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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Ph.D. in Political Science August, 2000.

Dissertation Title: "Thinking Through Democracy: Deliberative Politics in Theory & Practice."

Master of Arts in Political Science June, 1996.

MA Paper Title: "Monological Versus Discursive Preference Aggregation: An Experimental Investigation into Some Likely Effects of Deliberative Democracy."

International Society of Political Psychology

Columbus, OH

Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP) held at Ohio State University. Summer, 1998.

Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

Bachelor of Arts in June, 1991. Double major in Philosophy and the Honors Program in Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences (MMSS). University and departmental honors.

TEACHING & WORK EXPERIENCE

Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

Assistant Professor of Political Science. 08-02 to present.

The University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Scholar in Health Policy Research.
8-01 to 7-02.

The National Commission on Federal Election Reform

Federal Election System Task-Force Researcher. 2-01 to 7-01.

Yale University

New Haven, CT

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science & the Program in Ethics, Politics, and Economics. 9-00 to 1-01.

SYSTAT

Evanston, IL

Sequentially held positions include: technical support, technical documentation editor, junior statistical consultant. 1-90 to 1-93.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Common Voices: Between the Theory & Practice of Deliberative Democracy

PUBLICATIONS

“The Co-evolution of Networks and Political Attitudes,” forthcoming *Political Communication*. With David Lazer, Brian Rubineau, Nancy Katz, and Carol Chetkovich.

“Disentangling Diversity in Deliberative Democracy: Competing Theories, their Blind-spots, and Complementarities,” forthcoming *The Journal of Political Philosophy*. With André Bächtiger, Simon Niemeyer, Marco R. Steenbergen, and Jürg Steiner.

“Three-Fifths a Racist: Context and Meaning in the Race Politics Debate.” forthcoming *Political Behavior*. (Winner of the Roberta Sigel Best Paper Award, International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting 2002, Berlin, FRG.)

“Meaning & Measurement: Reorienting the Race Politics Debate.” forthcoming *Political Research Quarterly*.

“Veterans’ Views on Balancing Privacy & Research in Medicine: A Deliberative Democratic Study.” With Joy Pritts, Laura Damschroder, & Rodney Hayward. *Journal of Medicine & Law* (February, 2008).

“Family Disputes: Diversity in Defining and Measuring Deliberation.” *Swiss Political Science Review* 13(4): 527-57, Dec. 2007.

Review of Thomas Schelling’s Strategies of Commitment and Other Essays, *Ethics* (October 2007). (with Benjamin Jones)

“Philosophical Psychology with Political Intent” in The Affect Effect: Dynamics of Emotion in Political Thinking and Behavior, Russell Neuman, Michael McKuen, Ann Crigler & George Marcus (eds.). University of Chicago Press. Chicago, IL. (2007)

“Measuring and Explaining the Quality of Web Sites in the (Virtual) House of Representatives,” in Current Issues and Trends in E-Government Research. Donald F. Norris (ed.). The Idea Group. (2007) (With Kevin Esterling and David Lazer.)

“Patients, Privacy, & Trust,” *Social Science & Medicine*. January 2007. (with Joy Pritts, Laura Damschroder, John Creswell, Rosemarie Kalarickel & Rodney Hayward.)

“Thinking Through Democracy: Between the Theory & Practice of Deliberative Politics” *Acta Politica*, July 2005, Volume 40, Number 2.

“Home (Page) Style,” *International Journal of E-government Research*, 1(2), 48-62, April-June 2005. (with Kevin Esterling & David Lazer)

“Giving Hands & Feet to Morality,” *Perspectives on Politics*, March 2004, Volume 2, Number 1. (invited)

Review of Joseph Heath’s Communicative Action and Rational Choice, *Ethics*, October, 2003.

Review of Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky (eds.) Choices, Values, and Frames, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Summer, 2003.

Review of Dennis Chong’s Rational Lives: Norms and Values in Politics and Society, *Ethics*, April, 2002.

“The Emergence of Post-Culturalism,” *Human Development*, 1998; v.41. (with Larry Nucci).

