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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Rochester

- Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, July 2002- present

EDUCATION

Harvard University

- Ph.D. in Political Science, Dept of Government, Nov. 2002
- A.M. in Political Science, Dept of Government, Nov. 1997

Brown University

- A.B. in International Relations with Honors, May 1995
Graduated Magna Cum Laude (highest honor available), 4.0 GPA
- Study Abroad, Université de Genève & Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales (through Smith College), Geneva, Switzerland 1993-94

PUBLICATIONS

“Issue Saliency, Issue Ownership and Issue-based Vote Choice.” (with Éric Bélanger).
Electoral Studies, 27.3(Sept. 2008): 477-91.

Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe.
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

“Competition Between Unequals: The Role of Mainstream Party Strategy in Niche Party Success.”
American Political Science Review, 99.3(August 2005): 347-59.

Book Review of Marcus Kreuzer’s *Institutions and Innovation: Voters, Parties, and Interest Groups in the Consolidation of Democracy – France and Germany, 1870-1939*, *Comparative Political Studies*, 35.6(2002): 744-48.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Decentralization: An Institutional Strategy of Appeasement.” *Under review*

“The Critical Role of Non-Proximal Parties in Electoral Competition: Evidence from France,” chapter in *Politics through the Lens of Parties*, ed. John Coleman. *Under review*

“Bringing Government Back to the People? The Impact of Political Decentralization on Voter Engagement.”

“Endogenous Institutions: The Origins of Compulsory Voting Laws.” (with Gretchen Helmke)

PROFESSIONAL TALKS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Endogenous Institutions: The Origins of Compulsory Voting Laws.” Co-authored with Gretchen Helmke. Presented at the Research Group on Political Institutions and Economic Policy (PIEP) Conference, Princeton University (May 2008); Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2008); Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, Sept. 2007).

“Institutional Change as Party Strategy: The Role of Decentralization in Competition Between Unequals.” Invited Presentation, Institute for European Studies, Cornell University (April 2008); Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2008); Invited Presentation, Politics through the Lens of Parties Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison (April 2007).

“Bringing Government Back to the People? The Impact of Political Decentralization on Voter Engagement in Western Europe.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2007). Presented at the European Union Studies Association Meeting (Montreal, Canada, May 2007).

“Bringing Government Back to the People? The Impact of Political Decentralization on Voter Engagement with Evidence from Scotland.” Invited Presentation, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, June 2006.

“Issue Salience, Issue Ownership and Issue-based Vote Choice: Evidence from Canada.” Co-authored with Éric Bélanger. Invited Presentation, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, University of Rochester, May 2004. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, Sept. 2004); of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2005); and the Canadian Political Science Association (London, ON, Canada, June 2005). Presented at the “Challenges to Political Parties and Representation Conference,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 2005.

“Competition between Unequals: The Role of Mainstream Party Strategy in Rising Party Success.”

Invited Presentation, Kellogg Institute Lecture Series, University of Notre Dame, April, 2004.

“The Critical Role of Non-Proximal Parties in Electoral Competition: Evidence from France.” Presented at the Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, IL, March 2004 and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.

Awarded Honorable Mention for Best Paper on European Politics at APSA 2003

“Bringing Government Back to the People? The Impact of Political Decentralization on Voter Engagement.” Presented at the Authority Migration Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, May 30-31, 2003.

“Bringing Government Back to the People? The Impact of Political Decentralization on Voter Engagement in Western Europe.” Presented at the 2003 Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research, Edinburgh, UK, March 2003 and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, Aug.-Sept. 2002.

“Competition between Unequals: The Role of Mainstream Party Strategy in Rising Party Success.” Presented at “Parties, Interest Groups and Public Opinion” (PoliSci course 101a), Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, Nov. 28, 2001.

“Competing with the Neophyte: The Role of Mainstream Party Strategy in Rising Party Success.” Prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr. 2002, the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Aug.-Sept. 2001 and the “Challenges to Political Parties in Europe since 1870” Conference, Harvard University, April 20-21, 2001.

“The Sub-National Effects of National-Level Strategies: The Case of Devolution in the United Kingdom.” Prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Aug.-Sept. 2001.

“Stability in the Face of Change: The Strategic Role of Mainstream Political Parties in the Maintenance of Western European Political Landscapes.” Prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, Aug-Sept. 2000. *Awarded James B. Christoph Prize for best paper on British Politics presented by a graduate student at the Annual Meeting of the APSA.*

“Understanding Policy Failure: The Overlooked Role of Ethnic Credibility in Party Strategic Success.” Prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, Sept. 2000 and the 2nd Annual International Student Retreat in Comparative Research, Society for Comparative Research, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 13-14, 2000.

“The Failure of British Devolution: The Overlooked Role of Ethnic Sentiment in Party Strategic Success.” Prepared for presentation at the 8th Summer School on European Parties and Party Systems, Keele University, Keele, U.K. Sept. 6-17, 1999.

“When Ethnicity Proves Insufficient: Understanding the Discrepancy in the Scottish and Welsh Votes for Devolution.” Prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GE, Sept. 1999.

“One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: The Dual Relevance of Postnational and Primordial Factors to the Dutch Conception of Rights.” Prepared for presentation at the International Conference of Europeanists, Baltimore, MD, Feb. 1998.

