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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor. January 2009-Current.

Department of Political Science, Stanford University.

Faculty Affiliate of the Europe Center and the Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality.

Assistant Professor (Subject to PhD). September 2007-December 2008.

Department of Political Science, Stanford University.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Doctor of Philosophy (in Political Science), December 2008.

Dissertation: “The Political Representation of the Poor.”

Committee: Christopher Achen (Princeton University, co-chair), John Jackson (co-chair), Robert Franzese, and James Lepkowski.

Award: APSA’s Harold D. Lasswell Award for the Best Dissertation in the Field of Public Policy, 2010.

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

Visiting graduate student, Department of Politics. September 2003 – May 2004.

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

Honors Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction, June 2000.

Specialist in Political Science, minor in History.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Current Book Project

Who Speaks for the Poor? Electoral Geography and the Political Representation of Low-Income and Working Class Voters

Who speaks for the poor? In the U.S., this is a hard question to answer: Recent research demonstrates, for example, that low-income Americans preferences and interests of are often ignored by elected officials. Further, the absence of a social democratic or workers party sets the United States apart from all other developed democracies.

This book will offer a very different account of the origins of political inequality in the US: American electoral geography - specifically, the geographic distribution of low-income citizens

across congressional districts - undermines legislators incentives to be responsive to the poor, and significantly limits the electoral viability of low-income peoples parties. In other countries, a more equitable mapping of low-income citizens votes-to-seats ensures an equal electoral voice for all citizens and not surprisingly, general social policy, and especially antipoverty policy, tend to be more generous in these systems. This research will provide an explanation for the muted political voice of American workers and their families, the limited efforts of American political parties to mobilize a low-income constituency, and the comparatively limited social spending and antipoverty policy in the US. When the effects of electoral geography are understood, especially from the comparative perspective this manuscript will offer, the limited responsiveness of American legislators to lowincome voters, and indeed, the absence of partisan representation for low-income and working class voters, are no longer puzzling features of contemporary American politics. Instead, these are the clear consequences of the political economic incentive structures created by the current and historical geographic distribution of income within our country.

To demonstrate the importance of early electoral geography, *Who Speaks for the Poor?* links historical North American and European census data to electoral district boundaries. Then, drawing on electoral returns and archival research, this manuscript shows how the geographic distribution of lowincome and working class citizens conditioned the strategic entry decisions of party elites. Finally, *Who Speaks for the Poor?* uses recent changes in electoral rules to demonstrate how current levels of social spending are conditioned by contemporary electoral geographies, and how changing electoral rules can help secure better policy for low-income and working-class citizens.

Related Working Papers:

1. "Electoral Geography and Redistributive Politics." Forthcoming. *Journal for Theoretical Politics*.
2. "Electoral Geography, Strategic Mobilization, and Implications for Voter Turnout."

Related Presentations:

- 3rd Annual General Conference Of The European Political Science Association. Barcelona, Spain. 20-22 June 2013.
- Conference on Computational Social Science. Stanford CA. 1 June 2012.
- Seminar on Poverty and Inequality. Stanford CA. 13 April 2012.
- HumVIB Conference, hosted by the European Science Foundation. Berlin, Germany. 9-10 September 2011.
- Juan March Institute Seminar Series. 10 June 2011.
- Institute for the Study of Societal Issues Seminar Series. University of California, Berkeley. 20 April 2011.
- External Speaker Series, The Wilf Family Department of Politics. New York University. 22 March 2011.
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models. University of California, Berkeley. 25 July 2010.
- Redistribution, Public Goods, & Political Market Failures Conference. Yale University. 8-9 April 2010.
- Workshop on The Origins of Democratic Institutions. Stanford University. 8 January 2010.
- University College Dublin School of Politics and International Relations Seminar Series. 9 December 2009.

Institute for International Integration Studies Seminar Series, Trinity College Dublin. 4 December 2009.

Geary Institute Seminar Series, University College Dublin. 1 December 2009.

