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### Academic Positions

Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, July 2008- present.

Director of the Master of Public Policy Program, Michigan State University. August 2013- July 2017.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, July 2001-2008.

### Education

Ph.D., Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, 2001.

M.S., Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, 1996-1998.

B.S., Physics, Stanford University, 1994.

B.A., History, Stanford University, 1993.

### Research Interests

Public Policy, Education Policy, State Politics, Race and Public Policy, Public Opinion and Public Policy, Policy Evaluation, Elections and security, Research Methods.

### Refereed Publications

1. "More than Meets the Eye? Using Text Analytic Techniques to Unpack School Mission Statements." With Devin Higgins. *Sage Open*, January 2024.

2. "What Motivates People to Vote? The Role of Selfishness, Duty, and Social Capital Motives." With Lindon Robison and Rick Winder. *Sage Open*, October 2020.
3. "Social Capital, Relational Goods, and Economic Transactions: It's Always Personal." With Lindon Robison (MSU), Rick Winder, Satish Joshi (MSU), Robert Shupp (MSU), and Jeff Oliver (MSU). *Modern Economy*, November 2020.
4. "Evolving Trends in Public Opinion on the Quality of Local Schools." *Educational Policy*, 30 (5), 2016: 688-720.
5. "International Terrorism and the Political Survival of Leaders." With Johann Park. In *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, November 2015: 1-28.
6. "The Effect of the Electoral Calendar on Terrorist Attacks." With Johann Park. *Electoral Studies*, 35, 2014: 346-361.
7. "Students Opinions of a Student Response System for Introductory Packaging Classes." With Rafael Auras and Laura Bix (MSU). *NACTA Journal*, September 2010: 2-8.
8. "Tinkering Towards a National Identification System: Opinions from Citizens." *Policy Studies Journal*, 37 (2), May 2009: 233-255.
9. "Examining the Role of Race, NIMBY, and Local Politics in FEMA Trailer Park Placement." With Belinda C. Davis (LSU). *Social Science Quarterly*, December 2008: 1175-1194.
10. "The Passage of Education Citizen Initiatives: Evidence from California." *Educational Policy*, May 2008: 422-456.
11. "Terror and Elections: Lessons from Spain." *Electoral Studies*, 26, September 2007: 669-687.
12. "One More Piece to Make us Puzzle: The Initiative Process and Legislators Reelection Chances." With Belinda C. Davis (LSU). *Political Research Quarterly*, 60 (2), June 2007: 215-229.
13. "Politics, Race, Fiscal Strains and State Electoral Reforms After Election 2000." With Brian D. Silver (MSU). *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 6 (1), Spring 2006: 21-48.
14. "Towards a Political Explanation of Grade Retention." With Dorothea Anagnostopoulos (MSU), and Reginald Roberts. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, 27 (2), Summer 2005: 133-155.
15. "The Race Gap in Student Achievement Test Scores: Longitudinal Evidence from a Racially Diverse School District." With R. Michael Alvarez (Caltech). *Policy Studies Journal*, 32 (3), August 2004: 393-415.

16. “Implementing Popular Initiatives: What Matters for Compliance?” *Journal of Politics*, 65 (4), November 2003: 1130-1146.
17. “Schools and Educational Outcomes: What Causes the “Race Gap” in Student Test Scores?” With R. Michael Alvarez (*Caltech*). *Social Science Quarterly*, 84 (3), September 2003: 485-507.
18. “Asymptotic Revenue Equivalence in Auctions.” With Matthew O. Jackson (*Caltech*). *Journal of Economic Theory*, 106 (1), September 2002: 161-176.
19. “Sink or Swim: What Happened to California’s Bilingual Students after Proposition 227?” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 1(3), Fall 2001: 295-317.

## Book Chapters

1. “State education agencies, information systems, and the expansion of state power in the era of test-based accountability.” With Anagnostopoulos, D (first author), Rutledge, S. (second Author). Special Issue of *Educational Policy*. R. Jacobsen and T. Young (eds). *The Politics of Accountability, Politics of Education Association Yearbook*. (In press). 2013.

## Work in Progress

“School Mission Statements and the Prevalence of Collective Goals” with Devin Higgins (MSU) and Angela Perez (MSU).

## Teaching

### *PhD level*

Research Seminar in Public Policy and Administration: Causal Inference in Policy Studies (PLS 910)

Pro-seminar in Public Policy (PLS 811)

Advanced methods for Political Scientists (PLS 900)

Quantitative Methods for Political Scientists (PLS 801)

### ***Master's level***

Capstone Policy Workshop (PPL 890)  
Quantitative Methods in Public Policy (PPL 801)  
Policy Evaluation (PPL 806)  
Microeconomics and analytic tools for Public Policy (formerly-PLS 804)  
Public Finance (formerly- PLS 813)

### ***Undergraduate level***

Public Policy Analysis (PLS 313)  
Politics and Controversies in Education (PLS 422)  
Special Topics in Applied Policy Research (PLS 392)

### **Fellowships and Awards**

2013. **Core Fulbright Scholar** 2012-2013 for Argentina, April – July, 2013.