SELECT ACADEMIC HONORS

Grants from the Program in Empirical Policy Research, Wallis Institute, Rochester, NY, 2007

Alternate, AAUW American Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship, 2006-07

Grant from the Program in Empirical Policy Research, Wallis Institute, Rochester, NY, 2006

Samuel H. Beer Prize for the Best Dissertation on British Politics, 2004

Honorable Mention, Best Paper on European Politics, APSA 2003

James B. Christoph Prize for Best British Politics Paper by Ph.D. Candidate at APSA, 2000

Program for the Study of Germany and Europe Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Harvard, 2000

Center for European Studies Graduate Student Affiliate, Harvard, 1998-2002

Sawyer Predoctoral Fellowship for the Performance of Democracies, Fall 1999

Krupp Foundation Fellowship for Dissertation Research, 1998-1999

National Science Foundation International Travel Grant, 1998

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 1995-1998

William Gaston Premium Scholarship for Outstanding Performance in Major, Brown University 1995

Anne Crosby Emery Fellowship, May 1995 (declined)

Phi Beta Kappa Membership, May 1995

PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Anonymous Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Journal of Politics, Nationalism & Ethnic Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies, Public Choice, Public Opinion Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly.*

Secretary/Treasurer, Representation and Electoral Systems Section of APSA, Sept 2007-

Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2007

Served as discussant on Panel 34-2: "Spatial Models of European Politics."

Member, Party Politics Award Prize Committee, Political Organization and Parties Section of APSA, 2007

Member, Longley Award Prize Committee, Representation and Electoral Systems Section of APSA, 2007

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2007

Served as discussant on Panel 5-6: "Regional Organization, Representation and Political Control."

Discussant, Conference on the Dynamics of Parties' Policy Position Taking, Binghamton University, March 2007

Panel Chair, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2006

Served as chair on Panel 35-8: "Intraparty Operations"

Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2006

Served as discussant on Panel 35-10: "Party Strategy in Western Europe: Contemporary Challenges to Established Patterns."

Member of the Diversity Committee, Political Methodology Section of the American Political Science Association, Spring 2006-

Member, Stokes Dissertation Research Fellowship Award Committee, British Politics Group, 2006

Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2006

Served as chair and discussant on Panel 5-14: "Parties' Policy Dynamics in Western Europe."

Panel Chair, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2005

Served as chair on Panel 36-7: "Radical Right in Comparative Perspective."

Panel Chair and Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2005

Served as chair and a discussant on British Politics Panel 3: "The Social and Ideological Bases of Party Support."

Member, Parties and Elections Reading Group, MIT, 2005-

Served as member of faculty reading group on parties and elections.

Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2005

Served as chair and a discussant on Panel 2-1: "Voter Behavior in Comparative Perspective."

Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2004

Served as a discussant on Panel 11-25: "Subnational Party Politics."

Panel Organizer, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2003

Organized and presented a paper in Panel 11-32: "The Strategies of Parties and Voters in Comparative Perspective."

Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2003

Served as a discussant on British Politics Group Panel 5: "The Second Post-Devolution Regional Elections and British Identity."

Panel Discussant, Democratic Performance Conference, SUNY Binghamton, Oct. 2002

Served as a discussant for the conference on "Losers' Consent: Elections and Democratic Legitimacy."

Panel Organizer, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2002

Organized and presented a paper in Panel 11-29: "The Political Consequences of Decentralization."

Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2002

Served as a discussant on Panel 15-16: "The Contextual Politics of Regional Nationalism in Western Europe from a Comparative Perspective."

Co-Chairperson, British Study Group, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2001-02

Organized monthly lectures by visiting faculty on British politics and history.

Panel Organizer, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2001

Organized and presented a paper in Panel 35-1: "Causes and Consequences of Party Strategies."

Conference Organizer, Graduate Workshop on Political Parties, April 20-22, 2001

"Challenges to Political Parties in Europe Since 1870: A Multidisciplinary Retrospective," Center for European Studies, Harvard University. Designed and organized workshop on political parties for advanced Ph.D. candidates from across N. America and Europe.

Graduate Student Representative, Center for European Studies, 2000-02

Participate in Center Steering Committee Meetings. Serve as liaison between Faculty and Ph.D. affiliates in the Center.

Conference Rapporteur, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, April 1998

“Thinking About the 21st Century”: Conference for the dedication of the WCFIA at Harvard University. Recorded and wrote report on the conference.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Political Science, University of Rochester

Undergraduate Courses:

- Comparative Political Parties – Fall 2002, Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Fall 2007
- Identity, Ethnicity and Nationalism – Spring 2005, Spring 2006
- Intro. to Comparative Politics – Spring 2003, 2004; Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Fall 2007

Graduate Courses:

- Western European Politics – Spring 2003, Fall 2004
- Comparative Parties and Elections – Spring 2006, Spring 2008

Department of Government, Harvard University

- Comparative Party Politics (Instructor) – Spring 2002, Fall 1999
- Intro. to Comparative Politics (Head Teaching Fellow) – Fall 2001, Fall 1999
- Gender, Ethnic & Immigrant Politics in Western Europe (Teaching Fellow) – Fall 1997

Department of French Studies, Brown University

- Second Year French (Teaching Assistant) – Fall 1994

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French (fluent) and German (reading knowledge)