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RESEARCH INTERESTS	American Politics: electoral behavior, public opinion, parties and interest groups Quantitative Political Methodology: statistics, survey research and experiments	
EDUCATION	The Ohio State University , Columbus, Ohio Ph.D., Department of Political Science, expected 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: “Information and Context: The Electoral Intersection”• Committee: Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Kathleen M. McGraw, and Herbert F. Weisberg (Chair) Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Survey Research, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2008 Graduate Minor in Statistics, Department of Statistics, expected 2010 Università degli Studi di Trento , Trent, Italy M.A., Department of International Studies, 2004 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis: “First and Third Capitalisms: The Politics of Enron and Parmalat”• Advisor: Vincent Della Sala University of Chicago , Chicago, IL M.A., Department of Social Sciences, 2001 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis: “Toward the Continual Presence of the Industrial District: The Impact of Immigration on Italy”• Advisor: Gary B. Herrigel University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI B.A., School of Literature, Science and Arts, 1999 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Majors: Political Science and Italian• Advisor: Christopher H. Achen	
PUBLICATIONS	Weisberg, Herbert F. and Dino P. Christenson. 2007. “Changing Horses in Wartime? The 2004 Presidential Election.” <i>Political Behavior</i> , 29(2): 279-304. Christenson, Dino P. and Joshua A. Morris. 2009. “Speeding Up R for Windows.” <i>The Political Methodologist</i> , 17(1): 4-11. Christenson, Dino P. and Corwin D. Smidt. 2009. “Riding the Waves of Money: Contribution Dynamics in the 2008 Presidential Nomination Campaign.” <i>Journal of Political Marketing</i> , Forthcoming.	

CURRENT
PROJECTS

“Interest Group Networks: Diffusion of Ideas & Influence.” National Science Foundation Grant Proposal submitted August 15, 2009 (Co-PI with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier).

“Explaining Dynamics in Invisible Primary Campaign Contributions” (with Corwin D. Smidt).

“A Tale of Two Primaries: Iowa & New Hampshire’s Relationship with the Invisible Primary 2008” (with Corwin D. Smidt).

“The Dynamic Effects of Campaign Advertisements on Dimensions of Political Information.”

“The Effect of Information on Economic Voting” (with Dean P. Lacy). *Under Review*.

“The Conditional Impact of Moral Values: The 2006 Ohio Gubernatorial Election” (with Herbert F. Weisberg).

“The Absentee Vote in California: Fixed Effects Panel Data Analyses” (with Brian J. Gaines).

“Experts in Crime: The Effect of Exclusively Criminal Dockets on Judicial Behavior” (with Banks P. Miller & Brett Curry).

AWARDS &
GRANTS

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2009

Presidential Fellowship, Ohio State University, 2009 & 2010

Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2009

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2009

Harvey Walker Senior Research Grant, Ohio State University, 2008

Ray Travel Award, Council of Graduate Studies, Ohio State University, 2008

Senior Fellow, Program in Statistics & Methodology, Ohio State University, 2007 & 2008

Survey Research Award, Center for Survey Research, Ohio State University, 2006

International Studies Scholarship, Università degli Studi di Trento, 2003 & 2004

Social Science Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2000

Michigan Competitive Scholarship, University of Michigan, 1996, 1997 & 1998

Undergraduate Scholarship, Order Sons of Italy in America, 1995

HONORS &
AFFILIATIONS

APSA, the American Political Science Association

APSA section: Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior

APSA section: Political Methodology

APSA section: Political Organizations and Parties

MPSA, the Midwest Political Science Association

PolMeth, the Society for Political Methodology

SPSA, the Southern Political Science Association

Center for the Study of Religion at Ohio State University

Initiative in Population Research at Ohio State University

Member of the Dante Alighieri Club

Member of the Order Sons of Italy in America

Γκα National Collegiate Honor Society

ICIRR participant at the Immigration 101 Program

SEIU participant at the AFL-CIO Organizing Institute

ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Co-Principal Investigator, The Electoral Intersection **Summer 2009 - present**

- Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant from the National Science Foundation
- Award # 0921734 with Herbert F. Weisberg and Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier

Co-Founder, The Visible Primary **Summer 2007 - present**

- Collect and analyze primary and general election campaign data on news and candidate websites via an automated retrieval program
- Write and monitor Perl and HTML code for data collection and dissemination
- With Corwin D. Smidt

Co-Principal Investigator, The Superdelegate Study of 2008 **May 2008 - present**

- Wrote a cross-section survey to gauge elite decision-making processes
- Disseminated survey to appropriate population
- Currently collecting and organizing the data
- Funded by the Harvey Walker Senior Research Grant
- With Erik Heidemann

Instructor, Techniques in Political Analysis **Fall 2008 & Summer 2007**

- Introduced students to the process of empirical political analysis
- Focused on elementary statistics, including data description, probabilities, significance testing, correlation, and regression analysis
- Explored the greater research methods enterprise used to make claims about political phenomena
- Received formal commendation for high student evaluations

Senior Fellow, PRISM **Sep 2007 - Aug 2008**

- Statistical consultant for faculty and advanced graduate students
- Provided technical assistance to advanced methods classes
- Lectured on and presented statistical methods and software

Graduate Student Rep., PRL Oversight Committee **Sep 2007 - Aug 2008**

- Oversaw the operations and development of the lab and multimedia rooms
- Voiced relevant concerns and suggestions of the graduate students to the Director of the Political Research Lab

Co-Principal Investigator, TOPS 2006 **Sep 2006 - Sep 2007**

- Wrote a three wave panel plus a fresh cross-section political survey
- Managed and merged data for public dissemination
- With Herbert Weisberg, William Eveland, Andrew Hayes, Erin McAdams, Tiffany Thomson, Delton Thomas Daigle, Anand Sokhey, Jason Reineke, Ivan Dylko, Lawrence Baum and Gerald Kosicki

Webmaster, Political Research Laboratory **Sep 2005 - Aug 2006**

- Responsible for the development and updating of the department website
- Held regular web and computer consulting hours for faculty and students

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science

- Judicial Politics TA for Elliot Slotnick **Spring 2005**
- American Politics TA for Janet Box-Steffensmeier **Winter 2005**
- Campaign Politics TA for Herbert Asher **Fall 2004**

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Interview Instructor, 2006 Ohio Exit Polls **Sep 2006 - Nov 2006**

- Instructed college students how to give exit poll for an academic survey
- Managed survey logistics, including issuing surveys to appropriate interviewers, collecting surveys and organizing exit poll supplies

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI

Teaching Assistant, ICPSR **Summer 2005**

- Game Theory TA for Dean Lacy
- Graded homework and held regular office hours for graduate students

Università degli Studi di Trento, Trent, Italy

Research Assistant, Facoltà di Sociologia **Jan 2004 - Jul 2004**

- RA for Vincent Della Sala

OTHER
EXPERIENCE

Obama Senatorial Campaign, Chicago, IL

Policy Advisor for Jobs and Economy **Feb 2003 - Nov 2004**

- Wrote policy platforms on economic development, taxes and the state budget
- Edited proposals for transportation policies and addressed legislative cooperation

Wilhelm & Conlon Public Strategies, Chicago, IL

Account Supervisor **Jan 2003 - Dec 2003**

- Provided political consulting and financial advisory services for private and public sector clients in the Midwest region
- Analyzed state and federal appropriations, legislation and policy initiatives concerning transportation, public health and higher education
- Advised clients on message development, public sector marketing and network building

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago Harris School **Spring 2003**

- Campaign Politics TA for David Wilhelm

Granholtz Gubernatorial Campaign & Transition, Lansing, MI

Policy Advisor for Budget and Finance **Aug 2002 - Jan 2003**

- Regularly briefed the Governor's Office regarding state revenues
- Confidentially verified fiscal analyses and prepared data for the Governor's FY '04 State Budget Proposal
- Investigated state budget and treasury policies as well as labor, commerce, justice and civil rights policies

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

“Information and Advertising: Multivariate Matching with Campaign Exposure.” Paper presented at the New Faces in Political Methodology Conference, May 13-14, 2009. Penn State University, State College, PA. Also presented as a poster at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, July 9-13, 2008. Ann Arbor, MI.

