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Academic History

Ph.D. Texas A&M University, 2006 (Political Science)
Major Field: American Politics
Minor Field: Public Administration/Public Policy
M.A. Southern Illinois University, 2001 (Political Science)
B.A. Southern Illinois University, 1999 (Political Science) *Magna Cum Laude*

Research Interests

Political Participation
Race and Politics
Public Opinion
Representation
Parties and Interest Groups

Teaching Interests

American Politics
Race and Politics
Public Policy/Public Administration
Research Methods

Publications

“Black Substantive Representation in State Legislatures: 1971-1994.” 2005 in *Social Science Quarterly* 86(4) 779-791 .

“Who votes, who doesn’t, why and, what can be done?” 2005. (with Bob Stein and Jan E. Leighley) A Report to the Federal Commission on Electoral Reform. <http://www.american.edu/ia/cfer/0630test/stein.pdf>

“Presidential Rhetoric and the Economy.” 2005. (with B. Dan Wood and Brandy Durham) in *Journal of Politics*: 67(3) 627-645.

“Content Analysis.” 2004. Appendix in Jan E. Leighley’s *Mass Media and Politics: A Social Science Perspective*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.

“Unrecorded Votes and Political Representation.” 2004. (with David Kimball and Katherine McAndrew Keeney) in *Election Administration*, edited by Robert Watson. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida

“Public Opinion and Affirmative Action” 2004. in John Geer ed. *Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Press.

“Unrecorded Votes and Election Reform” 2003. (with David Kimball) *Spectrum: The Journal of State Government* 76: 34-37

“Straight Party Ballot Options in State Legislative Elections” 2002. (with David Kimball and Matt McLaughlin) *Spectrum: The Journal of State Government* 75: 26-28.

Working Papers

“Cognition, Affect and the Conditional Nature of Attitudes Toward Affirmative Action: How The Prejudice Reflects the Politics” with Jan Leighley, David Peterson, and Christina Suthammanont. *Revise and Resubmit at Political Behavior*

“Resistance and Specific Ignorance.” with David Peterson *Revise and Resubmit at Public Opinion Quarterly*.

“Brushing One’s Teeth and Casting a Ballot: A Closer Look at Habitual Voting.” *Under Review at American Journal of Political Science*

“Electoral Reform, Party Mobilization and Voter Turnout.” with Robert Stein and Jan Leighley. *Under Review at American Politics Quarterly*.

“Diversity and Shared Community Norms on College Campuses.” With J. Cherie Strachan

“Majority Status and the Likelihood Incumbents are Challenged in Congressional Elections.”

“The Influence of Early Voting on the Costs of Campaigns.”

“Voting, Early Voting and the Determinants of Vote Choice: Is Timing Everything?” with Robert Stein and Jan Leighley.

Academic Awards and Honors

Spring 2007 awarded \$170,000 from CMU 2010 Vision for a project to explore racial/ethnic diversity at Central Michigan University (with Mary Senter, Angela Haddad, Cherie Strachan and Lisa Patterson).

Bryan D. Jones Award for outstanding graduate student research, 2004-2005

Conference Presentations

“The Influence of Early Voting on the Costs of Campaigns.” Presented at 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, Chicago, Illinois

- “Addressing Participation Woes by Strengthening Youth Party Identification.”
(With Cherie Strachan) Presented at 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 12-15, Chicago, Illinois
- “College and International Events: Measuring Student Knowledge on the Darfur.”
(with Benjamin Machar, Sterling Johnson and Cherie Strachan) Presented at 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 12-15, Chicago, Illinois
- "Early Voting in Texas: Electoral Reform, Party Mobilization and Voter Turnout"
Paper presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4, Washington, DC.
- "Can Early Voting Increase Turnout?" (with Robert Stein and Jan Lieghley.)
Presented at 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, Chicago, Illinois
- “Brushing One’s Teeth and Casting a Ballot: A Closer Look at Habitual Voting.”
Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, Chicago, Illinois
- “Voting, Early Voting and the Determinants of Vote Choice: Is Timing Everything?” (with Robert Stein and Jan Lieghley.) Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, Chicago, Illinois
- “The Influence of Elite Mobilization on Political Attitudes and Participation Rates.” Presented at the 2004 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 8-10, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “Cognition, Affect and the Conditional Nature of Race Related Policy Attitudes.”
(with Jan Leighley, David Peterson and Christina Suthammanont)
Presented at the 2004 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 11-13, Portland, Oregon.
- “Resistance and Specific Ignorance” (with David Peterson) presented at the 2003 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August, 28-31, Philadelphia, PA.
- “The Role of Candidates and Parties in Linking Electoral Reforms with Voter Participation” (with Bob Stein and Jan Leighley) Presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, Chicago, Illinois
- “American Attitudes and Gender-Targeted Policies: An Application of Racially Based Theories to Other Disadvantaged Populations” (with Jill Nicholson-Crotty) Presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, Chicago, Illinois
- “Network Diversity and the Ability of Public Managers to Influence Performance”
Paper Presented at the 2002 Conference on Empirical Studies of

- Organization and Public Management Meeting, November 23 & 24, Athens, Georgia.
- “Distribution of the Pie: How African American Elected Officials Influence State Policy Priorities” presented at the 2002 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 6 - 9, Savannah, Georgia
- “The Elimination of One-Punch Voting and Its Consequences.” (with David Kimball and Matt McLaughlin) presented at the 2002 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 6 - 9, Savannah, Georgia
- “Presidential Rhetoric and Macroeconomic Performance” (with B. Dan Wood and Brandy Durham) presented at the 2002 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August, 29-September 1, Boston, Massachusetts.
- “Straight-Party Ballot Options and State Legislative Elections”(with David Kimball and Matt McLaughlin) presented at the second annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, , May 24-25, 2002 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- “Who’s Afraid of an Undervote?” (with David Kimball and Katherine McAndrew) presented at the 2001 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 6-10, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Do We Have a Cultural of Science?” (with Thomas McAuliffe and Craig England) Presented at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 19-22, Chicago, Illinois
- “Power Seekers in State Legislative Elections: A Test of Dodd’s Theory.” presented at the 2001 Texas A&M/SPPQ Conference on Politics in the American States, Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, March, 2-3.
- “What Role Does the Marriage Gap Play in Congressional Elections?” presented at the 2000 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 8-11, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Where’s the Party:” (with David Kimball) presented at the 2000 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 27-30, Chicago, Illinois.

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2004, Spring 2006, Spring 2007 and Spring 2008: PSC- 280 Introduction to Political Methodology
- Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2007 and Fall 2008: PSC- 323 American Political Parties
- Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008: PSC- 101 Political Behavior
- Fall 2006 and Fall 2008: PSC-328 Campaigns and Elections

Fall 2006 and Fall 2008: PSC-520 American National Government & Politics
Spring 2007: PSC-780 Research in Public Administration
Summer 2007 and Summer 2008: PSC-514 American Public Policy Making

Service

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*

Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*

Reviewer for *Public Opinion Quarterly*

Reviewer for *American Politics Quarterly*

Reviewer for *Political Research Quarterly*

Reviewer for *Social Science Computer Review*

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association