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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Rochester

- Associate Professor (with tenure), Dept of Political Science, July 2009-present
- Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, July 2002-June 2009

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)
- Study Abroad, Université de Genève & Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales (through Smith College), Geneva, Switzerland, 1993-94

PUBLICATIONS

“Issue Salience, Issue Ownership, and Issue-based Vote Choice.” (co-authored 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 (Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics), 2008. *Winner of the 2009 William H. Riker Award (Best Book, Political Economy Section, APSA) and the 2009 Best Book Award (European Politics & Society Section, APSA)*

“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 (August 2002): 744-48.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“Institutional Change as Strategy: The Role of Decentralization in Party Competition.” *Under review.*

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

“Bringing Government Back to the People? The Impact of Political Decentralization on Voter Engagement in Western Europe.” *Under review.*

“Institutional Change and Ethnoterritorial Party Representation at the European Level.” *Under review.*

SELECT ACADEMIC HONORS

William H. Riker Prize, for best book on political economy, Pol. Economy section, APSA 2009

Best Book Award, European Politics and Society section, APSA 2009

Grants, the Program in Empirical Policy Research, Wallis Institute, Rochester, NY, 2007, 2008

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 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

INVITED TALKS

University of Rochester, LLE Science and Technology Seminar, December 2008

University of Michigan, Comparative Politics Speaker Series, November 2008

Princeton University, Political Institutions and Economic Policy (PIEP) Conference, May 2008

Cornell University, Institute for European Studies, April 2008

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Politics through the Lens of Parties Conference, April 2007

University of California, Davis, Political Science Department Seminar, June 2006

University of Michigan, Challenges to Parties and Representation Conference, May 2005

University of Rochester, Wallis Institute of Political Economy Seminar, May 2004

University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute Lecture Series, April 2004

Harvard University, Challenges to Political Parties in Europe since 1870 Conference, April 2001

Yale University, Society for Comparative Research's International Student Retreat, May 2000

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Institutional Change as Strategy: The Role of Decentralization in Party Competition.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (Toronto, Canada, Sept. 2009) and the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2009).

“Institutional Change and Ethnoterritorial Party Representation at the European Level.” Presented at the “European Identities? Regionalism, Nationalism and Religion” Conference (London, UK, Oct. 2008).

“Endogenous Institutions: The Origins of Compulsory Voting Laws.” Co-authored with Gretchen Helmke. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2008) and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, Sept. 2007).

“Decentralization: An Institutional Strategy of Appeasement in Party Competition.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston, MA, August 2008) and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2008).

“Bringing Government Back to the People? The Impact of Political Decentralization on Voter Engagement in Western Europe.” Presented at the European Union Studies Association Meeting (Montreal, Canada, May 2007), the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2007), and the Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research (Edinburgh, UK, March 2003).

“Issue Salience, Issue Ownership and Issue-based Vote Choice: Evidence from Canada.” Co-authored with Éric Bélanger. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (London, ON, Canada, June 2005), the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2005), and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, Sept. 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 in the Field of European Politics and Societies at APSA 2003*

“Competing with the Neophyte: The Role of Mainstream Party Strategy in Rising Party Success.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, Apr. 2002) and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, CA, Aug.-Sept. 2001).

“The Sub-National Effects of National-Level Strategies: The Case of Devolution in the United Kingdom.” Presented 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.” Presented 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.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC, Sept. 2000).

“The Failure of British Devolution: The Overlooked Role of Ethnic Sentiment in Party Strategic Success.” Presented 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.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Atlanta, GE, Sept. 1999).

PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Appointments

Editorial Board Member, *Party Politics*, October 2008-

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

Member, Haas Dissertation Fellowship Competition Selection Committee, European Union Studies Association, 2009

Member, Jack Walker Outstanding Article Prize Committee, Political Organizations and Parties Section of APSA, 2009

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

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

Member of the Diversity Committee, Political Methodology Section of the American Political Science Association, 2006-07

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

Conference and Panel Organizer

Panel Organizer, “The Strategies of Parties and Voters in Comparative Perspective” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2003

Panel Organizer, “The Political Consequences of Decentralization” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2002

Panel Organizer, “Causes and Consequences of Party Strategies” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2001

Conference Organizer, “Challenges to Political Parties in Europe Since 1870: A Multidisciplinary Retrospective,” Graduate Workshop, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, April 2001

Panel Chair and Discussant at a Conference

Chair and Discussant, “Explaining European Parties’ Policy Positioning and Electoral Support” panel, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2009

Discussant, “Spatial Models of European Politics” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2007

Discussant, “Regional Organization, Representation and Political Control” panel, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2007

Discussant, “Conference on the Dynamics of Parties’ Policy Position Taking,” Binghamton University, March 2007

Chair, “Intraparty Operations” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2006

Discussant, “Party Strategy in Western Europe: Contemporary Challenges to Established Patterns” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2006

Chair and Discussant, “Parties’ Policy Dynamics in Western Europe” panel, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2006

Chair, “Radical Right in Comparative Perspective” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2005

Chair and Discussant, British Politics Panel: “The Social and Ideological Bases of Party Support,” American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2005

Chair and Discussant, “Voter Behavior in Comparative Perspective” panel, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2005

Discussant, “Subnational Party Politics” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2004

Discussant, British Politics Group Panel: “The Second Post-Devolution Regional Elections and British Identity,” American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2003

Discussant, Conference on “Losers’ Consent: Elections and Democratic Legitimacy,” Democratic Performance Conference, SUNY Binghamton, Oct. 2002

Discussant, “The Contextual Politics of Regional Nationalism in Western Europe from a Comparative Perspective” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Mtg, 2002

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, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Nationalism & Ethnic Politics, National Science Foundation grants, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies, Public Choice, Public Opinion Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly.

University and Department Service

Graduate Admissions Committee, University of Rochester, 2008-09
International Field Research Grant Selection Committee, University of Rochester, 2009
Thesis Advisor, Take Five Scholars Program, University of Rochester, 2008-09
Undergraduate Major Advisor, University of Rochester, 2002-06, 2007-09
International Relations Major Committee, University of Rochester, 2007-08
Senior Honors Thesis Advisor, University of Rochester, 2007-08
Beinecke Scholarship Selection Committee, University of Rochester, 2006
Chair, Undergraduate Honors Committee, University of Rochester, 2005-06
Senior Honors Thesis Advisor, University of Rochester, 2005-06
Co-organizer, Riker Seminar Series, University of Rochester, 2004-05
Graduate Admissions Committee, University of Rochester, 2003-04
European Studies Major Committee, University of Rochester, 2003-04
Co-Chairperson, British Study Group, Center for European Studies, Harvard Univ., 2001-02
Graduate Student Representative, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2000-02

COURSES TAUGHT

Department of Political Science, University of Rochester

Undergraduate Courses:

- Comparative Political Parties – Fall 2007, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Spring 2004, Fall 2002
- Identity, Ethnicity and Nationalism – Spring 2009, Spring 2006, Spring 2005
- Introduction to Comparative Politics – Fall 2008, Fall 2007, Fall 2005, Fall 2004, Spring 2004, Spring 2003

Graduate Courses:

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

Department of Government, Harvard University

- Comparative Party Politics – Spring 2002, Fall 1999