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Academic Position

Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, 2006-present

Education

Michigan State University, PhD, Department of Political Science, 2005
Michigan State University, MA, Political Science, 2002
University of Georgia, MA, Political Science, 2001
University of Rochester, BA, Political Science, 1998

Other Education

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Duke University, 2004
ICPSR, University of Michigan 2002 & 2003

Teaching and Research Interests

American Politics, Congress, Elections

Awards and Fellowships

Pi Sigma Alpha Susette M. Talarico Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2007-08

Patrick J. Fett Award for the best paper on the scientific study of Congress and the Presidency presented at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. Awarded for, "Dimensions, Issues and Bills: Appropriations Voting on the House Floor" with David Rohde.

Harold Gosnell Prize for the best work in political methodology presented at any political science conference during 2005-06. Awarded for "Legislative Rhetoric and Policy Agendas," with Burt Monroe, Kevin Quinn, Michael Colaresi, and Dragomir Radev, 2006

Artinian Award, Presented by the Southern Political Science Association, 2006

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, Office of Congressman Daniel Lipinski (IL-3), 2005-06

Political Institutions and Public Choice Fellow, Michigan State University, 2001-05

Peer Reviewed Publications

"How To Analyze Political Attention With Minimal Assumptions And Costs," with Kevin M. Quinn, Burt L. Monroe, Michael Colaresi, and Dragomir R. Radev. *Forthcoming, American Journal of Political Science*.

"Serving Two Masters: Redistricting and Voting in the U.S. House of Representatives," *Forthcoming, Political Research Quarterly*.

"If You Can't Join 'em, Beat 'em: The Gender Gap in Individual Donations to Congressional Candidates," with Janna Deitz. *Forthcoming, Political Research Quarterly*.

"Perception and Reality in Congressional Earmarks," with Charles Finocchiaro and Emily Wanless. *The Forum*. (2009) 7(2): Article 1.

"Tracking the Dynamic Evolution of Participants Salience in a Discussion" with Ahmed Hassan, Anthony Fader, Burt L. Monroe, Kevin M. Quinn, Michael Colaresi and Dragomir Radev. *Proceedings of COLING* (International Conference on Computational Linguistics), (2008) pages 313-320.

"MavenRank: Identifying Influential Members of the U.S. Senate using Lexical Centrality," with Dragomir Radev, Anthony Fader, Burt L. Monroe, Kevin M. Quinn and Michael Colaresi. *Proceedings of the EMNLP* (Empirical Methods on Natural Language Processing), (2007) pages 658-666.

"Redistricting, Constituency Influence, and Party Polarization in Congress," with Jamie Carson, Charles Finocchiaro and David Rohde. *American Politics Research* (2007) 35(6): 878-904.

"Ideology, Electoral Incentives and Congressional Politics: The Republican House Class of 1994," with Suzanne Gold and David W. Rohde. *American Politics Research* (March, 2006) 34(2):135-158.

"Parties as Procedural Coalitions in Congress: An Examination of Differing Career Tracks," with Jeffery A. Jenkins and Jamie L. Carson. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (August, 2005) 30(3): 365-389.

"Using Geographic Information Systems to Measure District Change, 2000-02," *Political Analysis* (2005) 13(3): 253-260.

"The Effect of State Redistricting Methods on Electoral Competition in United States House Races," with Jamie L. Carson. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (Winter, 2004) 4(4): 455-469.

"Shirking in the Contemporary Congress: A Reappraisal," with Jamie L. Carson, Jeffery A. Jenkins, and Ryan J. Vander Wielen. *Political Analysis* (Spring, 2004) 12(2): 176-179.

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“The Calculus of Concession: Media Coverage and the Dynamics of Winnowing in Presidential Nominations,” with Audrey Haynes, Paul-Henri Gurian and Christopher Zorn. *American Politics Research* (May, 2004) 32(3): 310-337.

“The Media, the Campaign and the Message,” with Julianne Flowers and Audrey Haynes. *American Journal of Political Science* (April, 2003) 47(2): 259-273.

