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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, expected May 2018
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Major field: American politics
Minor field: Comparative politics

Dissertation: “A Primer on Primaries: State Politics, Party Competition, and Primary Election Laws”
Committee: Brian Gaines (chair), William Bernhard, Christopher Mooney, Gisela Sin, Tracy Sulkin

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 and election laws, state politics, elite behavior, 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 Effects of Progressive Pressure and Party Incentives on the Adoption of the Direct Primary”

“Explaining Variation in Legislative Primary Election Types: Competition and Party Choice”

“Power to the Party: Who Determines State Primary Election Rules?”

“Yet Another Look at Theories and Empirics of Cumulative Voting to the Illinois House” (with Brian J. Gaines)

Conference Presentations

“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 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 (CLAS) Access & 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

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
Kathleen L. Burkholder Graduate Student Travel Award, Fall 2017
George T. Yu Conference Travel Award, Spring & Fall 2016, Spring 2017
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*
Member: APSA, MPSA, SPSA

Skills

R, Stata, SPSS, 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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