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Education:

- Ph.D. University of Houston; Political Science; December 2008
Major Fields: American Politics, Public Administration, and Methodology
Dissertation: "Responsive & Responsible Parties: Public Opinion, Polarization, and Platform Promise Keeping"
Committee: Kent L. Tedin (Chair), Noah J. Kaplan, Richard W. Murray, A. Gary Dworkin
- M.A. University of Houston; Political Science; December 2006
- B.S. Stephen F. Austin State University; *Magna Cum Laude*; May 2003
1st Major: Political Science
2nd Major: Communications

Experience:

Stephen F. Austin State University

Assistant Professor; Spring 2009 to present
Instructor, Fall 2008 to Spring 2009
Visiting Lecturer, Spring 2007 to Spring 2008
Adjunct Faculty, Fall 2006 to Spring 2007

University of Houston

Research Assistant, assisted Dr. Harrell R. Rodgers with data collection and analysis for welfare reform research – Summer 2005
Teaching Fellow, Fall 2003 to Summer 2006

Courses Taught:

Stephen F. Austin State University

PSC 141 – Introduction to American & Texas Government: Theory and Politics
PSC 142 – Introduction to American & Texas Government: Structure and Functions
PSC 142H – Introduction to American & Texas Government: Structure and Function (Honors)
PSC 303 – Introduction to Political Science: Subfields within the Discipline and Research Methods
PSC 399 – Voting behavior
PSC 412 – Public Opinion & American Democracy
PSC 447 – U.S. Congress
PBA 400 – Public Organizational Theory

University of Houston

POLS 6480 – Graduate Quantitative Methods I (lab instructor)

POLS 6481 – Graduate Quantitative Methods II (lab instructor)

Teaching Interests:

Political Behavior – Voting & Elections and Public Opinion

Political Institutions – Presidency, Congress, and Bureaucracy

American Politics – Political Development, Political Parties, and Women & Politics

Methods – Research Design, Survey Design, and Quantitative Statistics

Public Administration – Public Budgeting and Public Organizational Theory

Policy – Policy Implementation, Environmental Policy, and Welfare Policy

Publications:

“No Race in Any Direction: State Welfare and Income Regimes” (co-authored with Harrell R. Rodgers and Glenn Beamer), *Policy Studies Journal*, Vol. 36, No. 4 (Nov., 2008).

“Child Poverty in the American States: The Impact of Welfare Reform, Economics, and Demographics” (co-authored with Harrell R. Rodgers), *Policy Studies Journal*, Vol. 35, No. 1 (Feb., 2007).

“State Poverty Rates: Do the New Welfare Policies Make a Difference?” (co-authored with Harrell R. Rodgers and Serguei Chervachidez), *Review of Policy Research*, Vol. 23, No. 3 (May, 2006).

“Appendix: Child Poverty in the American States” (co-authored with Harrell R. Rodgers), *Review of Policy Research*, Vol. 23, No. 3 (May 2006).

Working Papers:

“Assessing Public Opinion Issue Distance, Party Preferences, and the Effect of Respondent Political Knowledge and Campaign Exposure on Issue Evaluation”

“Media Effects: Framing Pro-Life Groups and the Effects of Political Knowledge and Issue Sophistication on Group Affect, Opinion Self-Placement, and Tolerance”

“Welfare Reform in the States: Does the Percentage of Female Legislators in State Legislatures Effect Welfare Sanction Policies?”

Conference Presentations:

“Environmental Public Opinion in Cross-National Surveys: Who’s Willing to Contribute?” Southern Political Science Association; January 2007; New Orleans, LA

“Zimbabwe Land Redistribution: Crisis and Conflict.” Joint meeting of the Louisiana Political Science Association and Mississippi Political Science Association; February 2002; Jackson, MI.

Research Skills:

Extensive knowledge of SPSS and Stata statistical programs.

Skilled in advanced multivariate regression techniques: OLS; Dichotomous Logit/Probit;

Multinomial Logit/Probit; Ordered Logit/Probit; Conditional Logit; Tobit; Poisson; Negative Binomial; Weibull; Exponential; and Cox distributions.

University Service:

Faculty Advisor – Spatz Home-brewers; Stephen F. Austin State University; Spring 2008 – present
Faculty Advisor – Students for Ron Paul; Stephen F. Austin State University; Fall 2007
Faculty Advisor – Kappa Alpha; Stephen F. Austin State University; Fall 2006 – present

Department Service:

Stephen F. Austin State University

Member, Political Science Alumni Scholarship Award Committee, Fall 2008 – present
Member, MPA Graduate Admissions Committee, Fall 2008 – present
Member, Political Science Search Committee, Spring 2008
Director, Center for Applied Social Research (CASRE): Spring 2008 – present
Webmaster: Summer 2007 – present

University of Houston

Web Czar: University of Houston; Political Science Graduate Student Association; May 2005 – May 2006

Honors & Awards:

University of Houston, Teaching Fellowship, 2003 – 2006
Stephen F. Austin State University, Pi Sigma Alpha Most Outstanding Political Science Student, 2002 – 2003

Professional Affiliations:

- Academy of Political Science
- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- American Association for Public Opinion Research

Academic Affiliations:

- Alpha Chi – National College Honor Scholarship Society
- Honor Student Association at Stephen F. Austin State University
- Pi Sigma Alpha – National Political Science Honor Society