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- EDUCATION Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri USA  
Ph.D., Political Science (2006)
  - Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methodology, Formal ModelingM.A., Political Science (2003)  
Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin USA  
B.A., *Cum Laude* in Government (2001)  
B.Mus., *Cum Laude* in Music (2001)
- PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS Stony Brook University
  - Associate Professor of Political Science (July 2020-Present)Temple University
  - Professor of Political Science (July 2019-Present)
  - Professor (by courtesy) of Economics (July 2019-Present)
  - Associate Professor of Political Science (July 2013-June 2019)
  - Associate Professor (by courtesy) of Economics (September 2013-June 2019)
  - Faculty Affiliate, Behavioral Foundations Lab (September 2013-Present)
  - Assistant Professor of Political Science (August 2006-June 2013)Sciences Po Lyon
  - Visiting Fellow (November 2017-December 2017)Duke University
  - Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (August 2010-May 2011)Washington University in St. Louis
  - Instructor in Political Science (September 2003-May 2006)
- BOOKS *Taming Intuition: How Reflection Minimizes Partisan Reasoning and Promotes Democratic Accountability* (2017) New York: Cambridge University Press. With Kevin Arce-neaux.
  - Winner of the 2018 Robert E. Lane Award for best book in political psychology, Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association
  - Co-winner of the 2018 Best Book Award for best book using experimental methods, Experimental Research Section, American Political Science Association
  - Reviewed in *Public Opinion Quarterly* and *Political Science Quarterly*
  - Subject of “Critical Dialogue” in *Perspectives on Politics*

*Politics Over Process: Partisan Conflict and Post-Passage Processes in the U.S. Congress* (2017) Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. With Hong Min Park and Steven S. Smith.

- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics* and *Congress & the Presidency*

*The American Congress*, 10th edition (2019) Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield; 9th edition (2015); 8th edition (2013); 7th edition (2011); 6th edition (2009); 5th edition (2007); 4th edition (2006) New York: Cambridge University Press. With Jason M. Roberts and Steven S. Smith.

*The American Congress Reader* (2009) New York: Cambridge University Press. With Jason M. Roberts and Steven S. Smith.

REFEREED  
ARTICLES

“Time-Dependent Legislative Behavior and Election Outcomes.” With Lauren M. Rowlands. Forthcoming in *Party Politics*.

“Strategic Candidate Entry and Congressional Elections in the Era of Fox News.” *American Journal of Political Science* (2020) 64(2): 398-415. With Kevin Arceneaux, Johanna Dunaway, and Martin Johnson.

“Unpacking the Unknown: A Method for Identifying Status Quo Distributions.” *Public Choice* (2020) 182(1-2): 49-72. With Michael J. Vander Wielen.

“Diffusion in Congress: Measuring the Social Dynamics of Legislative Behavior.” *Political Science Research and Methods* (2017) 5(3): 511-527. With René Lindstädt and Matthew Green.

“The Influence of News Media on Political Elites: Investigating Strategic Responsiveness in Congress.” *American Journal of Political Science* (2016) 60(1): 5-29. With Kevin Arceneaux, Martin Johnson, and René Lindstädt.

- Research findings described in the *Washington Post's* public affairs blog *The Monkey Cage*, October 30, 2013.

- Research findings described in the London School of Economic's American politics and policy blog *USAPP*, April 2, 2015.

“The General Segmented Distribution.” *Communications in Statistics – Theory and Methods* (2015) 44(10): 1994-2009. With Michael J. Vander Wielen.

“Dynamic Elite Partisanship: Party Loyalty and Agenda Setting in the U.S. House.” *British Journal of Political Science* (2014) 44(4): 741-772. With René Lindstädt.

- Research findings described in the London School of Economic's American politics and policy blog *USAPP*, October 7, 2014.

“Measuring Variations in Party Unity Voting: An Assessment of Agenda Effects.” *Party Politics* (2013) 19(3): 432-457. With Michael H. Crespin and David W. Rohde.

