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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles (Political Science, 2004)  
M.A. The George Washington University (Campaign Management, 1996)  
B.A. University of California at Berkeley (Political Science, 1991)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Director, Center on American Politics, University of Denver, 2017 – present  
Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Denver, 2012 – 2017  
Professor, University of Denver, 2016 – present  
Associate Professor, University of Denver, 2010 – 2016  
Assistant Professor, University of Denver, 2004 – 2010

## BOOKS

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2016. *The Inevitable Party: Why Attempts to Kill Political Parties Fail and How they Weaken Democracy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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

In progress: *Political Parties* (Textbook), with Hans Noel. Under contract with W. W. Norton. Expected publication date: Fall 2019.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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2016. “The Ground Game in the 2012 Election,” with John Sides and Lynn Vavreck. *Political Communication* 33 (2): 169-87.

2016. “The Gender of Party Politics: The Conditions of Party Activists’ Support for Sarah Palin and Hillary Clinton in 2008,” with Libby Sharrow, Michael Heaney, and Dara Strolovitch. *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy* 37 (4): 394-416.

2015. “Kingmakers or Cheerleaders? Party Power and the Causal Effects of Endorsements,” with Thad Kousser, Scott Lucas, and Eric McGhee. *Political Research Quarterly* 68 (3): 443-56.

2015. “Does Public Election Funding Create More Extreme Legislators? Evidence from Arizona and Maine,” with Michael Miller. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 15 (1): 24-40.

2015. "Polarization without Parties: Term Limits and Legislative Partisanship in Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature," with Boris Shor. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 15 (1): 67-90.
2014. "Mobilizing Marginalized Groups Among Party Elites," with Michael Heaney and Dara Strolovitch. *The Forum* 12 (2): 257-80.
2014. "A Primary Cause of Partisanship? Nomination Systems and Legislator Ideology," with Eric McGhee, Nolan McCarty, Steve Rogers, and Boris Shor. *The American Journal of Political Science*, 58 (2): 337-51.
2013. "527 Committees, Formal Parties and the Party Networks," with Richard Skinner and David Dulio. *The Forum*, 11 (2): 137-56.
2012. "A Theory of Parties: Groups, Policy Demands and Nominations in American Politics," with Kathleen Bawn, Marty Cohen, David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller. *Perspectives on Politics*, 10 (3): 571-97.
2012. "Polarized Networks: The Organizational Affiliations of National Party Convention Delegates," with Michael Heaney, Joanne Miller, and Dara Strolovitch. *American Behavioral Scientist* 56 (12): 1654-76.
2012. "One Vote Out of Step? The Effects of Salient Roll Call Votes in the 2010 Election," with Brendan Nyhan, Eric McGhee, John Sides, and Steven Greene. *American Politics Research* 40 (5): 844-79.
2012. "The Gerrymanderers Are Coming! Legislative Redistricting Won't Affect Competition or Polarization Much, No Matter Who Does It," with Jonathan Winburn and Gerald C. Wright. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 45 (1): 39-43.
2012. "527 Committees and the Political Party Network," with David Dulio and Richard Skinner. *American Politics Research* 40 (1): 60-84.
2012. "Serving Two Masters: Using Referenda to Assess Partisan vs. Dyadic Legislative Representation," with Hans Noel. *Political Research Quarterly* 65 (1): 104-123.
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. "Cooperative Party Factions in American Politics," with Gregory Koger and Hans Noel. *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. "Partisan Webs: Information Exchange and Party Networks," with Gregory Koger and Hans Noel. *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. "A Return to Normalcy? Revisiting the Effects of Term Limits on Competitiveness and Spending in California Assembly Elections," with Jeffrey B. Lewis. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 7: 20-38.
2007. "Ideological Adaptation? The Survival Instinct of Threatened Legislators," with Thad Kousser and Jeffrey B. Lewis. *The Journal of Politics*, 69: 828-84
2002. "The Emergence of Unofficial Party Organizations in California," *Spectrum: The Journal of State Politics*, vol. 75 (Fall), pp. 29-33.
2001. "The Stealth Campaign: Experimental Studies of Slate Mail in California," with Shanto Iyengar and Daniel H. Lowenstein. *Journal of Law and Politics*, vol. 17 (Spring).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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2018. "Review of *Campaign Finance and Political Polarization: When Purists Prevail*, by Raymond La Raja and Brian Schaffner," *Perspectives on Politics* (forthcoming).
2017. "Intraparty Democracy and the 2016 Election," with Julia Azari. In *Conventional Wisdom, Parties, and Broken Barriers in the 2016 Election*, 137-62.
2017. "Response to Azari and Gelman," *Statistics and Public Policy* 4 (1): 1-2.
2017. "Review of *Party Brands in Crisis*, by Noam Lupu," *Perspectives on Politics* 15(3): 838-9.
2016. "No Disciplined Army: American Political Parties as Networks," with Gregory Koger and Hans Noel, in Victor, Jennifer Nicoll, Alexander H. Montgomery, and Mark Lubell, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*, Oxford University Press.
2015. "The Costs of Party Reform: Two States' Experiences," in Thurber, James, and Antoine Yoshinaka, eds., *American Gridlock: The Sources, Character, and Impact of Political Polarization*, Cambridge University Press, 222-36.
2015. "Our Political Parties are Networked, not Fragmented," in Sides, John, and Daniel Hopkins, eds., *Political Polarization in American Politics*, Bloomsbury Press, 161-6.
2014. Review of Gabriel Lenz's *Follow the Leader: How Voters Respond to Politicians' Policies and Performance*, in *Perspectives on Politics* 12 (4): 920-21.
2014. "Mitigating Extreme Partisanship in an Era of Networked Parties: An Examination of Various Reform Strategies," The Brookings Institution, March.
2014. "Resolved: States Should Require Open Primaries. Con Argument," in Ellis, Richard, and Michael Nelson, eds. *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System*, CQ Press, 165-74.
2013. "Polarization Interrupted? California's Experiment with the Top-Two Primary," in Rarick, Ethan, ed., *Governing California: Politics, Government, and Public Policy in the Golden State, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*, Institute for Government Studies, 175-92.
2013. "The Networked Party: How Social Network Analysis is Revolutionizing the Study of Political Parties," in La Raja, Ray, ed., *New Directions in American Politics*, Routledge 107-24.

