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Education

- Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004.
Fields: American Politics (Institutions, Parties, and Interest Groups), American Political Development and Methodology.
- M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1999.
- B.A. in History and Political Science with High Distinction and Honors in History, Indiana University, Bloomington, 1995.

Research

Publications

Books

- *The Power of Money in Congressional Campaigns, 1880-2006*. University of Oklahoma Press. 2008.

Articles, Book Chapters, and Reviews

- “The Consequences of Divided Government” in George Edwards III and William Howell (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the American Presidency*. Oxford University Press: Oxford. Forthcoming. With John J. Coleman.
- “Making A Good Impression: Resource Allocations, Home Styles, and Washington Work.” Under Revise and Resubmit. With Craig Goodman.
- “Divided We Quarrel: The Politics of Congressional Investigations, 1947-2004.” Under Revise and Resubmit. With Matthew Dull.
- “Simulations and Role-Playing (S&RP) Track Summary.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 39(3): 540-1. 2006. With Amy Lovecraft, Wesley D. Chapin, and David Sadler.
- “Pay to Play: Parties, Interests, and Money in Federal Elections” in Ken Goldstein and Patricia Strach (eds.), *The Medium and the Message: Television Advertising and American Elections*. Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. 2004. With John J. Coleman.
- Review of *Unfree Speech: The Folly of Campaign Finance Reform*, by Bradley A. Smith. *Congress and the Presidency* 29(2): 234-6. 2002.

Other

- “Negative Ads Not Negative.” (Op-ed). *The American Democracy Project Weblog at IUSB*, October 29, 2006. Also a radio essay that aired on NPR radio station WVPE November 13, 2006.
- “A Defense of Partisan Redistricting.” (Op-ed). *The American Democracy Project Weblog at IUSB*, December 5, 2005.
- “Vice and Virtues of Federalism.” (Op-ed). *The American Democracy Project Weblog at IUSB*,

September 18, 2005.

- “Enjoy Democratic Discourse, even when the Mud Flies.” (Op-ed). *The Indianapolis Star*, September 19, 2004, p. E3.

Working Papers and Manuscripts

- *Losing: When Incumbencies Fail*. Book Manuscript.
When incumbents attract quality candidates, who wins, who loses, and why? An examination of 14 competitive Senate campaigns between 1980 and 1992 drawing upon archival collections, oral interviews, newspaper accounts, and NES data.
- “Who Franks?” Article.
How do House members choose to allocate their representational allowances? In this paper, we claim that various career goals of members of Congress are reflected in how they apportion their representational allowances between travel, district staff, and the congressional frank.
- “Home Styles, Office Expenditures, and the Senate.” Article.
Much work on the use of representational allowances and the frank has centered on the House of Representatives. How do Senators employ their office resources and do they matter? In this paper, I claim that senators communicate particular home styles in the use of their office resources, and the choices that senators make concerning the allocation of their official resources shape the perceptions of constituents.
- “www.YourHouseMember.gov: Home Styles in Your Inbox.” Article.
Given the arrival of the worldwide web, what explains variation among member willingness to communicate electronically with their constituents and how do members chose to present their Washington work to the district.
- “The Politics of Committee Investigations.” Article.
An examination of the effect of committee member ideology and divided government on the length, scope, and number of congressional investigations of the executive branch in the post-war era.

Presentations

- “Making a Good Impression: Home Styles, Washington Work, and Resource Allocation.” Paper presented to the Program in American Democracy Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, September 28, 2007.
- “Politics and Base Closings: BRAC from 1991-2005” Paper presented to the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007. With Colin Flora.
- “BRAC Attack: The Closing of Military Bases and the Logic of Congressional Delegation.” Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007. With Colin Flora.
- “Home Style Revisited: House Member Allocation of Office Resources.” Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007. With Craig Goodman and Laura Giardina.
- “The Politics of Congressional Investigations.” Paper presented to the Program in American Democracy Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, September 2006.
- “The Golden Age of the Candidate: The New Media and Campaigning for the Senate, 1940-1960.” Paper prepared for the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association,

Chicago, April 2005.

