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# Academic Appointments:

Professor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2013-present

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Centennial Scholar, 2013-2016

Associate Professor, 2008-2013

Assistant Professor, 2002-2008

# Academic Leadership:

Interim Executive Associate Dean, College of Media, 2017-present

Academic Leadership Fellow, Big 10 Academic Alliance, 2016-2017

Associate Head for Undergraduate Programs, Department of Political Science, 2014-2017

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2009-2013

# Education:

## University of Washington

Ph.D., Political Science, 2002

Dissertation: "Rethinking Responsiveness: Campaign Themes, Legislative Agendas, and the Politics of Issue Uptake"

M.A., Political Science, 1999

Western Washington University

B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 1997

**Books:**

*Legislative Style* with William Bernhard. In press, forthcoming 2018. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

*The Legislative Legacy of Congressional Campaigns*. 2011. New York: Cambridge University Press.

*Issue Politics in Congress.* 2005. New York: Cambridge University Press.

**Refereed Articles:**

“A Clustering Approach to Legislative Styles” with William Bernhard and Daniel Sewell. 2017. 42(3): 477-506.

“Model-based Longitudinal Clustering with Varying Cluster Assignments” with Daniel

Sewell, Yuguo Chen, and William Bernhard. 2016. *Statistica Sinica.* 26(1): 205-233.

“What Gets Rewarded?: Legislative Activity and Constituency Approval” with Paul Testa and Kaye Usry. 2015. *Political Research Quarterly*. 68(4): 690-702.

"Partisan Polarization and Legislators' Agendas” with Carly Schmitt. 2014. *Polity.* 46(3): 430-448.

“Commitment and Consequences: Reneging on Cosponsorship Pledges in the U.S. House” with William Bernhard. 2013. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 38(4): 461-487.

“Legislative Coalitions and Presidential Signing Statements” with Katherine Francis. 2013. *Congress & the Presidency.* 40(3): 230-254.

"Redistricting, Responsiveness, and Issue Attention" with Matthew Hayes and Matthew Hibbing. 2010. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 35(1): 91-115.

"Campaign Appeals and Legislative Action." 2009. *Journal of Politics*. 71(3): 1093-1108.

"Is There Truth in Advertising? Campaign Ad Images as Signals about Legislative Behavior" with Nathaniel Swigger. 2008. *Journal of Politics*. 70(1): 232-244.

"Congressional Candidates' Issue Agendas On- and Off-Line" with Cortney Moriarty and Veronica Hefner. 2007. *Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics*. 12(2): 63-79.

"Dynamics of Diffusion: Aggregate Patterns in Congressional Campaign Agendas" with Jillian Evans. 2006. *American Politics Research.* 34(4): 505-534.

"Policy Punctuations in American Political Institutions" with Bryan Jones and Heather Larsen. 2003. *American Political Science Review*. 97(1): 151-169.

"Discussion’s Impact on Political Allocations: An Experimental Approach" with Adam Simon. 2002. *Political Analysis*. 10(4): 402-411.

"Explaining Campaign Intensity." 2001. *American Politics Research.* 29(6): 608-624.

"Habermas in the Lab: An Experimental Investigation of the Effects of Deliberation" with Adam Simon. 2001. *Political Psychology*. 22(4): 809-826.

**Book Chapters:**

“Parties, Members, and Campaign Contributions” with William Bernhard. 2013. In *Congress Reconsidered,* 10th edition, eds. Lawrence Dodd and Bruce Oppenheimer. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

“Congressional Campaigns.” 2011. In *The Oxford Handbook of the American Congress*, eds. Frances Lee and Eric Schickler. New York: Oxford University Press.

"Promises Made and Promises Kept." 2009. In *Congress Reconsidered,* 9th edition, eds. Lawrence Dodd and Bruce Oppenheimer. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

**Work in Progress:**

“The Legislative Consequences of Congressional Scandals” with William Bernhard and

Collin Paschall. Under review.

