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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (2009-current)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2009)
Dissertation Title: "Reconstructing National Urban Policy: Agenda-Setting in a Complex Policy Area".

2010 Best Dissertation Award, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association

M.A. Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2006)

B.A. Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, PA (2001), *Magna Cum Laude*

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public policy processes, American political institutions, urban politics and policy, agenda-setting

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Constructing Homeland Security: An Anemic Policy Regime." 2011. With Peter J. May and Ashley E. Jochim. *Policy Studies Journal* 39(2): 285-307.

"Widespread Policy Disruption and Interest Mobilization." 2009. With Peter J. May and Samuel Workman. *Policy Studies Journal* 37(4): 793-815.

"Widespread Policy Disruption: Terrorism, Public Risks, and Homeland Security." 2009. With Peter J. May and Samuel Workman. *Policy Studies Journal* 37(2): 171-194.

"Is Urban Politics a Black Hole? Analyzing the Boundary Between Political Science and Urban Politics." 2007. With Bryan D. Jones and Michelle Wolfe. *Urban Affairs Review* 43(1): 76-106.

"Policy Coherence and Policy Domains." 2006. With Peter J. May and Samuel Workman. *Policy Studies Journal* 34(3): 381-403.

Edited Volume

“Setting City Agendas: Power and Policy Change.” Forthcoming. With Bryan D. Jones. In *Oxford Handbook of Urban Politics*, Karen Mossberger, Susan E. Clarke, and Peter John, eds. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Other Writing

“Response to the ‘Black Hole’ Debate.” 2008. With Bryan D. Jones and Michelle Wolfe. *Urban News: Newsletter of the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association* 22(1): 16-19.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

“Venue Shopping and the Politics of Urban Development: Lessons from Chicago and Seattle.” With James M. Smith. Article Revised for Resubmission.

“Reconsidering the Life and Alleged Death of Federal Urban Policy.” Article Under Review.

“Dimensionality, Issue Attention, and Agenda Dynamics: The Case of Federal Urban Policy.” With Samuel Workman. Article Under Review.

“Reconstructing National Urban Policy: Congressional Agendas, Presidential Power, and Public Opinion.” Book Manuscript in Progress.

“Regime Capacity, Strategic Rhetoric, and Policy Venues: How to Frame the Debate Over Publicly Financed Sports Stadiums.” Article in Progress.

“Issue Framing in State Initiative Campaigns.” With Graeme Boushey. Article in Progress.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Congress Project-Comparative Urban Studies Project Seminar, “National Urban Policy: Is a New Day Dawning?” Washington, DC, 2010.

Seattle University, “Sports and the City (of Seattle): How to Frame the Public Subsidization of Private Stadiums.” Seattle, Washington, 2005.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Reconsidering the Life and Alleged Death of Federal Urban Policy.” 2010. Paper Presented at the Fall Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 4-6, Washington, DC.

“Structured Complexity in Policy Agendas.” 2010. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, Washington, DC.

“How Issue Dimensions Structure Policy Attention.” 2010. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22-25, Chicago, IL.

- “The Evolution of National Urban Policy: Congressional Agendas, Presidential Power, and Public Opinion.” 2009. Paper Presented at the Fall Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 5-7, Washington, DC.
- “Reconstructing National Urban Policy: Why Policy Agendas Matter.” 2009. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- “Urban Development, Urban Venues: Does Theory Match Institutional Reality?” 2009. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, March 4-7, Chicago, IL.
- “The Contours of Homeland Security Policy.” 2008. With Peter J. May and Ashley E. Jochim. Paper Presented at the Fall Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 6-8, Los Angeles, CA.
- “Policy Disruption and Interest Mobilization: The Terrorism Bugaboo.” 2008. With Peter J. May and Samuel Workman. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, Boston, MA.
- “Venue Shopping and Institutional Formation in Urban Governance.” 2008. With James M. Smith. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, April 23-26, Baltimore, MD.
- “Taking it to the State: Creating Capacity or Containing Conflict?” 2008. With James M. Smith. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6, Chicago, IL.
- “Policy Disruption Across Subsystems: Terrorism, Public Risks, and Homeland Security.” 2007. With Peter J. May and Samuel Workman. Paper Presented at the Fall Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 8-10, Washington, DC.
- “Homeland Security: More or Less Coherent?” 2007. With Peter J. May and Samuel Workman. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-September 2, Chicago, IL.
- “Developing Urban Regime Capacity.” 2007. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, April 25-28, Seattle, WA.
- “Rhetorical Strategy in Seattle’s Sports Stadium Debates.” 2007. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, Chicago, IL.
- “Organizing Attention: Federal Preparedness Agendas and Organizational Change.” 2006. With Samuel Workman, Peter J. May, and Bryan D. Jones. Presented at the National Science Foundation Human and Social Dynamics Investigator Meeting, Washington DC.
- “Is Urban Politics a Black Hole?” 2006. With Bryan D. Jones and Michelle A. Wolfe. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Framing the Initiative: Strategic Rhetoric in State Initiative Campaigns.” 2006. With Graeme Boushey. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, Philadelphia, PA.