- “Divided We Quarrel: The Politics of Congressional Investigations.” Paper prepared for meeting of the Political Behavior Research Group, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 2004. With Matthew Dull.
- “Pomp, Circumstance, and Rationality: Congressional Campaigning in the Nineteenth Century.” Paper prepared for the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Baltimore, November 2003.
- “Divided We Quarrel: Institutional Conflict beyond the Legislative Arena.” Paper prepared for the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2003. With Matthew Dull.
- “The Price of Party Unity: The Financial Power of America's Political Parties.” Paper prepared for the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2001.
- “Cycles, Trends, and One Damn Thing After Another: Parties, Interests, and Campaign Finance.” Paper prepared for the Measuring Advertising and Advertising Effectiveness Conference, Chicago, April 2000. With John J. Coleman.
- “Campaign Spending, Advertising Tone, and Civic Engagement.” Paper prepared for the Measuring Advertising and Advertising Effectiveness Conference, Chicago, April 2000. With John J. Coleman.
- “Campaign Finance Reform and the Power of Parties: Purchasing Party Unity?” Paper prepared for the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2000.

Interests

American politics, national institutions, political parties and elections, interest groups, the legislative process, congressional-executive relations, campaign finance, American Political Development, congressional campaigns.

Teaching

Experience

- Assistant Professor, Montana State University-Bozeman, Summer 2008-Present.
- Assistant Professor, Indiana University South Bend, Fall 2005-Spring 2008.
(Classes taught: Introduction to American Government, Legislative Process, Presidency, State and Local Government, Senior Seminar, American Political Parties)
- Assistant Professor, DePauw University, Fall 2004-Summer 2005 (one-year appointment).
(Classes taught: Introduction to American Government, Legislative Process, American Political Parties, State and Local Government).
- Undergraduate Research Mentor, University of Wisconsin, Fall 2003-Spring 2004.
- Lecturer, University of Wisconsin, Legislative Process, Fall 2001.
- Lecturer, University of Wisconsin, Washington Internship, Summer 2001.
- Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin, Introduction to American Government and Politics, Professor David T. Canon, Spring 2000.
- Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin, Introduction to American Government and Politics, Professor John J. Coleman, Fall 1999.
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Indiana University, Comparative Foreign Policy, Professor Dina Spechler, Fall 1994.
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Indiana University, East European Politics, Professor Jack

Bielasiak, Fall 1993.

Interests

American politics, the presidency, interest groups, political parties, American Political Development, Congress, campaign finance, elections, controversies in American politics, state and local government.

Research and Teaching Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- Everett Helm Visiting Fellowship, Summer 2007.
- Indiana University South Bend Summer Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2006.
- University Center for Excellence in Teaching/Faculty Colloquium for Excellence in Teaching Development Grant, Spring 2006.
- Mellon Grant, DePauw University, Spring 2005.
- University Dissertator Fellow, University of Wisconsin, 2003-2004.
- Humane Studies Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies, 2003-2004.
- Senator & Mrs. Roman L. Hruska Foundation Fund Scholar, 2003-2004.
- Richard Maass Memorial Research Grant, 2003-2004.
- Kosciuszko Foundation Tuition Scholarship for Polish-Americans, 2003-2004.
- SSHA-Rockefeller Travel Award, 2003.
- Vilas Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin, 2002.
- University Graduate Fellow, University of Wisconsin, 1998-1999.
- Vilas Welcome Award, University of Wisconsin, 1998.

Honors

- Nominated for IUSB Student Government Faculty Member of the Year, 2007.
- Dan H. Eikenberry Scholarship, Department of History, Indiana University, 1994 and 1995.
- Wendell L. Willkie Political Science Award, Indiana University, 1995.
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1994.
- Honors Division Undergraduate Scholarship, Indiana University, 1991-1995.

Professional Service Activities

- Participant. "NSF Day at Butler University." Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, October 5, 2007.
- Chair and Discussant. "Party Polarization: Causes and Consequences." American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007.
- Chair and Discussant. "Legislative Entrepreneurship and Success." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007.
- Participant. Program in American Democracy Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, 2006.
- Panel chair. "Institutional Proceduralism." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2006.
- Academic Advisory Board. *Annual Editions: State and Local Government*, Dushkin, 2006 to present.
- Discussant. "Determinants of Roll Call Absenteeism in the European Parliament." Midwest

Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2006.