“On Good Behavior: Self-Policing of Norms in the House of Representatives”

**Research Honors and Grants:**

*External:*

2016 *Political Research Quarterly* Outstanding Reviewer Award. Awarded by *PRQ* to twenty outstanding reviewers each year.

2015 Patrick J. Fett Award for the best paper on the scientific study of Congress and the Presidency presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Awarded for “Legislative Styles” (with William Bernhard and Daniel Sewell)

2014 Jewell-Loewenberg Prize for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2013. Awarded by the American Political Science Association Legislative Studies Section for "Commitment and Consequences: Reneging on Cosponsorship Pledges in the U.S. House" (with William Bernhard)

2006 Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize for the best book in legislative studies published in 2005. Awarded by the American Political Science Association Legislative Studies Section for *Issue Politics in Congress*

2006 Alan Rosenthal Prize for the best book or article in legislative studies published in 2005 by a junior scholar that has potential value to legislative practitioners. Awarded by the American Political Science Association Legislative Studies Section for *Issue Politics in Congress*

2005 CQ Press Award for the best paper in legislative studies presented at the 2004 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Awarded by the Legislative Studies Section for "Legislative Responsiveness to Campaign Challenges"

2003 E.E. Schattschneider Award for the best dissertation in American politics completed in 2001 or 2002. Awarded by the American Political Science Association

### Dirksen Congressional Center Congressional Research Award (2001-2002)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (1998-2001)

*Internal:*

Big 10 Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program Fellow (2016-2017)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Centennial Scholar. Awarded to ten mid-career faculty in LAS as part of the celebration of its 100th anniversary (2013-2016)

University of Illinois Academy for Entrepreneurial Leadership, Scholars in Creativity, Innovation, and Research Fund (with William Bernhard, 2008-2009)

Research Fellow, UIUC Center for the Study of Democratic Governance (2006-2007)

University of Illinois, Campus Research Board Grant (2006)

University of Illinois Campus Research Board, Arnold O. Beckman Award (2005)

### University of Illinois Campus Research Board, Arnold O. Beckman Award (2003-2004)

**Teaching Honors:**

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dean’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate

Teaching, 2012.

Department of Political Science Clarence Berdahl Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2011. Awarded by Pi Sigma Alpha.

Department of Political Science Award for Excellence in Graduate Education, 2009. Selected by the Political Science Graduate Student Association.

Department of Political Science Clarence Berdahl Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2005. Awarded by Pi Sigma Alpha.

List of Teachers Rated as Excellent by Their Students. Awarded if student ratings for "Course Quality" and "Instructor Effectiveness" are both in the top 30% of university rankings.

Spring 2016, Political Science 598: Dissertation Design Seminar

Fall 2015, Political Science 503: Congress Graduate Seminar

Fall 2014, Political Science 495: Senior Honors Thesis Seminar

Fall 2013, Political Science 495: Senior Honors Thesis Seminar

Fall 2012, Political Science 503: Congress Graduate Seminar

Spring 2010, Political Science 319: Campaigns and Elections

Spring 2009, Political Science 519: Campaigns & Elections Graduate Seminar

Spring 2009, Communication 496: Communication and Governance

Fall 2008, Political Science 319: Campaigns and Elections

Spring 2008, Political Science 499: Campaigns and Elections

Spring 2008, Communication 496: Communication and Governance

Fall 2007, Political Science 502: Democratic Political Institutions

Spring 2005, Communication 496: Communication and Governance

Fall 2004, Political Science 519: Campaigns and Elections Graduate Seminar

Spring 2004, Political Science 328: Introduction to Political Behavior

# Invited Talks and Conferences:

University of Washington, Center for American Politics and Public Policy, May 2018

