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Education

2000 Ph.D. Duke University
1995 M.A. Duke University
1992 B.A. University of Virginia

Experience

2013– University at Buffalo, SUNY Associate professor
2007–2013 University at Buffalo, SUNY Assistant professor
2000–2007 University of North Texas Assistant Professor

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Leadership in the States. In *Leadership in American Politics*, Jeffrey Jenkins and Craig Volden, eds. 2017. University Press of Kansas.
- Financial Interests and Economic Diversity in State Legislatures. *Social Science Quarterly*, March 2013.
- Common-Space Ideal Points, Committee Assignments, and Financial Interests in the State Legislatures. With Michael Peress and Jesse Richman. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, March 2013.
- State Legislative Committees and Economic Connections: Expertise and Industry Service. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, September 2012.
- Party Pressure in the U.S. State Legislatures. With Jesse Richman. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August 2011.
- Formal And Perceived Leadership Power In State Legislatures. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, March 2011.
- Why Information? Choosing Committee Informativeness in US State Legislative Committees. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August 2009.
- Committee Theories and Committee Votes: Internal Committee Behavior in the California Legislature. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Summer 2006.
- Jurisdiction, Institutional Structure, and Committee Representativeness. *Political Research Quarterly*, March 2006.
- Strategic Political Support for Term Limits. *American Review of Politics*, Summer 2004.
- Reexamining Legislative Committee Representativeness in the States. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Summer 2004.

An Ambition-Theoretic Approach to Legislative Organizational Choice. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August 2003.

Conditional Party Government in the States. With John H. Aldrich. *American Journal of Political Science*, January 2002.

Other Scholarly Publications

“Leadership and Committee Organization,” in *Guide to State Politics and Policy*, Richard Niemi and Joshua Dyck, eds. CQ Press, 2013.

“Impeachment.” in *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, Donald P. Haider-Markel, general editor. CQ Press, 2009.

“Republican Party,” in *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, Donald P. Haider-Markel, general editor. CQ Press, 2009.

“Third Parties,” in *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, Donald P. Haider-Markel, general editor. CQ Press, 2009.

Honors, grants, and fellowships

2001 UNT Research Initiation Grant, \$2000
2001 UNT Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, \$5000
1992–1995 NSF Graduate Research Fellow

Conference papers

Representation in State Legislatures: Slippage at the Issue and Committee Stages. With Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.

Representation, Legislator Traits, and Legislative Institutions. Presented at the 2015 State Politics Conference, Sacramento, CA, May 28-30, 2015.

High-Need Legislative Districts, Committees, and Representation. With Jesse Richman. Presented at the 2014 State Politics Conference, Bloomington, IN, May 17-17, 2014.

Policy Representation in the State Legislatures. With Michael Peress and Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2013.

A Re-Updated Sullivan Index. With Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Iowa City, IA, May 23-25, 2013.

Recovering Status Quo Locations in State Legislatures. With Michael Peress and Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013.

Recovering Status Quo Locations in State Legislatures. With Michael Peress and Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Houston, TX, February 16-18, 2012.

Multilevel Regression and Poststratification To Estimate State Legislative District Opinion. With Joshua Dyck and Megan Gall. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 12-14, 2012.

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- What Divides Legislators: The (Issue) Content of the Primary Axis of Legislative Conflict. With Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1–4, 2011.
- The Flow of Representation Policy Responsiveness in State Legislatures. With Joshua Dyck and Megan Gall. Presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Hanover, NH, June 2-4, 2011.
- Comparing Multiple Measures of Committee Representativeness or Distinctiveness. With Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Hanover, NH, June 2-4, 2011.
- Spatial Voting in State Legislative Elections. With Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, Sept. 2–5, 2010.
- District Characteristics and Legislator Traits. With Megan Gall. Presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Springfield, IL, June 3–5, 2010.
- District Characteristics and Legislator Traits. With Megan Gall. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 24, 2010.
- Sources of Spatial Constraint: Preferences, Parties, Institutions and Information. With Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22, 2010.
- Votes, Preference Estimates, and Party Power Measuring Party Pressure in the States. With Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 1, 2009.
- Outliers Incorporated: Are Committees Composed of Policy-Specific High Demanders? With Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Chapel Hill, NC, May 18, 2009.
- A New Unified Dataset of Committee Assignments, Financial Interests, and Common Space Ideal Points. With Jesse Richman. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 30, 2009.
- Formal Power, Perceived Power, and Conditional Party Government. Presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Philadelphia PA, May 30 2008.
- Interest Over-Representation in State Legislative Committees. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 4, 2008.
- Predicting Interest Over-representation in State Legislative Committees Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, Jan 09, 2008
- Legislator Financial Interests and Distributive Committees. Presented at the annual meeting of the MPSA, April 2007
- Survey-Measured Preferences and Conditional Party Government. Presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Austin, TX, March 2007.
- Inliers and Outliers in State Legislatures. Presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Lubbock, TX, May 2006.
- Inliers and Outliers in State Legislatures. Presented at the annual meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2006.
- Committee Representativeness in Almost But Not Quite All The States: Some New Data. Presented at the annual meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2005.

- Committee Theories and Committee Votes. Presented at the annual meeting of the SPSA, New Orleans, LA, January 2005.
- Testing Party Theories: Adaptation in a Changing State Legislature. Presented at the annual meeting of the SPSA, New Orleans, LA, January 2004.
- Explaining Variation in Committee Representativeness. Presented at the annual meeting of the APSA, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.
- Explaining Variation in Committee Representativeness. Presented at the annual meeting of the State Politics and Policy Section, Tucson, AZ, March 2003.
- Committee Jurisdictions, Specificity and Policy Outcomes in the States. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, November 2002. With Wenda Sheard and J. Donald Smith.
- Committee Jurisdictions, Specificity and Policy Outcomes in the States. Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, San Diego, CA, March. 2002. With Wenda Sheard and J. Donald Smith.
- Strategic Information Transmission in a Bicameral Legislature. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2001.
- Committee Representativeness in the States. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, San Antonio, March, 2001.
- Strategic Political Support for Term Limits. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, August 26-September 1, 2000.
- Conditional Party Government in the States. With John H. Aldrich. Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, Charleston, SC, March 2000.
- Strategic Political Support for Term Limits. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, November 1999.
- An Ambition-Theoretic Approach to Legislative Institutional Choice. Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, New Orleans, April 1999.
- Organizing State Legislatures: Testing Theories of Legislative Committees at the State Level. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September 1998.
- Informative Committees in a Bicameral Legislature. Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, New Orleans, April 1998.
- Testing Theories of Legislative Organization at the State Level. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Norfolk, November 1997.
- Informational Consequences of Joint Committees. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, September 1997.
- Joint Committees and Legislative Structure. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, November 1996.
- Political Support for Term Limits in the Mass Public. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 1996.
- Institutional Choice in State Legislatures. Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, Houston, April 1996.

Research and teaching interests

Legislative politics

State legislatures

Legislative parties

State politics

Positive political theory