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### CURRENT POSITION

Temple University  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2005-present  
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, 2008-present  
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Public Affairs, 2006-present

### EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2005  
Fields: American Politics; Methodology; Public Organizations, Administration, and Policy  
M.A., Political Science, 2000  
B.A., Political Science, 1997  
Highest Honors in Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa  
  
Bowdoin College, attended 1991-1992 and 1993-1994  
James Bowdoin Scholar

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Book

*Governing the Tap: Special District Governance and the New Local Politics of Water*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (2009)

#### Refereed Articles

"Working with the State: Exploring Interagency Collaboration within a Federalist System," with Dorothy M. Daley, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (forthcoming)

"The Conditional Effect of Specialized Governance on Public Policy," *American Journal of Political Science* 52: 124-40 (2008)

"Does Voting by Mail Increase Participation? Using Matching to Analyze a Natural Experiment," with Thad Kousser, *Political Analysis* 15: 428-45 (2007)

"How Postregistration Laws Affect the Turnout of Registrants," with Raymond E. Wolfinger and Benjamin Highton, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 5: 1-23 (2005)

"City Caesars? Institutional Structure and Mayoral Success in Three California Cities," with Gillian Peele and Bruce E. Cain, *Urban Affairs Review* 40: 19-43 (2004)

## Book Chapters

- "Special Districts versus Contracts: Complements or Substitutes?" in *Self-Organizing Federalism: Collaborative Mechanisms to Mitigate Institutional Collective Action*, eds. Richard C. Feiock and John T. Scholz, New York: Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2009)
- "The Power of Celebrity? Explaining Strong-Mayor Charter Reform in Oakland," in *The Question of Form: Constitutional Contests in America's Large Cities*, eds. James H. Svara and Douglas J. Watson, Washington: Georgetown University Press (forthcoming)
- "Federalism," in *Public Opinion and Constitutional Controversies*, eds. Nathaniel Persily, Jack Citrin, and Patrick Egan, New York: Oxford University Press (2008)
- "California Water: A Case Study in Federalism," in *Governing California*, Second Edition, ed. Gerald C. Lubenow, Berkeley: Institute of Governmental Studies Press (2006)
- "Competing for Attention and Votes: The Role of State Parties in Setting Presidential Nomination Rules," with Bruce E. Cain, in *The Parties Respond: Changes in American Parties and Campaigns*, Fourth Edition, ed. L. Sandy Maisel, Boulder, CO: Westview Press (2002)
- "Strategies and Rules: Lessons from the 2000 Presidential Primary," with Bruce E. Cain, in *Voting at the Political Fault Line*, eds. Bruce E. Cain and Elisabeth R. Gerber, Berkeley: University of California Press (2002)

## Other Publications

- "Will Vote-by-Mail Elections Increase Participation? Evidence from California Counties," with Thad Kousser, report to California county registrars (2006)
- "Community Indicators and Healthy Communities," with Kate Besleme, *National Civic Review* 86: 43-52 (1997)
- The Community Indicators Handbook*, with nine co-authors, San Francisco: Redefining Progress (1997)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- "How Citizens Integrate Information without Ideological Cues: Local Weather and Americans' Beliefs about Global Warming," with Patrick J. Egan (working paper)
- "Get Out the Vote-by-Mail? Evidence from a Natural/Field Experiment," with Kevin Arceneaux and Thad Kousser (working paper)
- "Local Electoral Competition and the Demand for Direct Democracy" (working paper)
- "Local Boundaries," in *Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government*, ed. Donald P. Haider-Markel, New York: Oxford University Press (under contract)
- "Protecting the Nation's Water Supplies: State Revolving Funds and the Development of Water Infrastructure to Promote Public Health," grant proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Law Research Program (\$380,000), with Dorothy Daley (under review)

## AWARDS

Deil Wright Best Paper Award, for the best paper on federalism and intergovernmental relations presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

Urban Politics Section Best Paper Award, for the best paper on urban politics presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

