

## VITA

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Rochester, 1997.  
M.A. Political Science, University of Rochester, 1994.  
B.A. Political Science, *summa cum laude*. Texas A&M University, 1991.

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2002-2005. Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Rice University  
2002-pres. Associate Professor of Political Science, Rice University  
2001-2002 Albert Thomas Assistant Professor of Political Science, Rice University  
1997-2001 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Rice University  
1996-97 Lecturer in Political Science, Rice University  
1995-96 Research Associate, Hoover Institution, Stanford University  
1995 Visiting Researcher, The European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.  
1994 Research associate, University of Haifa; Haifa, Israel.  
1993-94 Lecturer, Department of political science, University of Rochester  
1992-93 Teaching Assistant, Department of political science, University of Rochester

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Editorial Board: *Political Research Quarterly*  
*American Journal of Political Science*

Conference Section Organizer: Western Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association

Other Service: Committee on Creation of a New Journal, MWPA, committee member  
William Riker Award for Best Book in Political Science, committee member  
Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the best paper at the WPSA meetings, chair

## **SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2007-pres. Convener of Appeals and Grievances, Rice University  
2005-pres. Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, Rice University  
2005-pres. Senator for Social Science, Faculty Senate, Rice University (Bylaws Committee Chair)  
2004-2007. Resident Associate, Will Rice College, Rice University  
2004-pres. Divisional Academic Advisor, Social Science, Rice University  
1997-2004 Faculty Associate, Brown College, Rice University

## **EXTERNAL GRANTS**

Under Review - National Science Foundation, "Explaining Cross-National and Over-time Variation in Political Knowledge" 2008-2011 (\$250,000)

National Science Foundation, "Why the Economy? The Micro-Foundations of the Economic Vote" 2002-2004 (\$100,000)

National Science Foundation, "What do Voters Know about Cabinet Formation?" 2000-2002 (\$50,000)

National Science Foundation, Dissertation Grant, 1995

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Voting in Context: How Political and Economic Institutions Condition the Economic Vote.* (with Raymond Duch; forthcoming January 2008 from Cambridge University Press.

Draft available at [www.rice.edu/economicvoting/](http://www.rice.edu/economicvoting/)

This book seeks to explain why the economy is sometimes an important factor in electoral outcomes and sometimes is not. Our initial task was to construct the first comprehensive map of variation in economic voting over a large number of countries (18 western democracies) and years (1979-2001). We do this by estimating the pattern of economic voting over parties that is revealed in each of 165 different election surveys. Next, we propose a contextual model of rational economic voting that attempts to explain this variation as a function of differences in the political and economic context in which voters make their electoral choices. The theory, which builds on both the rational selection model of economic voting first proposed by Alesina and Rosenthal (1995) and on McKelvey and Ordeshook's analysis of strategic voting in multi-party democracies, allows us to generate a rich set of hypotheses about the kinds of political and economic contexts that should condition economic voting. The relevant features of these various contexts can be organized into three general categories: the distribution of policymaking responsibility over parties previous to the election, the distribution of contention for future policymaking responsibility in the election, and the quality of the signal that past movements in the economy provide about the competence of the parties in the election. For each of these general categories, the theory implies specific kinds of political and economic institutions that should condition the economic voting and in the final part of the project we test these implications. In general, we find strong support for the theoretical predictions of the model.

### Articles

"Assessing the Magnitude of the Economic Vote over Time and Across Nations." 2006. Electoral Studies Vol. 25, no. 3, 528-47 (with Raymond Duch).

"Brain Activity in the Play of Dominant and Mixed Strategy Games" 2006. Political Psychology (with Rick Wilson and Geoffrey Potts), Vol. 27, no 3 pp. 459-478.

"Context and the Economic Vote: A Multi-Level Analysis." Political Analysis. 2005. Vol. 13, no. 4, 2005, pp. 387-409. (with Raymond Duch)

"The Economy as Context: Indirect Links between the Economy and Voters." 2003 In Han Dorussen, ed., The Changing Economic Voter. London: Routledge.

"The Cost of Ruling, Cabinet Duration, and the "Median Gap Model" Public Choice. 2002.

"The Economy and Policy Preference: A Fundamental Dynamic of Democratic Politics." 2001. American Journal of Political Science. Vol. 45, no. 3, pp. 620-633

"Cabinet Formation in Parliamentary Democracies." 2001. American Journal of Political Science. Vol. 45, no. 1, pp. 33-50. (with Lanny Martin)

"Cabinet Terminations and Critical Events." American Political Science Review. Vol. 94, no. 3. September 2000, pp. 627-640. (with Daniel Diermeier)

"Do campaigns Matter? Testing for Cross-National Effects." British Journal of Political Science. Vol. 30, April, 2000 , pp. 217-235. (with Lynn Vavreck)

"Cabinet Survival and Competing Risks." American Journal of Political Science. vol.43 , no. 4 , October 1999, pp. 1051-1068. (with Daniel Diermeier)

"Defense Expenditures and Economic Growth In Israel: The Indirect Link." Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 33, no. 3, 1996, pp. 341-353. (with Alex Mintz, Michael Ward, and Jordin Cohen)

"Theories of Budgetary Tradeoffs." Public Budgeting and Financial Management. 1995 (with Alex Mintz).