WORKING-PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS

“Picking People or Pushing Politics: Selection and Influence on Five Network Criteria.” (with David Lazer and Brian Rubineau).

- Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, Sep. 2009. (peer reviewed)

"Explaining the Diffusion of Web-Based Communication Technology among Congressional Offices: A Natural Experiment using State Delegations"

- Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, Sep. 2009. (peer reviewed)
- Midwestern Political Science Conference, Annual Meeting 2009, April, 2009, Chicago, IL. (peer reviewed)
- Western Political Science Association, 2005 Annual Meeting, March, 2005, Oakland, CA. (peer reviewed)
- International Social Network Analysis Annual Conference, February, 2005, Redondo Beach, CA. (peer reviewed)
- DG.O2005, National Conference on Digital Government Research, Atlanta, GA, May, 2005. (peer reviewed)

“The Roots of Deliberative Participation.” (with Kevin Esterling, David Lazer, Anand Sokhey, and Ryan Kennedy).

- Annual Meetings of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 2009. (peer reviewed)

“Networks, Hierarchies, and Markets: Aggregating Problem Solving in Social Systems.” (with David Lazer, Ines Mergel, Curt Ziniel, and Kevin Esterling)

- DG.O2007, the Annual Meeting of the Digital Government Society, Philadelphia, PA. May, 2007. (peer reviewed)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Conference. November, 2007, Washington, DC. (peer reviewed)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2006: Philadelphia, PA. (peer reviewed). (peer reviewed)

“Networks and political attitudes: Structure, influence, and co-evolution” (with B. Rubineau, C. Chetkovich, N. Katz, D. Lazer).

- Networks in Political Science, Harvard University: June 12, 2008 (invited)

“Means, Motive, and Opportunity in Becoming Informed about Politics: A Deliberative Field Experiment” (with Kevin Esterling and David Lazer).

- Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Sept., 2007. (peer reviewed)
- Public Policy Institute of California, October, 2007. (invited)

“Estimating Treatment Effects in the Presence of Selection on Unobservables: The Generalized Endogenous Treatment Model.” (with Kevin Esterling and David Lazer)

- Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University: April, 2007. (invited)

“What Do You Mean by Immigrant? Framing Effects & Attitudes Towards Immigration in a Survey Experiment.” (with Karthick Ramakrishnan, Kevin Esterling, and David Lazer)

- Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Conference. February, 2007. Riverside, CA. (invited)

“Why Does the Man in the Home Depot Parking Lot Hate Immigrants? Cultural Animus and Attitudes Towards Immigration,” (with K. Ramakrishnan, K. Esterling, and D. Lazer)

- Cooperative Congressional Election Study (CCES) Conference. Lake Arrowhead Conference Center. March, 2007. (invited)

“Connecting to Congress: Improving Deliberation in the Information Age” (with Kevin Esterling and David Lazer).

- Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, Sept., 2006. (peer reviewed)
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2007. (peer reviewed)
- DG.O2007, the Annual Meeting of the Digital Government Society, Philadelphia, PA. May, 2007. (peer reviewed)

“Technology Adoption and Institutional Change in the United States Senate: An Analysis of Web Site Content” (with Kevin Esterling and David Lazer).

- Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2005. (peer reviewed)
- DG.O2006, National Conference on Digital Government Research, San Diego, CA, May, 2006. (peer reviewed)

“Style Conscious: How Members of Congress Learn New Ways to Communicate” (with Kevin Esterling and David Lazer).

- Annual Meetings of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, CA. March, 2005. (peer reviewed)
- Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April, 2005.
- DG.O2005, National Conference on Digital Government Research, Atlanta, GA, May, 2005. (peer reviewed)
- Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, Sept. 2005. (peer reviewed)

“Home (Page) Style: House Members on the Web” (with David Lazer and Kevin Esterling).

- DG.O2004, the National Conference on Digital Government, Seattle, WA, May 24-26, 2004. (peer reviewed)

“Linking Deliberative Opinion Change to Normative Theory.”

