

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## **Education**

University of Texas at Austin, B.A. Government, December 1981  
University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. Government, August 1988  
*Dissertation: "Elections as Institutions" (Benjamin Page, Chair)*

## **Employment**

Associate Professor	Stephen F. Austin	Fall 2005 - present
Assistant Professor	Stephen F. Austin	Fall 1999 - Spring 2005
Webmaster/Technical Support	University of Kansas Athletics	March 1997 - August 1999
Assistant Professor	University of Kansas	Fall 1989 - Spring 1997
Lecturer	University of Texas	Spring 1989
Instructor	Austin Community College	Fall 1988
Assistant Instructor	University of Texas	Summer 1987 - Spring 1988
Teaching/Research Assistant	University of Texas	Summer 1982 - Spring 1987

## **Courses Taught**

### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to American Politics  
Campaigns and Elections  
The American Presidency  
The Presidency of Dwight Eisenhower  
Public Opinion and American Democracy  
Texas Politics  
Political Behavior  
Political Parties

### *Graduate*

Research Methods  
The Electoral Process  
The Presidency  
Political Communication

## **Books (in print)**

*Between the Branches: The White House Office of Legislative Affairs*. University of Pittsburgh Press, 1997.

*Lone Star Politics: Tradition and Transformation in Texas*, with Steve Galatas and Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Congressional Quarterly Press, February 2008.

## Books (in progress)

- Lone Star Politics: Tradition and Transformation in Texas, Second edition, with Steve Galatas and Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Congressional Quarterly Press, forthcoming January 2010.
- Whose Line Is It? Rhetoric and Representation in the White House.

## Articles & Book Chapters

- "Between the Bushes: The Evolution of Legislative Affairs," White House Studies Volume 7: 181-194 (2007).
- "Winning Friends and Influencing the People: The President vs. Interest Groups," with Michael J. Towle, White House Studies 2: 185-199 (2002).
- "Controlando los controles y desequilibrando los equilibrios" in Bárbara A. Driscoll, Silvia Núñez García, and Julián Castro Rea, eds., Los Procesos Electorales en América del Norte en 1994. Mexico City: Centro de Investigaciones Sobre América del Norte, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 2000, 317-353.
- "Public Opinion: Reconceptualizing Going Public," with Jeff Cohen, Presidential Policy Making: An End-of-Century Assessment Steven A. Shull, editor. M.E. Sharpe, 1999, 41-58.
- "Behind the Bully Pulpit," Presidential Studies Quarterly 25: 805-815 (Summer 1996).
- "New Evidence Undercutting the Linkage of Approval with Presidential Support and Influence," with Terry Sullivan. Journal of Politics 57: 197-209 (February 1995).
- "Eisenhower and Congress: The Autopilot Presidency," Presidential Studies Quarterly 24: 309-326 (Spring 1994).
- "A Comparison of Incumbent Security in the House and Senate," with Michael Munger. Public Choice 78: 145-154 (1994).
- "The 1990 Gubernatorial Elections: The Mythical Revolt," Social Science Quarterly 73: 188-193 (March 1992).
- "The Rationally Uninformed Electorate: Some Experimental Evidence" with Peter C. Ordeshook and Kenneth C. Williams. Public Choice 60: 3-29 (1989).
- "Retrospective Voting: An Experimental Study," with Richard D. McKelvey, Peter C. Ordeshook and Kenneth C. Williams. Public Choice 53: 101-130 (1987).

## Professional Papers Presented

- "Prospective and Retrospective Presidential Rhetoric," with Michael Towle, presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010.
- "Presidents and Retrospective Rhetoric," with Michael Towle, presented at *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, Houston, Texas, April 1-3, 2010.
- "The New Media meets the New President," with Carl M. Cannon, presented at *Rhetoric, Politics, and the Obama Phenomenon*, Texas A&M University, March 4-7, 2010.
- "Touching the Granite: Presidential Speechwriting and the First Draft of History," presented at the Southwest Political Science Association Meetings, Las Vegas, NV, March 2008.
- "Between the Bushes: The Evolution of Legislative Affairs," presented at the *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, Albuquerque, NM, March 2007.
- "Battle Lines: Who Controls Presidential Rhetoric," presented at the *American Political Science Association Meetings*, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006.
- "War of Words: Tracking Changes in Presidential Speech Drafts," presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Meetings*, Chicago, IL, March 2006.