"Defense Expenditures, Economic Growth, and the 'Peace Dividend': A Longitudinal Analysis of 103 Countries." Journal of Conflict Resolution, Vol. 39, No. 2, 1995, pp. 283-309 (with Alex Mintz).

"Armament and Development: An Empirical Analysis of the Impact of Military Spending on Economic Growth in Developing Countries." in Chatterji, Jager, and Rima (eds.) The Economics of International Security: Essays in Honor of Jan Tinbergen, London: Palgrave. 1994 (with Alex Mintz).

## **INVITED PAPERS**

"Making a Contribution: The Role of Fieldwork in Scientific Research Programs" APSA-CP, the newsletter of the Comparative Politics section of the American Political Science Association, 2005

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

*Interests and Integration: Market Liberalization, Public Opinion, and European Union* by Matthew Gabel. Comparative Political Studies, April 1999.

## **REPORTS**

"Health and Unemployment Programs in the Third World and their Relevance to the *Colonias* of South Texas." Report to the Center for Housing and Urban Development, Texas A&M University (with Nehemia Geva, Arnold Vedlitz, and Alex Mintz).

## **WORKS IN THE REVIEW PROCESS**

"Electoral Outcomes and Cabinet Composition: The Impact of Formation Procedures."

"The Economy: Do they Get it Right and Does it Matter?" (with Raymond Duch)

"The Dynamics of Economic Performance and Policy Mood." (with Simon Jackman)

"Strategic Economic Voting: An Alternative to Clarity of Responsibility." (with Raymond Duch)

"Competency Signals in a Crowded Political Context." (with Raymond Duch)

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS (within the last year and not listed elsewhere)**

“Starting with Recall: Examining the Relationship between Memory and Processing of Campaign Information” (with Beth Miller), American Political Science Association Meetings, Philadelphia, September, 2006

“Voting in Context: How Political and Economic Institutions Condition the Economic Vote” (with Ray Duch), American Political Science Association Meetings, Philadelphia, September, 2006

“Institutions, Strategic Voting and Electoral Accountability in Advanced Democracies” (with Ray Duch), American Political Science Association Meetings, Philadelphia, September, 2006

## **OTHER WORKING PAPERS (not listed elsewhere)**

“Does the Endogeneity of Economic Perceptions Impact Individual Level Estimates of the Economic vote? Evidence from 163 Electoral Surveys” (with Ray Duch)

“The Economy and Strategic Communication in Electoral Campaigns.” (with Guy Whitten)

“Executive Selection and the Informed Electorate: How Cabinet Formation Procedures Impact Citizens’ Knowledge of Politics”

“A Unified Approach to Cabinet Formation and Survival in Parliamentary Democracies.” (with Lanny Martin)

“What Do Voters Know about Cabinet Formation?”

“The Dynamics of Information Processing and Candidate Evaluation: A Web-based Experimental Approach” (with Beth Miller)

## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND INTERNAL GRANTS**

- 2001 Research Grant for the “International Economic News Data Project” from the Baker Institute, Rice University
- 1999 Supplemental Research Grant for “What do Voter’s Know about Cabinet Formation” Center for the Study of Culture and Values, Rice University
- 1998 Finalist, Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Prize for the best teacher among assistant professors at Rice university
- 1998 Research Grant, for “The Legislative Agenda in Parliamentary Democracies,” Baker Institute and the Center for the Study of Institutions and Values, Rice University
- 1995 Dissertation Grant, National Science Foundation
- 1994 Graduate Student Teaching Prize, University of Rochester
- 1991 Rush Rhees Fellowship, University of Rochester

- 1991 Bonnie E. Brown Award for the most outstanding undergraduate in political science, Texas A&M University
- 1990 Senior Honors Fellowship, Honors Research Program, Texas A&M University.
- 1989 Delegate, NATO Youth Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 1989 Jordan Fellowship - in support of field research in Gujurat, India. Jordan Institute for International Awareness, Texas A&M University
- 1987 Maude O. Hunter Fellowship, Texas A&M University

## **TEACHING**

At the graduate level, I have taught core courses in comparative politics, statistical methods, and game theory. At the undergraduate level I have taught courses about comparative political parties and elections, the politics of developing democracies, comparative political economy, the European Union, and international relations. I have received the graduate teaching prize at the University of Rochester and was a finalist for the junior-faculty teaching prize at Rice University.