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- Education:** Ph.D. Political Science, Rice University, Expected May 2008
M.A. Political Science, Rice University, May 2004
B.S. Political Science, University of Iowa, May 2002
B.A. History, University of Iowa, May 2002
- Fields:** Voting and Elections
Research Methods
State and Local Politics
Parties and Interest Groups
- Dissertation:** *Helping America Vote? The Institutional Design of Elections and Recent Reforms*
Committee: Robert M. Stein (Chair), Keith Hamm, Mark P. Jones, and Richard Batsell (Business)
Expected Defense: February, 2008.
- Publications:** Engaging the Unengaged Voter: Vote Centers and Voter Turnout. *Journal of Politics*. With Robert Stein. (Forthcoming 2008).

Voting Technology, Election Administration, and Voter Performance. *Election Law Journal*. With Robert Stein, Mike Byrne, and Dan Wallach. (Forthcoming 2008).
- Grants:** “Increasing turnout among the less engaged: A study of Election Day vote centers.” *Pew Charitable Trusts Initiative on Making Voting Work*. 2008. With Robert Stein and Scott Doyle.

Rice University Graduate Fellowship 2002- 2006.
- Awards:** Alan Saxe Best Paper Award, for the best paper on state and local politics presented at the 2006 Southwestern Political Science Association meeting. With

Mark P. Jones and Juan Pablo Micozzi.

Papers:

“Turning Out Newly Registered Voters: The Impact of Election Day Vote Centers on Turnout,” presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12- 15, 2007, Chicago, IL. With Robert Stein.

“Electronic Voting and Elections: Evaluating Optical Scan and Digital Ballots,” presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12- April 15, 2007, Chicago, IL. With Robert Stein.

“Ethnic/ Racial Heterogeneity as a Proxy for Salient Political Cleavages: Issues and a Test Case from the US Cities,” presented at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20- 23, 2006. With Mark P. Jones.

“The Evolution of Party Politics in Texas, 1973- 2005: Tracing the Emergence of a Partisan Legislature,” presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 11- 15. With Mark P. Jones and Juan Pablo Micozzi.

“The Impact of Election Day Vote Centers on Voter Turnout,” presented at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20- 23, 2006. with Robert Stein.

“When Enough is Enough: The Duration of Economic Sanctions,” presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, QC, Canada, March 17- 20, 2004. With T. Clifton Morgan, Navin Bapat, and Valentin Krustev.

**Teaching
Experience:**

Instructor Spring 2007 & Spring 2008

Introduction to Statistics

Responsibilities: Assisted in writing the syllabus with the faculty supervisor, planned and delivered lectures, wrote and graded exams and assignments.

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2004

Introduction to International Relations (Prof. Brett Ashley Leeds)

Responsibilities: Led three weekly discussion sections, grading, assisted in writing exams

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2004

Introduction to International Relations (Prof. Richard Stoll)

Responsibilities: Led two weekly discussion sections, grading, assisted in writing exams

Research

Research Assistant for Robert Stein

Assistantships:

Assisted with the planning, collection, and analysis of data on Election Day vote centers from Larimer County, Colorado from 2003 and 2004.

Research Assistant for Mark Jones

Assisted with the collection and analysis of biographical and roll call vote data on members in the Texas House of Representatives from 1973-2005.

Research Assistant for the Coastal Cities Survey

Assisted with the formatting and analysis of survey data from residents of coastal cities in the U.S. and China.

Research Assistant for T. Clifton Morgan

Assisted with the Threats and Imposition of Economic Sanctions (TIES) data, primarily collecting and coding data on cases of economic sanctions from 1950- 2000.

Other

Education:

2004 Summer Program, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI.

Courses: Bayesian Methods for the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Introduction to Game Theory

Professional

American Political Science Association

Memberships:

Midwest Political Science Association