“Why Conference Committees?: A Theory of Conference Use in Structuring Bicameral Agreement.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* (2013) 25(1): 3-35.

“The Effects of Need for Cognition and Need for Affect on Partisan Evaluations.” *Political Psychology* (2013) 34(1): 23-42. With Kevin Arceneaux.

“Adaptive Behaviour in the European Parliament: Learning to Balance Competing Demands.” *European Union Politics* (2012) 13(4): 465-486. With René Lindstädt and Jonathan Slapin.

“The Effects of Party and Agenda Control: Assessing the Ideological Orientation of Legislation Directing Bureaucratic Behavior.” *Political Research Quarterly* (2012) 65(3): 669-684. With Erin Asher Meagher.

“Majority Party Bias in U.S. Congressional Conference Committees.” *Congress & the Presidency* (2011) 38(3): 271-300. With Steven S. Smith.

“Balancing Competing Demands: Position Taking and Election Proximity in the European Parliament.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2011) 36(1): 37-70. With René Lindstädt and Jonathan Slapin.

- Winner of the 2012 Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in the previous year.

“Timely Shirking: Time-Dependent Monitoring and Its Effects on Legislative Behavior in the U.S. Senate.” *Public Choice* (2011) 148(1-2): 119-148. With René Lindstädt.

“The Influence of Conference Committees on Policy Outcomes.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2010) 35(4): 487-518.

“Shirking in the Contemporary Congress: A Reappraisal.” *Political Analysis* (Spring, 2004) 12(2): 176-179. With Jamie L. Carson, Michael H. Crespin, and Jeffery A. Jenkins.

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

“Intuitive Politics and Why Thinking Isn’t Guaranteed to Save Us.” *Forthcoming*. In *The Politics of Truth in Polarized America: Concepts, Causes and Correctives*. David C. Barker and Elizabeth Suhay (Eds.). New York: Oxford University Press. With Kevin Arceneaux.

“Book Review of *Exceptions to the Rule: The Politics of Filibuster Limitations in the U.S. Senate* by Molly E. Reynolds.” *American Review of Politics* (2018) 36(2): 124-126.

“Book Review of *Congress and the Media: Beyond Institutional Power* by C. Danielle Vinson.” *Perspectives on Politics* (2018) 16(3): 840-842.

“Book Review of *Is Bipartisanship Dead? Policy Agreement and Agenda-Setting in the House of Representatives* by Laurel Harbridge.” *Congress & the Presidency* (2016) 43(2): 255-258.

“Book Review of *Agenda Setting in the U.S. Senate: Costly Consideration and Majority Party Advantage* by Chris Den Hartog and Nathan W. Monroe.” *Congress & the Presidency* (2013) 40(2): 199-201.

“Book Review of *The Floor in Congressional Life* by Andrew J. Taylor.” *Party Politics* (2013) 19(3): 529-531.

“Judging Statutes: Interpretive Regimes.” *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* (2005) 38(5): 1909-1970. With Nancy Staudt, Lee Epstein, Peter J. Wiedenbeck, and René Lindstädt.

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

“The House that Fox Built: Representation, Political Accountability, and the Rise of Cable News.” With Kevin Arceneaux, Johanna Dunaway, and Martin Johnson. *Book manuscript in progress*.

“Worldview and the Rational Legislator: The Effect of Birthplace on Legislative Decision-making.” *In progress*.

“Do Voters Prefer Educated Candidates?: How Candidate Education Influences Vote Choice in Congressional Elections.” With Kevin Arceneaux. *In progress*.

“Party Leaders as Social Planners: How Party Leaders Build Coalitions in the Pursuit of Public Goods.” With Martin Battle. *In progress*.

“Majority Coalitions and the Logic of Minority Obstruction.” *In progress*.

ACADEMIC  
HONORS, GRANTS,  
AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow, American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship (2019-2020)

Winner of the 2018 Robert E. Lane Award for best book in political psychology, Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association

Co-winner of the 2018 Best Book Award for best book using experimental methods, Experimental Research Section, American Political Science Association

Visiting Fellow, Le Diplôme d’Établissement sur les États-Unis, Sciences Po Lyon (2017)

Winner of the 2012 Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in the previous year.

