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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

College Fellow, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University (Sept. 2009 – present)
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University (Sept. 2009 – present)

EDUCATION

2004-2009 **Stanford University** Stanford, CA
M.A. in Political Science, 2008
Ph.D. in Political Science, 2009
Dissertation: “Bipartisanship in a Polarized Congress”
Dissertation Committee: David W. Brady (Chair), Morris P. Fiorina, Paul
Sniderman

2000-2004 **University of Colorado** Boulder, CO
B.A. in Political Science, *Summa cum Laude*
B.A. in Economics
Advisor: E. Scott Adler

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Congress	Parties	Statistical Methods
Elections	Public Policy	Survey Research
Legislatures	Research Design	Voting

PUBLICATIONS

“Polarization and Public Policy: A General Assessment” (with David Brady and John Ferejohn). 2008. In *Red and Blue Nation? Consequences and Correction of America’s Polarized Politics, Vol. II*. Ed. Pietro S. Nivola and David W. Brady. Washington D.C: Brookings Institution Press.

“The 2008 Democratic Shift” (with David Brady and Douglas Rivers). 2008. *Policy Review*. Hoover Institution, No. 152: December 2008 & January 2009.

“Incrementalism in Appropriations: Small Aggregation, Big Changes” (with Sarah Anderson). (Forthcoming, *Public Administration Review*).

UNDER REVIEW

“Congressional Agenda Control and the Decline of Bipartisan Cooperation.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Mass Preferences for Bipartisanship in Congress”. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2009.

“Bipartisanship, Polarization, and Electoral Responsiveness: Re-examining the Electoral Connection”. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association 2009.

“Bipartisanship in Polarized Congress?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2008.

“What Changes in Incrementalism Tell Us About Congressional Decision-Making” (with Sarah Anderson). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2008.

“Budget Incrementalism: Small Aggregation, Big Changes” (with Sarah Anderson). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2008.

“Presidential Approval and Gas Prices: The Bush Presidency in Historical Context” (with Jon Krosnick). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research, May 2007.

“Polarization and the Congressional Agenda” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2007.

“Polarization and its Consequences: An Empirical Assessment” (with David Brady and John Ferejohn). Paper presented at the Brookings-Hoover Red and Blue Nation? Consequences and Correctives of America’s Polarized Politics, January 2007.

“Polarization and Congressional Policy Making: Gridlock or Extremism?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2006.

WORKING PAPERS AND PROJECTS

“Bipartisanship in a Polarized Congress”

Book manuscript on bipartisanship in the United States Congress. I argue that despite what has traditionally been seen as increases in party polarization, members have continued to find ways to engage in bipartisanship and, thus, to show responsiveness to their districts. Because of members’ electoral incentives (i.e., their desire to be reelected), there exists an equilibrium level of bipartisanship in Congress. The form that bipartisan cooperation has taken, however, has changed over time, moving from roll call votes to bill cosponsorship coalitions as congressional agenda control has changed. The strategic incentives of the party leadership to schedule roll call votes on issues that divide the parties from one another leads to an artificial inflation of the decline in bipartisan cooperation. In contrast, by analyzing bipartisanship in bill cosponsorship coalitions, I find a strong persistence of bipartisanship despite increased divisions in roll call voting. Papers and full manuscript available upon request.

“Mass Preferences for Bipartisanship in Congress” (with Neil Malhotra).

Experimental survey evidence of public support for bipartisanship in Congress and the implications for party polarization.

“What Changes in Incrementalism Tell Us About Congressional Decision-Making” (with Sarah Anderson).

Analysis of how political variables fit within incremental models of budgetary decision making.

“Presidential Approval and Gas Prices: Sociotropic or Pocketbook Influence?” (with Jon Krosnick).

Time series analysis of monthly presidential approval since 1976 and the role of consumer gas prices.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Political Methodology I

Professor: Douglas Rivers.

Assisted teaching and grading in combined graduate/undergraduate statistics and probability course.

(Fall 2005, Fall 2006)

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics

Professors: Morris P. Fiorina, John Ferejohn.

Taught sections, held review sessions, and graded work.

TA (Winter 2006), Head TA (Winter 2007)

Teaching Assistant, Politics and Public Policy

Professor: Mary Sprague

Taught sections, graded work, helped write exams and design group project.

TA (Spring 2006)

Head Teaching Assistant and Organizer, Summer Institute in Political Psychology

Professor: Jon Krosnick

Description: Organized lecturers for a three week summer program, ran the day- to-day operations of the program, and led daily discussion sections of 15 participants (graduate students in political science, psychology, as well as a handful of non-academic government professionals)

Summer 2007 (Head Teaching Assistant)

Summer 2008 (Teaching Assistant)

Teaching Assistant, Federal Government and the West

Sophomore College

Professors: David Brady, David Kennedy, Tammy Frisby

Summer 2007

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2007-2008 Coordinator, American Politics Workshop

2007 Graduate Admission Committee

2006-2007 President, Political Science Graduate Student Association

2006-2007 Member of Graduate Student Steering Committee for the interdepartmental Methods of Analysis Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS).

2006 Faculty Search Committee

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

- 2005-present Member of Midwest Political Science Association
- 2005-present Member of American Political Science Association
- 2006-present Reviewer for American Politics Research
- 2008-present Review for The Journal of Politics
- 2005 Attendee of Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP), Stanford University. Run by Jon Krosnick.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2008 Certificate for Advanced Training in Social Science Research Methods by the Methods of Analysis Program in the Social Sciences at Stanford University.
- 2004 Recipient of Best Undergraduate Political Science Thesis Award.
- 2003 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.