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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, expected August 2019
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Major field: American politics
Minor field: Comparative politics

Dissertation: “A Primer on Primaries: Exploring the Variation in U.S. Primary Election Laws”
Committee: Brian Gaines (chair), Gisela Sin, Tracy Sulkin, William Bernhard

M.A., Political Science, 2005, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

B.A., Political Science and English, 2002, University of Minnesota–Morris

Research

Interests & Areas of Specialization

Political institutions, political parties, elections, state politics, U.S. Congress, American political development

Publications

Sulkin, Tracy and Jillian Evans. 2006. “Dynamics of Diffusion: Aggregate Patterns in Congressional Campaign Agendas.” *American Politics Research* 34(4): 505-534.

Rudolph, Thomas J. and Jillian Evans. 2005. “Political Trust, Ideology, and Public Support for Government Spending.” *American Journal of Political Science* 49(3): 660-671.

Working Papers

“The Myth of the Bipartisan National Popular Vote Plan” (with Brian J. Gaines—under review)
“The Effects of Progressive Pressure and Party Incentives on the Adoption of the Direct Primary”
“Analyzing Primary Election Types: State Politics and Party Competition”
“Yet Another Look at Theories and Empirics of Cumulative Voting to the Illinois House” (with Brian J. Gaines)

Conference Presentations

“Electoral Pragmatism vs. Partisan Purity: Explaining Changes in Primary Election Types.” 2018. Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 5–8, Chicago, IL.

“Why States Adopted the Direct Primary: An Investigation of Internal and External Pressures to Reform the Nominating Process.” 2018. Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, January 4–6, New Orleans, LA.

“External Pressure or Party Self-Interest? Why States Adopted the Direct Primary.” 2017. Presented in the Illinois–Iowa political science graduate student exchange, October 30, University of Iowa.

“Strategies for Cumulative Voting: Theory and Experience” with Brian J. Gaines. 2017. American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 31–September 3, San Francisco, CA.

“Power to the Party: Who Determines State Primary Election Rules?” 2017. Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 6–9, Chicago, IL.

“Reformers versus the Parties? Explaining the Adoption of the Direct Primary.” 2016. American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 1–4, Philadelphia, PA.

“Ideology, Competition, and Political Party Contributions.” 2016. Institutions in Context workshop, June 6–12, University of Tampere, Finland.

“Explaining the Variation in State Primary Election Types.” 2016. Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 7–10, Chicago, IL.

“Politics in the Private Sphere: Exploring Gendered Forms of Social Capital” with Allison Harell. 2005. Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 7–10, Chicago, IL.

“Political Trust and Public Support for Redistributive Policies” with Thomas J. Rudolph. 2004. American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 2–5, Chicago, IL.

“Explaining Scope and Variation in Congressional Campaign Agendas” with Tracy Sulkin. 2004. Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 15–18, Chicago.

Research Assistant

Prof. Brian Gaines, 2018

Prof. Gisela Sin, 2016

Prof. Tracy Sulkin, 2003–2005

Prof. Kris Miler, 2004

Teaching

Independent Instructor

PS 201 U.S. Racial & Ethnic Politics: Fall 2018

PS 101 Introduction to U.S. Government & Politics: Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2017
Special section restricted to students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Access and Achievement Program

PS 100 Introduction to Political Science: Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant

PS 101 Introduction to U.S. Government & Politics: Fall 2014, Spring 2017

Grader

PS 225 Environmental Politics & Policy: Spring 2017

Honors & Awards

Departmental nomination for College of LAS Award in Undergraduate Teaching for Graduate Teaching Assistants, 2018

UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Marvin G. Weinbaum Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching as an Independent Instructor, 2016

Samuel K. Gove Graduate Fellowship, 2003–2004

Service & Professional Memberships

Editorial assistant: *American Politics Research*, 2012–2014

Manuscript reviewer: *American Politics Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *Party Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*

Member: APSA, MPSA, SPSA

Skills

R, Stata, LaTeX

Additional Professional Experience

Content Editor, 2010–2012

Department of Computing Sciences & Mathematics, Franklin University, Columbus, OH

Assistant Editor and Developmental Editor, 2006–2009

Higher Education & Professional Division, Human Kinetics, Inc., Champaign, IL

References

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