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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, School of Politics and Economics, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California. American Politics and Public Policy. May 2003.

M.A., School of Politics and Economics, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California. American Politics. May 1999.

B.A., Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California. Political Science. May 1997 (Cum Laude).

Academic Experience

2011 - present Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, *California State University, Fresno.*

2005 - 2011 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, *California State University, Fresno.*

2004-05 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, *Eastern Kentucky University.*

2001 Lecturer, Department of Political Science, *Westmont College.*

2000-01 Lecturer, Department of Political Science, *Chaffey College.*

2000 Lecturer, Department of Political Science, *Cerritos College.*

Professional Experience

2003-04 Auditor/Evaluator, *California State Auditor.* Sacramento, California.

2001-03 Fiscal and Policy Analyst, *Legislative Analyst's Office.* Sacramento, California.

2001 Survey Researcher, *Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University.* Los Angeles, California.

1999-00 Research Assistant, *School of Politics and Economics, Claremont Graduate University.* Professor Craig Volden. Claremont, California.

1998-99 Management Intern, *City Manager's Office, City of Chino.* Chino, California.

1996 **Congressional Intern, California's 22nd District, Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand, Santa Barbara, California.**

Publications

Journal Articles

“The Effects of Legislative Term Limits on State Fiscal Conditions.” Forthcoming. *American Politics Research*.

“An Empirical Analysis of California Budget Gridlock.” 2012. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 12(1): 23-42.

“Party Control, Policy Reforms and the Impact on Health Insurance Coverage in U.S. States.” 2011. *Social Science Quarterly*, 92 (1): 246-267.

“The Partisan Considerations of the President’s Agenda.” 2010. *Polity*, 42 (3): 398-422.

“State of the Union Addresses and the President’s Legislative Success.” 2010. *Congress & the Presidency*, 37 (2): 176-199.

“Crime and Issue Voting in Gubernatorial Elections.” 2009. *Social Science Quarterly*, 90 (3): 632-651.

“State of the Union Addresses and Presidential Position Taking: Do Presidents Back Their Rhetoric in the Legislative Arena?” 2008. *The Social Science Journal*, 45 (3): 365-381.

“The President’s Domestic Agenda, Divided Government, and the Relationship to the Public Agenda.” 2006. *American Review of Politics*, 27(Winter): 269-94.

Book Chapters

“Lobbying Strategies, Campaign Contributions, and the Impact on Indian Gaming in California.” 2011. In Tracy A. Skopek and Ken Hansen, eds., *The New Politics of Indian Gaming*. Reno, Nevada: *University of Nevada Press*.

Other Publications (Non Peer-Reviewed)

“Budget Compromise Needed for State GOP to Stay Relevant.” June 13, 2011. *Fresno Bee*

“Making a Case for Proposition 1A.” May 11, 2009. *Fresno Bee*

“What Should State Tax Reform Look Like?” February 10, 2009. *Fresno Bee*

“Think Budget’s All About Spending? You’re Half Right.” July 5, 2008. *Fresno Bee*

“Let’s Examine the Evidence on Term Limits.” January 29, 2008. *Fresno Bee*

“Here’s a Way to Fix State Budget Problem.” August 31, 2007. *Fresno Bee*.

Manuscripts in Progress or Under Review

California: The Politics of Diversity. 8th Edition. With David G. Lawrence. Boston: Cengage Learning.

“Electoral Accountability and Fiscal Policy in the U.S. States: A Reassessment.” With Thomas T. Holyoke

Consulting and Research Reports

Fresno County Drug and Alcohol Trends. 2009. Substance Abuse Services Division. Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health.

Conference Participation

- 2012** “**Electoral Accountability and Fiscal Policy in the U.S. States: A Reassessment.**” With Thomas T. Holyoke. American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2012** “**Electoral Accountability and Fiscal Policy in the U.S. States: A Reassessment.**” With Thomas T. Holyoke. Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, April, Portland, Oregon.
- 2010** “**Applying Method to the Madness: An Empirical Analysis of California Budget Delays.**” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March, San Francisco, California
- 2009** “**The Politics of Health Insurance Coverage in U.S. States.**” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2008** “**Term Limits, Electoral Competition, and the Impact on State Fiscal Conditions.**” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March, San Diego, California.
- 2008** **Panel Chair. “Presidential Leadership.”** Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March, San Diego, California
- 2007** “**Issue Voting and Accountability in Gubernatorial Elections.**” Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences, May, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2006** “**The Partisan Considerations of the President’s Agenda.**” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2006** “**The Impact of Tribal Lobbying Strategies on Indian Gaming in California.**” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2005** “**The President’s Agenda, Divided Government, and the Impact on the Public Agenda.**” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September, Washington D.C.
- 2005** “**Comparing Presidential Rally Effects in the House and Senate.**” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March, Oakland, California.

