

# Shawn Treier

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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  
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 (refereed)

Shawn Treier and Simon Jackman. 2008. "Democracy as a Latent Variable." *American Journal of Political Science*. 52(1): 201–217. Winner, 2010 Gregory Luebbert Article Award (best article in comparative politics, awarded by the Comparative Politics Organized Section of APSA).

Shawn Treier and D. Sunshine Hillygus. 2009. "The Nature of Political Ideology in the Contemporary Electorate." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 73(4): 679–703.

Shawn Treier. 2010. "Where Does the President Stand? Measuring Presidential Ideology." *Political Analysis*. 18(1): 124–136.

Jeremy Pope and Shawn Treier. Forthcoming. "Reconsidering the Great Compromise at the Federal Convention of 1787: Deliberation and Agenda Effects on the Senate and Slavery." *American Journal of Political Science*.

Shawn Treier. Forthcoming. "Comparing Ideal Points Across Institutions and Time." *American Politics Research*. Expected publication date November 2011.

**Publications (non-refereed)**

“Item-Response (Rasch) Models,” in Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, and Leonardo Morlino (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Forthcoming. SAGE Publications. Expected publication date fall 2011.

“Minimizing the Damage: Converting L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X to Word Using T<sub>E</sub>X2Word.” Forthcoming. *The Political Methodologist*.

Book Review of *Semiparametric Regression for the Social Sciences* by Luke Keele. 2009. *The Political Methodologist*. 16(2): 5–7.

“National Easter Seals Society,” in Craig Ramsey (ed.) *U.S. Health Policy Groups: Institutional Profiles*. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1995. pp. 329–332.

“RAND,” in Craig Ramsey (ed.) *U.S. Health Policy Groups: Institutional Profiles*. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1995. pp. 387–390.

**Manuscripts: Revise and Resubmit**

“Mapping Dimensions of the Conflict at the Federal Convention of 1787,” with Jeremy Pope. Revise and Resubmit at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

“Ideal Point Estimation Using Overlapping Constraints in the Senate.” Revise and Resubmit at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

**Manuscripts: Under Review**

“Electoral Pressure and Policy Change: Conversion and Replacement” Under review.

“Crafting Law on the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Does Diversity on the Bench Make a Difference?,” with Susan Haire and Laura Moyer. Under review.

**Current Projects and Ongoing Research**

“Measuring Individual Delegate Positions at the Constitutional Convention of 1787,” with Jeremy Pope. To be presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

“Ideas, Interests, and the Politics of the U.S. Constitutional Convention.” Book project with Jeremy Pope. 2011-2012 academic year.

“Political Ideology in the Electorate Over Time,” with D. Sunshine Hillygus. To be presented at the 2011 American Political Science Association meeting.

“The Electoral Consequences of Diversity and Complexity in Mass Opinions in the United States,” with D. Sunshine Hillygus.

“Are Citizens Ideologically Constrained? Assessing the Dimensionality of Ideology.”

“Discrete Measures of Democracy,” with Simon Jackman.

“Measuring Democracy: Discrete or Continuous?”

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

### **Invited Presentations**

“The Electoral Consequences of Diversity and Complexity in Mass Opinions in the United States.” D. Sunshine Hillygus and Shawn Treier. Invited Presentation. Comparative Elections and Electoral Systems in North America and India Conference, University of Pennsylvania. February 24-26, 2011.

“Problems in Comparing Preferences Across Institutions.” Presented at Brigham Young University Department Research Seminar. May 18, 2009. Jay Goodliffe discussed.

“Problems in Comparing Preferences Across Institutions.” Presented at the New Ideas in Ideal Points Conference, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago. April 17, 2009.

“Problems in Comparing Preferences Across Institutions.” Presented at the Bicameralism Conference, Duke University. March 26-28, 2009.

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, University of Minnesota. September 29-30, 2006.

“*Novo Ordo Seclorum*: Summer Program in the American Founding.” Liberty Fund Colloquium. June 5-12, 2005. Park City, Utah. Week-long discussions on readings on the Founding. Presentation: Jeremy C. Pope and Shawn Treier. “Measuring Ideology at the Constitution Convention.”

### **Conference Presentations**

“Political Ideology in the Electorate Over Time,” with D. Sunshine Hillygus. To be presented at the 2011 American Political Science Association meeting.

“Measuring Individual Delegate Positions at the Constitutional Convention of 1787,” with Jeremy Pope. To be presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

“Measuring Democracy: Discrete or Continuous?” Presented at the 2010 American Political Science Association meeting.

“Ideal Points Comparable Across Chamber and Time.” Presented at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

“Issues in Estimating the President’s Ideal Point.” Presented at the 2010 Southern Political Science Association meeting.

“Electoral Pressure and Policy Change: Conversion or Replacement?” Presented at the 2009 American Political Science Association meeting.

“Problems in Comparing Preferences Across Institutions.” Presented at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

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

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 and Chair. "Text and Discourse in Quantitative Methods." Methodology Division. 2011 Midwest Political Science Association. Discussant. "Advances in Measuring Political Knowledge and Learning." Methodology Division. 2010 American Political Science Association meeting.

Discussant for Stephen Haptonstahl, "Non-Ignorable Non-Response in Roll-Call Data Analysis." 2010 Annual Summer Meeting, The Society for Methodology.

Discussant. "Measuring Ideology/Ideal Points in More than One Institution." Methodology Division. 2010 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

Discussant. "Advances in Ideal Point Estimation." Methodology Division. 2010 Southern Political Science Association meeting.

Discussant. Methodology Poster Session. 2009 American Political Science Association meeting.

Discussant for Xun Pang and Jeff Gill "Specifying Spike and Slab Prior Distributions for Bayesian Hypothesis Testing of Nonlinear Models." 2009 Annual Summer Meeting, The Society for Methodology.

Discussant and Chair, "Yeas and Nays Are Not Exogenous: The Roll Call Record in Congress," Legislative Politics: Institutions Division. 2009 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

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*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Political Analysis*, *American Politics Research*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Psychology*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Acta Politica*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *American Sociological Review*, NSF, Swiss NSF, Springer.

### **Grants and Awards**

2010 Gregory Luebbert Article Award. Best article in comparative politics, awarded by the Comparative Politics Organized Section of APSA.

2009 University of Minnesota, Office of the Vice President of Research, Grant-in-Aid, Fall 2009 (for 1/1/2010 through 6/30/2011)

2009 University of Minnesota, Department of Political Science, McMillan Travel Grant, \$500.

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

Merit Advisory Committee, 2009-2010

Methods Field Chair, 2009-2010

Formal Theory Search Committee, Fall 2009

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, 2009

CLA Advisory Committee for the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, 2009-2011

#### *University of Georgia*

Undergraduate Committee, 2005-2006

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

Methods Search Committee, Fall 2003

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Political Methodology Organized Section

Legislative Studies Organized Section