The Comparative Political Economics and the Center for the Study of Inequality and Democracy Seminar Series, Oxford University. 27 November 2009.

Cornell Welfare State Conference. 25-26 September 2009.

Institute for the Social Sciences Seminar Series, Cornell University. 22 September 2009.

ECPR General Conference, Potsdam. 2009.

Workshop on Public Opinion, Institutions, and Representation in the European Union, Stanford University. 7 April 2009.

Penn Comparative Politics Workshop and the Penn-Temple European Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania. 20 March 2009.

Center for Political Studies Workshop on Politics and Policy, University of Michigan. 6 May 2009.

Comparative Politics Workshop, Stanford University. 2 February 2009.

Princeton Conference on Partisanship. 26 September 2008.

Public Policy Colloquium, Stanford University. 27 May 2008.

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions. Rennes, France, 11-16 April 2008.

Council for European Studies Conference. 2008, 2010, 2011.

Forum on Contemporary Europe at Stanford University. 24 January 2008.

Comparative Politics of Inequality and Redistribution Workshop, Princeton University. 11-12 May 2007.

Conference on Political Competition and Government Policy, Duke University. 4-5 May 2007.

Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (APSA). 2006, 2008-2010.

Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). 2006-2011.

Annual Meetings of the Political Methodology Society (PolMeth). 2005-2006, 2009.

Annual Meetings of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA). 2005 (as part of the EITM Workshop), 2006.

Plenary Meetings of the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems, Washington, D.C.. 30-31 August 2005.

Peer-Reviewed Publication

with W. P. Shively. 2005. "Applying a Two-Step Strategy to the Analysis of Cross-National Public Opinion Data." *Political Analysis* 13:4, 327-44.

Other Projects

1. with M. Peters. "Redistributive Politics in Multicultural Societies." Prepared for presentation at the 20th International Conference of Europeanists, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 25-27 June 2013. Earlier research contributing to this project was the Conference on Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religious and Ethnic Diversity, at MIT, 24-25 May 2013, Conference on Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religious and Ethnic Diversity, at Princeton University, 19-20 March 2011, at the Globalization and Governance Conference at Washington University, St. Louis, 26 February 2010, in the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Seminar, Princeton University, 12 February 2009, and at the Conference on Immigration, Minorities and Multiculturalism in

Democracies, Montreal PQ, 25-27 October 2007.

2. with K. Weissnar. "Measuring Poverty Responsiveness." Prepared for presentation at the Inequality Workshop, at Stanford, 19 October 2012. Earlier research contributing to this project was presented at the Texas A&M University Conference on Social Policy. 2-3 November 2007.
3. with D. Dakhlallah. "Californias Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Cash Assistance Program: Who Benefits?" Policy brief prepared for presentation at the Inequality Workshop, at Stanford, 2 November 2012.
4. "Political Representation and the Comparative Politics of Prison Reform." Data collection currently underway.
5. with R. Franzese and I. Nooruddin. "The Effective Constituency in U.S. Distributive Politics: Alternative Bases of Democratic Representation, Geographic versus Partisan." Under review. Research contributing to this paper was presented in the American Politics Workshop, Stanford University. 22 April 2009.

Other Publications

with D. Howell. 2009. "Methodological Challenges Research Opportunities and Questions for the Future." In Klingemann, H. (ed.), *The Comparative Study of Electoral Systems*. New York: Oxford University Press.

with R. Franzese. 2006. "Political-Economic Cycles." In Witten, D., and B. Weingast (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Political Economy*. New York: Oxford University Press.

with O. Kedar and W.P. Shively. 2005. "Strategies for Analysis of Multi-Country Individual-Level Data." *Comparative Politics Newsletter*, 16(2).

2004. "Canadian Public Opinion: Patterns of Consensus Among Canada's Regional Communities." In Geer, J. (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Public Opinion Research*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

2004. "Spearman-Brown Correlation," "Systematic Error," and "Unit of Analysis." In Lewis-Beck, M., Bryman, A. & Liao, T. F. (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellowship. Hoover Institution, Stanford University. September 2011- June 2012.

