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*curriculum vitae*

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**Employment**

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, August 2003 – present  
Research Fellow, Cline Center for Democracy, April 2007 – present

**Education**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Ph.D. in Political Science, December 2003  
Fields of Study: American Politics (major), Methodology (minor), Comparative Politics

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia  
B.A. with Honors in Government, May 1996

**Dissertation**

*Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Legislative Perceptions and Congressional Representation.*  
Committee: Richard L. Hall (chair), Donald R. Kinder, Kenneth Kollman, Norbert Schwarz

**Research Interests**

Congress (legislative behavior, constituency representation, institutional design)  
Interest groups (legislative lobbying, campaign finance)

**Publications**

*Constituency Representation in Congress: The View from Capitol Hill.*  
Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press.

“The Limitations of Heuristics for Political Elites.”  
Forthcoming, December 2009. *Political Psychology*.

“What Happens After the Alarm? Interest Group Subsidies to Legislative Overseers.” (with Richard L. Hall) 2008. *Journal of Politics* 70(4): 1-16.

“The View from the Hill: Legislative Perceptions of Constituents.” 2007. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 33(4): 597-628.

“New York’s First District: Partisan Plots and Colorful Characters.” (with Chris Fastnow). 2001. In *The Roads to Congress 2000*, eds. Sunil Ahuja and Robert Dewhirst. Chicago: Wadsworth Publishers.

## **Articles in Progress**

“Congressional Caucuses and Constituency Representation.” Under review.

“Protecting your Constituents: Congressional Behavior before the International Trade Commission.” (with Todd Allee). Under review.

“Subconstituency Interests and Representation in the U.S. House.” Under revision for submission.

“Legislative Responsiveness When Moving from House to Senate.” Working paper.

“Congressional Caucuses and Legislative Behavior.”

“Conditional Power and the Congressional Black Caucus.”

## **Honors and Awards**

University of Illinois, Department of Political Science, Clarence A. Berdahl Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2009.

College of William and Mary, Department of Government, Baxter-Ward Fellow, 2009.

University of Illinois, List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, 2006, 2007, 2008.

University of Illinois, Research Board, Arnold O. Beckman Outstanding Research Award, 2003.

University of Michigan, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, Outstanding Teaching Award, 2001.

University of Michigan, Honors College, Margaret and Paul Lurie Award for Teaching Excellence, 2000-2001.

University of Michigan, Department of Political Science, John W. Kingdon Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 2000-2001.

## **Fellowships and Grants**

Congressional Research Award, Dirksen Congressional Center, 2008.

Visiting Scholar, APSA Centennial Center for Political Science, 2007 (declined).

University of Illinois, Campus Research Board Grant, 2003, 2004, 2005.

University of Illinois, Scholars Travel Fund, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2001-2003.

Gerald R. Ford Dissertation Fellowship and Research Award, 2001-2002, 2002-2003.

American Political Science Association, Advanced Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2002.

University of Michigan, Department of Political Science, Dissertation Research Grant, 2001.

University of Michigan, Department of Political Science, Mary M. Ketchum Memorial Fellowship, 2000.

University of Michigan, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, Conference Travel Grant, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002.

University of Michigan, Regents Fellowship, 1996-1999.

## **Conference Participation**

"Moderating Effects? Legislative Behavior When Moving from the House to the Senate." Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Toronto, Canada, September 2009.

Chair, Panel on "Advocacy and Legislative Activity." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Toronto, Canada, September 2009.

"Protecting Your Constituents: Congressional Testimony at the International Trade Commission." (with Todd Allee) Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2009.

Chair and Discussant. Panel on "Rescuing the Bailout in Congress." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2009.

"Moving Up and Moving In? Legislative Voting When Moving from House to Senate." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2008.

"Caucuses, Constituents, and Congressional Representation." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2008.

"Political Elites and Political Psychology: The Use of Heuristics." Paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research. Pisa, Italy, September 2007.

Discussant. Panel on "Determinants of Political Leadership." 4<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research. Pisa, Italy, September 2007.

"Caucuses, Constituents, and the Pursuit of Reelection." Paper presented at the Gerald R. Ford Fellows Conference. Ann Arbor, MI, May 2007.

Discussant. Panel on "Lobbying Congress." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2007.

Chair. Panel on "Updating and Explaining Legislative Voting Behavior." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2006.

"Subconstituency Interests and Representation in the U.S. House." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 2005.

"Constituency Interests and Congressional Behavior: Who Is Represented?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2005.

Chair. Panel on "Voting Behavior." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2005.

"Constituency Interests and Congressional Behavior: Who Is Represented?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2004.

"Mental Access: Congressional Perceptions and Organized Interests." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2004.

Chair and Discussant. Panel on "Influences on Roll Call Behavior." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2004.

"Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Legislative Perceptions and Representation in Congress." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.

"Legislators' Perceptions and Representation in Congress." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2002.

Discussant. Panel on "Interest Groups and Congressional Policymaking." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA, August 2001.

"Optimizing Policy Outcomes: A Formal Model of Interest Group Strategies." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2000.

"Lobbying as Subsidy to Legislative Agents." (with Richard L. Hall) Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, September 1999.

"Paying the Costs of Costly Signaling: Legislators as Group Agents in Agency Rulemaking." (with Richard L. Hall) Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1999.

"Must See TV? A Non-Random Assignment Model of Television and Membership." (with Harwood K. McClerking and Irfan Nooruddin) Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 1998.

"The Deleterious Effect of Television Viewership on Membership in Voluntary Organizations." (with Harwood K. McClerking and Irfan Nooruddin) Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1998.

"The Peoples' Mandate? Public Support for Congressional Term Limits." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1998.

## **Courses Taught**

University of Illinois – Graduate Courses  
Legislative Institutions and Behavior  
Organized Interests in American Politics  
Collective Action and Interest Groups

University of Illinois – Undergraduate Courses  
The U.S. Congress  
Interest Groups and Social Movements  
Introduction to American Politics and Government

University of Michigan – Undergraduate Courses  
Introduction to American Politics and Government (Instructor & Teaching Assistant)

## **University Activities**

University of Illinois, Department of Political Science  
Faculty Search Committee, Institutions Search, 2006  
Internships Committee, 2004, 2005  
Workshop on Grants and Fellowships, 2005  
Panelist, “Predicting the 2008 Election: Punditry, Polling, and Political Science,”  
Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2008.  
Panelist, “Women and the 2008 Election,” National Organization for Women, University of  
Illinois Chapter, 2008.

## **Professional Activities**

Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*  
Referee, *Journal of Politics*  
Referee, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*  
Referee, *Political Psychology*  
Referee, *American Politics Review*  
Referee, *Women, Politics, and Policy*  
Member, American Political Science Association.  
Member, Midwest Political Science Association.  
Member, Southern Political Science Association.