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## ACADEMIC POSITION

### **Boston College**

Assistant/ Associate Professor of Political Science, 2010–present

## EDUCATION

### **University of California, Berkeley**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2010 (dissertation chair: Eric Schickler)  
M.A., Political Science, 2002

### **Harvard University**

A.B., *magna cum laude*, Government, 1999

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING SPECIALTIES

American political parties, elections, Congress, voting behavior, public opinion, media and culture, research methods

## BOOKS

*Polarized by Degrees: Rising Technocracy and Populist Backlash* (tentative title; with Matt Grossmann). New York: Cambridge University Press, under contract.

*Red Fighting Blue: How Geography and Electoral Rules Polarize American Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

*Asymmetric Politics: Ideological Republicans and Group Interest Democrats* (with Matt Grossmann). New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.

*Presidential Elections: Strategies and Structures of American Politics* (with Steven E. Schier and founding authors Nelson W. Polsby and Aaron Wildavsky), 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th editions. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020.

## OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- “How Trump Changed the Republican Party—And the Democrats Too.” In Steven E. Schier and Todd E. Eberly, eds., *The Trump Effect: Disruption and Its Consequences in U.S. Politics and Government* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2022), chapter 2.
- “Placing Media in Conservative Culture” (with Matt Grossmann). In Sharon E. Jarvis, ed., *Conservative Political Communication: How Right-Wing Media and Messaging (Re)Made American Politics* (New York: Routledge, 2021), pp. 9–25.
- “The Party Goes On: U.S. Young Adults’ Partisanship and Political Engagement Across Age and Historical Time” (with Laura Wray-Lake and Erin H. Arruda). *American Politics Research* 47 (November 2019), pp. 1358–1375.
- “Financing the 2016 Presidential General Election.” In David B. Magleby, ed., *Financing the 2016 Election* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2019), pp. 187–215.
- “From Fox News to Viral Views: The Influence of Ideological Media in the 2018 Elections” (with Matt Grossmann). *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 16 (December 2018), pp. 552–572.
- “Televised Debates in Presidential Primaries.” In Robert G. Boatright, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Primary Elections* (New York: Routledge, 2018), pp. 307–319.
- “The 2014 Election and the Culmination of Southern Realignment.” In Christopher Galdieri, Jennifer Lucas, and Tauna Sisco, eds., *Political Communication and Strategy: Consequences of the 2014 Midterm Elections* (Akron, OH: University of Akron Press, 2017), pp. 99–112.
- “Ideological Republicans and Group Interest Democrats: The Asymmetry of American Party Politics” (with Matt Grossmann). *Perspectives on Politics* 13 (March 2015), pp. 119–139.
- “The Political Geography of Party Resurgence” (with Laura Stoker). In Peter K. Enns and Christopher Wlezien, eds., *Who Gets Represented?* (New York: Russell Sage, 2011), pp. 93–128.
- “The 2008 Election and the Political Geography of the New Democratic Majority.” *Polity* 41 (July 2009), pp. 368–387.
- “The Empirical Implications of Electoral College Reform” (with Darshan J. Goux). *American Politics Research* 36 (November 2008), pp. 857–879.
- “Mapmaking at the Grassroots: The Legal and Political Issues of Local Redistricting” (with Bruce E. Cain). *Election Law Journal* 1, no. 4 (2002), pp. 515–530.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Can Electoral College Reform Expand the Battleground State Map?” (with Darshan J. Goux, 2021.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (partial list)

“The Diploma Divide and Constituency Change in the American Party System: Evolution or Revolution?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (held virtually), September 10–13, 2020.

“The Suburbanization of the Democratic Party, 1992–2018.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 29–September 1, 2019.

“Leading the Leaders—Or Leaving Them Behind: Party Politicians and the Independence of Public Opinion on the Culture War.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, April 4–7, 2019.

“Youthful Donkeys and Elderly Elephants: Roots of the New Generation Gap.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30–September 2, 2018.

