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Education

University of Nevada Las Vegas

Las Vegas, Nevada

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Sept. 2003 - June 2007

GPA 3.79

2005 Intern at the Nevada Legislature's Assembly Majority Leader's office.

University of California Irvine

Irvine, California

PH.D. GRADUATE STUDENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Sept. 2014 - Present

Research - American Politics, Representation, Geography, Participation, Elections, Public Opinion, Demographics, Spatial Models.

ICPSR - Summer 2016

Skills

Software R, Stata, ArcGIS, LaTeX, R, Microsoft Office, SPSS, HTML

Research *American Politics, Representation, Geography, Participation, Elections, Public Opinion, Demographics, Spatial Models*

My research has focused on electoral participation, representation, and political behavior with a special emphasis on geographic constraints and spatial aspects of politics.

Publications

“Why noncompetitive states are so important for understanding the outcomes of competitive elections: the Electoral College 1868–2016”, *Public Choice*, 2017, with Bernard Grofman

JOURNAL ARTICLE

We offer a new and simple metric for partisan asymmetries in noncompetitive states and show how it can predict the expected closeness of EC outcomes as well or better than the more complex combinatorics measures proposed by Brams and Kilgour (2017).

“Pennsylvania has to draw new congressional districts, but getting rid of gerrymandering will be harder than you think.”, *Washington Post*, *The Monkey Cage*, February 9, 2018, with Bernard Grofman

BLOG

Eliminating gerrymandering is not as straightforward as you might think. We write about how, even using good government criteria, states can still end up with what we term “*stealth gerrymanderers*”. We differentiate between “*neutral*” and “*fair*” maps.

Conference Presentations

Center for the Study of Democracy Graduate Student Conference

Irvine, California

REPRESENTATION OF NON-ELIGIBLE RESIDENT POPULATIONS IN LEGISLATIVE BODIES, WITH ANGELA X. OCAMPO

May 2016

(UCLA)

“Asymmetry in State Grant Distribution: Why Proximity to the State Capital Matters”

Western Political Science Association

San Diego, California

ELECTORAL, PARTISAN, AND LEGISLATIVE POLITICS IN POLICYMAKING

March 2015

“Asymmetry in State Grant Distribution: Why Proximity to the State Capital Matters”

Awards and Grants

Outstanding Teaching

POLITICAL SCIENCE 21A - INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

Winter 2016

In recognition of excellent teaching as judged by teaching effectiveness scores

ICPSR Summer Program Scholarship

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE

2016, 2017, 2018

Merit-based grant awarded to attend the prestigious summer quantitative program at the University of Michigan

Summer Session Fellowship Stipend

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE, DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

2015, 2016, 2017

Merit-based grant awarded to attend the prestigious summer quantitative program at the University of Michigan

References

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Teaching

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| Intro to Political Science - Comparative Analysis , Charles Smith, Political Science 6A - <i>Evaluations - 6.16/7 Average</i> | <i>Fall 2014</i> |
| Introduction to American Government , Marty Wattenberg, Political Science 21A - <i>Evaluations -</i> <i>6.51/7 Average</i> | <i>Winter 2014</i> |
| Macro Politics , Mark Petracca, Political Science 6B - <i>Evaluations - 6.29/7 Average</i> | <i>Spring 2015</i> |
| Behavioral Economics , Igor Kopylov, Economics 115 - <i>Evaluations - 5.64/7 Average</i> | <i>Fall 2015</i> |
| Introduction to American Government , Graeme Boushey, Political Science 21A - <i>Evaluations -</i> <i>6.46/7 Average</i> | <i>Winter 2016</i> |
| American Legislator , Congressman John Campbell, Political Science 129 | <i>Spring 2016</i> |
| California Politics , Honorable William Lockyer, Political Science 122B - <i>Evaluations - NA/7 Average</i> | <i>Fall 2016</i> |

Classes Taken

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| American Political Field Seminar , Political Science 219 - <i>Davin Phoenix & Faculty</i> | <i>Fall 2014</i> |
| Population , Sociology 262A - <i>Susan Brown</i> | <i>Fall 2014</i> |
| American Politics from a Comparative Perspective , Political Science 219 - <i>Bernie Grofman</i> | <i>Winter 2015</i> |
| Quantitative Methods , Political Science 229 - <i>Michael Tesler</i> | <i>Winter 2015</i> |
| Political Participation , Political Science 260B - <i>Carole Uhlaner</i> | <i>Winter 2015</i> |
| Introduction to Game Theory , Political Science 254A - <i>Marek Kaminski</i> | <i>Spring 2015</i> |
| Public Choice III , Economics 270C - <i>Ami Glazer</i> | <i>Spring 2015</i> |
| Public Opinion , Political Science 212A - <i>Michael Tesler</i> | <i>Fall 2015</i> |
| Statistics I , Political Science 219 - <i>Bernie Grofman</i> | <i>Fall 2015</i> |
| Race, Ethnicity, and Gender , Political Science 219 - <i>Davin Phoenix</i> | <i>Fall 2015</i> |
| Collective Action , Political Science 219 - <i>Carole Uhlaner</i> | <i>Fall 2015</i> |
| Statistics II , Political Science 219 - <i>Bernie Grofman</i> | <i>Winter 2016</i> |
| Introduction to Voting , Political Science 232A - <i>Marek Kaminski</i> | <i>Winter 2016</i> |
| Research Logic and Design , Political Science 234A - <i>Carole Uhlaner</i> | <i>Spring 2016</i> |
| Analysis of Aggregate Survey and Electoral Data (UCSD) , Political Science 259 - <i>Gary Jacobson</i> | <i>Spring 2016</i> |
| Predictive Models , Political Science 276 - <i>Rein Taagepera</i> | <i>Fall 2016</i> |
| International Relations Theory , Political Science 241B - <i>Etel Solingen</i> | <i>Fall 2017</i> |