2006. IBM Center for the Business of Government Research Stipend. \$20,000 with Dorothea Anagnostopoulos (*MSU*) for project “Implementing Unique Student Identifiers to Improve Educational Accountability.”

2006. CASID International Development Grant for: “Long-Term Terrorism and its Influence on Spain’s Public Opinion.” \$1,500.

2006. Funding for questions to be included in the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research’s State of the Survey of Michigan (SOSS43). Topic: national identification cards and the REAL ID Act.

2006. Travel Award for Political Science Methodology Annual Conference, Davis.

2002. Travel Award for Political Science Methodology Annual Conference, Seattle.

1999. First Prize Award for Poster presentation of “Evidence on the Beneficial Effects of Short Periods of Bilingual Instruction” at the Southern California Methodology Program

1999-2000. Industrial Relations Center at California Institute of Technology Fellowship.

## **Departmental and University Service**

### **University Level:**

Member of Faculty Council, 2009-2010

Member of Michigan State's Excellence in Teaching Award Committee, 2002-2003

### **College Level:**

College of Social Science, SSDA Director Search Committee, Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

College of Social Science, MPP Task Force, Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

College of Social Science, GUSP Director Reappointment Review Committee, Spring 2016

College of Social Science Scholars, Advisory Board- Fall 2014- Present

Member of the IPPSR Director Search Committee, Spring-Summer 2015

External member of dissertation committee (Department of Economics), 2004-2005, 2005-06

External member of dissertation committee (College of Education), 2006-10

Study Abroad Faculty for Argentina Study Abroad Program Summer 2005, Summer 2008, Summer 2009, and Summer 2010.

### **Department Level:**

Member of Graduate Studies Committee, 2011-2012, Spring 2019, 2019-2020, 2020-21

Member of the MPP Advisory/Admissions Committee, 2018-2019, 2021-22, 2022-23

Director of Master of Public Policy, 2013 (August) – 2017 (July)

Member of Departmental Faculty Advisory Committee, 2004-2005, 2011-2012, Fall 2014-Spring 2016, Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Member of the PLS Promotion and Tenure Committee (for Nazita Lajaverdi), Fall 2021

Member of PLS Third Year Review Committee (for Constanza Schibber), Fall 2019

Member of the PLS Promotion and Tenure Committee (for Joshua Sapotichne), Fall 2016

Member of the PLS Promotion and Tenure Committee (for Sarah Reckhow), Fall 2016

Member of the PLS Promotion and Tenure Committee (for Corwin Smidt), Fall 2015

Member of Departmental Development Committee, 2013-2014

Member of Methods Field, 2001-2010 (except Fall 2008 and Fall 2009), 2011-2013, 2019-2020, 2020-2021

Member of Public Policy Field, 2009-2010, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2021-22, 2022-23

Member of Academic Standards Committee, 2003-2004

Member of Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee, 2007-2008

Member of Masters in Public Policy Committee, 2002-2003, 2007- 2010

Member of the Masters in Public Policy and Administration and the Economics Department

Merge Committee, 2002-2003

Member of Graduate Professionalization Committee, 2011-2012

Member of Asia\ Comparative Search Committee, 2002-2003

Member of International Relations Search Committee, 2003-2004

Member of Asia\Comparative Search Committee, 2004-2005

Member of Africa\Comparative Search Committee, 2004-2005

Member of Latin America\Comparative Search Committee, 2004-2005

Member of Islam\Comparative Search Committee, 2005-2006

Member of Islam\Comparative Search Committee, 2006-2007

Member of the Methods Search Committee, Fall 2016

Member of the Methods Search Committee, Fall 2020-Spring 2021

## **Professional Presentations**

Participant at Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2022, Chicago. Presented “More than Meets the Eye? Using Text Analytic Techniques to Unpack School Mission Statements” with Devin Higgins (MSU).

Invited to State Politics and Policy Conference, March 19-21 2020, San Diego, to present “Competing Priorities: Using Text Analytic Techniques to Unpack School Mission Statements” with Devin Higgins (MSU). *Conference canceled due to covid-19 pandemic.*

Invited to Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2020, Chicago, to present “Trends and Determinants of Public Opinion on Education in Latin America.” *Conference canceled due to covid-19 pandemic.*

Participant at Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2016, Chicago. Presented “Terrorism and the Ideological Orientation of Incumbent Governments” with Johann Park (Incheon National University, South Korea).

Participant at Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2014, Chicago. Presented

“Social Capital and the Motivations for Voting” (co-authored with Lindon Robison and Rick Winder).