## Professional Papers Presented (continued)

- "Writing for the Great Communicators: Speechwriting for FDR and Reagan," presented at the *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, San Antonio, Texas, March 2006.
- "The Incumbency Advantage in Gubernatorial and Senatorial Elections," with James Endersby, presented at the *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, San Antonio, Texas, March 2006.
- "Congressional Liaison in the Second Term: Winning in the Second Half with the Second Team," roundtable presentation the *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, San Antonio, Texas, March 2006.
- "Looking for Character in Presidential Prose: Exploring Links between Barber's Presidential Character and Presidential Rhetoric," presented at the *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2005.
- "Rhetosclerosis: The Impact of Institutionalization on Presidential Rhetoric," presented at the *American Political Science Association Meetings*, Chicago, IL, September 2004
- "Ghosts in the Machine: Rhetoric and Representation in the White House Speechwriting Process," presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Meetings*, Chicago, IL, April 2004.
- "Whose Line is it? Studying the origins of Presidential Rhetoric," presented at the *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 2004.
- "Authoring Kennedy's Rhetoric: An Analysis of the origins of JFK's speeches," with Morgan Morton, presented at the *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 2004.
- "Presidential Staff and Presidential Speech: The Impact of the Institutionalization of the Presidential Speechwriting Process," presented at *Southern Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2004.
- "Linking Learning Communities to Social Capital," with Nancy Fox, presented at *Southern Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2004.
- "Lighting the National Christmas Tree: The Case for Studying Rose Garden Rubbish," presented at *Southwest Social Science Association Meetings*, San Antonio, Texas, April 2003.
- "Homo-electus: Evidence for unifying the study of American election" poster presentation at *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois, April 2003.
- "The Full Court Press: The Executive Branch and the Legislative Process," presented at the *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2002.
- "Terms and Time: Reevaluating Gubernatorial Incumbents," presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Meetings*, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2001.
- "Electing America's Governors: Institutional Features and Outcomes of Gubernatorial Elections," presented at the *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Fort Worth, Texas, March 2001.
- "The Limits of Going Public: Richard Nixon and Congress," *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Galveston, Texas, March 2000.
- "Mandate, Message or Messenger? Competing Perspectives on the Presidential Influence in Congress." *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 1997.
- "Reconceptualizing Going Public." with Jeff Cohen, *American Political Science Association Meetings*, Chicago, Illinois, September 1995.
- "The President, the Public and the Congress," *Midwest Political Science Association Meetings*, Chicago, Illinois, April 1995.
- "The President, Interest Groups and the Congress: How the White House Loses to its Alumni," *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Dallas, Texas, March 1995.
- "Unchecking the Checks and Unbalancing the Balances," *Los Procesos Electorales En México, Estados Unidos Y Canadá, 1994: Evaluación Y Perspectivas*, Mexico City, Mexico January 25-27, 1995.

