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## Education

**Ohio State University**, Columbus, OH

Ph.D. Political Science, Expected June 2012

**Major:** American Politics; Minor: Political Methodology

**Dissertation:** *Interest Group Subsidization of Legislative Action: The Mediating Role of Committees and their Institutional Evolution*

**Committee:** Craig Volden (chair), Luke Keele, William Minozzi

**California State University, Sacramento**, Sacramento, CA

M.A. Economics, 2004

**University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA

B.A. Economics, 1999

B.A. Political Science, 1999

## Additional Education

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), Washington University in St. Louis, 2009

## Research

### *Journal Articles*

“Theories of Legislative Politics and Committee Action in the Postwar U.S. House of Representatives”  
(Forthcoming at *Journal of Theoretical Politics*)

### *Working Papers*

“The Diffusion of Institutions: The Case of Merit Selection for Supreme Court Justices in the U.S. States” (with Jeff Budziak)

“Lobbying Through Committees: A Legislative Institutions Theory of Interest Group Influence with an Empirical Test”

“Complexity in U.S. Policymaking: Issue Dimensionality and the Clarifying Role of Congressional Committees”

“The Role of Material and Non-material Preferences in Vote Choice” (with Steve Nawara)

## **Conference Participation**

“A Theory of Interest Group Subsidies, Committee Productivity, and Legislative Organization.” Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2011.

“Issue Dimensionality and Congressional Committees.” Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2010.

“Committee Chairs, Institutional Advantage, and Legislative Effectiveness.” Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2009.

## **Research/Teaching Interests**

*American Politics*: Congress, Public Policy, Interest Groups, Bureaucracy, Presidency

*Political Methodology*: Research Design, Quantitative Methods, Game Theory

## **Teaching Experience**

### *Instructor*

Introduction to American Politics (Winter 2009, Fall 2009, Winter 2010)

Techniques in Political Analysis (Spring 2010, Summer 2010, Winter 2011, Summer 2011)

Legislative Politics (Fall 2010, Fall 2011)

### *Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2008, Head Instructor: Jack Wright)

Introduction to Public Policy (Spring 2009, Head Instructor: Craig Volden)

Legislative Politics (Spring 2011, Head Instructor: Randall Ripley)

## **Relevant Work Experience**

Consultant (Sacramento, CA): Consulted on land use policy for a firm that contracted with private developers and local governments (1.5 years)

Legislative Associate (Sacramento, CA): Conducted legislative and policy analysis for nonprofit organization advocating for land use reform in the California legislature (1.5 years)

## **Awards**

Summer Survey Research Award, Center for Survey Research, The Ohio State University, 2007

NSF-EITM Summer Institute Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis

## **Professional Affiliations**

Reviewer: Political Research Quarterly

Member: American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association