

Curriculum Vita
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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 2000.
M.A. Political Science, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, 1994.
B.A. Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 1992.

Professional Experience

2000-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Rice University.
1998-2000 Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona.
1998-2000 Senior Editorial Assistant, *Political Research Quarterly*.
1996-1998 Editorial Assistant, *Political Research Quarterly*.

Research

Publications

“English and Spanish-Language Media Coverage of Immigration: A Comparative Analysis” (with Johanna Dunaway). *Social Science Quarterly*. Forthcoming

“Geographic Media Agenda Setting: Spatial Proximity to the US-Mexico Border and Newspaper Coverage of Immigration Issues.” (With Johanna Dunaway). *Political Research Quarterly*. Forthcoming.

“Anglo Voting on Nativist Ballot Initiatives: The Partisan Impact of Spatial Proximity to the U.S. Mexico Border.” 2007. With Gavin Dillingham, Johanna Dunaway, and Elizabeth Miller. *Social Science Quarterly* 88: 868-881.

“Latino Attitudes Toward Various Areas of Public Policy: The Importance of Acculturation.” 2007. *Political Research Quarterly*. 60: 293-303.

“Beyond Logit and Probit: Some Alternative Duration Modeling Strategies for State Policy Adoption.” 2005. With (Bradford Jones). *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. 5: 420-443.

“Values, Context, and Racial and Ethnic Diversity” (with Bradford Jones). 2005. *American Journal of Political Science* 49: 359-372

“Voting Behavior in Ballot Elections: Does Racial and Ethnic Diversity Matter?” 2004. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 4: 294-317.

“Examining Individual-Level Voting Behavior on State Ballot Propositions” 2003. *Political Research Quarterly* 56: 367-377.

Under Review

“Race, Ethnicity and U.S. House Incumbent Evaluations.” (with Bradford Jones). *Journal of Politics*.

“Agenda Setting, Public Opinion, and the Issue of Immigration Reform” (with Johanna Dunaway and Marisa Abrajano). *American Journal of Political Science*

“Minority Candidates, Electoral Competition, and Electoral Success.” *Political Research Quarterly*.

“Biased Newspaper Coverage of Immigration: The Importance of Economics and Geography.” (with Johanna Dunaway). *Political Communication*.

“Voting Against Bilingual Education: The Partisan Nature of the Impact of Spatial Proximity to the Border of Mexico” (with Gavin Dillingham, Johanna Dunaway, and Elizabeth Miller). In David Leal (ed.), *The Politics of Latino Education*.

In Progress

“Turnout in U.S House Primary and General Elections: The Importance of Candidate-Level and District-Level Race and Ethnicity” (with Matt Barreto). *American Journal of Political Science*

“All Along the Watchtower: Race, Morality, Security, and Immigration” (with Chad Westerland and Bradford Jones).

“Gender Dynamics in U.S. House of Representatives Elections” (with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer).

“Third Party Intervention and Outcomes in Interstate Conflicts.” (With Renato Corbetta).

“Close Enough for Comfort? A Spatial Analysis of Voting on Indian Gaming Initiatives in California” (with Fred Boehmke, Gavin Dillingham and Rick Witmer).

Recent Conference Participation

Presentations

“Agenda Setting, Public Opinion, and the Issue of Immigration Reform” (with Johanna Dunaway and Marisa Abrajano). Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 2007.

“All Along the Watchtower: Race, Morality, Security, and Immigration” (with Chad Westerland and Bradford Jones). Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Political Science Association, Athens, Greece, June 2007.

“The Importance of Race and Ethnicity in Congressional Primary Elections.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2007.

“Third Party Intervention and Outcomes in Interstate Conflicts.” With Renato Corbetta. Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2007.

“The Importance of Race and Ethnicity in Congressional Primary Elections.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 2007.

“Close Enough for Comfort? A Spatial Analysis of Voting on Indian Gaming Initiatives in California.” (with Fred Boehmke, Gavin Dillingham and Rick Witmer). Delivered at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Austin, Texas, February 2007.

“Targeting Audiences: Media Attributes and Biased Coverage of Immigration.” With Johanna Dunaway. Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2007.

“Geographic Media Agenda Setting: Spatial Proximity to the US-Mexico Border and Newspaper Coverage of Immigration Issues.” (With Johanna Dunaway) Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2006.

“Turnout in U.S House Primary and General Elections: The Importance of Candidate-Level and District-Level Race and Ethnicity” (With Matt Barreto). Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2006.

“Close Enough for Comfort? A Spatial Analysis of Voting on Indian Gaming Initiatives in California.” (with Fred Boehmke, Gavin Dillingham and Rick Witmer). Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2006.

“Minority Candidate Emergence, Competitiveness, and Success in US House Elections.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2005.

“Proximity and Responsiveness to U.S. House Members in Racially and Ethnically Mixed Congressional Districts.” (With Bradford Jones and Jennifer Byrne.) Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2005.

“Proximity and Responsiveness to U.S. House Members in Racially and Ethnically Mixed Congressional Districts.” (With Bradford Jones and Jennifer Byrne.) Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2005.