“Placing Media in Conservative Culture” (with Matt Grossmann). Paper presented at New Directions in Communication: Conservatively Speaking conference, Moody College of Communication, University of Texas, Austin, TX, April 19–21, 2018.

“Who’s Really Winning the Culture War?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5–8, 2018.

“The New Generation Gap in American Politics.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 31–September 3, 2017.

“Party Coalitions in the 2016 Election.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6–9, 2017.

“Party Asymmetry in the 2016 Presidential Nomination Contest.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1–4, 2016.

“Unequal Demands: Policy, Polarization, and Party Asymmetry in American Politics” (with Matt Grossmann). Paper presented at Hewlett Foundation–University of Maryland Conference on Parties, Policy Demanders and Polarization, College Park, MD, June 9–10, 2016.

- “The Not-So-Great Debate: Party Asymmetry and the News Media in American Politics” (with Matt Grossmann). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7–10, 2016.
- “The Partisan Asymmetry of American Electoral Campaigns” (with Matt Grossmann). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16–19, 2015.
- “The 2014 Election and the Culmination of Southern Realignment.” Paper presented at The American Elections 2014 Conference, Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH, March 13–14, 2015.
- “The Puzzle of Polarization: Why a ‘Moderate’ American Public Elects Extreme Officeholders.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28–31, 2014.
- “Policymaking in Red and Blue: Asymmetric Partisan Politics and American Governance” (with Matt Grossmann). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28–31, 2014.
- “The Ideological Right vs. the Group Benefits Left: Asymmetric Politics in America” (with Matt Grossmann). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3–6, 2014.
- “The Roots of the Modern Electoral Map” (with Laura Stoker). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 11–14, 2013.

## BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Ryan D. Enos, *The Space Between Us: Social Geography and Politics* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017), *Perspectives in Politics* 17 (June 2019), pp. 566–568.
- Review of Adam J. Ramey, Jonathan D. Klingler, and Gary E. Hollibaugh Jr., *More Than a Feeling: Personality, Polarization, and the Transformation of the U.S. Congress* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017), *Congress and the Presidency* 45 (2018), pp. 117–119.
- Review of Nella Van Dyke and David S. Meyers, eds., *Understanding the Tea Party Movement* (Farnham, UK: Ashgate, 2014) and Robert B. Horwitz, *America’s Right: Anti-Establishment Conservatism from Goldwater to the Tea Party* (Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2013), *Party Politics* 23 (2017), pp. 173–174.
- “Can American Political Parties Disagree But Still Get Along?” Review of Russell Muirhead, *The Promise of Party in a Polarized Age* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2014), *Tulsa Law Review* 51 (2016), pp. 349–358.

## OP-ED ESSAYS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS (partial list)

- “What the Kamala Harris Pick Tells Us About Joe Biden.” *New York Times*, August 12, 2020.
- “This 37-Year-Old Book Helps the Long Democratic Primary Make Sense.” The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, March 21, 2020.
- “The G.O.P. Can Win the Suburbs.” *New York Times*, November 20, 2019.
- “The Democrats Don’t Have the Suburbs Sewn Up Yet.” *New York Times*, September 23, 2019.
- “What Roy Moore Tells Us About the Republican Party.” The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, June 29, 2019.
- “Why Trump Didn’t Build the Wall When Republicans Controlled Congress.” *Washington Post*, January 25, 2019.
- “No, Democrats Aren’t Ruining Their Midterm Chances” (with Matt Grossmann). *New York Times*, July 12, 2018.
- “Where’s the Tea Party of the Left?” (with Matt Grossmann). *New York Times*, April 18, 2018.
- “Who’s Winning the Culture War? Corporate America.” *New York Times*, December 27, 2017.
- “Republican Elites Cheered the Right-Wing Insurgency. Now It’s Coming for Them.” *Vox*, October 26, 2017.
- “Trump’s War with Congress Is Just Getting Started.” *Fannin Sentinel* (Georgia), August 17, 2017.
- “Trump Isn’t Changing the Republican Party. The Republican Party Is Changing Trump” (with Matt Grossmann). The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, August 2, 2017.
- “How Information Became Ideological” (with Matt Grossmann). *Inside Higher Ed*, October 11, 2016.
- “In Last Night’s Debate, Clinton Went Specific—Like a Democrat. Trump Stayed Broad—Like a Republican” (with Matt Grossmann). The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, September 27, 2016.
- “Why the Republican Party Will Survive After Donald Trump” (with Matt Grossmann). *Detroit Free Press*, September 18, 2016.

