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## EDUCATION

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PH.D. University of California, Los Angeles (2004)  
M.A. The George Washington University (1996)  
B.A. University of California at Berkeley (1991)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Associate Professor with Tenure, University of Denver, September 2010 – present  
Assistant Professor, University of Denver, 2004-2010

## BOOK

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2009. *No Middle Ground: How Informal Party Organizations Control Nominations and Polarize Legislatures*, Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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2012. With Jonathan Winburn and Gerald C. Wright, "The Gerrymanderers Are Coming! Legislative Redistricting Won't Affect Competition or Polarization Much, No Matter Who Does It," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 45 (1).
2011. With Hans Noel, "Serving Two Masters: Using Referenda to Assess Partisan vs. Dyadic Legislative Representation," *Political Research Quarterly* (forthcoming).
2011. With David Dulio and Richard Skinner, "527 Committees and the Political Party Network," *American Politics Research* (forthcoming).
2011. "The Circus That Wasn't: The Republican Party's Quest for Order in the 2003 California Gubernatorial Recall," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 11 (2): 123-47.
2010. "Academics Outside the Academy," *The Forum* 8 (3), article 7.
2010. With Gregory Koger and Hans Noel. "Cooperative Party Factions in American Politics," *American Politics Research* 38: 33-53.
2009. "Did Obama's Ground Game Matter? The Influence of Local Field Offices During the 2008 Presidential Election," *Public Opinion Quarterly* 73: 1023-1039
2009. With Gregory Koger and Hans Noel. "Partisan Webs: Information Exchange and Party Networks," *The British Journal of Political Science*, 39: 633-653.
2008. "Where You Sit is Where You Stand: The Impact of Seating Proximity on Legislative Cue-Taking," *The Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 3: 301-311.
2007. "It Takes an Outsider: Extra-legislative Organization And Partisanship In The California Assembly, 1849-2006," *The American Journal of Political Science* 51: 482-497.
2007. With Jeffrey B. Lewis. "A Return to Normalcy? Revisiting the Effects of Term Limits on Competitiveness and Spending in California Assembly Elections," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 7: 20-38.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

2007. With Thad Kousser and Jeffrey B. Lewis. "Ideological Adaptation? The Survival Instinct of Threatened Legislators," *The Journal of Politics*, 69: 828-84
2005. "Data Entry: Going Pro," *The Political Methodologist*, vol. 3 (Fall), pp. 19-20
2002. "The Emergence of Unofficial Party Organizations in California," *Spectrum: The Journal of State Politics*, vol. 75 (Fall), pp. 29-33.
2001. With Shanto Iyengar and Daniel H. Lowenstein. "The Stealth Campaign: Experimental Studies of Slate Mail in California," *Journal of Law and Politics*, vol. 17 (Spring).