- International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting. July, 2005. Toronto, Canada. (peer reviewed)
- Conference on Deliberation & Collective Choice, May, 2005: Evanston, IL. (invited)
- Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. April, 1998. Chicago, IL. (peer reviewed)

“Meaning & Measurement: Reorienting the Race Politics Debate.”

- Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. April, 2001. Chicago, IL (peer reviewed)
- International Society for Political Psychology, Annual Meeting. July, 2000. Seattle, WA. (peer reviewed)

“Three-Fifths a Racist: Context and Meaning in the Race Politics Debate.”

- International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting. July, 2002. Berlin, FRG. Winner of the Roberta Sigel Best Paper Award. (peer reviewed)
- American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. Sept. 1999. Atlanta, GA. (peer reviewed)

“Veterans’ Views on Balancing Privacy & Research in Medicine: A Deliberative Democratic Study.” (with Joy Pritts, Laura Damschroder, & Rodney Hayward).

- Society of Medical Decision Making Annual Meeting. Oct., 2004. Atlanta, GA. (peer reviewed)
- RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Conference. June, 2003. Aspen, CO. (invited)

“The Weight of Passion: A Revisionist History of Political Emotion”

- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2005: New Orleans, LA. (peer reviewed)
- International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting. July, 2002. Berlin, FRG. (peer reviewed)

“The New Talking Cure: The Deliberative Quality of the Oregon Health Plan.”

(with Theodore Marmor, Larry Jacobs, & Jon Oberlander)

- OSU Center for Law, Policy, & Social Science 2004. (invited)
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April, 2005. Chicago, IL. (peer reviewed)

“Counting Voices in an Echo Chamber: Cognition, Complexity, and the Prospects for Deliberative Democracy.”

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April, 2003. Chicago, IL. (peer reviewed)
- International Society for Political Psychology, Annual Meeting. July, 2000. Seattle, WA. (peer reviewed)

“Narrative Democracy: Myths of Founding in Grass and Rushdie.”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Sept., 2005. Washington, D.C. (peer reviewed)

“Narrative Democracy: Myths of Re-Founding in Morrison and Marquez.”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Sept., 2004. Chicago, IL. (peer reviewed)

“Rorty and Anderson on Narratives of Democratic Identity.”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Sept., 2002. Boston, MA. (peer reviewed)

“On the Circulation of Communicative Power in Society.”

- Conference on Empirical Approaches to Deliberative Politics, European University Institute. May, 2004. Florence, Italy. (peer reviewed)

“Motive Matters: Liberalism & Insincerity.”

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April, 2004. Chicago, IL. (peer reviewed)

“The Problem with Accommodating Reasonable Disagreement.”

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April, 2002. Chicago, IL. (peer reviewed)

“Impassioned Democracy: The Role of Emotion in Deliberative Theory.”

- The Democracy Collaborative Affiliates Conference, 2003: Washington, D.C. (invited)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Sept., 2002. Boston, MA. (peer reviewed)
- European Consortium for Political Research. May, 2002. Turin, Italy. (peer reviewed)

“Anonymous Versus Discursive Preference Aggregation: An Experimental Investigation into Some Likely Effects of Deliberative Democracy.”

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April, 1996. Chicago, IL. (peer reviewed) [Master’s thesis: inactive]

“Living Beyond Our Means: Implications of the Pervasiveness of Means-Ends Rationality for Moral Development”

- Robert S. Hartman Institute Annual Meeting. July, 1992. Knoxville, TN. (peer reviewed) [Undergraduate thesis: inactive]

GRANTS

2008 Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation: Grant for AY 2008-2009 to conduct deliberative field experiments involving a current US Senator (Carl Levin, D-MI), \$47,400 (with David Lazer and Kevin Esterling) Co-PI