University of Missouri, Political Science Lecture Series, January 2015

University of Iowa, Comparative Legislative Research Center, March 2013

Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, September 2011

MIT, American Politics Speaker Series, December 2010

University of California, Berkeley, American Politics Workshop, November 2010

Harvard University, Center for American Political Studies, March 2010

University of Texas, American Politics Speaker Series, March 2010

University of Wisconsin, American Politics Workshop, October 2008

Georgetown University, American Government Speaker Series, October 2008

University of North Carolina, American Politics Workshop, April 2008

University of Chicago, Harris School, American Politics Workshop, February 2008

University of Minnesota, Seminar Series on the U.S. Congress, November 2007

Texas A&M Conference on Congressional Elections, September 2007

University of Rochester, Riker Seminar Series, May 2007

University of Washington, Center for American Politics and Public Policy, May 2007

University of Michigan, Center for Political Studies, March 2007

Pennsylvania State University, Departmental Colloquium Series, March 2006

Dirksen Congressional Center "Congress in the Classroom," August 2006

Northwestern University, American Politics Workshop, May 2004

# Conference Presentations:

2017. “The Legislative Consequences of Congressional Scandals” with William Bernhard and Collin Paschall. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2015. “Legislative Styles and Career Success” with William Bernhard. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2014. “The Evolution of Legislative Styles” with William Bernhard. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2013. “Legislative Styles” with William Bernhard. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2013. “Constituent Perceptions and Legislative Records” with Paul Testa and Kaye Usry. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2011. “Member to Member Campaign Contributions and Cue-Taking in the U.S. House” with William Bernhard. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

2011. “Legislative Coalitions and Presidential Signing Statements” with Katherine Graham. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

2011. “Following the Leaders?: Party Unity and Member-to-Member Campaign Contributions” with William Bernhard. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2010. “Reciprocity and Reputation-Building in the U.S. House” with William Bernhard. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

2010. “Commitment and Consequences: Reneging and Withdrawing on Cosponsorship Pledges in the U.S. House of Representatives” with William Bernhard. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2009. “Cosponsorship and Coalition Building in the U.S. House” with William Bernhard. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON.

2009. “Cosponsorship and Commitment” with William Bernhard. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2008. "Redistricting, Responsiveness, and Issue Attention" with Matthew Hayes and Matthew Hibbing. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

2007. Roundtable on the 110th Congress. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2007. "Campaign Promises and Legislative Action." Presented at the American Political

Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2007. "Congressional Campaign Rhetoric and Legislative Agendas." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2006. "Do Quality Challengers Run Better Campaigns? The Impact of Experience on Campaign

Discourse" with Elizabeth Popp. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2006. "Is a Picture Worth a Dozen Roll Calls? Campaign Ad Images and Interest Group Voting

Scores" with Nathaniel Swigger. Presented at the American Political Science

Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2006. "Campaign Ad Images as Signals about Legislative Voting Behavior" with Nathaniel Swigger. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2005. "Shoring Up the Base or Broadening Appeal?: Comparing Candidates' Campaign Agendas Across Websites and Television Ads" with Cortney Moriarty and Veronica Hefner. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

2004. "Legislative Responsiveness to Campaign Challenges." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2004. "Explaining Scope and Variation in Congressional Campaign Agendas" with Jillian Evans. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting,

Chicago, IL.

2003. "The Distribution of Campaign Themes in Congressional Races, 1988-1996." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2003. “Punctuations in Political Institutions” with Bryan Jones and Heather Larsen. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2002. “Issue Uptake and Responsiveness in the U.S. Congress.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2001. “Campaigns, Issue Uptake, and Representation in the U.S. Senate.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

2001. “Legislators’ Responsiveness to Campaign Themes: Toward an Agenda-Based Model of Representation.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2001. “A Comparison of Side Payment and Position-Taking Models of Congressional Roll-Call Voting” with John Wilkerson. Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

2000. “Incumbents, Challengers, and Campaign Intensity.” Presented at the Midwest Political

Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2000. “Integrating Game Theory and Psychology” with Adam Simon. Presented at the International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

1999. “Habermas in the Lab: Experimental Evidence on Signaling in the Ultimatum Game” with Adam Simon. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