Participant at the Florida State University Regulatory Conference, February, 2014. Presented “Shaping the Provision of Prison Support Services: Privatization, Accreditation, and Economic Downturns” (with Belinda Davis).

Invited to the Southern Political Science Association Conference, January, 2014. Co-author (Johann Park) presented “Terrorism and Political Survival of Leaders.”

Participant at the American Political Science Association Meeting, 2013, Chicago. Presented (co-author) “Terrorism and the Political Survival of Leaders.” With Johann Park, first author (MSU).

Participant at the Seminario Permanente de Investigación, Escuela de Educación, UDESA, May 2013. Presented “Tendencias en la opinión pública sobre la calidad de las escuelas locales.”

Participant at Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2013, Chicago. Presented (co-author) “Down and Out: Economic Downturns and the Provision of Prison Support Services.” With Belinda C. Davis (LSU).

Invited to Present at American Political Science Association Meeting, 2012, New Orleans. (Conference Cancelled). Manuscript: “Down and Out: Economic Downturns and the Provision of Prison Support Services.” With Belinda C. Davis (LSU).

Participant at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2012, Chicago. Presented “Under the Radar: Evolving Trends in Public Opinion on the Quality of Local Schools.”

Participant at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2009, Chicago. Presented “The Timing of Transnational Terrorism and Elections: Is There a Link?”

Participant at the American Political Science Association Meeting, 2007, Chicago. Presented “The Timing of Transnational Terrorism and Elections: Is There a Link?”

Participant at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2007, Chicago. Presented “Long-Term Terrorism and its Influence on Spain’s Public Opinion.”

Participant at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2007, Chicago. Presented “Tinkering Towards a National Identification System: Opinions from Citizens.”

Participant at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 2007, New Orleans. Presented (by co-author Davis) “Legislators’ Reelection and the Use of the Initiative through Time.” With Belinda C. Davis (LSU).

Participant at the American Political Science Association Meeting, 2006, Philadelphia. Presented “Long-Term Terrorism and its Influence on Spain’s Public Opinion.”

Invited to Political Science Methodology Annual Conference, 2006, Davis, California.

Participant at the State Politics and Policy Conference, 2006, Lubbock, Texas. Presented (by first author Davis) “Not in My District: The Placement of FEMA Trailer Parks.” With Belinda C. Davis (*LSU*).

Participant at the State Politics and Policy Conference, 2005, Lansing, Michigan. Presented “One More Piece to Make us Puzzle: The Initiative Process and Legislators Reelection Chances.” With Belinda C. Davis (*MSU*).

Participant at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2005, Chicago. Presented “Terror and Elections: Lessons from Spain.”

Participant at Education Policy Seminar, MSU, November 2004. Presented “Towards a Political Explanation for Merit Promotion.” With Dorothea Anagnostopoulos (*MSU*).

Participant at the American Political Science Association Meeting, 2004, Chicago. Presented “Rethinking the Initiative Process.”

Participant at the State Politics and Policy Conference, 2004, Kent, Ohio. Presented “Politics and Race in State Electoral Reforms After Election 2000.” With Brian D. Silver (*MSU*).

Participant at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2004, Chicago. Presented “The Politics of Schools’ Social Promotion Policies.” With Dorothea Anagnostopoulos, and R. Roberts (*MSU*).

Participant at the American Political Science Association Meeting, 2003, Philadelphia. Presented “Politics and Race in State Electoral Reforms After Election 2000.” With Brian D. Silver (*MSU*).

Participant at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2003, Chicago. Presented “The Race Gap in Student Achievement Test Scores: Longitudinal Evidence from a Racially Diverse Environment.” With R.M. Alvarez (*Caltech*).

Invited to Political Science Methodology Conference, annual, 2002, Seattle.

Participant at the American Political Science Association Meeting, 2002, Boston. Presented “Implementing Popular Initiatives: What Matters for Compliance?”

Participant at the American Political Science Association Meeting, 2002, Boston. “Schools and Educational Outcomes: What Causes the “Race Gap” in Test Scores?” With R. M. Alvarez.

Participant at the Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, 2002, New Orleans. Presented “Estimating Hierarchical Models with Sample Selection: An Application to Education.”



Participant at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2001, Chicago. Presented “Discretion in Popular Initiatives.”

Participant at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, 2001, Las Vegas. Presented “Sink or Swim: What Happened to California’s Bilingual Students after Proposition 227?”

Participant at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Meeting, 2000, Seattle. Presented poster on “Local Conditions and Voting on Popular Initiatives.”

Participant at the Southern California Methodology Program, winter meeting. 2000. Presented poster “Sink or Swim: What Happened to California’s Bilingual Students after Proposition 227?”

Professional talk at Hewlett Packard, Palo Alto. 2000. “Return Policies for the Supplier and Retailer Problem.” With Steve Calender, John Ledyard, and Kay-yut Chen.

Discussant at the American Political Science Association Meeting, 2000. Minorities and State Initiatives.