- Track Discussant. “Simulation-based Learning.” American Political Science Association’s Teaching and Learning Conference. Washington, DC.
- Participant. “Roundtable on Religion and Politics.” American Democracy Project, IUSB, October, 2005.
- Participant. “The Fate of the Democratic Party Post-2004.” DePauw College Democrats and Republicans, 2004.
- Panel Chair. Social Science History Association Meeting, Chicago, 2004.
- Discussant. “The State of Graduate Education Symposium.” DePauw University, 2004.
- Participant. Political Behavior Research Group, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, 1998-2004.
- Participant. American Political Development Workshop. University of Wisconsin, 1999-2004.
- Manuscript Reviewer. University of Oklahoma Press.
- Reviewer. *Journal of Politics*.
- Reviewer. *American Politics Research*.
- Graduate Student Representative. Graduate Program Committee, 2001-2002.
- Co-organizer of Graduate Teaching Symposiums, 2001-2002.
- Member of American, Midwest, and Southern Political Science Associations, 2000-present.

Service to the Community

Media Outreach

- Interview with Amanda Maynard of KBZK TV, Bozeman, MT on Obama visit to Butte, aired June 30, 2008.
- Election Night Analyst for KBZK TV, Bozeman, MT, June 3, 2008.
- Interview with Christian Hauser of KCFW TV, Bozeman, MT on presidential campaign and Montana Democratic Primary, aired June 2, 2008.
- Interview with Mike Mestas of KCFW TV, Bozeman, MT on presidential campaign and Montana Democratic Primary, aired May 19, 2008.
- Interview with Donna Kelley of KBZK TV, Bozeman, MT on presidential campaign and Montana Democratic Primary, aired May 19, 2008.
- Interview with Donna Kelley of KBZK TV, Bozeman, MT on presidential campaign and Montana Democratic Primary, aired April 4, 2008.
- Interview with Jim Pinkerton of WSBT TV on Indiana gubernatorial campaign, aired April 4, 2008.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT Radio on presidential campaign, aired April 4, 2008.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT Radio on presidential campaign, aired March 25, 2008.
- Interview with Jamie Loo of the *South Bend Tribune* on presidential campaign. Published in “Is it Really Dyngus Day Déjà Vu?” March 24, 2008.
- Interview with Lindsay Sablan of Fox 28 on local government reforms, aired December 11, 2007.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT News Radio on YouTube and the presidential primaries, aired December 3, 2007.
- Guest panelist. “Politically Speaking,” PBS affiliate WNIT TV on Congress, aired November 25, 2007.

- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on the presidential primaries, aired November 26, 2007.
- Interview with Jim Pinkerton of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on the South Bend mayor's race, aired November 1, 2007.
- Interview with Dustin Grove of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on the South Bend mayor's race, aired October 1, 2007.
- Interview with Jim Pinkerton of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on the South Bend mayor's race, aired September 17 and 27, 2007.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on the Michigan primary, aired September 10, 2007.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT News Radio on resignation of Karl Rove, aired August 16, 2007.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on resignation of Karl Rove, aired August 15, 2007.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on campaigning and the Internet, aired June 27, 2007.
- Interview with Mark Peterson of NBC affiliate WNDU TV on 2008 Congressional race, aired June 7, 2007.
- Interview with Dustin Groves of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on South Bend mayoral primary results, aired May 9, 2007. Lead story.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on presidential politics, aired May 7, 2007.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on presidential politics, aired March 23, 2007.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on presidential politics, aired February 6, 2007.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT News Radio on Gerald Ford's Legacy, aired January 3, 2007.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on Evan Bayh's presidential prospects, aired December 15, 2006.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT News Radio on Evan Bayh's presidential prospects, December 6, 2006.
- Guest panelist. "Economic Outlook", PBS affiliate WNIT TV on campaign finance, aired November 17, 2006.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on 2006 midterm elections, aired November 14, 2006.
- Interview with Jason McFarley of *The Elkhart Truth* on Second District Congressional Race. Published in "Beginning of a National Change" on November 12, 2006.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT News Radio on 2006 midterm elections, aired November 10, 2006.
- Interview with Jason McFarley of *The Elkhart Truth* on Second District Congressional Race. Published in "Blue Dog Dems' Day" on November 9, 2006.
- Election Night Analyst for WSBT News Radio, November 7, 2006.
- Election Night Analyst for CBS affiliate WSBT TV, November 7, 2006.