## Professional Papers Presented (continued)

- "Who Gets What from the Networks: Candidate Coverage in the 1992 Presidential Primaries," with Stuart Esrock, *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 1993.
- "New Evidence on Presidential Support, Influence and Prestige," with Terry Sullivan, *Midwest Political Science Association Meetings*, April 1992.  
Also presented at *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Austin, March 1992, and *American Political Science Association Meetings*. Chicago, September 1992.
- "Ronald Reagan and Andrew Jackson: The President as Outsider," with Mike Bath, *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Austin, March 1992.
- "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," with Tony Nownes, *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, San Antonio, Texas, March 1991.
- "Collective vs. Individual Accountability in Elections," *Midwest Political Science Association Meetings*, Chicago, April 1991.
- "Eisenhower and Congress," Presented at the *Ike's America Conference*, Lawrence, Kansas, October 1990.
- "Voter Behavior in Low Information Elections," *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Fort Worth, Texas, March 1990.
- "Safe in the Senate," Prepared for presentation at the *Southern Political Science Association Meetings*, Memphis, Tennessee, November 1989.
- "Presidential Influence from Eisenhower through Nixon," with Terry Sullivan. *American Political Science Association Meetings*, Washington D.C., September 1988.
- "Historical Trends in Gubernatorial Elections," *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Houston, Texas, March 1988.
- "Information and Rationality: An Experimental Investigation," with Richard D. McKelvey, Peter C. Ordeshook and Kenneth C. Williams. *American Political Science Association Meetings*, Chicago, Illinois, September 1987.
- "Lyndon Johnson and Passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965," *Southwestern Historical Association Meetings*, Dallas, Texas, March 1987.
- "Elections as Institutions," *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Dallas, Texas, March 1987.
- "Prospective vs. Retrospective Voting: Some Experimental Studies," with Richard D. McKelvey, Peter C. Ordeshook and Kenneth C. Williams. *American Political Science Association Meetings*, Washington, D.C., August 1986.
- "Presidential Influence and Public Opinion," with Terry Sullivan. *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, San Antonio Texas, March 1986.
- "Presidential Support vs. Influence: An Exploration," with Terry Sullivan. *Western Social Science Association Meetings*, Fort Worth, May 1985.  
Also presented at the *American Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 1985.
- "The Incumbency Advantage in State Legislative and Executive Elections," with James Endersby. *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Houston Texas, March 1985.
- "Competition in Congressional Elections in the Twentieth Century," *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Fort Worth, Texas, March 1984.

## Other Conference Participation

- Discussant, "Content Analysis of 2008 New," Southwest Political Science Association Meetings, Houston, TX, April 2, 2010
- Chair, "Congress and Representation," Southwest Political Science Association Meetings, Houston, TX, April 1, 2010
- Chair, "Teaching and Researching State and Local Politics," Southwest Political Science Association Meetings, Las Vegas, NV, March 2008
- "My Career as a Presidential Paleontologist," invited roundtable presentation, *Southern Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2007.
- "War of Words," presented at SFASU's 2006 Bright Ideas Conference, April 28, 2006.
- Invited Participant, *Researching the Public Presidency*, Bush School of Government and Public Service, College Station, Texas, February 2004.
- Panel Chair, "Going Public: Communications and Chief Executives," *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, San Antonio, Texas, April 2003.
- Panel Discussant, "Pathways of Persuasion: Executive Branch Politics," *Southwest Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2002.
- Panel Chair, "Methodological and Measurement Challenges," *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Fort Worth, Texas, March 2001.
- Panel Chair, "Sub-National Political Process and Participation," *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Fort Worth, Texas, March 2001.
- Panel Discussant, "Scandal and Impeachment in U.S. Politics," *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, Galveston, Texas, March 2000.

## Book Reviews

- Review of George Edwards *The Strategic President*, Congress and the Presidency, 37: 93-95 (January 2010).
- Review of W. J. Rorabaugh's *The Real Making of the President*, American Review of Politics, 30: 390-392 (Fall 2009).
- Review of Robert M. Eisinger's *The Evolution of Presidential Polling*, Perspectives on Politics, 2: 139-140 (March 2004).
- Review of Samuel Popkin's *The Reasoning Voter* in American Studies 33: 140-141 (Spring 1992).
- Review of Mary Stuckey's *The President as Interpreter-in-Chief*, Midsouth Political Science Journal 13: 396-397 (Autumn 1993).

## Teaching Awards

- College of Liberal Arts, Teaching Excellence Award, Spring 2006
- School of Honors, Professor of the Year, 2008

## Grants

George Bush Presidential Library Foundation, O'Donnell Grant, Summer 2007  
Faculty Research Grants, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2004-2005  
White House Historical Association, Research Grant, Spring 2004  
John F. Kennedy Library, Ted Sorensen Research Fellowship, Spring 2004  
Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, Moody Research Grant, Spring 2004  
John F. Kennedy Research Grant, Spring 2003  
Gerald R. Ford Foundation Grant, Spring 2003  
Mini-grant, Stephen F. Austin State University, Summer 2003  
Mini-grant, Stephen F. Austin State University, Summer 2002  
General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas, 1994-95  
Gerald R. Ford Foundation Grant, 1993  
General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas, 1992-93  
Everett Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant, 1991  
New Faculty Grant, University of Kansas, 1990-91

