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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Michigan State University, 2011 (expected)

Dissertation: "Anxiety, Political Attitudes, and Voting Behavior"

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Are all emotional responses equal in their causes and effects? In the last two decades, scholars have demonstrated an impressive array of effects that emotions is capable of producing, but have generally examined only a very small set of stimuli objects and phases of election cycles. This dissertation seeks to expand knowledge of the role of emotion in the electoral environment in three ways. First, I utilize data from the 2008-9 ANES Panel Study to examine whether the individual and contextual sources of affective response vary between primary and general elections. Second, I examine whether the experience of anxiety leads to any subsequent attitudinal change during an election cycle. Third, I examine whether the experience of anxiety towards candidates is confined to distinct pockets of the voting public, particularly during the early stages of the election process. This dissertation works to expand the discussion of electoral emotion into the broader electoral experience in a way that speaks to the meaningful role that emotion plays in citizen behavior and decision-making in the political sphere.

Major Field: American Politics

Minor Field: Methodology

M.A. Political Science, Michigan State University, 2008.

B.A. Political Science and Mathematics, *Summa Cum Laude*, Hope College, 2006.

Teaching and Research Interests

American Politics; Public Opinion and Voting Behavior; Political Psychology; Quantitative Methods; Political Parties and Interest Groups

Publications

"Hierarchical Models." In Press. With David Ciuk. In *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, George Thomas Kurien, James E. Alt, Simone Chambers, Geoffrey Garrett, Margaret Levi, Paula D. McClain, eds. Washington DC: CQ Press.

"Resampling Methods." In Press. With David Ciuk. In *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, George Thomas Kurien, James E. Alt, Simone Chambers, Geoffrey Garrett, Margaret Levi, Paula D. McClain, eds. Washington DC: CQ Press.

"Social and Political Cognition." In Press. With David Ciuk. In *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, George Thomas Kurien, James E. Alt, Simone Chambers, Geoffrey Garrett, Margaret Levi, Paula D. McClain, eds. Washington DC: CQ Press.

"Measurement." In Press. With William G. Jacoby and David Ciuk. In *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, George Thomas Kurien, James E. Alt, Simone Chambers, Geoffrey Garrett, Margaret Levi, Paula D. McClain, eds. Washington DC: CQ Press.

Data Publications

Levels of Conceptualization Codes, 1992-2004. 2008. With William G. Jacoby and Jeremy Duff. Ann Arbor, Mich.: Center for Political Studies, American National Election Studies.

Working Papers

"Citizen Perceptions of Candidate Ideology in the 2008 Election." With William G. Jacoby and David Ciuk - Under review at *Political Behavior*.

"Does Interest Group Support Make a Bill into a Law?" With Matt Grossmann.

Conference Papers

"The Timing of Emotional Responses during Presidential Campaigns." 2011. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 31-April 3, 2011, Chicago, IL.

"Citizen Perceptions of Candidate Ideology in the 2008 Election." 2010. With William G. Jacoby and David Ciuk. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 2010, Washington D.C. and at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22-25, 2010, Chicago, IL.

"Does Interest Group Support Make a Bill into a Law?" 2009. With Matt Grossmann. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, 2009, Toronto, Canada and at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2-5, 2009, Chicago, IL.

"Doing More with Missing Data: Incorporating Systematic Missingness Into Survey Research." 2009. With David Ciuk. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2-5, 2009, Chicago, IL.

"The War on Terror in the Context of U.S. Foreign Policy Moods and Interests." 2006. With Jack E. Holmes. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 20-23, 2006, Chicago, IL.

"Path to Preeminence: A Long Cycle Analysis of U.S. Foreign Policy, 1871-1918." 2006. With Jack E. Holmes. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the International Studies Association, March 22-25, 2006, San Diego, CA.

"Techniques for Exploring Data Related to American Foreign Policy Mood, 1776-1976." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, March 5, 2006, Rochester, Mich.

"Analyzing American Foreign Policy, 1824-1870: Presidents as Products of Their Times." 2004. With Jack E. Holmes and Matthew Schweiger. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 15-18, 2004, Chicago, IL.

"American Foreign Policy, 1776-1823: Lessons for New Countries from a Time of Hegemonic Struggle." 2004. With Jack E. Holmes and Matthew Schweiger. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 17-20, 2004, Montreal, Canada.

Grants

Travel Grant: \$400 to attend MPSA Conference, April 2011

Travel Grant: \$400 to attend APSA Conference, September 2010

Travel Grant: \$450 to attend MPSA Conference, April 2010

Fellowship: \$2,200 for Study at ICPSR, Summer 2007

Courses Taught

PLS 324 (Hybrid): American Legislative Process, Summer 2011

PLS 324 (Hybrid): American Legislative Process, Summer 2010

PLS 333 (In Class): Public Opinion and Political Socialization, Spring 2010

PLS 324 (Hybrid): American Legislative Process, Summer 2009

Teaching Assistantships, Michigan State University

PLS 802: Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science II, Spring 2011 (Graduate Level)

PLS 801: Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science I, Fall 2010 (Graduate Level)

PLS 201 (Head Teaching Assistant): Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis, Spring 2009

PLS 321: Constitutional Law, Fall 2007

PLS 324: American Legislative Process, Fall 2006

Teaching Assistantships, ICPSR at University of Michigan

Panel Data Analysis Using Stata, Summer 2011

Regression Analysis II: Linear Models, Summer 2011

Regression Analysis I: Introduction, Summer 2010

Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis, Summer 2009

Programming in R, Summer 2009

Teaching Assistantships, Hope College

POL 365 (in Red Cliff, CO): Wilderness Politics, Summers 2005 and 2006

Other Academic Experience

Research Assistant for Matt Grossmann, Spring 2008-Fall 2008, Fall 2009

Research Assistant for William G. Jacoby, Spring 2007

Research Assistant for Jack E. Holmes, Spring 2003-Summer 2006

Deputy Secretary General, Model United Nations, Hope College, 2005-6

Other Methodological Training

Introduction to Bayesian Modeling, ICPSR

Maximum Likelihood Estimation, ICPSR

Regression III, ICPSR

Awards and Honors

Phi Beta Kappa, Zeta of Michigan, 2006

James Dyke van Putten Political Science Prize, Hope College, 2006

Renze Lyle Hoeksema Prize in Political Science, Hope College, 2005

Earhart Emerging Scholar Award, 2005

Pi Sigma Alpha, Eta of Michigan, 2005

Pi Mu Epsilon, Delta of Michigan, 2005

John H. Kleinheksel Prize in Mathematics, Hope College, 2003

Departmental Service

Faculty-Student Judiciary, 2007-2010

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Political Science Association - Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior section; Methods section

Midwest Political Science Association

Software

R (Proficient)

Stata (Proficient)

SPSS (Proficient)

L^AT_EX (Proficient)

WinBUGS (Intermediate)

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