Faculty Fellow, Political Institutions and Public Choice (PIPC), Duke University (2010-2011)

Graduate Fellow, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, Washington University in St. Louis (2002-2006)

Research Fellowship, Washington University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (2005-2006)

Graduate Fellow, Political Institutions and Public Choice (PIPC), Michigan State University (2001-2002)

CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION

“Encouraging Consensus: How to Induce Reflection in Partisans.” Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With Kevin Arceneaux.

“Time Dependent Legislative Behavior and Electoral Punishment.” Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With Lauren M. Rowlands.

“Time Dependent Legislative Behavior and Electoral Punishment.” Paper presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With Lauren M. Rowlands.

“Cable News and the Ballot Box: Beliefs about the Electorate and their Voting Behavior in the Era of Fox News.” Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. With Kevin Arceneaux, Johanna Dunaway, and Martin Johnson.

“Unpacking the Unknown: A Tool for Deriving Status Quo Distributions.” Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“Partisan News Media and Congressional Elections: Beliefs about the Electorate and their Voting Behavior in the Era of Fox News.” Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With Kevin Arceneaux, Johanna Dunaway, and Martin Johnson.

“Robust Periodization for Dynamic Models of Intra-Term Legislative Behavior.” Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With René Lindstädt.

“Robust Periodization for Dynamic Models of Intra-Term Legislative Behavior.” Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. With René Lindstädt.

“Information Processing and Tolerance for Legislative Shirking.” Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With Kevin Arceneaux.

“Diffusion in Congress: Social Dynamics of Discharge Petition Behavior.” Paper presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With René Lindstädt and Matthew Green.

“Learning the Ropes of the Parliamentary Process.” Paper presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With René Lindstädt and Jonathan Slapin.

“Striking a Balance: Party Loyalty and Agenda Setting in the U.S. House of Representatives.” Paper presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With René Lindstädt.

“Diffusion in Congress: Social Dynamics of Discharge Petition Behavior.” Paper presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With René Lindstädt.

“Why Conference Committees?: A Policy Explanation for the Use of Conference.” Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

“Legislative Shirking with Multiple Principals: A Bayesian Analysis of EP Roll Call Data.” Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With René Lindstädt and Jonathan Slapin.

“Analyzing the Effects of Elections on Strategic Position Taking in the U.S. Senate.” Paper presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With René Lindstädt.

“Congressional Conference Committees and Policy Outcomes.” Paper presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Congressional Conference Committees and Policy Outcomes.” Paper presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

“An Analysis of Party Dynamics in Congressional Control of Bureaucratic Institutions: A Study of Voting Behavior on Statutes Instructing the Environmental Protection Agency.” Paper presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“Wherever But Not Whenever: Elections and Strategic Position Taking in the Senate.” Paper presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With René Lindstädt.

“Congressional Conference Committee Bias, 1963-2002.” Paper presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. With Elizabeth Rybicki and Steven S. Smith.

“Legislative Politics in a Bicameral System: Strategic Conferee Appointments in the U.S. Congress.” Invited for presentation at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Providence, Rhode Island. With Jamie L. Carson.

“Variations in Party Voting in the House of Representatives, 1953-2000.” Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia. With Michael H. Crespin and David W. Rohde.

“Shirking in the Contemporary Congress: A Reappraisal.” Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia. With Jamie L. Carson, Michael H. Crespin, and Jeffery A. Jenkins.

“Partisan and Strategic Considerations in Conferee Selection in Congress.” Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With Jamie L. Carson.

“The Influence of Media Projections on Voter Turnout in Presidential Elections from 1980-2000.” Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. With Michael H. Crespin.