## BOOK CHAPTERS

2011. "The Perils of Holding a Tea Party at High Altitude: Colorado's Senate and Gubernatorial Races in 2010," in Sabato, Larry, J., *Pendulum Swing*, Longman.
2011. "Colorado's Central Role in the 2008 Presidential Election Cycle," in Daum, Courtenay, Robert Duffy and John Straayer, eds., *State of Change: Colorado Politics in the Twenty-first Century*, The University Press of Colorado.
2009. "Painting the High Plains Blue: Musgrave vs. Markey in Colorado's 4th Congressional District," in Adkins, Randall, and David Dulio, eds., *Cases in Congressional Campaigns: Incumbents Playing Defense*, Routledge Press.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Book project: "The Inevitable Party: How Political Parties Survive Attempts to Kill Them." This project investigates reform efforts designed to rein in or ban parties in several different states and examines how the parties managed to adapt to and even thrive amidst the new laws. Three of eight chapters have been written and are under review with the University of Chicago Press.
- "A Theory of Parties," with Kathleen Bawn, Marty Cohen, David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller. Currently under review with *Perspectives*.
- "Agreement Scores, Ideal Points, and Legislative Polarization," with Betsy Sinclair, Jennifer Victor, and Gregory Koger. Currently under review with *Social Networks*.
- "One Vote Out of Step? The Effects of Salient Roll Call Votes in the 2010 Election," with Brendan Nyhan, Steven Greene, Eric McGhee, and John Sides. Currently under revise and resubmit with *American Politics Research*.
- "527 Committees, Formal Parties and the Party Networks," with Richard Skinner and David Dulio. Currently under review with *Interest Groups and Advocacy*.
- Party convention research project, with Michael Heaney, Joanne Miller, and Dara Strolovitch. NSF-funded survey of convention delegates and protesters at the 2008 Democratic and Republican National Conventions. This project has resulted in three draft papers to be submitted shortly to peer-reviewed journals:
- "Standing by your Candidate: Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and Group Identity Among Democratic Convention Delegates"
  - "Networking the Parties: A Comparative Study of Democratic and Republican National Convention Delegates in 2008"
  - "Gender Consciousness Through a Partisan Lens"
- "A Primary Cause of Partisanship? Nomination Systems and Legislator Ideology," with Nolan McCarty, Eric McGhee, Steve Rogers, and Boris Shor. To be submitted shortly to the *American Political Science Review*.
- "Developments in Political Party Research," solicited for inclusion in *New Directions in American Politics*, edited by Ray La Raja.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Best Conference Paper, APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section, 2010 (w/Michael Heaney, Joanne Miller & Dara Strolovitch)  
Allan Saxe Award for Best Paper on State and Local Politics, Southwest Political Science Association, 2010  
Best Conference Paper, APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section, 2009 (w/David Dulio & Richard Skinner)  
Emerging Scholar Award, APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section, 2008  
Best Graduate Student Conference Paper, APSA State Politics and Policy Section, 2003  
Best Paper on Blacks and Politics, Western Political Science Association, 2001 (With Franklin Gilliam)

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Faculty Research Fund award (\$3,000), University of Denver, 2011-12  
National Science Foundation, Small Grant for Exploratory Research (\$16,371), 2008-09  
Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning (\$2,000), University of Denver, 2008  
Professional Research Opportunities for Faculty (PROF) award (\$14,050), University of Denver, 2005-07  
Faculty Research Fund award (\$2,308), University of Denver, 2005-06  
Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2003-04  
National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Support Grant (\$12,000), 2002-03  
Advanced Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2002, 2003  
Marks-Gelber Fellowship, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2001-02  
Four-year Pauley Fellowship, UCLA, 1997-2001

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

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Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2012-15) and *California Journal of Politics and Policy* (2010-present).  
Colorado Advisor, Key Votes Program, Project Vote Smart (2011-present).  
Host Co-Chair, 2012 Political Networks Conference  
Political Networks Conference, NSF Program Funding Committee, 2011.  
APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section, Best Paper Award Committee, 2011.  
Membership Chair, Political Networks Section, American Political Science Association, 2009-2011.  
Program Chair, Parties and Interest Groups, Southwest Political Science Association, 2010.  
Program Co-Chair, Political Organizations and Parties, American Political Science Association, 2008.  
Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, 2003, 2004, 2006-2011.  
Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2006-2011.  
Reviewer for *The American Journal of Political Science*, *The American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *The Journal of Policy History*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Polity*, and *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*

## INVITED LECTURES

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Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, April 2012

Rose Community Foundation, Denver, June 2011

Northwestern University, May 2011

University of Nebraska at Lincoln, February 2011

American Petroleum Institute, September 2010

University of California at Berkeley, Institute for Governmental Studies, April 2010

University of California at Davis, April 2010

University of Colorado at Denver, November 2009

Public Policy Institute of California, May 2008

University of Colorado at Boulder, April 2008 and March 2010

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Polarization without Parties: The Rise of Legislative Partisanship in Nebraska’s Unicameral Legislature” (with Boris Shor), presented at the annual conference on Political Networks in Ann Arbor, MI, June 18, 2011.

“When One Vote Matters: The Electoral Impact of Roll Call Votes in the 2010 Congressional Elections” (with Stephen Greene), presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2, 2011.

“A Primary Cause of Partisanship? Nomination Systems and Legislator Ideology” (with Eric McGhee, Boris Shor, and Nolan McCarty), presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC, September 3, 2010.

“Gender Consciousness Through a Partisan Lens: Convention Delegates’ Evaluations of Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin (with Dara Strolovitch, Michael Heaney, Joanne Miller, and Elizabeth Sharrow), presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC, September 4, 2010.

