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## **Education**

Ph.D., Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2004. Examination Fields: American Politics, Public Policy/Public Administration, and Political Methodology. Committee: Jon R. Bond (chair), Kenneth J. Meier, Patricia Hurley, and Kurt Ritter. Dissertation: *A Product of the Environment: Environmental Constraint, Candidate Behavior and the Speed of Democracy*.

B.A., Political Science, University of Louisville, 1991, *Cum Laude*.

## **Professional Experience**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University, 2006- present.

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University. 2004-2006.

Assistant Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University. 2000-2004.

## **Publications**

“The Effects of Non-Legislative Redistricting Approaches on Competition in Congressional Elections.” Forthcoming in *Polity*.

## **Manuscripts Under Review**

“Actions Speak Louder Than Words: Postmaterialism and Public Policy in the United States.” Revise and Resubmit at *Policy Studies Journal*.

“The Partisan Dynamics of Supreme Court Confirmation Voting.” (with Terri Peretti and Alan Rozzi). Under review at *Justice System Journal*.

## **Working Papers**

“Rhetoric and Representation in the U.S. Senate: Exploring the Link Between Campaign Pledges and Legislative Activity” (with Kristin L. Campbell).

“Staff Organizational Structures and Legislative Productivity: Exploring the Link Between Staff Organizations and Bill Sponsorship Activity” (with Jessica Cassella).

“Reassessing the Relationship Between Electoral Competition and Ethical Breaches in Congress.”

“The Influence of Attentive Publics on Policy Making in the U.S. Senate”

“The Effects of Population Diversity on Constituency Service Activity in U.S. House Districts.”

## **Conference Presentations**

“Staff Organizational Structures and Legislative Productivity: Exploring the Link Between Staff Organizations and Bill Sponsorship Activity.” (with Jessica Cassella). Prepared for presentation at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, March 31-April 1, 2011.

“The Partisan Dynamics of Supreme Court Nomination Voting.” (with Terri Peretti and Alan Rozzi). Prepared for presentation at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington D.C., September 2-5, 2010.

“The Influence of Attentive Publics on Policy Making in the U.S. Senate.” Presented this paper at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

“The Effects of Population Diversity on Constituency Service Activity in U.S. House Districts.” Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver.

“Promise and Performance in the U.S. Senate: Campaign Pledges and Accountability in Elections.” Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois (with Kristen L. Campbell).

“Read My Lips: Senatorial Promises and Performance.” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois (with Kristen L. Campbell).

“Scared Straight? Electoral Competition and Ethics in Congressional Representation.” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“The Effects of Nonpartisan Redistricting Boards and Commissions on Competition in Congressional Elections.” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.

“Measuring the Campaign Message: Comparing Congressional Candidate Rhetoric in Press Releases, Political Advertisements, and Media Coverage.” Presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois (with Kristen L. Campbell).

“The House Public Works Committee and the Distribution of Pork Barrel Projects.” Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois (with Emily Bonneau and Jon Bond).

“Surviving in the Electoral Jungle: The Role of Environmental Factors in Congressional Elections.” Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Minority Ramifications of the Majority’s Problems: The Disparate Effects of Standard Policy Responses to Extreme School Violence.” Presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, Massachusetts. (with Warren S. Eller).

“A Product of the Environment: The Role of Environmental Constraint in Congressional Elections.” Presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.

“The Puzzle of District Diversity Revisited: Conditional Effects of Population Characteristics on Competition in Congressional Elections.” Presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta, Georgia. (with Jon R. Bond and Kristin L. Campbell).

“Liberalism Transformed? Postwar Budget Authority and the Tenor of Public Policy.” Presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C.

“Re-evaluating the Electoral Connection: Are Members of Congress Motivated by Reelection or Policy Goals?” Presented at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.

“Collective, Individual, and Issue Origins of Liberal and Conservative Self-Declarations: Why Are We Liberals?” Presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago, Illinois (with Norman R. Luttbeg).

## **Honors, Grants, and Awards**

- Dean's Travel Grant, Santa Clara University, 2010. Grant Amount: \$1300.
- Best Undergraduate Course, Santa Clara University Political Science Students Association, 2009.
- Faculty-Student Research Assistant Program (FSRAP) Grant, Santa Clara University, 2007. Grant Amount: \$1000.
- Hackworth Grant, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, 2006. Grant Amount: \$5000.
- Excellence in Teaching Award, Texas A&M University, 2001.
- Regent’s Fellowship, Texas A&M University, 1996-1997. Amount: \$3000.

