Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2001-2002.

Member, Department of Political Science, Public Policy Search Committee, 2001-2002.

Member, Department of Political Science, Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2000-2001.