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I specialize in American politics, public policy, and methodology with particular interests in legislative organization and behavior, health politics, and how innovations in computer and information sciences can advance political science research and instruction.

### Current Affiliation

- Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Washington

### Education

- 1991 Ph.D. University of Rochester (American Politics, Methodology)
- 1988 M.A. University of Arizona (Public Policy)
- 1984 B.A. Portland State University

### Past Affiliations

- 2007-08, Visiting Scholar, University of Barcelona
- 2001 Visiting Scholar, University of Aarhus, Denmark
- 1994-96 Robert Wood Johnson Scholar, University of California, Berkeley
- 1991-94 Assistant Professor, University of Washington
- 1990-91 Acting Assistant Professor, University of Washington

### Fellowships and Awards

- 2007-08 *Ministerio de Educacion Y Ciencia Investigadore Extranjeros*, (Government of Spain)
- 2007 *Best Educational Website*, APSA Information and Technology section [Policy Agendas Project]
- 2002 *Best Educational Website*, APSA Information and Technology section [LegSim]
- 2000 *Institute For Teaching Excellence*, University of Washington
- 1994-96 *Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research*, UC/Berkeley
- 1990 *Richard D. Irwin* Dissertation Fellowship in the Social Sciences
- 1986-89 *Rush Rhees* Doctoral Fellowship, University of Rochester
- 1986 *Best Graduate Teaching Assistant*, University of Rochester

### Awarded Grants

- George Lucas Educational Foundation. For the development and assessment of an Advanced Placement Government curriculum emphasizing informal learning environments (in collaboration with the Bellevue School district and the the UW LIFE center) 2008
- \$3, 000 "Development Support for LegSim: U.S. Senate" Robert H. Michel Special Project Grant. *Dirksen Center for Congressional Studies*. Awarded March 2006
- \$49, 986 "Desktop Democracy: Versioning Simulation Software for the American Politics Market"
- *UW Technology Gap Innovation Fund (TGIF)*. Awarded January, 2005
- \$51,736 "Development of LEGSIM: Legislative Simulation and Election Day: Election Simulation" *The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation* (Co-PI, John Gastil, University of Washington) Awarded November, 2003.
- \$750,000 "Collaborative Research: Database Development for the Study of Public Policy" *National Science Foundation*. (Co-PI with Bryan D. Jones, University of Washington). January, 2002-December 2006.

- \$215,000 "Collaborative Research on Congressional Committee Jurisdictions, Gatekeeping and Agenda Setting" *National Science Foundation*. (Co-PI with Scott Adler, University of Colorado, Boulder). July 2000-June 2002.
- \$18,500 *National Science Foundation* REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) Supplemental. September 2000 - August 2001.
- \$19,272 "Policy Interest and Legislative Responsiveness: Bill Introductions as Indicators of Issue Responsiveness." *UW Royalty Research Fund*. (June 2000-June 2001)
- \$5,000 "Design and Development of LEGSIM, an on-line legislative simulation" *UW Office of Undergraduate Education* (January, 2000)

#### Courses Taught

##### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to American Politics  
U.S. Congress  
State Politics  
Legislative Research

##### *Graduate*

Legislative Politics  
American Core  
Applied Game Theory

#### Peer Review Journal Articles and Books (chronological)

- "Representation and American Governing Institutions." forthcoming. *Journal of Politics*. (with Bryan Jones and Heather Larsen-Price).
- *Special Volume: Text Annotation for Political Science*. 2008 forthcoming. *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, 5(1). (with Claire Cardie, Computing and Information Sciences, Cornell)
- "Computer assisted Topic Classification for Mixed Methods Social Science Research" 2008 forthcoming. *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, 4(4) (with Dustin Hillard (UW Electrical Engineering) and Stephen Purpura (Computing and Information Sciences, Cornell)
- "Intended Consequences? Jurisdictional Reform and Issue Control in the U.S. House of Representatives." 2008. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 33(85-114). (with E. Scott Adler)
- "Simulating A Federal Legislature" 2006. *Academic Exchange*. 10 (4). (with Ruth Fruland)
- "How Agenda-setting Attributes Shape Politics: Problem Attention, Agenda Dynamics and Comparative Health Policy Developments in the U.S. and Denmark." 2006. *Journal of European Public Policy* 13 (7): 1039-52. (with Christoffer Green-Pederson, Aarhus University)
- "The Political Economy of Health in the United States" *Annual Review of Political Science*. 2003. 6: 327-43.
- "Killer Amendments in Congress." *American Political Science Review*. 1999. 93(3): 1-18.
- John Wilkerson, Kelly Devers and Ruth Given eds. *Competitive Managed Care: The Emerging Health Care System*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass/Wiley. 1997.
- "Money and Medicine: The American Medical PAC's Strategy of Giving in House Races." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*. 1999. 24(2): 235-55. (with David Carrell)
- "National Health Care Reform, 103rd Congress: A Description of the Activities and Influence of Public Health Activists." Public Policy Forum. *American Journal of Public Health*. 1997. 87(7): 1107-12. with Helen Halpin Schauffler)
- "Local Television News Coverage of President Clinton's Introduction of the Health Security Act." *Journal of the American Medical Association*. 1996. 275(15): 1201-1205. (with Lori Dorfman, Helen Halpin Schauffler, and Judith Feinson)
- "The Electoral Connection in the Early Congress: The Case of the Compensation Act of 1816." *American Journal of Political Science*. 1996. 40(1): 145-171. (with William Bianco and David Spence)
- "The Analysis of Committee Power: A Critique." *American Journal of Political Science*. 1991. 35(3): 613-23.
- "Reelection and Representation in Conflict: The Case of Agenda Manipulation." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 1990. 15(2): 263-282.