1999. “Challenging Deliberative Democracy” with Adam Simon. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

1997. “Contested Local Elections and Active Campaigns: The Effects of Cumulative Voting and Districting” with Todd Donovan, Shaun Bowler, and David Brockington. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

# Professional Service:

Section Head, Legislative Politics, 2016 Southern Political Science Association

Chair, Legislative Studies Section Jewell-Loewenberg Prize Committee, 2014-2015

Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 2015-2016; 2016-2017

Editorial Board, *Political Research Quarterly*, 2014-2016

Editorial Board, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2010-2012; 2012-2014; 2016-2018

Chair, APSA Legislative Studies Section Nominating Committee, 2013-2015

Member, SPSA *Journal of Politics* Best Paper Award Committee, 2012

Program Co-Chair, 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Editorial Board, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 2011-2013

Member, APSA E.E. Schattschneider Award Committee, 2009-2010

Member, Search Committee for *Legislative Studies Quarterly* Co-editor, 2009

NSF Political Science Dissertation Advisory Panel, 2009

Secretary/Treasurer, APSA Legislative Studies Section, 2007-2009, 2009-2011

Chair, APSA Legislative Studies Section Fenno Prize Committee, 2006-2007

Chair, APSA Legislative Studies Section CQ Press Award Committee, 2005-2006

Advisory Board, Political Science Network, eJournal on Legislatures, 2007-present

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly, American Politics Research, Political Research Quarterly*, *Congress & the Presidency, Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics, Politics & Gender, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly,* National Science Foundation, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Illinois Press, University of Michigan Press

Chair, Discussant, or Roundtable Participant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2005; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015; Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2001

**University Service:**

*Campus:*

Teaching Advancement Board, 2015-2016

I-Promise Mentor (for first generation college students), 2014-2015, 2015-2016

Graduate College Mentor for Underrepresented Students, 2013-2014

*College:*

LAS Senior Women Faculty Advisory Group, 2017-2018

LAS Executive Committee (elected), 2014-2016

LAS Courses and Curriculum Committee, 2013-2014

LAS Awards Committee, 2009-2010

*Department:*

Faculty Grievance Committee (elected) (2015-2016, 2016-2017)

Advisory Committee (elected) (2004-2005; 2005-2006; 2006-2007; 2007-2008; 2008-

2009; 2009-2010; 2011-2012)

Faculty Recruitment Committees (Business and Politics, 2011; Political Economy, 2008;

Political Institutions, 2005, 2006, 2007; American Political Institutions, 2012, 2013)

Alumni Affairs Committee (2007-2008, 2012-2013)

Instructional Programs Committee (2006-2007; 2014-2015; 2015-2016; 2016-2017)

Graduate Programs Committee (2004-2005; 2005-2006)

Teaching and Student Awards Committee (2003-2004; 2004-2005)

Director of Undergraduate Studies Search Committee (2003)

**Teaching Experience:**

*Graduate Seminars:*

U.S. Congress

Democratic Political Institutions

Campaigns and Elections

Dissertation Design

Professionalization Seminar

*Undergraduate Courses:*

Introduction to Political Science

Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics

Senior Honors Thesis Seminar

Campaigns and Elections

Communication and Governance

Mass Media and Politics in the United States

Introduction to Political Behavior

Introduction to Research Methods

*Ph.D. Students:*

*Chair*

Katherine Francis (Lecturer, Governors State University)

Chera LaForge (Assistant Professor, Indiana University East)

Collin Paschall (current student)

Eristeo Perez (current student)

Molly Ritchie (Assistant Professor, University of California, Riverside)

Carly Schmitt (Assistant Professor, Indiana State University)

*Member*

Bryce Dietrich (Assistant Professor, University of Iowa)

Jillian Evans (current student)

Dan Pemstein (Assistant Professor, North Dakota State University)

Megan Remmel (Assistant Professor, Bradley University)

Nathaniel Swigger (Associate Professor, Ohio State-Newark)

**References available upon request**