Book Chapter

“Distributive and Partisan Politics in the U.S. Senate: An Exploration of Earmarks, 1996 – 2005,” with Charles Finocchiaro. (2008) in *Why Not Parties? Party Effects in the United States Senate*, Nathan Monroe, Jason Roberts and David Rohde eds. University of Chicago Press.

Other Publications

A review of Thomas Brunell, *Redistricting and Representation: Why Competitive Elections are Bad for America*. In *Perspectives on Politics* (March 2009) 7(1): 187-188.

“Turning Theory to Practice: A Political Scientist Tackles the Hill,” *PS: Political Science & Politics* (April 2006) 39(2): 382.

Classes

Introduction to American Government (1101), Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009

Introduction to American Government Honors (1105H), Fall 2006, Fall 2007

Introduction to Political Science (2000), Fall 2007, Fall 2008

Legislative Process (4600), Summer 2007, Spring 2008, Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Summer 2009

The Legislative Process, Graduate level (8140), Spring 2009

Working Papers

Legislative Rhetoric

“Inter-Chamber Polarization of Debate and Bill Success in the U.S. Congress,” with Burt Monroe and Kevin Quinn

The U.S. Senate

“The Rise of Party Government in the U.S. Senate.”

“Elections and the Politics of Pork in the U.S. Senate,” with Charles Finocchiaro.

Geography and Representation

“Constituency Congruency and Candidate Competition in U.S. House Elections,” with Jamie Carson, Carrie Eaves and Emily Wanless, *Invited to revise and resubmit, Journal of Politics*

“Constituency Congruency and Candidate Competition in Primary Elections for the U.S. House,” with Jamie Carson, Carrie Eaves and Emily Wanless.

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“Backward Mapping: Exploring Questions of Representation via Spatial Analysis of Historical Congressional Districts,” with Trey Hood

“Geography, Redistricting and Individual Campaign Contributions to Congressional Candidates.”

Elections

“The Competitive Effects of Redistricting Approaches: Legislatures, Courts and Commissions over Time,” with Jamie Carson.

“Direct Primaries and the Openness of the Two-Party System, 1904-1920”

The Congress

“Partisan Signaling and Agenda Control in the U.S. House of Representatives,” with Jamie Carson and Anthony Madonna.

“Different Votes for Different Folks: Rules, Procedure and Electoral Accountability,” with Charles Finocchiaro and Eric Wilk.

“Variations in Party Voting in the House of Representatives, 1953-2000,” with David W. Rohde and Ryan J. Vander Wielen, *Invited to revise and resubmit, Political Analysis*

“Dimensions, Issues, and Bills: Appropriations Voting on the House Floor,” with David W. Rohde, *Invited to revise and resubmit, Journal of Politics*

Invited Workshops and Presentations

2009

Binghamton, - Department of Political Science, SUNY Binghamton

Durham, - Conference on Bicameralism, Duke University

2008

Washington D.C. – History of Congress Conference, George Washington University

2007

Columbia – Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina

2006

Davis – Political Methodology Summer Meeting, UC Davis

Minneapolis – Party Effects in the U.S. Senate Conference II, University of Minnesota

Durham – Party Effects in the U.S. Senate Conference, Duke University

Minneapolis – Restoring Electoral Competitiveness: Research and Remedies for Redistricting Conference, University of Minnesota

2005

Tallahassee – Political Methodology Summer Meeting, Florida State University

2004

Palo Alto - Political Methodology Summer Meeting, Stanford University

2003

Minneapolis - Political Methodology Summer Meeting, University of Minnesota

Recent Presentations

2009

"Partisan Signaling and Agenda Control in the U.S. House of Representatives," with Jamie Carson and Anthony Madonna. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON Canada.

"Constituency Congruency and Candidate Competition in Primary Elections for the U.S. House," with Jamie Carson, Carrie Eaves and Emily Wanless. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

"Inter-Chamber Polarization of Debate and Bill Success in the U.S. Congress," with Burt Monroe and Kevin Quinn. Paper presented at the Duke University Conference on Bicameralism, Durham, NC.

2008

"Mmm, Unexplained Bacon: The Politics of Earmarks in Conference Committees," with Charles Finocchiaro. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

"Tracking the Dynamic Evolution of Participants Salience in a Discussion" with Ahmed Hassan, Anthony Fader, Burt Monroe, Kevin Quinn, Michael Colaresi and Dragomir Radev presented at the International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Manchester, UK, August 18-22.

