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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Assistant Professor June 2016 – Present

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Assistant Professor 2013 – 2016

UNITED STATES SENATE

APSA Congressional Fellow 2012 – 2013

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science. Washington University in St. Louis, August 2013.

M.A. in Political Science. University of Kansas, Summer 2007.

B.A. in Political Science & Philosophy. University of Kansas, Spring 2005.

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Presidential Politics

- Executive Appointments
- Policymaking Powers
- Inter-Branch Politics

American Institutions

- Legislative Politics & Procedure
- Bureaucratic Politics
- American Political Development

Research & Politics

- Research Design
- Data Management
- Political Internships

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- (15) Ostrander, Ian and Joel Sievert. Forthcoming. “Presidential Communication During the Legislative Process,” at *Social Science Quarterly*.
- (14) King, Jonathan M. and Ian Ostrander. 2020. “Prioritizing Judicial Nominations After Presidential Transitions,” Forthcoming at *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.
- (13) Ostrander, Ian and Toby J. Rider. 2019. “Presidents Abroad: The Politics of Personal Diplomacy,” *Political Research Quarterly*, 72(4): 835-848.
- (12) Sievert, Joel and Ian Ostrander. 2017. “Constraining Presidential Ambition: Controversy and the Decline of Signing Statements,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 47(4): 752-776.
- (11) Ostrander, Ian. 2017. “The Politics of Executive Nominations in the Post-Nuclear Senate.” *Congress & the Presidency*, 44(3): 323-343.

- (10) Madonna, Anthony and Ian Ostrander. 2017. “No Vacancy: Holdover Capacity and the Continued Staffing of Major Commissions,” *Journal of Public Policy*, 37(4): 341-361.
- (9) McKee, Seth C., Ian Ostrander, and M.V. Hood III. 2017. “Out of Step and Out of Touch: The Matter with Kansas in the 2014 Midterm Election,” *The Forum*, 15(2): 291-312.
- (8) Ostrander, Ian. 2016. “The Logic of Collective Inaction: Senatorial Delay in Executive Nominations,” *American Journal of Political Science*, 60(4): 1063-1076.
- (7) Nelson, Michael and Ian Ostrander. 2016. “Keeping Appointments: The Politics of Confirming United States Attorneys,” *Justice System Journal*, 37(3): 211-231.
- (6) Ostrander, Ian. 2015. “Powering Down the Presidency: The Rise and Fall of Recess Appointments.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 45(3):558-572.
- (5) Ostrander, Ian and Joel Sievert. 2014. “Presidential Signing Statements and the Durability of the Law” *Congress & the Presidency*, 41(3): 362-383.
- (4) Smith, Steven S., Ian Ostrander, and Christopher Pope. 2013. “Majority Party Power and Procedural Motions in the U.S. Senate” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 38(2): 205-236.
- (3) Ostrander, Ian and Joel Sievert. 2013. “What’s So Sinister About Presidential Signing Statements?” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 43(1): 58-80.
- (2) Ostrander, Ian and Joel Sievert. 2013. “The Logic of Presidential Signing Statements.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 66(1): 140-152.
- (1) Ostrander, Ian and William R. Lowry. 2012. “Oil Crises and Policy Continuity: A History of Failure to Change.” *Journal of Policy History*, 24(3): 384-404.

Book Reviews

- (4) Ostrander, Ian. 2019. Review of *The Congressional Endgame: Interchamber Bargaining and Compromise* by Josh M. Ryan. *The Legislative Scholar*, 4(Winter 2020): 24-25.
- (3) Ostrander, Ian. 2018. Review of *Congress’s Constitution: Legislative Authority and the Separation of Powers* by Josh Chafetz. *Congress & the Presidency*, 45(1): 111-112.
- (2) Ostrander, Ian. 2016. Review of *Czars in the White House: The Rise of Policy Czars as Policy Management Tools* by Justin S. Vaughn and Jose D. Villalobos. *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 46(2): 495-496.
- (1) Ostrander, Ian. 2012. Review of *White House Politics and the Environment: Franklin D. Roosevelt to George W. Bush* by Byron W. Daynes and Glen Sussman. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 42 (September 2012).

Other Publications

- (3) Madonna, Anthony and Ian Ostrander. 2020. “Dodging Dead Cats: What Would it Take to Get Congress to Expand Capacity?” in *Congress Overwhelmed: The Decline in Congressional Capacity and Prospects for Reform*, eds Lee Drutman, Kevin Kosar, and Timothy LaPira. University of Chicago Press.

- (2) Ostrander, Ian. 2017. Encyclopedia entries for “Presidential Signing Statements;” “Executive Nominations;” and “Recess Appointments.” in *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*, eds Michael A. Genovese and Alison D. Howard. Facts on File, Infobase Publishing.
- (1) Ostrander, Ian. 2015. “The Value of Time in the U.S. Senate: A Fellow’s Perspective on Obstruction.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 48(3): 558-560.
 - Reprinted in “Capitol Hill Insights: Voices from the Congressional Fellowship Program” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Virtual Issue 2, 2016.