2013. "Party Networks: An Annotated Bibliography," in *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, Oxford University Press.

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

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"Learning from Loss: The Democratic Party, 2016-2020," book project in research stage

"Learning from Loss? How Interpretations of the Last Election Affect the Next One," to be submitted shortly.

"Office Space: A Geo-Spatial Analysis of the Effects of Field Offices on Voter Turnout," with Kristen Coopie Allen, Adam Cayton, Scott Minkoff, and Anand Sokhey. To be submitted shortly.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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University Distinguished Scholar, 2015-16, University of Denver

Best Journal Article, APSA State Politics and Policy Section, 2015 (with Eric McGhee, Nolan McCarty, Steve Rogers, and Boris Shor).

Jack Walker Award for best article on political organizations and parties, APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section, 2014 (with Kathleen Bawn, Marty Cohen, David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller).

Heinz I. Eulau Award for best article in *Perspectives in Politics*, APSA, 2013 (with Kathleen Bawn, Marty Cohen, David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller).

Best Conference Paper, APSA State Politics and Policy Section, 2012 (with Boris Shor)

Best Conference Paper, APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section, 2010 (with 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 (with 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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Kluge Chair in American Law and Governance, Library of Congress, 2018  
Faculty Research Fund award (\$1,000), University of Denver, 2015-16  
Internationalization grant (\$750), University of Denver, 2013  
Faculty Research Fund award (\$3,000), University of Denver, 2011-13  
National Science Foundation, Small Grant for Exploratory Research (\$16,371), 2008-09  
Faculty Research Fund award (\$920), University of Denver, 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

## INVITED LECTURES

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University of South Carolina, January 2018  
University of Wisconsin, Madison, December 2017  
University of Houston, October 2016  
Colby Community College, October 2016  
Northern Illinois University, September 2016  
Hewlett Foundation, University of Maryland, June 2016  
University of California at Berkeley, Department of Political Science, April 2016  
University of Miami, Department of Political Science, February 2016  
The Ohio State University, Department of Political Science, December 2015  
The Brookings Institute, Center for Effective Public Management, June 2015  
UCLA, Department of Political Science, May 2015  
Duke University, Department of Political Science, April 2015  
American University, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, May 2014  
Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science, March 2014

Bipartisan Policy Center, Ohio State University, September 2013  
Harkin Center, Iowa State University, February 2013  
Georgetown University, American Government Seminar, January 2013  
Provost Lecture, University of Denver, November 2012  
California State University Channel Islands, October 2012  
University of Virginia, Miller Center of Public Affairs, October 2012  
California Alumni Association, Lair of the Golden Bear, Pinecrest, CA, July 2012  
University of California at Santa Barbara, Department of Political Science, May 2012  
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, April 2012  
Northwestern University, May 2011  
University of Nebraska at Lincoln, February 2011  
University of California at Berkeley, Institute for Governmental Studies, April 2010  
University of California at Davis, April 2010  
Public Policy Institute of California, May 2008  
University of Colorado at Boulder, April 2008 and March 2010

