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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley. December 2003.
Dissertation: "National Tides and Local Results in US House Elections"

M.A. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley. May 1998.

B.A. Stanford University. June 1995. *Major*: Political Science, with honors and distinction.

EMPLOYMENT

Research Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California (2007-present).
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Oregon (2004-2007).

HONORS AND AWARDS

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, 2003-2004.
State Politics and Policy Best Journal Article Award (for "A Primary Cause of Partisanship?")
Embassy of Canada Faculty Research Grant, 2005.
Irvine Foundation Research Grant, 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

"Has the Top Two Primary Elected More Moderates?" (with Boris Shor), forthcoming in *Perspectives on Politics*.

"The Measure of a Metric: The Debate over Quantifying Partisan Gerrymandering" (with Nicholas Stephanopoulos), forthcoming, *The Stanford Law Review*.

"Rejoinder to 'Considering the Prospects for Establishing a Packing Gerrymandering Standard,'" forthcoming, *Election Law Journal*.

"Measuring Efficiency in Redistricting," forthcoming, *Election Law Journal*.

"Are Nonvoters Dissatisfied or Just Disengaged?" *The California Journal of Politics and Policy*, v9, n2, 2017.

Co-editor (with Jack Citrin) of *The California Journal of Politics and Policy* special issue, "Democracy, California Style", v9, n2, 2017.

"Redistricting and Representation: Searching for 'Fairness' Between the Lines" (with Vlad Kogan), in *Election Rules and Reform*, Todd Donovan, ed. 2016.

"The Realities of Electoral Reform" (with Steven Rogers and Nicholas Stephanopoulos), *The Vanderbilt Law Review*, 2015.

"Partisan Gerrymandering and the Efficiency Gap" (with Nicholas Stephanopoulos), *The University of Chicago Law Review*, 2015.

"Kingmakers or Cheerleaders? Party Power and the Causal Effects of Endorsements" (with Thad Kousser, Scott Lucas, and Seth Masket), *Political Research Quarterly*, v68, n3, 2015.

"Reforming the Canadian Parliament: Institutional Choices and Member Power." (with Vincent Moscardelli), *The American Review of Canadian Studies*, v45, n2, 2015.

"California's Top Two Primary and the Business Agenda", *The California Journal of Politics and Policy*, v7, n1, 2015.

"A Primary Cause of Partisanship? Nomination Systems and Legislator Ideology," (with Seth Masket, Boris Shor, Steven Rogers, and Nolan McCarty) *The American Journal of Political Science*, v58, n2, April 2014.

"Election Lab Post-Mortem" (with Benjamin Highton and John Sides), *PS: Political Science and Politics*, v48, n2, 2015.

"Election Fundamentals and Polls Favor the Republicans" (with Benjamin Highton and John Sides), *PS: Political Science and Politics*, v47, n4, 2014.

"Measuring Partisan Bias in Single-Member District Electoral Systems," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, v39, n1, February 2014.

"What It Takes to Win: Questioning 'Gender Neutral' Outcomes in U.S. House Elections," (with Kathryn Pearson) *Politics & Gender*, v9, n4, December 2013.

"Redistricting California: Did Radical Reform Produce Different Results?" reprint of "Redistricting California: An Evaluation of the Citizens Commission Final Plans" in ed. Rarick, *Governing California*, 3rd edition, 2013.

"One Vote Out of Step? The Effects of Salient Roll Call Votes in the 2010 Election" (with Brendan Nyhan, John Sides, Seth Masket, and Steven Greene), *American Politics Research*, v 40, n5, 2012.

"Redistricting California: An Evaluation of the Citizens Commission Final Plans" (with Vladimir Kogan), *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, v4, n1, 2012.

"Do Campaigns Drive Partisan Turnout?" (with John Sides) *Political Behavior*, v33, 2011.

"Candidates and Parties in Congressional Elections: Revisiting Candidate-Centered Conclusions in a Partisan Era" (with Kathryn Pearson), in *Facing the Challenge of Democracy: Explorations in the Analysis of Public Opinion and Political Participation*, Paul Sniderman and Benjamin Highton, eds., 2011.