State Politics and Policy Section Best Paper Award, for the best paper on the U.S. states presented at any political science conference in 2002, with Raymond E. Wolfinger and Benjamin Highton

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2004

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

"Making Vote-by-Mail Elections Work: The Impact of Mobilization," JEHT Foundation (\$54,306), with Kevin Arceneaux and Thad Kousser, 2008-2009

"Evaluating an Election Reform by Isolating the Effects of Voting by Mail," John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation (\$35,687), with Thad Kousser, 2006

"Functional Specialization in Local Government: The Politics of Water Districts," National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Award (\$9,300), 2003-2004

Summer Workshop Scholarship, Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2003

## INVITED TALKS

University of Kansas, February 2008

Institute for Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, University of Kentucky and Morehead State University, April 2007

Campaigns and Elections seminar series, Temple University, April 2007

Workshop on Coordination of Fragmented Authority, Florida State University, February 2007

## RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (2005-PRESENT)

"Get Out the Vote-by-Mail? Evidence from a Natural/Field Experiment," with Kevin Arceneaux and Thad Kousser

- Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009
- Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, New Haven, July 2009
- Presented at the West Coast Experimental Political Science Conference, San Diego, May 2009
- Presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Chapel Hill, May 2009

"How Citizens Integrate Information Without Ideological Cues: Local Weather and Americans' Beliefs about Global Warming," with Patrick J. Egan, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009

“Local Political Context and the Distribution of State Expenditures,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008

“Working with the State: Exploring Collaboration between State and Local Agencies,” with Dorothy Daley, presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Philadelphia, May 2008

“Local Electoral Competition and the Demand for Direct Democracy,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2008

“Long Term and Short Term Forces Shaping Attitudes Toward Federal Government Power,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2007

“State Rules, Local Boundaries, and Intergovernmental Cooperation,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007

“Can Mail Ballot Elections Increase Political Participation? Evidence from a Natural Experiment,” with Thad Kousser, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2006

“Distributing the Costs of Growth: The Influence of Local Governing Structures,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2005

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Temple University:

- Government in American Society (graduate)
- Research in State Politics (graduate)
- American Federalism (graduate)
- Public Policy Analysis (undergraduate)
- American State and Local Politics (undergraduate)
- Honors Seminar: Power and Politics in State Government (undergraduate)
- Capstone Seminar: American Federalism (undergraduate)

University of California, Berkeley:

- The Policy Making Process (graduate)

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

- Dan Dougherty (2005-present)
- Jessica Jengeleski Philipp (2007-present)
- William Lawson (2007-present)
- Tamar Klaiman (Department of Public Health, 2007-2009)
- Justin Gollob (2005-2007)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member, Standing Committee on Civic Education and Engagement, American Political Science Association, 2009-2012

Award Committees:

- Best Book Award, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2009

Deil Wright Best Paper Award, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section, American Political Science Association, 2006

Panel Chair:

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2008  
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2009

Panel Discussant:

State Politics and Policy Conference: 2008  
Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2006, 2007, 2008

Manuscript reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *American Review of Politics*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*; *Journal of Politics*; *Political Analysis*; *Political Behavior*; *Public Budgeting & Finance*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Publius*; *State and Local Government Review*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*; *Urban Affairs Review*; Oxford University Press; University of Chicago Press

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Advisor, Pennsylvania Policy Database Project, 2007-present  
Faculty Senate, 2006-2008  
Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2005-2008  
Merit Committee, Department of Political Science, 2005 and 2007  
Course Preparation Committee in General Education: Quantitative Literacy, 2005-2006

## SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

Legislative Aide, Sierra Club California, 1997-1999  
Coordinated lobbying, political campaign, and volunteer activities for the state's largest environmental organization. Received Special Service Award for staff excellence.

Research Intern, Redefining Progress, 1996-1997  
Researched and wrote about community economics and development for a San Francisco-based non-profit organization. Co-founded a national network of community indicator projects.