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## Positions

assistant professor 2006-  
Department of Political Science  
University of Minnesota

assistant professor 2003-2006  
Department of Political Science  
University of Georgia

## Education

Stanford University  
Doctor of Philosophy, June, 2004  
Political Science  
Dissertation: *Explaining Policy Change: Conversion and Replacement*  
Advisor: David Brady, Simon Jackman  
Reading Committee: David Brady, Simon Jackman, Doug Rivers, John Ferejohn

Stanford University  
M.A. Political Science, June 2004

Stanford University  
M.A. Economics, June 2003

Ohio Wesleyan University  
Bachelor of Arts, May 1996  
*Summa Cum Laude*, University Honors, Departmental Honors (politics & government)  
Majors: Politics & Government, Economics, German Studies

## Publications

“Democracy as a Latent Variable,” with Simon Jackman. 2008. *American Journal of Political Science*. 52(1): 201–217.

**Working Papers**

“Front and Center? The Policy Attitudes of Ideological Moderates,” with D. Sunshine Hillygus. Under Review.

“Where Does the President Stand? Measuring Presidential Ideology.”

**Current Projects**

“Split Samples, Missing Data, and Question Wording Experiments in the 2000 NES,” with Simon Jackman.

“Dimensionality of the Federal Convention of 1787,” with Jeremy Pope.

“Explaining the ‘Great Compromise’ at the Federal Convention of 1787,” with Jeremy Pope.

“Comparability Problems in Ideal Point Estimation.”

**Conferences and Presentations**

“Problems in Comparing Preferences Across Institutions.” To be presented at the 2008 American Political Science Association meeting.

“Where Does the President Stand? Measuring Presidential Ideology.” Presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

“Where Does the President Stand? Interbranch Relations and the Measurement of Presidential Ideology.” Presented at the 2007 American Political Science Association meeting.

“Measuring Ideology at the Constitutional Convention,” with Jeremy Pope. Presented at the 2007 American Political Science Association meeting.

“Ideal Point Estimation Using Overlapping Constraints in the Senate” Presented at the 2006 American Political Science Association meeting.

“The Contours of Policy Attitudes in the Mass Public,” with D. Sunshine Hillygus. Presented at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

“Ideal Point Estimation Using Overlapping Constraints in the Senate.” Presented at the 2006 Southern Political Science Association meeting.

“The Structure, Meaning, and Influence of Political Ideology,” with D. Sunshine Hillygus. Presented at the 2005 American Political Science Association meeting. Earlier version presented at 2005 Midwest meeting.

“Measuring Ideology in the Constitutional Convention,” with Jeremy Pope. Presented at the 2004 American Political Science Association meeting. Earlier version presented at 2004 Southern meeting.

“Conversion and Replacement Effects in the Senate.” Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

“Measuring Ideology in the Constitutional Convention,” with Jeremy Pope. Presented at the 2004 Southern Political Science Association meeting.

“Democracy as a Latent Variable,” with Simon Jackman. Presented at the 2003 American Political Science Association meeting.

“Explaining Policy Change: Conversion or Replacement?” Presented at the 2003 American Political Science Association meeting.

“Democracy as a Latent Variable,” with Simon Jackman. Presented at the 2003 Annual Summer Meeting, The Society for Methodology. Plenary Session. Earlier version presented at the 2003 Midwest meeting.

“Democracy as a Latent Variable,” with Simon Jackman. Presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting.

“Electoral Pressure and Policy Change: Conversion or Replacement?” Presented at the 2002 American Political Science Association meeting. An earlier version presented at the 2002 Political Methodology Summer Methods Meeting Poster Session.

“Beyond Factor Analysis: Modern Tools for Social Measurement,” with Simon Jackman. Presented at the 2002 Midwest Political Science Association meeting, and the Stanford-Berkeley American Politics Conference at Stanford University (June 3, 2002). An earlier version presented at the 2002 Western Political Science Association meeting.

### **Teaching Experience**

University of Minnesota

#### *Graduate*

POL 8160 Maximum Likelihood and Discrete Choice

POL 8160 Bayesian Statistics

Math Camp (calculus)

#### *Undergraduate*

POL 3085 Quantitative Analysis in Political Science

POL 3085H Quantitative Analysis in Political Science (Honors)

University of Georgia

#### *Graduate*

POLS 7050 Advanced Methods

POLS 7020 Foundations of Political Research (i.e., Calculus and Matrix Algebra for Statistics)

POLS 7015 Introduction to Political Science Data (i.e., introduction to STATA)

#### *Undergraduate*

POLS 1101 American Government

POLS 4150 Research Methods in Political Science

### Professional Service

Discussant for Martin Elff, “A Spatial Model of Electoral Platforms.” 2008 Annual Summer Meeting, The Society for Methodology.

Roundtable Panelist, “Where Do We Go from Here? Future Research on the U.S. Senate.” Conference on Party Effects in the United States Senate II. Sept. 29–30, 2006, University of Minnesota.

Discussant, “Bayesian Inference,” Methodology Division. 2006 American Political Science Association meeting.

Discussant for Jake Bowers and Ben Hansen, “Attributing Effects to A Cluster Randomized Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign: An Application of Randomization Inference Using Full Matching.” 2005 Political Methodology summer meeting.

Judge, Poster Session, 2005 Annual Summer Meeting, The Society for Methodology.

Discussant, “Issues, Ideology, and Ideal Points: Strategies for Estimating Models with Unobservable Traits.” Methodology and EITM Divisions. 2005 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

Discussant for Jonathan Wand, “Intertemporal Models of Choice.” 2004 Annual Summer Meeting, The Society for Methodology.

Discussant, “New Research on Party Polarization.” Legislative Studies, Institutions Division. 2004 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

Discussant, “Explaining Turnout in U.S.” Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Division. 2002 American Political Science Association meeting.

Discussant, “The Legislative and Judicial Branches.” Legislative Studies Division. 2001 American Political Science Association meeting.

Discussant, “Electoral Laws in American Politics.” Representation and Electoral Systems. 2000 American Political Science Association meeting.

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *American Politics Research*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *American Sociological Review*, NSF

### Grants and Awards

2008 University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts, Single Semester Leave (for spring 2009).

2005 University of Georgia Research Foundation Faculty Research Grant, \$5,700.

### Department and University Service

*University of Minnesota*

Undergraduate Work Committee, 2007-2008

Department Secretary and Commencement Representative, 2006-2007

CLA Quantitative Modeling and Methods Writing Task Group for the Social Sciences Initiative, Fall 2006

CLA Quantitative Methods and Modeling Initiative working group, Spring 2008

*University of Georgia*

Undergraduate Committee, 2005-2006

*ad hoc* committees for reform of graduate methods sequence, 2004-2006

Methods Search Committee, Fall 2003

**Awards and Honors**

*Graduate*

Lily M. and Henry J. Budde Fellowship, 1999-2000

*Undergraduate*

Phi Beta Kappa

Christopher R. Wolf Prize (for best paper in politics & government). 1994, 1995, and 1996.

Outstanding paper award, undergraduate economics division. 1995. Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists. (OAEPS).

Mary Elizabeth and W.W. Davies Prize for German. 1993, 1994, and 1995.

Grothe Award (Outstanding in German). 1996.

Outstanding Major Award, Economics. 1996.

Earl Warner Award (Outstanding Major in politics & government). 1996.

Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics)

Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)

Delta Phi Alpha (German)

Phi Sigma Iota (modern foreign languages)

Recipient, Ohio Wesleyan University Presidential Scholarship

**Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

Political Methodology Organized Section

Legislative Studies Organized Section

Psychometrika Society