"Backward Mapping: Exploring Questions of Representation via Spatial Analysis of Historical Congressional Districts," with Trey Hood. Paper presented at the History of Congress Conference, Washington D.C. May 29th-June 1st.

"Constituency Congruency and Candidate Competition in U.S. House Elections," with Jamie Carson, Carrie Eaves and Emily Wanless. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2007

"Backward Mapping: Exploring Questions of Representation via Spatial Analysis of Historical Congressional Districts," with Trey Hood. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL.

"Dimensions, Issues, and Bills: Appropriations Voting on the House Floor," with Dave Rohde. Paper presented at the Political Science Research Workshop (Dept of Political Science, USC) and the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

"The Rise of Party Government in the U.S. Senate," Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

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"Gender and Individual Contributions to Congressional Candidates," with Janna Deitz. Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

"MavenRank: Identifying Influential Members of the U.S. Senate using Lexical Centrality," with Dragomir Radev, Anthony Fader, Burt L. Monroe, Kevin M. Quinn and Michael Colaresi. Paper presented at the Joint Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and Computational Natural Language Learning. Prague, Czech Republic, 2007.

2006

"Distributive Politics, Parties, and Electoral Effects in the U.S. Senate," with Charles Finocchiaro. Paper presented at the Conference on Party Effects in the U.S. Senate II. The University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"An Automated Method of Topic-Coding Legislative Speech Over Time with Application to the 105th-108th U.S. Senate," with Kevin M. Quinn, Burt L. Monroe, Michael Colaresi, and Dragomir R. Radev. Paper presented at the annual Summer Political Methodology Meeting, Davis, California and the annual American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

"The Competitive Effects of Redistricting Approaches: Legislatures, Courts and Commissions over Time," with Jamie Carson. Paper presented at the Restoring Electoral Competitiveness: Research and Remedies for Redistricting Conference at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

"Legislative Rhetoric and Policy Agendas," with Burt Monroe, Kevin Quinn, Michael Colaresi, and Dragomir Radev. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

"Parties and the Politics of Pork in the U.S. Senate," with Charles Finocchiaro. Presented at the Conference on Party Effects in the U.S. Senate, Washington Duke Inn, Duke University, Durham, N.C.

"Different Votes for Different Folks: Rules, Procedure and Electoral Accountability," with Charles Finocchiaro and Eric Wilk. Presented at the annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA.

2005

"Mixed Electoral Institutions and Legislative Behavior: Rhetoric in the German Bundestag," with Burt Monroe, Yael Shomer and Vera Troeger. Presented at the annual Meeting of the European Consortium for Political Research, Budapest, Hungary.

"Geography, Redistricting and Individual Campaign Contributions to Congressional Candidates." Presented at the annual Summer Political Methodology Meeting, Tallahassee, FL. and the annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.

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“Congressional Voting Behavior in Response to Changing District Boundaries.” Presented at the annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Are Partisan Theories of Agenda Control in the Senate Plausible?,” with Nathan Monroe. Presented at the annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Redistricting and Campaign Contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives.” Presented at the annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

Professional Activities

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, American Review of Politics, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Behavior, Politics and Policy, Political Research Quarterly, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, National Science Foundation

Memberships

American Political Science Association
Comparative Legislative Research Center
Midwest Political Science Association
Society for Political Methodology

Grants

Consultant, “Dynamics of Political Representation and Political Rhetoric” (PI – Burt Monroe, Co-PIs – Steven Abney, Michael Colaresi, Kevin Quinn, Drago Radev) National Science Foundation, Human Social Dynamics: Dynamics of Human Behavior, 2005-07, BCS 0527513

Service

Member Gosnell Prize search committee, Political Methodology Section of APSA, 2006-07, 2007-08
Endowed Chair search committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-09
Faculty Executive committee, Department of Political Science, 2007-08
Lecturer search committee, Department of Political Science, 2008, 2009
Dissertation Committee Member, Henrik Schatzinger, Emily Wanless

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References

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