"How Much Does the Public Know about the State Budget, and Does It Matter?" *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, v2, n3, 2010.

"Concern over Immigration and Support for Public Services," (with Max Neiman) *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, v2, n1, 2010.

"Reflections on 'Redistricting and Legislative Partisanship,'" *The California Journal of Politics and Policy*, v1, n1, 2009.

"Party Registration and the Geography of Party Polarization," (with Daniel Krimm), *Polity*, v41, n3, 2009.

"The Role of Candidate Choice in the California Recall Election," (with Mark Baldassare) *American Politics Research*, v37, n3, 2009.

"National Tides and Local Results in US House Elections," *The British Journal of Political Science*, v38, 2008.

"Cohort Replacement and the Incumbency Advantage," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, February 2008.

"Estimating Vote Choice: A New Look at the Generic Congressional Ballot." (with Mark Baldassare) *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Spring 2004.

"Remaking the House and Senate: Personal Power, Ideology, and the 1970s Reforms." (with Eric Schickler and John Sides) *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August 2003.

"The Local Roots of Federal Policy Change: Transportation Policy in the 1990s." (with Paul Lewis) *Polity*, Winter 2001.

RESEARCH REPORTS

Gill *v* Whitford, *Brief of Eric McGhee as* Amicus Curiae *in Support of Neither Party*, 2017.

California's Missing Voters: Who Is Not Voting and Why. Public Policy Institute of California, 2017.

What to Expect from California's New Motor Voter Law. Public Policy Institute of California, 2016.

Putting California's Voter Turnout in Context. Public Policy Institute of California, 2016.

California's Political Reforms: A Brief History. Public Policy Institute of California, 2015.

Voter Turnout in Primary Elections. Public Policy Institute of California, 2014.

California's June 3 Primary Election. (with Daniel Krimm) Public Policy Institute of California, 2014.

Expanding California's Electorate: Will Recent Reforms Increase Voter Turnout? Public Policy Institute of California, 2014.

Party Registration in California (with Dean Bonner) Public Policy Institute of California, 2014.

California's Future: Political Landscape Public Policy Institute of California, 2014.

Parcel Taxes for Education in California (with Margaret Weston) Public Policy Institute of California, 2013.

California's New Electoral Reforms: The Fall Election (with Daniel Krimm) Public Policy Institute of California, 2012.

Test-driving California's Election Reforms (with Daniel Krimm) Public Policy Institute of California, 2012.

California's New Electoral Reforms: How Did They Work? (with Daniel Krimm) Public Policy Institute of California, 2012.

California's Political Geography, (with Daniel Krimm) Public Policy Institute of California, 2012.

California's 2011 Redistricting: Challenges and Controversy, Public Policy Institute of California, 2011.

California's 2011 Redistricting: The Commission's Final Plans, Public Policy Institute of California, 2011.

California's 2011 Redistricting: The Preliminary Plan, Public Policy Institute of California, 2011.

At Issue: Open Primaries, Public Policy Institute of California, 2010.

Redistricting and Legislative Partisanship, Public Policy Institute of California, 2008.

At Issue: Legislative Reform, Public Policy Institute of California, 2007.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Estimating the Effect of Education on Turnout with Panel Data" (with Hans Johnson)

"The Role of Partisan Gerrymandering in U.S. Elections" (with Simon Jackman and Nicholas Stephanopoulos)

"The Sources and Magnitude of Partisan Bias in U.S. Federal Elections"

"The Gains to Voter Registration and Turnout from 'Oregon Motor Voter'" (with Rob Griffin, Paul Gronke, and Mindy Romero)

"Context, Demographic Change, and Concern about Immigration among Non-Hispanic Whites." (with Max Neiman and Morris Levy).

"Does Online Registration Register More Voters?"

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

"Symposium: The efficiency gap is a measure, not a test," on *SCOTUSblog*, posted August 11, 2017 http://www.scotusblog.com/2017/08/symposium-efficiency-gap-measure-not-test/

"This new California law could dramatically change the demographics of its electorate," (with Mindy Romero) on *The Monkey Cage* blog at *The Washington Post*, posted July 11, 2016 https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/07/11/this-new-california-law-could-dramatically-change-the-demographics-of-its-electorate/?utm_term=.7c500261d5bc

"With new law, California leads in voting reform," (with Mindy Romero) in *The Sacramento Bee*, posted October 17, 2015.