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

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APSA Political Networks Section, Political Ties Award Selection Committee Chair (2017).  
APSA Legislative Studies Section, Alan Rosenthal Prize Selection Committee (2016).  
Selection Committee Chair, APSA William Anderson Award for Best Dissertation (2013-14).  
APSA Political Networks Section, Executive Committee (2013-15).  
APSA State Politics and Policy Section, Career Achievement Award Committee, 2013.  
Host Co-Chair, 2012 Political Networks Conference, Boulder, CO.  
Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2012-present), *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (2014-present), and *California Journal of Politics and Policy* (2010-present).  
APSA Political Organizations and Parties Section, Leon Epstein Book Prize Committee, 2012.  
APSA State Politics and Policy Section, Best Book Award Founding Committee, 2012.  
Colorado Advisor, Key Votes Program, Project Vote Smart (2011-present).  
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, 2006-2012.

Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2006-2011.

Reviewer for various journals including *The American Journal of Political Science*, *The American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *The Journal of Policy History*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Polity*, *Election Law Journal*, and *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*

Founding member and frequent contributor to *The Mischiefs of Faction* political science weblog, now at Vox.com (2012-present).

Regular contributor to *Pacific Standard* magazine (2013-present), *FiveThirtyEight* (2016-present), and *The Monkey Cage* weblog (2014-2015).

Expert witness testimony in *Common Cause v. Scott Gessler* (2012) and *Citizens United v. Scott Gessler* (2014).

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“‘The Mandate of the People’: The 2016 Sanders Campaign in Context” (with Julia Azari), presented at the State of the Parties Conference, Akron, Ohio, November 10, 2017.

“Presidential Primary Debates and Internal Party Democracy” (with Julia Azari), presented at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA, September 3, 2016.

“The Fundraising Success of Presidential Endorsers: Evidence from Legislators in Early-Contest States” (with Michael Miller), presented at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco, CA, September 5, 2015.

“Polarization and the Primary: What Wisconsin’s Adoption of the Direct Primary Tells Us About Party Reforms,” presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 17, 2015.

“Kingmakers or Cheerleaders? Party Power and the Causal Effects of Endorsements” (with Eric McGhee and Thad Kousser), presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 13, 2013, and at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, August 30, 2013.

“Fundraising Networks and Electoral Success: An Examination of Vacancy Appointments to the Colorado State House,” presented at the conference on Legislative Networks in a Transatlantic Perspective, held in Madison, WI, April 15, 2013.

“Polarization Interrupted? California’s Experiment with the Top-Two Primary,” presented at the Politics to the Extreme Conference, California State University, Channel Islands, October 16, 2012.

“Is the Electoral Connection Necessary? Ideological Caucuses and Formal Legislative Parties in Minnesota,” presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 14, 2012.

“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 Steven 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.

“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.

“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 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.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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Director, Center on American Politics, University of Denver (2017-present)

Department Chair, Political Science, University of Denver (2012-17)

DU Impact 2025, Designing and Developing Knowledge, Cluster Leader (2016-17)

Promotion and Tenure Committee, Social Sciences, University of Denver (2012)

Presidential Debate Organizational Team, University of Denver (2012)

Coordinator of Provost’s Presidential Debate Speakers’ Series, University of Denver (2012)

Elected Faculty Committee, University of Denver (2010-12)

Pi Sigma Alpha, advisor (2009-present)

Faculty Senate, University of Denver (2005-08)

Marsico Internship Program, Committee Member, University of Denver (2004-2006)

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)

## COURSES TAUGHT

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Introduction to American Politics

Understanding Campaigns and Elections

State and Local Politics

Political Parties and Interest Groups

Party Nominations

Simulation of American Government

Campaign Internships

Political Inquiry

Celluloid Government: How Hollywood Sees Washington

Trained in Collaborative Learning and On-Line Education

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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University of Denver, Department of Political Science, Denver, Colorado

Director, Center on American Politics, July 2017 – present

Department Chair, September 2012 – August 2017

Professor with Tenure, September 2016 – present

Associate Professor with Tenure, September 2010 – August 2016

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

Polling Consultant, 1998-2001

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

Public Citizen, Washington, D.C.

Assistant Office Manager, Office of Development, 1991 to 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