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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University	Political Science	Ph.D., Dec. 2002
The Ohio State University	Political Science	M.A., May 2000
The College of Wooster	Political Science	B.A., May 1997

American University, Washington Semester Program, 1996

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations,
University of Delaware 2009-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations,
University of Delaware 2002-2009

Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State
University 1997-2002

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Confrontation and Compromise: Presidential and Congressional Leadership, 2001-2006
with Joseph A. Pika (Boulder, CO: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008).

Political Science Research Methods, 6ed with Janet Buttolph Johnson and H.T. Reynolds
(Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2008).

Working with Political Science Research Methods, 3ed. (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press,
2011)

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“Party Loyalty and Legislative Success: Are Loyal Majority Party Members More
Successful in the U.S. House of Representatives?” with Edward B. Hasecke. *Political
Research Quarterly* 60:4 607-617 (2007).

“Congress and Katrina: A Failure of Oversight.” 2007. *State and Local Government
Review* 39(1) (2007).

“President Bush and the 110th Congress: Prospects for Compromise or Conflict?” with
Joseph A. Pika. *White House Studies* 7(1) (2007).

Other Publications

“The Empirical Effects of Voter-ID Laws: Present or Absent.” with Michael W. Wagner and David C. Wilson. *PS: Political Science* January 2009

Working Papers

“Committee Ambition and Congressional Oversight”

“The Effect of Voter Identification Laws on Turnout,” with Michael W. Wagner, and David C. Wilson.

“Bush and Congress: Presidential Strategy and Tactics Revisited,” with Joseph A. Pika

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“For the Relief of”: The Strategy Behind Particularistic Legislation” to be delivered at the 2013 MPSA meeting in Chicago

“Not so Trivial: Legislative Success on Trivial Bills” (with Ed Hasecke) delivered at the 2012 MPSA meeting in Chicago.

“Congress, Information and Electronic Communication” December 2011, PhRMA Advocacy Meeting, Washington, D.C.

“Prospectors, Raiders, and Invaders: Committee Ambition and Jurisdictional Expansion” presented at the 2011 MPSA meeting in Chicago.

“Congress and Trade Policy: A Parochial Institution?” presented at the 2011 MPSA meeting in Chicago.

“Bureaucratic Control? Institutional Competition to Direct NLRB Decision Making,” (with Kevin Scott) presented at the 2008 APSA meeting in Boston.

“Minority Party Success in the House of Representatives,” (with Ed Hasecke) presented at the 2008 MPSA meeting in Chicago.

“Regulatory Statute, Supreme Court Decisions, and Congressional Overrides,” (with Jackie Bryan and Alex Stanzione) presented at the 2008 MPSA meeting in Chicago.

“Committee Ambition and Congressional Oversight,” presented at the 2007 APSA meeting in Chicago.

“The Effect of Voter Identification Laws on Turnout,” (with Michael Wagner, and David Wilson) presented at the 2007 APSA meeting in Chicago.

“Legislative Success: A Bill Level Analysis of Scheduling in the US House of Representatives,” (with Edward Hasecke) presented at the 2007 MPSA meeting in Chicago.

“Bush and Congress: Cases in Presidential Strategy and Tactics, 2001-2006,” (with Joseph A. Pika) presented at the 2006 APSA meeting in Philadelphia.

“Campaign Finance Patterns in Congressional Elections” presented at the 2005 APSA meeting in Washington, D.C.

“Party Loyalty, Campaign Finance and Congressional Scheduling” (with Ed Hasecke) presented at the 2005 MPSA meeting in Chicago.

“The Effect of the Competitive Balance on Congressional Incumbent’s Financial Patterns” presented at the 2004 APSA meeting in Chicago.

“The Role of War Chests and Fundraising in Congressional Elections” presented at the 2001 APSA meeting in San Francisco.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PRESENTATIONS

“National Security Structure of the U.S. Congress” presented at the National Security Institute at the University of Delaware, 2012.

