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Education

Ph.D. The Ohio State University. Political Science. 2008

Dissertation: “The Spinning Message” 2010 E.E. Schattschneider Award Winner
Committee: Paul Beck (Chair), Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Kathleen McGraw

M.A. The Ohio State University. Political Science. 2005

B.A. Calvin College. Political Science. 2002

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, Aug
2008-Present.

Research and Teaching Interests

American Politics: Campaigns and Elections, the News Media, Public Opinion, Political
Behavior, Political Parties, Congress, American Political Development

Research Methods: Dynamic Models (Event History, Time Series, Panel Data), Real-time Data
Acquisition and Analysis, Natural Language Processing, Computer Programming, Bayesian
Methods

Publications

“Protests, Presidents, and the Mass Public Agenda.” Accepted for Publication. *Public Opinion
Quarterly*

2011. “The Dynamic Properties of Individual-level Party Identification.” with Brandon Bartels,
Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Renee M. Smith. *Electoral Studies* Forthcoming.

2011. “Prelude to Populism: Mass Electoral Support for the Grange and Greenback Parties.”
with Samuel DeCanio. *Party Politics* Forthcoming.

2011. “Riding Waves of Money: Contribution Dynamics in the 2008 Presidential Nomination
Campaign” with Dino Christenson. *Journal of Political Marketing* Forthcoming.

Additional Publications

2010. Book review of *Cycles of Spin: Strategic Communication in the U.S. Congress* (by Patrick Sellers). *Political Science Quarterly* 125: 729-31.

Works in Progress

“Quieting the Alarm? Senate Candidate Influence on Local Campaign Coverage.” *Under Review and Resubmit*

“Robustness of Semi-Parametric Duration Models for the Study of Repeated Events.” with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Suzanna Linn. *Under Review*

“More Bang for the Buck: Campaign Spending and Fundraising Success.” with Dino Christenson. *Under Review*

“Part of the Conversation: Iowa and New Hampshire’s Say within the Invisible Primary.” with Dino Christenson. *In preparation for journal submission*

“The Spinning Message: The Sources and Consequences of Campaign Agendas in Presidential Campaigns.” *In preparation for journal submission*

“The Power of Frames in Presidential Communication.” with Evan Parker-Stephen. *In preparation for journal submission*

“How Firm a Foundation? Campaign Dynamics in Partisanship.” with Brandon Bartels and Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier. *In preparation for journal submission*

Invited Presentations

“A Tale of Two Primaries: Iowa and New Hampshire’s Relationship with the Invisible Primary 2008.” Department of Political Science, Texas A&M; April 27, 2009.

Recent Conference Presentations

“Making or Wasting Money? Campaign Organizational Spending and Fundraising Success.” with Dino Christenson. 2010. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC.

“The Power of Frames in Presidential Communication.” with Evan Parker-Stephen. 2010. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC.

“Words like Weapons: Presidential Communication Strategy and the Case of Iraq.” with Evan Parker-Stephen. 2010. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“Message Control: Measuring Bush’s Rhetorical Influence on Popular Political Debate.” with Evan Parker-Stephen. 2010. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“The Primary Issues: The Dynamic Nature of Issues in the 2008 Primary” with Dino Christenson. 2009. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Toronto, ON.

“Raising the Battle Cry: Communication Strategy and the Case of Iraq” with Evan Parker-Stephen. 2009. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Toronto, ON.

“Campaigning for Money During the 2008 Invisible Primary.” with Dino Christenson. 2009. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL.

“The Visible Primary: Dynamics in Presidential Primary Campaign Coverage” with Dino Christenson. 2008. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Boston, MA.

“Campaign Dynamics in Partisanship.” 2008. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Boston, MA.

Academic Grants and Awards

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

E.E. Schattschneider Award: Best Doctoral Dissertation in the Field of American Politics. 2010.

Graduate Student Travel Grant. 2006.

SOCIETY FOR POLITICAL METHODOLOGY

Invited graduate student participant. 2005–2007. Political Methodology Summer Meeting.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

University Fellowship. 2002–2003 and 2006–2007.

Fellow. Program in Statistics and Methodology. 2004–2005.

Summer Research Fellowship. Program for Enhancement in Graduate Studies. 2005.

Research and Development Grant. Program for Enhancement in Graduate Studies.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate: Political Polarization; Public Opinion and Political Socialization; Political Behavior; Techniques in Political Analysis

Graduate: Quantitative Techniques in Political Science, Advanced Methods in Political Analysis

Professional Service and Affiliations

Member, American Political Science Association, American Association of Public Opinion Research, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association.

Communications Director, APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section (2008-Present)

Committee Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper, Midwest Political Science Association (2011)

Miscellaneous Experience

Marketing Manager – Ehlers for Congress. Full-time employee on a successful congressional reelection campaign. May - November 2000.

References

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