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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. The Ohio State University. Political Science. July 2008

Dissertation: “The Spinning Message” 2010 E.E. Schattschneider Award Winner  
Committee: Paul Beck (Chair), Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Kathleen McGraw

M.A. The Ohio State University. Political Science. 2005

B.A. Calvin College. Political Science. 2002

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, July 2016-Present.

- Interim Chair, August 2019-Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, Aug 2008-June 2016.

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American politics, campaigns and elections, election science, public opinion, political parties, partisanship, presidential primaries, voting behavior, money and politics, political behavior, dynamic models (time series, panel data, event history), and Bayesian methods

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2019. “[A Uniter and a Divider: American Presidential Campaigns and Partisan Perceptions of the National Economy.](#)” Forthcoming. *American Politics Research*

2019. “[Understanding the psychological nature and mechanisms of political trust](#)” with Joseph Hamm and Roger Mayer. *PLOS ONE*.

2019. “[Waiting to vote in the 2016 Presidential election: Evidence from a multi-jurisdiction study](#)” with Robert Stein (lead author) and others. *Political Research Quarterly*  
Forthcoming.

2018. “Pedagogical Value of Polling-Place Observation by Students” with Christopher B. Mann (lead author) and others. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 51(4): 831-837.
2018. “The Consequences of Elite Party Politics for American Macropartisanship” *Journal of Politics* 80(1): 162-177.
2017. “Presidential Primaries and Caucuses” with Dino P. Christenson. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.
2017. “Polarization and the Decline of the American Floating Voter.” *American Journal of Political Science* 61(2): 365-81. Included in AJPS’s *Highly Cited* and *Top Cited* collections.
2014. “Following the Money: Super PACs and the 2012 Presidential Nomination” with Dino P. Christenson. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 44(3): 410-30.
2014. “Dynamics in Partisanship During American Presidential Campaigns.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(S1): 303-29.
2014. “Analyzing the Robustness of Semi-Parametric Duration Models for the Study of Repeated Events.” with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Suzanna Linn. *Political Analysis* 22(2): 183-204.
2014. “Deus ex Machina: Candidate Web Presence and the Presidential Nomination Campaign.” with Dino P. Christenson and Costas Panagopoulos. *Political Research Quarterly* 67(1): 108-22. *Winner of SAGE PRQ Best Article Award for 2014*
2013. “Prelude to Populism: Mass Electoral Support for the Grange and Greenback Parties.” with Samuel DeCanio. *Party Politics* 19(5): 798-820.
2012. “Still Part of the Conversation: Iowa and New Hampshire’s Say within the Invisible Primary.” with Dino P. Christenson. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 42(3): 597-621.
2012. “More Bang for the Buck: Campaign Spending and Fundraising Success.” with Dino P. Christenson. *American Politics Research* 40(6): 949-75.
2012. “Not All News is the Same: Protests, Presidents, and the Mass Public Agenda.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 76(1): 72-94.
2011. “The Dynamic Properties of Individual-level Party Identification in the United States.” with Brandon Bartels, Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Renée M. Smith. *Electoral Studies* 30: 210-22.
2011. “Riding Waves of Money: Contribution Dynamics in the 2008 Presidential Nomination Campaign” with Dino P. Christenson. *Journal of Political Marketing* 10(1-2):1-23.

## **ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

2010. Book review of *Cycles of Spin: Strategic Communication in the U.S. Congress* (by Patrick Sellers). *Political Science Quarterly* 125: 729-31.

## **ACADEMIC GRANTS AND AWARDS**

### AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

E.E. Schattschneider Award: Best Doctoral Dissertation in the Field of American Politics. 2010.

Graduate Student Travel Grant. 2006.

### WESTERN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

SAGE Political Research Quarterly Best Article Award. 2014.

### SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL METHODOLOGY

Invited graduate student participant. 2005–2007. Political Methodology Summer Meeting.

### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Michigan Applied Public Policy Research. “Redistricting. Partisan fairness in redistricting in Michigan.” Fall 2019.

Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative Award. Summer 2015, Summer 2017.

### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

University Fellowship. 2002–2003 and 2006–2007.

Fellow. Program in Statistics and Methodology. 2004–2005.

Summer Research Fellowship. Program for Enhancement in Graduate Studies. 2005.

Research and Development Grant. Program for Enhancement in Graduate Studies.

## **Works in Progress**

“A Uniter and a Divider: American Presidential Campaigns and Partisan Perceptions of the National Economy.” *Under Revise and Resubmit*

“Glass Ceiling: State Support for Women in Politics and Party Nominations of Female Candidates” with Jamil S. Scott. *In preparation for journal submission*

“De Jure or De Facto? Frontloading and National Party Influence over the Presidential Selection Process.” with Dino Christenson. *In preparation for journal submission*

“Evaluating Legislative Districts Using Measures of Partisan Bias and Simulations” with Barry Burden. *Under Review*

## **Recent Conference Presentations**

“Untrustworthy? Polarization in Trends in Perceptions of Government’s Ability, Benevolence, and Integrity.” with Joseph A. Hamm and Roger C. Mayer. 2019. Annual Conference of American Association of Public Opinion Researchers. Toronto, ON.