“Policy Coherence and Policy Design.” 2005. With Peter J. May and Samuel Workman. Paper Presented at the Fall Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 3-5, Washington, D.C.

“Assessing Policy Coherence.” 2005. With Peter J. May and Samuel Workman. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4, Washington, D.C.

“Reaching Out to Society: Lessons from Green Building.” 2005. With Peter J. May and Chris Koski. Poster Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, April 27, Berkeley, CA.

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

Provosts' Undergraduate Research Initiative Grant. 2011. Michigan State University.

Provosts' Undergraduate Research Initiative Grant. 2010-2011. Michigan State University.

Best Dissertation Award. 2010. Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association.

Stone Scholar Award. 2010. Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association.

Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Prize. 2005-2006 Academic Year. Awarded to Graduate Teaching Assistant with Highest Teaching Evaluations for the Academic Year. Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

Graduate Fellow in American Politics and Public Policy. 2004-2009. Center for American Politics and Public Policy, University of Washington.

Recognition for Completion of the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Ph.D. Track for Political Methodology. 2007. University of Washington.

J. Steel Gow Political Fellowship. 2000. Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh.

TEACHING

Michigan State University

Agenda-Setting: PLS 910 (Spring 2011)

Public Policy: PPL 807 (Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011)

Public Policy: PLS 313 (Spring 2010, Fall 2011)

Policy Workshop: PPL 890 (Spring 2011)

University of Washington

Introduction to American Politics (Spring 2005, Autumn 2005, Spring 2006)

Minority Representation and the Voting Rights Act (Winter 2006)

Center for Instructional Development and Research Workshops: Planning and Facilitating Discussions; Presenting Information Effectively (September 2006)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Michigan State University

Professionalization Committee. 2010-present. Department of Political Science, Michigan State University.

Public Policy Field Committee. 2009-present. Department of Political Science, Michigan State University.

Masters of Public Policy Advisory Committee. 2009-present. Department of Political Science, Michigan State University.

University of Washington

Focus Group on Student Learning. 2009. Office of Educational Assessment, University of Washington.

Political Science Graduate Student Association President. 2006-2007. Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

Center for American Politics and Public Policy Research Colloquium Director. 2006-2007. Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

American Politics Hiring Committee. 2005. Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

Undergraduate Program Committee. 2005-2006. Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Ph.D. Students

Michael Thom. Committee member. In progress

Twyla Blackmond-Larnell. Committee member. In progress

Erin Sergison. Committee member. In progress

Jason Kalmbach. Committee member. In progress

M.P.P. Students

Ann-Marie Christman. Committee chair. NIC Advanced, Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities, Michigan State University.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Service

Best Dissertation Award Committee, Urban Politics. 2011. American Political Science Association.

Section Chair, Public Policy. 2011. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Reviewer

Journal of Politics; Policy Studies Journal; Polity; Urban Affairs Review; Journal of Urban Affairs; State and Local Government Review

Membership

American Political Science Association (APSA) – Sections: Public Policy, Urban Politics, State and Local Politics, Political Methodology; Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); Urban Affairs Association (UAA); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM); Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)