## Service

### *Professional*

Nominations Committee, Southwest Political Science Association, 2003-2005.  
Allan Saxe Best Paper Award Committee, Southwest Social Science Association, 2002-03

### *Journal Referee*

American Journal of Political Science  
American Politics Research  
Congress and the Presidency  
Journal of Politics  
Journal of Theoretical Politics  
Legislative Studies Quarterly  
Political Research Quarterly  
Presidential Studies Quarterly  
Public Choice  
Southeastern Political Review

### *Book Reviewer*

Brooks/Cole Publishing Company  
Harper Collins  
Longman  
McGraw Hill

## Service (Continued)

*College and Campus-Wide Service, Stephen F. Austin State University*

Faculty Senate, Spring 2007-present

Chair, 2010-2011 Academic Year

Chair Elect, 2009-2010 Academic Year

Member, Election Committee, 2008-2009 Academic Year

Chair, Faculty Senate Communications Committee, 2007-2008 Academic Year

First Year Experience Committee, Fall 2009-present

Member, Steering Committee

Member, Subcommittee on Academic Engagement

Calendars Committee, Fall 2009-present

Co-Chair, College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Fall 2008-Spring 2010

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee, Fall 2007-present

Liberal and Applied Arts Council, Fall 2007-Spring 2009, Fall 2009-present

Chair, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Secretary, Fall 2008-Spring 2009

Faculty Advisor, Dreambuilders (Habitat for Humanity at SFA, Fall 2007-present

Member, Information Resources and Technology Advisory Committee, Summer 2007- present

"Issues in Higher Education" Teaching Circle Leader, 2001-present

University Policy Committee, Fall 2007-Summer 2009

Coordinator, Learning Networks Program, Spring 2004-Spring 2008

Search Committee, Associate Vice President, Spring 2006

Co-chair, Distinctive Identity Implementation Committee, Fall 2003-Spring 2005

Chair, Party Convention Internship Committee, Fall 2003

Distinctive Identity Task Force, 2002-03

Large Lecture Hall Technology Coordinator, Spring 2003-Spring 2004

Faculty Advisor, Gamma Kappa Omega, Spring 2003-Spring 2004

Liberal Arts Council, Fall 2003-Spring 2006

Faculty Advisor, College Republicans, Fall 1999-Spring 2001

NCAA Interim-Report Committee, Subcommittee on Gender Equity, Fall 2001-Spring 2002

## Service (Continued)

### *Department of Government, Stephen F. Austin*

Core Assessment Coordinator, Fall 2007-present  
Coordinator, Texas Legislative Internship Program, Spring 2008-present  
American Politics Search Committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2008  
Core Assessment Committee, Spring 2006-present; Chair, Fall 2007-present  
Departmental Web Master, Fall 1999-Spring 2007  
Chair, Departmental Chair Search Committee, 2006-2007  
American Politics Search Committee, 2006-2007  
Subcommittee on Political Science Program Goals, Spring 2005  
Public Administration Search Committee, 2003-2004  
Executive Committee, 2001-02 and 2002-03  
By-Laws Drafting Committee, 2002-03  
Chair, Departmental Chair Search Committee, 2001-02  
American Politics Search Committee, 2000-2001

### *Political Science Department, University of Kansas*

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 1989-90, 1992-93, and 1995-96  
Graduate Studies Committee, 1993-95  
Director, Washington/Topeka Internship Program 1993-94  
Recruitment Committee, 1991-92 and 1993-94  
Chair Advisory Committee, 1989-90

### *College of Liberal Arts/University of Kansas*

College Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1994-95 School Year  
Student Senate Election Commission, 1990-91 and 1991-92 School Years  
Search Committee, Women's Volleyball Coach  
Betty Wahlstedt Scholarship Committee  
Helen Gibson Award Committee  
Allen S. Wilber Scholarship Committee