“Evaluating Legislative Districts Using Measures of Partisan Bias and Simulations” with Barry Burden. 2019. Big Ten Strategic Partnership for Applied Redistricting Knowledge (SPARK) Conference: College Park, MD.

“Michigan Turnout in 2018: An analysis of the primary and predictions for the general” 2018. Annual Meeting of the Michigan Political Science Association: East Lansing, MI.

“Mass Acceptance of Women in Politics in the U.S. States and its Consequences for Women Candidacies” with Jamil S. Scott. 2018. Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology: Provo, UT.

“State Support for Women in Politics and its Impact on Female Candidate Emergence” with Jamil S. Scott. 2017. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: San Francisco, CA.

“When Homestyle Becomes Hacking: Providing Campaign Analytics to Local Candidates” 2017. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL

“The Language of Leaders and Public Opinion” with Alon Kraitzman and Michael Colaresi. 2016. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Philadelphia, PA.

“De Jure or De Facto? Frontloading and National Party Influence over the Presidential Selection Process” with Dino Christenson. 2016. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association: Las Vegas, NV.

“Predicting Turnout from State Voter Files: A Proposed Method and an Evaluation of Competing Specifications.” 2015. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: San Francisco, CA.

“De Jure or De Facto? Frontloading and National Party Influence over the Presidential Selection Process” with Dino Christenson. 2015. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“A Time To Every Purpose: Elite Party Politics and the Nature of Mass Partisanship” 2014. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“The Electoral Cycle and Macropartisanship: Differences in Mass Partisan Dynamics Across Time” 2013. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“On the Sidelines or Just Gone? Floating Voters and Polarized Parties” 2013. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“Policy Frames, Partisan Competition, and Foreign Policy Opinion” with Evan Parker-Stephen. 2012. Prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA.

“Presidential Campaigns and Partisan Evaluations of the Economy.” 2012. Prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA.

“Distinguishing Dynamics in Public Opinion from Survey Effects: A State Space Total Survey Error Approach.” 2012. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“Rhetoric, Reality, and the Conditioning of Public Opinion.” with Evan Parker-Stephen. 2012. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“A Game Changer? Understanding Candidate Web Presence in the 2008 Invisible Primary.” with Dino Christenson. 2011. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“Making or Wasting Money? Campaign Organizational Spending and Fundraising Success.” with Dino Christenson. 2010. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC.

“The Power of Frames in Presidential Communication.” with Evan Parker-Stephen. 2010. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC.

“Words like Weapons: Presidential Communication Strategy and the Case of Iraq.” with Evan Parker-Stephen. 2010. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

## **Invited Presentations**

“Translational Data Science in Political Science.” National Science Foundation Workshop on Translational Data Science. Gordon Center for Integrative Science, Chicago, IL. June 26, 2017.

“Elite Party Politics and the Nature of American (Macro)Partisanship.” Texas A&M Conference on Ideology, Partisanship, and Polarization in Political Behavior. February 20, 2015.

“Dynamics in Partisanship During American Presidential Campaigns (and a pitch for State Space Models).” Washington D.C. chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research; October 24, 2014.

“A Tale of Two Primaries: Iowa and New Hampshire’s Relationship with the Invisible Primary 2008.” Department of Political Science, Texas A&M; April 27, 2009.

## **Teaching Experience**

Undergraduate: American Presidential Nominations; Political Polarization; Public Opinion and Political Behavior; Campaigns and Elections; Techniques in Political Analysis; What Sports Reveal about Society

Graduate: Public Opinion and Political Behavior; American Politics Pro-Seminar; Workshop on Macro Public Opinion and Behavior; Approaches to Research in Political Science; Quantitative Techniques in Political Science; Advanced Methods in Political Analysis

## **Service and Affiliations**

### *Departmental Service*

Interim Chair (2019-Present); Director of Undergraduate Studies and Honors Advisor (2016-Present); Advisory Committee (2016-2018, Chair 2017-2018); Search Committees (2016, 2018); also served on Methods, American, Graduate Studies committees.

### *University Service*

College of Social Science Faculty Advisory Committee; Board of Advisors and Chair of Director Search, Social Science Data Analytics Initiative; Club Advisor Mens and Womens Water Polo Clubs

### *Professional Service*

Member, American Political Science Association, American Association of Public Opinion Research, Midwest Political Science Association.

President and Conference Organizer, Michigan Political Science Association (2018-2019)

Communications Director, APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section (2008-2012)

Committee Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper, Midwest Political Science Association (2011)

Regular Conference Panel Chair/Discussant: APSA and MPSA

Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Electoral Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *TESS (Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences)*, *Journal of Trust Research*, and *Social Science Quarterly*.

## **Miscellaneous Experience**

Marketing Manager – Ehlers for Congress. Full-time employee on a successful congressional reelection campaign. May - November 2000.

## **References**

Available upon request

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