- 2006 National Science Foundation, Research Experience for Undergraduates, \$12,000 for one year to fund software development for the Connecting to Congress projects (with David Lazer and Kevin Esterling) Co-PI
- 2005 National Science Foundation, "Connecting to Congress: Citizen/Representative Deliberation in the Information Age," 2 years, \$185,000 supplement total for project to fund online deliberative field experiments involving current members of the U.S. House of Representatives (with David Lazer and Kevin Esterling). Co-PI
- 2005 National Science Foundation, Research Experience for Undergraduates, \$12,078 for one year to fund web search data collection for Connecting to Congress (with David Lazer and Kevin Esterling). Co-PI
- 2004 National Science Foundation, "Connecting to Congress: The Adoption and Use of Web Technologies among Members of Congress." 3 years, \$1,000,000 total for project. (with David Lazer and Kevin Esterling). Co-PI
- 2003 The Ohio State University, "Deliberative Breakdown: When & Why Deliberation Succeeds & Fails," \$19,517. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Seed Grant. PI
- 2002 Veterans Administration, "Veterans Views of Privacy and Research"; \$479,684 Health Services Research & Development Grant, 2003-2005. Co-investigator

AWARDS

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellowship, 2001-2003.
 Roberta Sigel Best Paper Award, International Society for Political Psychology, 2002.
 Mellon Foundation Final Year Dissertation Fellowship, 1999.
 Grodzins Teaching Prize, 1999.
 Mellon Foundation Summer Research Grant, 1997.
 National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1995-1998.
 University Century Fellowship, 1995-1998.
 Evans Scholars Foundation's Scholar of the Year, 1991.

DATA SETS COLLECTED (Selected)

Cooperative Congressional Election Study *datasets* (2006, 2007, 2008)

Public opinion surrounding immigration and border security policy. Polimetrix weighted sample. Extensive question wording experiments. Three rolling cross sections, 2006, 2007, 2008. Two waves for each cross section, late summer (pre-election) and early November (post-election). 1000 responses for each year. Approximately 700 variables per year. Codebook available. Data not publicly available. Funding sources: Ohio State University; UCR; UC Berkeley.

Connecting to Congress Web Quality/Content Coding *dataset*

Codes indicators of the content and quality of legislative websites for both House and Senate. Coding categories include issue quality, constituent communication, usability, and technology. Two panels, 2006 and 2007. Separate dataset for coding reliability study 535 observations per wave. Approximately 200 variables each wave. Codebook available. Data not publicly available. Funding source: NSF Digital Government Program (IIS-0429452).

Connecting to Congress Deliberative Experiments (U.S. House / Immigration) dataset

20 field experiments. Each experiment involved one of: 12 members of Congress, a policy expert discussing immigration policy with a sample of constituents via an online platform. Knowledge Networks sample. Random assignment to treatment (deliberative session) and control. Each experiment had six survey waves - Baseline survey - Background materials survey – In experimental session survey - Post experimental session survey - Follow up survey one week after experimental session - Post election survey, early November 2006. Approximately 500 variables across the 6 waves. Codebook available. Data not publicly available. Funding source: NSF Digital Government Program (IIS-0429452).

Connecting to Congress Experiment (U.S. Senate / Detainee Policy) dataset

An online deliberative experiment involving Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) discussing detainee policy with his constituents. 197 treatment subjects and approximately 600 controls. Polimetrix unweighted sample. Codebook available. Dataset not publicly available. Funding source: Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation.

Connecting to Congress National Survey on Immigration Policy dataset

National survey using the baseline survey from the deliberation experiments. Summer 2006. 1002 responses. Approximately 450 variables. Codebook available. Data not publicly available. Funding source: NSF Digital Government Program (IIS-0429452).

Press Secretary IT Survey dataset

A survey on IT adoption and use among U.S. Congressional offices. Press secretaries were respondents. Over 100 offices in sample. Codebook available. Data not publicly available. Funding source: NSF Digital Government Program (IIS-0429452).

OPINION / EDITORIALS

“Town Halls, Without the Screaming or Scripting”

The Boston Globe: August 30th, 2009

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2009/08/30/town_halls_with_out_the_screaming_or_scripting/

“The Political Process Worked – This Time, Anyway” (with Chad Flanders)

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: April 27th, 2008

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/29594264.html>

“Why Make It Hard to Vote?” (with Chad Flanders)

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: January 13th, 2008

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/29556579.html>

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of French and German.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.