- Interview with Jason McFarley of *The Elkhart Truth* on Second District Congressional Race, November 7, 2006. Published in “Donnelly Prevails by Larger Margin than Expected” on November 8, 2006.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT News Radio on Second District Congressional Race, aired November 7, 2006.
- Interview with Jason McFarley of *The Elkhart Truth* on Second District Congressional Race and the Iraq War, November 2, 2006. Published in “From Here to Ramadi” on November 3, 2006.
- Interview with Jim Pinkerton of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on Second District Congressional Race, November 1, 2006, aired November 1 and 2, 2006.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT News Radio on Second District Congressional Race, October 31, 2006.
- Interview with Jim Pinkerton of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on Second District Congressional Race, aired October 18, 2006.
- Interview with Gitte Laasby of *The Elkhart Truth* on Second District Congressional Race, October 17, 2006. Published in “Bang for the Buck” on October 18, 2006.
- Interview with Darla Hernandez of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on Laura Bush’s visit to South Bend, aired October 12, 2006.
- Interview with Dustin Grove of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on voter turnout, aired October 11, 2006.
- Interview with Bob Montgomery of WSBT News Radio on Second District Congressional Race, aired October 9, 2006.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on Mark Foley Scandal, aired October 6, 2006.
- Interview with Jason McFarley of *The Elkhart Truth* on Second District Congressional Race, September 29, 2006. Published in “In Attack Mode” and “Fact or Fiction in Political Ads”, published on October 1, 2006.
- Interview with Mike Collins of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on Second District Congressional Race, aired September 26, 2006.
- Interview with Dustin Grove of CBS affiliate WSBT TV on negative advertising, aired August 29, 2006.
- Interview with Patrick O’Connell of *The South Bend Tribune* on judicial retention elections, August 2, 2006. Published in “How Judges Chosen an Ongoing Debate” September 26, 2006.
- Guest Commentator. “Response to Governor Mitch Daniel’s State of the State Address.” Fox 28’s Morning Show. January 20, 2006.

Invited Presentations

- “Divided We Quarrel: The Politics of Congressional Investigations.” University of Puget Sound, November 2007; North Central College, December 2007; Sewanee: The University of the South, December 2007.
- “From Walking the Ward to the Living Room: The Effect of Television on Campaigns.” Part of the lecture series, “How TV Transformed America”, Northern Indiana Center for History, South Bend, IN.
- “The Legislative Process and Effective Lobbying.” Address given to The Michiana Income Property Owner’s Association, Mishawaka, IN, February 23, 2006.
- “Federalism, Fiscal Responsibility, and Foreign Policy: The Republican Party in Crisis.” Address

given to DePauw College Republicans, Greencastle, IN, October 31, 2005.

Service to the Campus

Student Organizations

- Advisor IUSB College Democrats, Fall 2006 to 2008.
- Advisor of IUSB College Republicans, Fall 2006 to 2008.
- Moderator. “Meet Congressman Chocola.” Sponsored by College Republicans, October 22, 2006.
- Moderator. “Immigration Policy.” Debate Sponsored by the Political Debate Club. September 14, 2006.
- Moderator. Student Government Association Candidate Debates. April 4, 2006. Sponsored by the Political Debate Club.
- Moderator. “The Patriot Act: Too Much or Not Enough?” Debate Sponsored by Political Debate Club. January 24, 2006.

University

- Member. Committee on Promotion, Tenure, and Review. IUSB Academic Senate, 2007 to 2008.
- Member. Committee on Library Affairs, IUSB Academic Senate, 2006-2007.
- Principal Organizer, Fundraiser, and Moderator. Congress to Campus Visit. November 2005.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Member. Student Dismissal, Probation and Readmission Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2006 to 2008.

Department

- Member of Ad-Hoc Committee concerning the transition of the MPA and public policy to the political science department, Fall 2007 to 2008.
- Department Captain, Campus United Way Campaign. Fall 2006.
- Political Science Department Internship Coordinator, Fall 2006 to 2008.
- Pizza and Politics. “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington: Misconceptions about the Filibuster.” March 22, 2006.
- Department Captain, Campus United Way Campaign. Fall 2005.
- Participant in Department’s Geography Search Committee. October-February 2005-2006.
- Author. “Report on Political Science Major Requirements.” DePauw University, Fall 2004.

Other Work

- Campaign Manager, Communications Director, and Field Operative for two Senate campaigns, a presidential campaign, and a mayoral race during the 1995-1996 election cycle.