“Why Democrats Have No ‘Freedom Caucus’” (with Matt Grossmann). Polyarchy blog, *Vox*, September 15, 2016.

“Why Primary Elections Scare Republican Politicians More Than Democrats” (with Matt Grossmann). Polyarchy blog, *Vox*, September 14, 2016.

“The Mess of Health Reform: Trying to Achieve Democratic Goals Through Republican Means” (with Matt Grossmann). Polyarchy blog, *Vox*, September 13, 2016.

“The Liberal Failure of Political Reform” (with Matt Grossmann). Polyarchy blog, *Vox*, September 12, 2016.

“How the Conservative Media Is Taking Over the Republican Party” (with Matt Grossmann). The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, September 9, 2016.

“How Different Are the Democratic and Republican Parties? Too Different to Compare” (with Matt Grossmann). The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, September 8, 2016.

“Republicans and Democrats Can’t Even Agree About How They Disagree” (with Matt Grossmann). The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, September 7, 2016.

“This One Chart Shows Which Republicans Bashed Hillary Clinton in Tuesday Night’s Debate. We Explain Why.” The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, November 11, 2015.

“Nelson W. Polsby, Social Scientist.” *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 5 (2007), issue 1, article 18.

Occasional additional contributions to The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, 2015–present, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/>.

Honest Graft, personal blog on American politics, 2015–present, <http://www.honestgraft.com>.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Leon Epstein Outstanding Book Award, Political Organizations and Parties section, American Political Science Association (for *Asymmetric Politics: Ideological Republicans and Group Interest Democrats*, with Matt Grossmann), 2018.

Outstanding Academic Title, *Choice Magazine*, American Library Association (for *Red Fighting Blue: How Geography and Electoral Rules Polarize American Politics*), 2018.

Departmental Nominee, Carl Albert Prize (awarded by American Political Science Association for best dissertation on the U.S. Congress), Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2010.

Nelson W. Polsby Memorial Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2008–2009.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2008–2009.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2007–2008.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Boston College**, 2010–present:

- Political Behavior and Participation (undergraduate)
- The U.S. Congress (undergraduate)
- Political Parties and Elections (undergraduate)
- Conflict and Polarization in American Politics (undergraduate)
- The Politics of Party Nominations (undergraduate)
- The Changing World of American Politics (undergraduate)
- Independent Study in State Party Organizations (undergraduate)
- Research Methods in Political Science (graduate)
- Quantitative Methods in Political Science (graduate)
- Independent Study in Statistical Methods (graduate)

**University of California, Berkeley**, 2007–2009:

- Introduction to American Politics (undergraduate)
- American Political Parties (undergraduate)
- Political Methodology (undergraduate; head teaching assistant)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND SERVICE

Co-Editor, *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*, 2019–present.

Chair, Award Committee, E. E. Schattschneider Award (for best Ph.D. dissertation in American politics), American Political Science Association, 2019–2020.

Member, Award Committee, Jack Walker Award (for recent article making an outstanding contribution to scholarship on political organizations and parties), Political Organizations and Parties section, American Political Science Association, 2019.

Member, Award Committee, CQ Press Award (for best paper presented on legislative politics at the 2016 Annual Meeting), Legislative Studies section, American Political Science Association, 2017.