“Campaign Finance in the 2012 Elections” presented as part of the Road to the Presidency course, 2012

“Campaign Finance in the 2012 Elections” presented as part of the Political Communication Lecture Series, 2012

“Congress” presented to the Washington Semester Program, Washington, D.C. 2012-13

“Redistricting for 2012” presented as part of the Political Communication Lecture Series, October 2011.

“Apportionment and Redistricting: Representation in Congress” presented at the Lifelong Learning Current Issues Class at the University of Delaware, March 2011.

“National Security Structure of the U.S. Congress” presented at the National Security Institute at the University of Delaware, January 2011.

“National Security Structure of the U.S. Congress” presented at the National Security Institute at the University of Delaware, January 2010.

“National Security Priorities in the 111th Congress and the Obama Presidency” presented at the National Security Institute at the University of Delaware, January 2010.

“U.S. Trade Policy in a Changing Global Economy” presented at the America and the World Conference at the University of Delaware, April 2009.

“Committee Ambition and Congressional Oversight,” presented as part of the Research in American Politics Research Colloquium Series (2007)

“Institutional Power: Bush and Congress,” Invited Lecture for Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society Conference (2006)

Invited Lecturer for Mid-East Partnership Initiative (2006; 2007)

“Party Loyalty, Campaign Finance and Congressional Scheduling,” Presented at the First Friday Departmental Research Colloquium (2005)

“The 2004 Congressional Elections: Implications for U.S. National Security and Foreign Policy,” Invited Lecture for Fulbright Program at the University of Delaware (2005)
“Third Parties in American Politics,” Invited Lecture for the Democracy Project (2003 – 2008)
“Campaign Finance in Congressional Elections,” Keynote Speaker, Wilmington Table Talk (2002)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

University of Delaware Research Foundation (2008) \$25,000
Graduate Program Improvement Grant (2007) \$60,800
University of Delaware Social Science Scholars Program Award for:
 Scott Olivia (2011) \$4,000
 Alex Stanzione and Jackie Bryan (2007) \$8,000
 Jonathan Olmsted and Tom DeCesar (2006) \$8,000
University of Delaware General University Research Grant (2005) \$6,000
National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Support Award Grant (2001)
Ohio State University Graduate Student Alumni Research Award Grant (2001)
Program for the Enhancement of Graduate Studies Research Stipend Grant (2001)
Program for the Enhancement of Graduate Studies Research Support Grant (2001)
American Political Science Association Advanced Graduate Student Travel Grant (2001)
Henry J. Copeland Independent Study Research Grant (1997)

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Nominated for University of Delaware Excellence in Teaching Award (2003; 2007; 2008)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Congress; Presidency; Judiciary; Bureaucracy; Political Leadership; Campaigns and Elections; Parties; Interest Groups

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to American Politics, Introduction to American Politics (honors); American Political Institutions (graduate); American Political Institutions (undergraduate) Congress and Public Policy; Congress and Public Policy Undergraduate Research Seminar; Politics and the Media; Data Analysis; Introduction to Statistics (graduate); Introduction to Public Administration

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2010 – present)
Director of Internships (2007 – 2009)
Executive Committee (2004 – 2007, 2010 – 2011)
Personnel Action Committee (2004 – 2007, 2010 – 2011)
America and the World Conference Program Committee (2007 – 2009)
National Search Committee (2005; 2006; 2008, 2011)
Graduate Admissions and Funding Committee (2005 – 2010)

Honors and Awards Committee (2004 – 2010)
American Politics Research Colloquium Series director (2006 – 2007)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Senator, Faculty Senate (2012-present)
Chair, College of Arts and Science Political Communication Cluster Search Committee (2011)
Governor's School Political Science Program Director (2003 – present)
Faculty Advisor for Political Science Honors Society Pi Sigma Alpha (2004 – present)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

MPSA Pi Sigma Alpha Paper Award Committee (2011)
Member of the American Political Science Association
Member of the Midwest Political Science Association
Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *Political Parties*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *State and Local Government Review*