#### Invited Submissions; Chapters, and Other Published Writings

- "The Biggest Problem Facing Congress? Ex-members say: Itself." Roll Call : The Newspaper of Capitol Hill October 26, 2006 (with Scott Adler)
- "Doing the Right Thing: Collective Action and Procedural Choice in the New Legislative Process " (Book Review). Perspectives on Politics. 2005, 3: 893-894.
- "Social Choice: Implications for the fairness of voting methods in general and proposal evaluation methods in particular." 2004. Prepared for Washington State Department of Public Lands/ Interagency Commission. CAPP Working Paper.
- "Studying Policy Dynamics." (with Bryan D. Jones and Frank Baumgartner) in Frank Baumgartner and Bryan D. Jones eds Policy Dynamics (University of Chicago, 2002)
- "Using Bills to Trace Attention in Congress: Policy Windows in Health Care Legislating." (with T. Jens eeley, Christi Sue, and Nicole Schiereck) in Frank Baumgartner and Bryan D. Jones eds, Policy Dynamics (University of Chicago, 2002)
- "Que Le Bien Triomphe: Le Proces en Destitution Du President Clinton" (with Bryan D. Jones) Pouvoirs, Fall 1999.
- "Competing Principals: Committees, Parties and the Organization of Congress." (Book Review) Congress and the Presidency. 1997. 24: 229-30
- "Contributions from the American Medical Political Action Committee to Members of Congress. (Letters)" New England Journal of Medicine. 1994. 330(22): 1614.
- "Congressional Procedure and Practice: A Reference, Research, and Legislative Guide." (book review) American Political Science Review. 1991. 85(1): 303-4.
- "Compactness and the 1980s Districts in the Indiana State House: Evidence of Political Gerrymandering?" in Bernard Grofman, ed. Political Gerrymandering and the Courts. New York: Agathon Press. 1990. Pp. 255-65. (with Richard Niemi)
- Measuring State Party Ideology (Development of the National Elections Study (NES) party ideology variable). University of Rochester Public Policy Analysis Series, #8911. 1989. (with Larry Bartels)

#### Manuscripts and working papers

- "The US Policy Agendas Legislation Corpus – Volume 1: A Language Resource from 1947-1998." Prepared for the 2008 International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC)" Marrakech, May 26-June 1. (with Stephen Purpura and Dustin Hillard)
- "A Needs Analysis for Instructional Support in LegSim." prepared for International Perspectives in the Learning Sciences, Utrecht, June 24-28 2008 (with Mahesh Joshi, Xui Wang and Carolyn Penstein Rose (Dept of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon))
- "Are Congressional Incumbents Accountable?" Prepared for the 2008 meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1-4. (with E. Scott Adler and Michael Ensley)
- Governing and Congressional Organization (book project), with E. Scott Adler, University of Colorado
- "Comparing Governmental Agendas: Evolution of the Prioritization of Issues in Spain and the U.S." (presented at IBEI, spring 2008) (with Laura Chaques, Luz Maria Munoz Marquez and Anna Maria Palau Roque, University of Barcelona)

#### Databases and Technology Projects

- Congressional Bills Project ([www.congressionalbills.org](http://www.congressionalbills.org)) Designed portal providing web-based access and information about a very large NSF-sponsored dataset assembled by teams at the University of Washington and University of Colorado. Collaborator: E. Scott Adler (U. Colorado)
- LegSim: Legislative Simulation ([www.legsim.org](http://www.legsim.org)) Internet-based virtual legislature used by more than 2000 students during the 2006-07 academic year. Primary Collaborator: Sean Kellogg
- Desktop Democracy ([www.desktop-democracy.org](http://www.desktop-democracy.org)) High School portal for LegSim and Election Day educational simulations tailored to state and national learning standards including the Classroom Based Assessment (CBA) standards recently enacted in the State of Washington. Collaborator: John Gastil (UW)

- Policy Agendas Project ([www.policyagendas.org](http://www.policyagendas.org)) Designed on-line engine for conducting on the fly investigations of national public policy developments from 1946 to the present. Collaborators: Bryan D. Jones (UW); Frank Baumgartner (Penn State)

#### Professional Positions

- Senior Editorial Board, Journal of Information Technology and Politics
- Secretary/Treasurer, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association (2005-07)
- Editorial Board, Political Research Quarterly (2002-06)
- Advisory Committee on Recreation and Health, Washington State Interagency Committee
- Board of Directors, Thomas C. Wales Civic Leadership Foundation
- Chair, UW Library Fine Appeals Committee

#### Selected recent Presentations and Workshops

- Invited talks: University of Barcelona, SPIRIT:University of Bordeaux, Sciences-PO (Paris), University of Aarhus (Denmark) 2008
- Presenter, ECPR General Conference, Pisa 2007
- Presenter and Coordinator, European Consortium for Political Research Workshop, Cyprus 2006
- Presenter, NSF sponsored workshop: Coding Across the Disciplines (University of Pittsburgh)
- Presenter, Games for Change Symposium (Seattle).
- Moderator, Assisted Dying Legislation Symposium. Seattle University
- Presenter, Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) 2006 Summer
- Workshops (Spokane, Yakima, Seattle)