”Beyond Logit and Probit: Some Alternative Duration Modeling Strategies for State Policy Adoption.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, CO, March 2003. (With Bradford Jones.)

”Beyond Logit and Probit: Some Alternative Duration Modeling Strategies for State Policy Adoption.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the State Policy and Policy Conference, Tucson, AZ, February, 2003. (With Bradford Jones.)

“Values, Context, and Racial and Ethnic Diversity.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2002. (With Bradford Jones.)

Invited Participant

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 2006.

Discussant and Chair

Chair, “Inferring Individual Attributes.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2007.

Discussant, “The Politics of Racial Attitudes.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2007.

Chair, “Institutional Linkages and the Formation of African American Political Identity.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2004.

Chair, “Race-Based Voting.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2004.

Discussant, “The Impact of Descriptive and Substantive Representation for Minority Groups.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2004.

Discussant, “Teaching Political Science Methodologies.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, CO, 2003.

Discussant, “The Impact of Religion on Voting Choice.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, 2002.

Chair, “Incumbent Survival in US Elections.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, 2002.

Discussant “Cultural Differences And Electoral Politics.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2001.

Research Grants

Research Grant, James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, 2004. “Latinos in American Politics: A Look at Latino Public Opinion and Political Participation.”

Congressional Research Award, Dirksen Congressional Center, 2001-2002, “Candidate Emergence, Racial and Ethnic Heterogeneity, and Competition in Congressional Elections.”

Graduate College Final Project Fund, University of Arizona, 1999-2000. “The Representational Consequences of Ethnic and Racial Diversity”.

Office of the Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies, University of Arizona, 1999. “Alternative Voting Systems for Local Governments and Minority Communities”. Co-authored with John Garcia.

Research Grant, Milward Simpson Foundation, University of Wyoming, 1993-1994. “A Comparison of Under-Representation of Women in Politics Nationally with Women in Wyoming Politics.”

Honors and Awards

Jewel Prestage Award for Best Paper on Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Political Behavior, Southwestern Political Science Association, 2007.

Associate of the Year Will Rice College, Rice University, 2004-2005.

Brown Teaching Award Grant, Rice University, 2004-2005.

Graduate Registration Scholarship, University of Arizona, 1996-1997.

Invited Talks

“The Hispanic Population and Distance to the Border: Predicting Anglo-Voting Behavior on California’s Bilingual Ballot Initiatives.” Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, November 5th, 2004.

“Alternative Voting Systems for Local Governments and Minority Communities”. Udall Center, University of Arizona, November 4, 1999.

“Multiculturalism, Diversity, and Prejudice.” Duke-UNC American Politics Research Group, Chapel Hill, NC, July 27, 1999.

Teaching

Teaching Interests

Racial and Ethnic Minority Politics

Research Methods (Introductory and Advanced)

American Politics/Political Behavior

Courses Taught at Rice University

Political Science 535 “Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics” (Graduate), Spring 2003, Spring 2005, and Fall 2006.

Political Science 501 “Introduction to Statistics”(Graduate), Fall 2001 and 2002.

Political Science 341 “Gender and Politics”, Fall 2001.

Political Science 330 “Minority Group Politics”, Spring 2001, Fall 2004, Spring 2006, and Spring 2007.

Political Science 438 “Race and Public Policy” (Undergraduate Seminar), Fall 2000, Spring 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Spring 2006, Spring 2007, and Fall 2007.

Professional Service

Section Organizer, Political Geography, Midwest Political Science Association, 2008.

Section Organizer, Race and Ethnicity Section, Southern Political Science Association, 2008.

Executive Council Member, Southwest Political Science Association, 2006-present.

Newsletter Editor, Midwest Political Science Association Women’s Caucus, 2005-present

Committee Chair, Undergraduate Student Paper Award, Southwestern Political Science Association, 2005-2006.

Committee Member, Ted Robinson Memorial Award, Southwestern Political Science Association, 2004-2005.

Section Organizer, Race, Class and Ethnicity Section, Midwest Political Science Association, 2003.

Section Organizer, Elections and Voting Section, Southern Political Science Association, 2002.

University and Departmental Service

Faculty Associate, Will Rice College, Rice University, 2004-Present.

Century Scholar Mentor, Rice University, Fall 2004-Spring 2007.

Coordinator of Guest Lecture Series, Department of Political Science, Rice University, 2000-2005.

Recruiter/Representative, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Department of Political Science, Rice University, 2001 and 2002.

Faculty Associate, Brown College, Rice University, 2000-2004.

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southwest Political Science Association

Review Activities

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*

Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*

Reviewer for *Legislative Studies Quarterly*

Reviewer for *Political Research Quarterly*

Reviewer for *Political Behavior*

Reviewer for *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*

Reviewer for *American Politics Quarterly*

Service within the Community

Member, Zina Garrison Foundation-Young Professional Group.

Vice-President of Education Services, Zina Garrison Foundation-Young Professional Group.

Committee Member, Zina Garrison Foundation 2005, 2006, and 2007 Gala.