Works in Progress

- Boyd, Christina, Michael Nelson, Ian Ostrander and Ethan Boldt. *The Politics of Federal Prosecution*. (Book Under Contract with Oxford University Press).
- Madonna, Anthony, Ian Ostrander and Simon Williamson. “Managers or Unitary Actors? Investigating the Effect of Staff on Legislative Productivity,” (*Revise & Resubmit*).
- Madonna, Anthony and Ian Ostrander “The Allocation of Professional Staff Resources in House Offices.”
- King, Jonathan M. and Ian Ostrander. “Quick to Judge? Confirmation by Cloture in the Post Nuclear Senate.”
- King, Jonathan M., Peter McAndrews and Ian Ostrander. “President Trump and the Changing Politics of Judicial Nominations.”
- Ostrander, Ian and Joel Sievert. “The Evolution of Executive Veto Messages: 1792–2016.”
- Ostrander, Ian. *Appointments & Disappointments: The Politics of Executive Nominations* [Book Manuscript].
- Madonna, Anthony and Ian Ostrander. “The Evolution of Professional Staff in Congress.”
- Medina, Mariana and Ian Ostrander. “Acting Alone on Immigration: Executive Politics & U.S. Immigration Policy.”

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses Taught

- The American Presidency – Spring 2019, 2018, 2016; Fall: 2019, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010
- U.S. Congress – Spring 2020; Fall 2017
- Public Administration & Policy Making – Spring 2019
- Honors Research Seminar – 2017-2018
- Bureaucratic Politics – Spring 2016, 2015, 2014
- U.S. Presidents at War – Summer 2015
- Political Internships – Summer 2015, Fall 2015
- Introduction to American Politics – Spring: 2014, 2009; Summer: 2009

Graduate Courses Taught

- U.S. Presidency – Fall 2019
- U.S. Congress – Fall 2017
- American Politics – Spring 2017
- Research Design – Fall 2015

AWARDS & GRANTS

Honors

- George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award 2015 (For Best U.S. Presidency Dissertation)
 - “Winning the Waiting Game: Senatorial Delay in Executive Nominations”
- Warner Morse Prize (Ethics) – Spring 2005 (Philosophy)

External Research Support

- Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant. 2019. (\$3,000).
- Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant. 2014. (\$3,100, with Anthony Madonna).
- APSA Congressional Fellowship – 2012-2013 (\$38,000).
- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant SES 1123427. July 2011 – June 2012. (\$10,806).
- Travel Grants – APSA (2009, 2012); SPSA (2016).

Internal Research Support

- MSU Summer Provost’s Undergraduate Research Initiative Program. 2019 (\$2,000 for RA support).
- MSU Honors Research Seminar Support 2017-2018 (\$5,600 for research and seminar expenses).
- MSU Summer Provost’s Undergraduate Research Initiative Program. 2017 (\$1,500 for RA support).
- MSU Provost’s Undergraduate Research Initiative Program. 2016-2017 (\$2,000 for RA support).
- TTU Undergraduate Scholar Project Funding Award. 2014-2015 (\$1,080 for RA support).
- Weidenbaum Center Research Grant – Summer 2009 (\$2,000, with Bill Lowry).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

Association Memberships

- American Political Science Association (Life Member)
 - Presidents and Executive Politics Section
 - Legislative Studies Section
- Midwest Political Science Association

Conference Participation as Author

APSA: American Political Science Association

- 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009

MPSA: Midwest Political Science Association

- 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2005

SPSA: Southern Political Science Association

- 2019, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012

WPSA: Western Political Science Association

- 2008, 2007

Conference Panel Chair/Discussant

- **MPSA:** 2017, 2015, 2014, 2009.
- **SPSA:** 2016, 2014.

Additional Conference Participation

- Political Appointments Roundtable – UC Berkeley, June 2018
- The State of Congressional Capacity Conference – New America, Washington D.C., March 2018
- Congress and History Conference – 2016, 2012
- Separation of Powers Conference – University of Georgia, February 2016
- Unilateral Politics Conference – University of Houston, February 2015

Invited Presentations

- Texas Tech University: QEP Global Communication Lecture Series, March 2018.
- University of Michigan: American Institutions Group, March 2017.
- Texas Tech Air Force ROTC: “The Constitution & Civilian Control of the Military,” October 2014.
- University of Georgia: Political Science Speaker Series, November 2011.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer

- National Science Foundation, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *The Forum*, *Governance*, and *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

Service to the Discipline

- Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Political Research Quarterly* (2018–present).
- Section Newsletter Co-Editor, *Presidents & Executive Politics Report* (2015–2017).
- 2016-2017 Committee Member, The Richard E. Neustadt Award for the best book on executive politics (Presidents & Executive Politics section of the American Political Science Association).

University & Department Service

- Member, University Committee on Faculty Affairs: 2017 – 2019.
- Member, Department Advisory Committee: 2019–2020
- Graduate Studies Committee Member: 2019–2020; 2017–2018
- Dissertation Committee Member: Jonathan King (in Progress); Jessica Schoenherr (in Progress); Elizabeth Lane (2019); Daniel Bailey (2017); Miles T. Armaly (2017); Sylvia Gonzalez-Gorman (2014).
- Social Science Scholars Program Mentor: 2017 – 2018.
- American Politics Field Committee Member (MSU): 2016–present.
- American Comprehensive Exam Committee (TTU): Summer 2015; Summer 2014 (Chair).
- Undergraduate Committee Member (TTU): 2015–2016.

Media Contributions

- “Senate Democrats are battling every Trump nomination. Here’s how that can hurt Trump’s policies.” *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage Blog, February 15, 2017.
- “Why US Senators obstruct some executive agency nominations over others.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), October 8, 2015.
- “If Congress keeps cutting its staff, who is writing your laws? You won’t like the answer.” *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage Blog, August 20, 2015. With Anthony Madonna.

REFERENCES

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