“An Introduction to Complex Surveys in R.” Presented at the Survey Research Practicum, May 21, 2009. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

“An Introduction to Stata.” Presented at the PRISM Brownbag Series, January 25, 2008. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (with Scott Powell).

“An Introduction to OLS Analysis in R.” Presented at the PRISM Brownbag Series, November 20, 2007. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (with Scott Powell).

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

“Amicus Curiae Networks: Lobbying the Supreme Court.” Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 7-9, 2010. Atlanta, GA (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).

“The Timing of Superdelegate Decisions: Constituency Attitudes and Elite Behavior.” Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 7-9, 2010. Atlanta, GA (with Erik Heidemann).

“Early State Primary Momentum: Media Hype or Reliable Cue?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, 2009. Toronto, ON (with Corwin Smidt).

“Political Information and Campaign Context in Presidential Elections.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Preconference on Political Communication, September 2, 2009. Toronto, ON. Also presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2-5, 2009. Chicago, IL.

“Issues, Media and Momentum in the 2008 Primary: Automated Retrieval of Dynamic Content.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, July, 23-26, 2009. New Haven, CT.

“Explaining Dynamics in Invisible Primary Campaign Contributions.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2-5, 2009. Chicago, IL (with Corwin Smidt).

“Experts in Crime: The Effect of Exclusively Criminal Dockets on Judicial Behavior.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 8-11, 2009. New Orleans, LA (with Banks Miller & Brett Curry).

“Isolating the Effects of Information in Context: Personal Resources, Social Networks, and Campaign Environments.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 8-11, 2009. New Orleans, LA (with Anand Sokhey).

“A Tale of Two Primaries: Campaign Coverage Dynamics in the 2008 Presidential Primary.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008. Boston, MA (with Corwin Smidt).

“Treating Individuals with Campaign Exposure: Information in Presidential Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6, 2008. Chicago, IL.

“The Visible Primary: Dynamics in Presidential Primary Campaign Coverage.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6, 2008. Chicago, IL (with Corwin Smidt).

“Prospective Battlegrounds and Retrospective Landslides: Presidential Approval, Information and Campaign Effects.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 9-13, 2008. New Orleans, LA.

“The Effect of Information on Economic Voting.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30–September 2, 2007. Chicago, IL (with Dean Lacy).

“The Conditional Impact of Moral Values: The 2006 Ohio Gubernatorial Election.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2007. Chicago, IL (with Herbert Weisberg).

“Changing Horses in Wartime? The 2004 Presidential Election.” Paper presented at the Wartime Election of 2004 Conference, January 13-14, 2006. Columbus, OH. Also presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4, 2005. Washington, D.C.(with Herbert Weisberg).

CONFERENCE
PARTICIPANT

Panel Chair for “Information and Motivated Reasoning.” Papers to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 7-9, 2010. Atlanta, GA.

Panel Chair & Discussant for “Religion and Voting in 2008.” Papers presented at the Transformative Election of 2008 Conference, October 2-3, 2009. Columbus, OH.

Panel Discussant for “Money in American Elections.” Papers presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, 2009. Toronto, ON.

The Harvard Political Networks Conference, June 11-13, 2009. Boston, MA.

Panel Discussant for “Dynamic Models: Panels, Cycles, and Time Series.” Papers presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6, 2008. Chicago, IL

JOURNAL
REFEREE

American Politics Research
American Political Science Review
Political Behavior

SKILLS

Language proficiency: English and Italiana
Language novice: Magyar and Français
Programming and Design: Perl, PHP, HTML, CSS and Flash
Statistical Software: R, Stata, WinBUGS, SPSS, AMOS, Excel and WHLM
Applications: Aquamacs, Access, Emacs, Outlook, PowerPoint and Publisher
Text: T_EX, L^AT_EX, B_IB_TE_X, Word and Word Perfect

REFERENCES

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