"Gerrymandering Isn't Evil" in *Politico Magazine*, posted June 30, 2015.

Co-creator (with John Sides and Benjamin Highton) of the analytics behind the "Election Lab" feature at *The Washington Post*, 2014.

Guest blogger on the 2014 congressional elections for *The Monkey Cage* blog at *The Washington Post*, December 2013 – November 2014.

"Has California cured its political dysfunction? Not so fast," (with Paul Mitchell) on *The Monkey Cage* blog at *The Washington Post*, posted January 30, 2014 http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/01/30/has-california-cured-its-political-dysfunction-not-so-fast/

"Redistricting Didn't Win Republicans the House," (with John Sides) on *Washington Post Wonkblog*, posted February 17, 2013 http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/02/17/redistricting-didnt-win-republicans-the-house/

Guest blogger on the 2012 congressional elections, *The Monkey Cage*, September-November 2012.

"California Electoral Reform a Work in Progress," (with Daniel Krimm) in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, June 24, 2012.

"California Dreamin': Redistricting reform in the Golden State and the quest for the perfect map," in *The Ripon Forum*, Volume 45, No. 4.

"Redistricting Commission Map Looks More Competitive," in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, June 19, 2011.

"Midterm Postmortem," in *Boston Review*, November 11, 2010.

Guest blogger on the 2010 congressional elections, *The Monkey Cage*, November 2010.

"Electoral Reforms Won't Fix State Legislature's Gridlock," in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, March 14, 2010.

"Dyed-in-the-Wool and Partisan to the Bone," in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, October 12, 2008.

"Partisanship Will Still Thrive after Redistricting," in *The Conversation with Daniel Weintraub*, *The Sacramento Bee*, October 5, 2008.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Campaign Finance and the Top Two Primary" presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2017.

"Measuring Efficiency" presented at the "Redistricting Reform: Mapping Our Future" conference, March 2017.

"California's Redistricting Commission" presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 2016.

"Does Online Registration Register More Voters?" presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2014.

"Do Caps on Campaign Donations Work? Evidence from California," (with Raymond La Raja) presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2011.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"California's Missing Voters." Research briefing, Sacramento, CA, July 11, 2017.

"What to Expect from California's New Motor Voter Law." Research briefing, Sacramento, CA, June 16, 2016.

Introductory presentation for "California's Future: Voter Turnout" panel discussion, Sacramento, CA, January 23, 2014.

Introductory presentation for "Improving California's Elections" panel discussion, Sacramento, CA, June 11, 2013.

"Gauging the Effects of Recent Reforms." Panel discussion at "Improving California's Democracy" event, Sacramento, CA, October 10, 2012.

"Test-driving California's Election Reforms." Research briefing, Sacramento, CA, September 13, 2012.

Introductory presentation for "A Conversation with Secretary of State Debra Bowen," San Francisco, CA, June 12, 2012.

"California's Supermajority Rules: An Overview." Introductory presentation for Pete Wilson-Willie Brown debate, "The Budget Vote: Super or Simple?", Sacramento, CA, October 14, 2010.

"Open Primaries." Research briefing, Sacramento, CA, February 23, 2010.

"Redistricting and Legislative Partisanship." Research briefing, Sacramento, CA, September 23, 2008.

"The California Legislature: Is It Broken?" Introductory presentation for panel discussion, "Restoring Confidence in the Legislative Process," Sacramento, CA, December 4, 2007.

TEACHING

Introduction to US Politics (Winter 2005, Winter 2006, Winter 2007)
Campaigns and Elections (Winter 2005, Winter 2006, Fall 2006)
The US Congress (Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Winter 2007)
US Public Opinion (Spring 2005, Spring 2006)
Honors Thesis Seminar (Fall 2006)

SERVICE

Anonymous referee for:
American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, Election Law Journal, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Public Opinion Quarterly

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LANGUAGES

Spanish: Written and oral, good; spoken, fair