“The New Style: How Colorado’s Democratic Party Survived and Thrived Amidst Reform,” presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference in Springfield, Illinois, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

“The Agreement Score: Legislative Networks and Ideology” (with Betsy Sinclair, Jennifer Victor, and Gregory Koger), presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 22, 2010.

“Networking the Parties: A Comparative Study of Democratic and Republican National Convention Delegates in 2008” (with Michael Heaney, Joanne Miller, and Dara Strolovitch), presented at State of the Parties: 2008 and Beyond. Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, 2009.

“527 Committees and the Political Party Network” (with David Dulio and Richard Skinner), presented at the Harvard Political Networks Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 12, 2009.

“Healing the Rift? Social Networks and Reconciliation between Obama and Clinton Convention Delegates in 2008” (with Michael Heaney, Joanne Miller, and Dara Strolovitch), presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 4, 2009.

“The Influence of Campaign Field Offices During the 2008 Presidential Election,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 6, 2009.

“The Circus That Wasn’t: How the Parties Lent Order to the 2003 California Recall Election,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 6, 2008.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

- “How Out of Step? Measuring Differences in Voter and Legislator Preferences” (with Hans Noel), presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 4, 2008.
- “The Needs of the Many: An Examination of the Link Between Size of Place and Partisanship,” presented at Politics through the Lens of Parties: A Conference in Memory of Leon Epstein, Madison, Wisconsin, April 27, 2007.
- “The Limits of the Gerrymander: Examining the Impact of Redistricting on Electoral Competition and Legislative Polarization” (with Jonathan Winburn and Gerald Wright). Annual conference on State Politics and Policy. Lubbock, Texas, 2006. Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2006.
- “Where You Sit is Where You Stand: Measuring the Impact of Seating Proximity on Legislative Voting,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 22, 2006.
- “Family Squabbles? Cooperative Party Factions in American Politics” (with Gregory Koger and Hans Noel). Presented at State of the Parties: 2004 and Beyond. Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, Akron, OH, 2005.
- “Did California’s Recall Turn its Legislators into Girlie-Men?” (with Thad Kousser and Jeffrey Lewis). American Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois, 2004.
- “The True Character of Politicians.” American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2003.
- “Race of Candidate and Voter Preferences: An Experimental Study of Campaign Cues” (with Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., and Kenny J. Whitby). Western Political Science Association. Las Vegas, Nevada, 2001.
- “From Party Bosses to Public Servants: The Impact of the Seventeenth Amendment on Senators in their Committees.” Western Political Science Association. San Jose, California, 2000.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Elected Faculty Committee, University of Denver (2010-13)
- Pi Sigma Alpha, advisor (2009-present)
- Faculty Senate, University of Denver (2005-08)
- Marsico Internship Program, Committee Member, University of Denver (2004-present)
- Friends and Faculty Committee, University of Denver (2004-05)
- Coordinator, UCLA Pieces of the Craft Seminar Series (2001-03)
- UCLA Graduate Studies Council (1999-2001)
- UCLA Social Studies Council (1999-2000)
- Graduate Student Association Representative to the UCLA Communications Board (1998-99)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE DENVER, COLORADO  
*Associate Professor with Tenure, September 2010 – present*  
*Assistant Professor, September 2004 to August 2010*

CENTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
*Research Assistant, September 1998 to September 1999, October 2001*

FAIRBANK, MASLIN, MAULLIN & ASSOCIATES SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA  
*Research Assistant, March to October 1998, September 2000 to January 2001*

UCLA DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
*Teaching Assistant, September 1999 to June 2000*

OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERVISOR S. JOSEPH SIMITIAN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA  
*Law & Justice Policy Aide, January to July 1997*

TERRIS & JAYE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
*Political Writer, September to November 1996*

THE WHITE HOUSE, OFFICE OF CORRESPONDENCE WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*Senior Writer, May 1993 to July 1996*

CLINTON-GORE 1992 CAMPAIGN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY  
*Volunteer and Get-Out-The-Vote Coordinator, August to November 1992*

PUBLIC CITIZEN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*Assistant Office Manager, Office of Development, October 1991 to December 1992*

WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*Research Assistant, June to August 1990*

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*Intern, June to August 1990*