## **Departmental and University Service**

- Sample Lecture, “Presidential Leadership of Congress,” Summer Orientation, 2011.
- Chapter Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, 2009-2010.
- Faculty Senate Representative, Santa Clara University, 2010-11.
- Chair, Shallo Prize Selection Committee, 2010-11.
- Founder and Director, Fireside Chats Student Discussion Group, 2006-present.

- Faculty Sponsor, Iranian Students Organization, 2007-2009.
- Participant, Core Curriculum Revision Workshop, Civic Engagement, 2008.
- Summer Orientation Advisor, 2007-2008, 2010-11.
- Moderator, Q&A Session with E.J. Dionne, President's Speaker Series, 2009.
- Moderator, Q&A Session with Michael Eric Dyson, President's Speaker Series, 2008.
- Member, Hiring Committee, Applied Quantitative Methodology Position, 2008.
- Member, Hiring Committee, Ethnic Studies Position, 2007
- Member, Hiring Committee, Applied Quantitative Methodology Lecturer Position 2007
- Member, Hiring Committee, Middle East Politics Position, 2007
- Member, Panetta Institute Leadership Program Selection Committee 2005-present.
- Member, Kronick Student Research Award Selection Committee 2005-present.
- Member, Amos Dana Prize for Distinction in Public Service Selection Committee, 2005 and 2008.
- Guest Speaker, Harrington Learning Commons "Book of the Quarter" Lecture on George Edwards' *Governing By Campaigning*, October 20, 2008.
- Guest Speaker, CML Diversity & Dialogue Council, Santa Clara University, 2004: "Politics, Power & Privilege: Who's Representing You?"
- Guest Speaker, SCU Homecoming Academic Showcase, Santa Clara University, 2004: "What's New (and Old) in U.S. Presidential Elections?"

## Professional Service

- Referee: *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Behavior*, *Journal of Political Science Education*
- Panel Chair: MPSA (2006)
- Panel Discussant: APSA (2001, 2010), MPSA (2011)
- Professional Memberships: *American Political Science Association*, *Midwest Political Science Association*, *Southern Political Science Association*, *Western Political Science Association*.

## Media Service

- Interviewed for a story on the Republican presidential field, KTVU-2 (5/9/11)
- Provided analysis of the gubernatorial debate for NBC Bay Area News, The Bay Citizen, and the Bay Area News Service (9/28/10).
- Interviewed for a story on the President's visit to Solyndra manufacturing plant, KTVU (5/26/10)
- Interviewed for an article on Obama's first 100 days, *San Jose Mercury News* (4/29/09).
- Interviewed for a story on the presidential debate, KGO-7 (9/09).
- Interviewed for a story on the Democratic primary, CBS radio (6/08).
- Interviewed for a story on the Democratic primary, KPIX (3/08).
- Interviewed for a story on the Obama campaign, KGO-7 (3/08).
- Interviewed for a story on the Democratic primary, KRON-4 (3/08).
- Interviewed for a story on the presidential primaries, KGO-7 (2/08).

## **Courses Taught**

- POLI 1 Introduction to U.S. Politics, Santa Clara University.
- POLI 150 The Presidency, Santa Clara University.
- POLI 151 The Congress (traditional and online), Santa Clara University.
- POLI 152 Political Participation, Santa Clara University.
- POLI 156 Mass Media and Politics (traditional and online), Santa Clara University.
- POLI 165 Public Administration, Santa Clara University.
- POLI 185 Senior Seminar in Congressional Elections and Representation, Santa Clara University.
- POLS 206 American National Government, Texas A&M University.
- POLI 327 Congressional Politics, Texas A&M University.
- POLI 375 Campaigns and Elections, Texas A&M University.

## **Additional Training and Skills**

- Competency Assessment in Distributed Education (CADE) Workshop, Santa Clara University, 2005. Completed a six-week (90 hour) training program for online teaching administered by the Jesuit Distance Education Network (JesuitNET).
- ICPSR Summer Methodology Program, University of Michigan, 1998. Completed an eight-week program of instruction in Event History Analysis, Game Theory, and Time Series Analysis.

## **References**

Available upon request