APSA's Harold D. Lasswell Award for the Best Dissertation in the Field of Public Policy. Awarded September 2010.

Mentoring Faculty in Residence, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models. University of California, Berkeley. June-July 2010.

Collaborator, Canadian Election Study. Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Elections Canada. December 2009-2013.

Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Development Initiative. Visiting Fellowship (University College Dublin). Awarded October 2008 for 22 November-12 December 2009.

European Collaborative Research Programme Grant in Cross-National and Multi-level Analysis of Human Values, Institutions and Behaviour (EUROCORES-HumVIB). European Science Foundation and National Science Foundation. September 2008-August 2011.

Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS) Faculty Fellowship (with Jonathan Rodden). Stanford University. September 2008-June 2010.

IRiSS Seed Grant (with Alberto Diaz-Cayeros and Jonathan Rodden). Stanford University. June 2008.

United Postal Service Endowment Fund Grant (with Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Zephyr Frank, and Jonathan Rodden). Stanford University. June 2008-June 2010.

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Predoctoral Fellowship. Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University. September 2006.

Visiting Scholar Grant. Luxembourg Income Study. June 2006.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Poster Prize, Honorable Mention. (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings). National Science Foundation (NSF). April 2006.

Poverty Research Grant. National Poverty Center, University of Michigan. January-May 2006.

EITM Poster Prize (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings). National Science Foundation (NSF). April 2004.

EITM: Graduate Student Training. NSF. September 2003-May 2004.

Doctoral Fellowship, and Federalism and Federations Doctoral Fellowship Supplement. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). May 2003-October 2004.

Father Robert Madden Award. St. Michael's College, University of Toronto. June 2000.

Gordon Cressy Leadership Award. University of Toronto Alumni Association. April 2000.

OTHER TRAINING

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. June 2003.

European Parties and Party Systems Summer School. Keele University, Keele, UK. September 2002.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. June-August 1999.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

INVITED DISCUSSANT

American Political Science Association, Annual Meetings. 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013.

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meetings. 2005, 2006, 2008 - 2011.
 Society for Political Methodology, Annual Meeting. 2006, 2009.
 Diversity and Social Cohesion: US and Canadian Perspectives. Princeton University, March 2007.
 Conference on Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religious and Ethnic Diversity.
 Princeton University, 11-12 May 2012.
 Political Representation: Fifty Years After Miller & Stokes. Vanderbilt University, 1-2 March
 2013.
 European Political Science Association, Annual Meetings. 2013.

REVIEWER

National Science Foundation

Taylor & Francis

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Canadian Journal of Political Science
Comparative Political Studies
European Union Politics
Journal of Politics
International Political Science Review

*International Journal of Public Opinion
 Research*
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Politics
Political Analysis
Political Behavior
Quarterly Journal of Political Science
World Politics

SERVICE

At Stanford:

Ad-hoc Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. 2010.
 International Relations and Comparative Politics Search Committee (Junior and Senior).
 2008-2009.
 Graduate Admissions Committee. 2008-2010
 Co-ordinator (with Jonathan Rodden). Comparative Politics Workshop. 2008-2010, 2012-2014.
 Co-ordinator (with Jonathan Rodden). Methods of Analysis Program in the Social Sciences
 (MAPSS) Seminar Series. 2009.
 Curriculum Development Committee, Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality. 2009-2010.
 Comparative Politics Field Convener, 2009-2010.

For the Society for Political Methodology:

Graduate Student Poster Award Committee, 2008 & 2009.

For the Midwest Political Science Association:

President and Council Nomination Committee, 2011.
 Best Paper in Comparative Politics Award Committee, 2010.

For the American Political Science Association:

Comparative Politics Data Set Award Committee, 2012.
 Riker Book Award Committee, 2013.

REFERENCES

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