Chair, American Politics Section, Annual Meeting, New England Political Science Association, 2013, 2016.

Peer reviewer for refereed journals and publishers:

*American Political Science Review*  
*American Journal of Political Science*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*British Journal of Political Science*  
*Perspectives on Politics*  
*Political Behavior*  
*Legislative Studies Quarterly*  
*Studies in American Political Development*  
*Public Opinion Quarterly*  
*American Politics Research*  
*Political Research Quarterly*  
*Review of Economics and Statistics*  
*Social Science Quarterly*  
*Political Communication*  
*Party Politics*  
*Congress and the Presidency*  
*Publius*  
*American Review of Politics*  
*New England Journal of Political Science*  
*Political Studies Review*  
 Princeton University Press  
 Oxford University Press  
 Cambridge University Press  
 Rowman & Littlefield

## UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY AND SERVICE

Chair, American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Boston College, 2018.

Member, American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Boston College, 2014, 2016, 2019.

Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, Boston College, 2018–present.

Member, Faculty Technology Committee, Boston College, 2011–2012.

Member, Ph.D. dissertation committees, Department of Political Science, Boston College:

Sam Hayes (current)  
 Thomas Goodman (degree awarded 2020)  
 Maria McCollester (degree awarded 2016)

Senior thesis advisor, Department of Political Science, Boston College, 2010–present (8 students).

Student member, American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2006.

Research assistant, Prof. Nelson W. Polsby, Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2001–2006.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Scholars Strategy Network

## MEDIA APPEARANCES (partial list)

**Print:** *New York Times*; *Washington Post*; *Wall Street Journal*; Associated Press; Reuters; CNN; *Time*; *Vox*; *FiveThirtyEight*; *Christian Science Monitor*; *Slate*; *USA Today*; *Politico*; *Bloomberg News*; *The Economist*; CBS News; *The Atlantic*; *National Journal*; *Roll Call*; CNBC; *The New Republic*; *Business Insider*; *Salon*; *Governing*; *Cook Political Report*; *Chronicle of Higher Education*; *The Forward*; *International Business Times*; *The Signal*; *Boston Globe*; *Boston Herald*; *New Boston Post*; *Washington Times*; *Washington Examiner*; *Chicago Tribune*; *New York Daily News*; *Philadelphia Inquirer*; *San Francisco Chronicle*; CBC (Canada); *The Times* (UK); *La Vanguardia* (Spain); *Público* (Portugal); Agence France-Presse (France); *Politis* (France); *Marianne* (France); *Weekendavisen* (Denmark); *Raeson* (Denmark); *Upsala Nya Tidning* (Sweden); *Helsingen Sanomat* (Finland); *NV* (Ukraine); *Folha de Sao Paulo* (Brazil); *O Estado de Sao Paulo* (Brazil); *Diario El Nacional* (Venezuela); *Diario El Mercurio* (Chile); *Xinhua* (China); *Nikkei* (Japan); *L'Orient-Le Jour* (Lebanon)

**Television & Radio:** WYCN-TV; WFXT-TV; WGBH-TV; WHDH-TV; WCVB-TV; WBUR-FM; WGBH-FM; WERS-FM; WBZ-AM; KCRW-FM; KPFA-FM; National Public Radio; Marketplace; Bloomberg Radio; New England Public Radio; Texas Public Radio; CNBC; Voice of America; New England Cable News; CBC-TV (Canada); RTE-TV (Ireland); Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen (Switzerland); 938 Live (Singapore); BeFM (South Korea)

**Podcasts:** *Factually!* with Adam Conover; *The Science of Politics* (Niskanen Center); *Politics and Polls* (Princeton University); *New Books in Political Science* (2 episodes); Co-Authored with Heath Brown; *Primary Concerns* (*The New Republic*); *The Correspondent* (Netherlands)

## POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Legislative Analyst, Monroe County Legislature, Rochester, NY, 1999–2001.