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## 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 INTERESTS

American political parties, elections, Congress, voting behavior, public opinion, political geography, research methods

## BOOKS

*Red Fighting Blue: How Geography and Electoral Rules Polarize American Politics*.  
New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming in 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 deceased founding authors Nelson W. Polsby and Aaron Wildavsky), 12th, 13th, and 14th editions. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008, 2012, 2015.

## **OTHER PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND FUTURE PUBLICATIONS**

- “Campaign Finance in the 2016 General Election.” Solicited contribution to David B. Magleby, ed., *Financing the 2016 Elections* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, forthcoming).
- “The Growing Influence of Televised Debates in American Presidential Primaries.” Solicited contribution to Robert G. Boatright, ed., *Handbook of Primary Elections* (New York: Routledge, forthcoming).
- “The 2014 Election and the Culmination of Southern Realignment.” In Christopher Galdieri, Jennifer Lucas, and Tauna Sisco, eds., *The American Elections: Contexts and Consequences at the Midterms* (Akron, OH: University of Akron Press, forthcoming).
- “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.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

- “The Roots of the Modern Electoral Map” (with Laura Stoker). Working paper, 2014.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (partial list)**

- “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 Rights 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.
- “Partisan Voters, Partisan States: How The Rising Strength of Party and Ideology in the American Public Affects Aggregate Electoral Results” (with Laura Stoker). Paper scheduled for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 30–September 2, 2012.
- “The Asymmetry of Defection: Party Government and Member Ideology in the Contemporary Congress.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12–15, 2012.
- “The Electoral College and Candidate Strategy in the 2008 Election” (with Darshan J. Goux). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1–4, 2011.

“Parties, Ideology, and Geography in the 2010 Congressional Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2011.

“Recent Realignment? The Case for 1992-1996 as a ‘Critical Period’ in American Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010.

## OTHER WRITING

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*, forthcoming.

“How Information Became Ideological” (with Matt Grossmann). *Inside Higher Ed*, October 11, 2016.

“Why the Republican Party Will Survive After Donald Trump” (with Matt Grossmann). *Detroit Free Press*, September 18, 2016.

“The Liberal Failure of Political Reform,” “The Mess of Health Reform: Trying to Achieve Democratic Goals Through Republican Means,” “Why Primary Elections Scare Republican Politicians More Than Democrats,” and “Why Democrats Have No ‘Freedom Caucus’” (all with Matt Grossmann). *Vox*, September 12–15, 2016.

“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.

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

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

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

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Boston College, 2010-present:

Political Behavior and Participation (undergraduate)  
 The U.S. Congress (undergraduate)  
 Conflict and Polarization in American Politics (undergraduate)  
 The Politics of Party Nominations (undergraduate)  
 Research Methods in Political Science (graduate)  
 Quantitative Methods in Political Science (graduate)

University of California, Berkeley, 2007–2009:

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

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Departmental Nominee, American Political Science Association Carl Albert Prize (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.

## **RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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

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

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

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

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

Assistant Managing Editor, *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*, 2005–2007.

Peer reviewer for the following refereed journals:

*American Political Science Review*  
*American Journal of Political Science*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*Perspectives on Politics*  
*Political Behavior*  
*Political Research Quarterly*  
*American Politics Research*  
*Legislative Studies Quarterly*  
*Studies in American Political Development*  
*Publius*  
*American Review of Politics*  
*Party Politics*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association