INVITED TALKS

Duke University, Behavioral Models of Politics Conference (2014)

University of Pennsylvania, American Politics Workshop (2014)

University of Iowa, Comparative Legislative Research Center Series (2012)

Duke University, Institutions Workshop (2011)

Vanderbilt University, Conference on Bicameralism II (2009)

Duke University, Conference on Bicameralism I (2009)

Temple University, Campaigns and Elections Series (2008)

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

Assistant, Associate, & Full Professor, Temple University

Graduate Courses:

- Political Statistics I, Political Science 8001 (Fall 2008, Fall 2012, and Fall 2019)
- Political Statistics II, Political Science 8003 (Spring 2014, Spring 2015, and Spring 2016)
- Formal Modeling, Political Science 8130 (Spring 2008, Spring 2010, Spring 2014, and Fall 2016)
- Legislative Behavior, Political Science 8103 (Spring 2007, Spring 2009, Spring 2012, and Fall 2014)
- Government in American Society, Political Science 8101 (Fall 2015 and Fall 2017)

Undergraduate Courses:

- Quantitative Methods, Political Science 0825/0925 (Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, and Fall 2019)
- Research Preparation Seminar – Congress and the Presidency, Political Science 3550 (Spring 2019)
- Capstone Seminar – Congress and the Presidency, Political Science 4896 (Spring 2013)
- Legislative Process, Political Science 3102 (Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2018, and Spring 2019)
- American Political System, Political Science 1101 (Fall 2007)
- Honors Introduction to American Politics, Political Science H091 (Fall 2006)

Visiting Fellow, Sciences Po Lyon

Undergraduate Course:

- Legislative Behavior in the US (Fall 2017)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Duke University

Undergraduate Course:

- Congress and the President, Political Science 166 (Fall 2010)

Instructor, Washington University in St. Louis, University College

Undergraduate Courses:

- Quantitative Political Methodology, Political Science 323 (Spring 2004 and Spring 2005)
- Introduction to American Politics, Political Science 101 (Fall 2003 and Summer 2005)
- U.S. Congressional Politics, Political Science 456 (Summer 2003)

DISSERTATION  
ADVISING

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Chair

- Jessica Kehler (*In progress*), Lauren Rowlands (*In progress*).

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member

- Nicolas Anspach (York College, *Completed 2016*), Patricia Amberg-Blyskal (*Completed 2018*), Joel Blaxland (Western New Mexico University, *Completed 2018*), James Kelley (*Completed 2018*), Amanda Milena Alvarez (*Completed 2019*), James Fowler (*In progress*), Stefanie Kasparek (*In progress*).

DEPARTMENT,  
COLLEGE, AND  
UNIVERSITY  
SERVICE

Department Director of Graduate Studies, Temple University (July 2015-June 2018)

Member of the University Graduate Board, Temple University (July 2015-June 2018)

Member of the Department Graduate Committee, Temple University (July 2008-June 2010, July 2013-June 2018)

Member of the College Merit Committee, Temple University (July 2015-June 2017)

- Chair of the College Merit Committee, Temple University (December 2016-June 2017)

Department American Politics Field Chair, Temple University (July 2013-June 2017)

Department Website Coordinator, Temple University (July 2012-June 2017)

Member of the Department American Politics Search Committee, Temple University (September 2014-June 2015)

Member of the Department American Politics Exam Committee, Temple University (July 2012-June 2015)

Member of the College Tenure Committee, Temple University (July 2013-May 2015)

Member of the Department Chair Search Committee, Temple University (2013, 2016)

Member of the Department Sabbatical and Merit Committee, Temple University (July 2012-June 2013)

Member of the Department Undergraduate Committee, Temple University (July 2011-June 2013)

General Education Course Development (Quantitative Methodology), Temple University (2007)

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2013-2016)

Co-organizer, Philadelphia Region American Politics Conference (2012, 2013, 2015)

Chair, Jewell-Loewenberg Award Selection Committee (2013)

Conference Panel Chair

- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2007, 2008, and 2009)



Conference Discussant

- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2016, and 2017)
- Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2014)
- Behavioral Models of Politics Conference (2014)

Referee, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Analysis*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *European Union Politics*