- 2001** “Rallying the Public, Setting the Legislative Agenda, and the Policy Implications of Presidential Rhetoric.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August, San Francisco, California.
- 2001** “The Policy Implications of Presidential Rhetoric.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2001** “The Policy Implications of Presidential Rhetoric.” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March 2001, Nevada.
- 2001** “The Effects of Divided Government on Economic Evaluations of U.S. Senators.” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2000** “The Political Economy of Education Spending.” With Craig Volden and Nathan D. Woods. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2000** “Crime and Education Issue Voting in Gubernatorial Elections.” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, March, San Jose, California.

Service to Department, School, and University

California State University, Fresno

- 2011** Interim Director, Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) Program
- 2011-12** Chair, Department Personnel Committee
- 2011-** Chair, College Budget Committee
- 2009-** Coordinator, Program Review of Public Administration Degree
- 2008-** Chair, University Research Subcommittee
- 2008-11** Member, College Budget Committee
- 2007-08** Coordinator, Program Review of Political Science Degree
- 2006-** Coordinator of Constitution Day, College of Social Sciences
- 2006-** Member, University Constitution Day Planning Committee
- 2006-08** Member, University Research Subcommittee
- 2005-** Member, M.P.A. Faculty Committee, Department of Political Science
- 2005-06** Member, Consultative International Relations Search Committee, Department of Political Science

Eastern Kentucky University

- 2004-05** Member, Student-Faculty Relations Committee, Department of Government

Professional Activities

California State University, Fresno

- 2011** Moderator, Constitution Day Panel. “The National Debt Limit Debate: Political or Economic Crisis?”
- 2010** Invited Speaker, Friends of the Fresno County Public Library. “Politics: What’s Next in California?”
- 2010** Moderator/Panelist, Constitution Day Panel. “Obamacare: Landmark Legislation or Dead on Arrival?”

- 2010** Invited Lecturer, History Project Scholar Series Seminar. "Major Debates at the Constitutional Convention."
- 2009** Invited Speaker, Friends of the Fresno County Public Library. "State and National Politics."
- 2009** Panelist, Constitution Day Panel. "Reforming the California Constitution."
- 2008** Invited Speaker, Friends of the Fresno County Public Library. "November 4th and Beyond."
- 2008** Invited Speaker, Pizza and Politics Series. "Electoral College."
- 2008** Invited Speaker, Honors College Annual Retreat. "2008 Presidential Election."
- 2008** Panelist, Constitution Day Panel. "The Next Commander-in-Chief: Obama or McCain."
- 2007** Invited Lecturer, History Project Scholar Series Seminar. "Articles of Confederation."
- 2007** Moderator, Constitution Day Panel. "Gay Rights and the Constitution."
- 2007** Moderator, Political Science Student Association Panel Discussion. "Truth and War."
- 2006** Invited Panelist, Measure C Transportation Bond.
- 2006** Moderator, Constitution Day Panel. "Is Presidential War Power Endangering the Constitution?"

Legislative Analyst's Office

- 2003** Invited Panelist, "California's Budget Crisis." Association of California Independent Colleges and Universities Annual Seminar, February, Sacramento, California.

Student Advising

California State University, Fresno

- Dissertation Committees: Adrian Ramirez, Diana Banuelos, Sarah Koligian, Amber Jacobo
- Independent Study: Aaren Cobb (Spring 2006), Kurtis Udrien and Leslie Hyatt (Fall 2009)
- Supervised Internships: Danvy Li (Fall 2006)

Community Service

California State University, Fresno

- 2006-** Commentator and Analyst: Channel 47 News (CBS); Channel 26 News (Fox); Channel 30 News (ABC); *Fresno Bee*; AM 1510 Radio; Valley Press (PBS); Quality of Life (89.3 KVPR - National Public Radio); Maddy Report (90.1 KFSR)

Eastern Kentucky University

- 2004** Dorm Speaker. "2004 Presidential Elections."

Professional Affiliation

- Member, American Political Science Association
 - Public Policy Section
 - Presidency Section
 - State Politics and Policy Section

Member, Midwest Political Science Association
Member, Western Political Science Association

Journal and Book Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, American Review of Politics, American Politics Research, Social Science Journal, Social Science Quarterly, Wadsworth/Cengage Press

Honors and Awards

California State University, Fresno

2010-11 University Research Award. Course release.
2010-11 College Research & Creative Activity Award, College of Social Sciences. Course Release.
2009-10 University Research Award. (\$5,000)
2009-10 College Research & Creative Activity Award, College of Social Sciences. (\$2,000).
2008-09 College Research & Creative Activity Award, College of Social Sciences. (\$3,000).
2007-08 College Research & Creative Activity Award, College of Social Sciences. Course Release.
2006-07 Title V Course Development Grant. Online course for American Government and Institutions.
2006-07 College Research & Creative Activity Award, College of Social Sciences. Course Release.
2006-07 University Research Award. (\$5,000)

Courses Taught

California State University, Fresno

American Government and Institutions
Public Policy Making
Public Budgeting. *Graduate Seminar*
California Politics
Presidential Politics
Educational Policy Environments. *Graduate Seminar*

Eastern Kentucky University

Introduction to American Government
Political Parties
Political Development of Developing Societies
The Legislative Process: Congress
American Political Behavior. *Graduate Seminar*

Westmont College

The Presidency

References available upon request