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Education

Washington University, St. Louis, MO

Ph.D.- 1989 Political Science
Fields: American Politics; Methodology/Formal Theory;
Public Policy & Political Economy

MA - 1987 Political Science

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

BA - 1983 Political Science

Academic Interests

Campaigns & Elections, Mass Political Behavior, and Public Opinion
Political Networks, Contexts, and the Social Influence Process
American Political Parties and Interest Groups
Quantitative Research Methods

Publications

"The Characteristics of Interpersonal Networks in Disaster Response," with Christopher Weber and Kathleen Bratton. *SOCIAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY*, 98 (2) 2017: 566-583.

"Direction versus Proximity in the Social Influence Process," with Eric Jenner. *POLITICAL BEHAVIOR*, 30 2008:73-95.

"Does the National Rifle Association Affect Federal Elections?" with Michael McBurnett and David J. Bordua. 2006. Publication of the Independence Institute.

"The Impact of Political Interests in the 1994 and 1996 Elections: The Role of the National Rifle Association," with Michael McBurnett and David J. Bordua, *BRITISH JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*, 34 2004:331-344.

"Independent Expenditures: The Effects of Independent Campaign Activities on Vote Choice," with Richard Engstrom, *POLITICAL RESEARCH QUARTERLY*, 55 (4) 2002:885-905.

"The Behavioral Consequences of Political Discussion: Another Look at Discussant Effects on Vote Choice," JOURNAL OF POLITICS, 60 (1), 1998:231-244.

"Up Close and Personal: Campaign Contact and Candidate Spending in US House Elections," with Michael McBurnett, POLITICAL RESEARCH QUARTERLY, 50 (1) 1997:75-96.

"Economic Elites in the Political Process: The Motivations and Behavior of Contributors to United States Senate Campaigns," with T. Wayne Parent, conditionally accepted for publication in the SOUTHEASTERN POLITICAL REVIEW.

"Black Environmentalism in the Local Community Context," with William Arp III, ENVIRONMENT AND BEHAVIOR, 28 (3), May, 1996:267-282.

"An Individual-Level Multiequation Model of Expenditure Effects in Contested House Races" with Michael McBurnett, AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW, 88 (3), 1994:699-710.

The Microenvironment of Attitude Change," JOURNAL OF POLITICS, 56 (3), 1994:715-728.

"Social Influence and Opinion on Abortion," SOCIAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY, 74 (3), 1993:560-574.

"The Microenvironment of Political Participation," AMERICAN POLITICS QUARTERLY, 21 (2), 1993:223-238.

"A Dynamic Model of the Effect of Campaign Spending on Congressional Vote Choice," with Michael McBurnett, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, 36 (4), 1992:923-937.

"Political Participation and Effects from the Social Environment," AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, 36 (1), 1992:259-267.

"Partisanship and Political Discussion," POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY QUARTERLY, 10 (2), 1991:97-109.

Conference Papers

"Income Inequality and Political Participation in the 2012 and 2016 US Presidential Elections," Was on the program for the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, United States, April, 2020. The conference was canceled at the last minute due to Covid.

"Opinions on Economic Inequality and the Effects on Political Participation," with Tatum Taylor and Marissa Bosley. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, United States, January 19, 2019.

"Anger and Its Effects on Social Networks and Engagement," with Christopher Weber. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2016.

“Explaining Gender Gaps in Reaction to Disaster Related Negativity,” with Christopher Weber and Kathleen Bratton. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7-9, 2016.

“Social Networks and Information Seeking during Disaster,” with Chris Weber. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association meeting in New Orleans, March 27-30, 2013.

"The Measurement of Discussion Networks in Disaster Response," with Kate Bratton and Chris Weber. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, April 12-15, 2012.

“The Gender Gap in Response to Disaster,” with Kate Bratton and Chris Weber, 2011 Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, March 31-April 1, 2011.

“Social Context and Emotional Reaction to Disaster: The Gulf Oil Spill,” with Kate Bratton and Chris Weber, 2011 Southwestern Social Science Association in Las Vegas, March 16-19, 2011.

“The Measurement of Political Discussion Networks Revisited,” with Kate Bratton and Chris Weber, 2011 spring LSU oil spill conference.

“Email and Networks of Social Communication,” with Kirby Goidel, 2009 American Association of Public Opinion Researchers (AAPOR).

“New Media Use, Political Sophistication, and Cell-Phone Surveys,” with Kirby Goidel and Mike Xenos, 2009 American Association of Public Opinion Researchers (AAPOR).

“The Strategic Nature of Interest Group Endorsement Decisions: The case of the NRA,” with Eric Jenner, 2008 Southwestern Political Science Association.

“Turnout in Congressional Elections: The Role of the NRA,” with Michael. McBurnett, 2006 Midwest Political Science Association

“The Role of the NRA in House Elections: Endorsements, Members, and Turnout,” with Eric Jenner, 2005 Midwest Political Science Association.

"Direction versus Proximity in the Social Influence Process," with Eric Jenner, 2004 Southern Political Science Association.

"A Directional Theory of Social Influence," with Eric Jenner, 2003 Midwest Political Science Association.

"Is Disagreement More Memorable? Accessibility and the Choice of a Political Discussion Network," 2002 Midwest Political Science Association.

"Social Influence in the Beginning: Disagreement and the Construction of Political Information Networks," 2001 American Political Science Association.

"Disagreement and the Choice of a Political Discussion Partner," 2001 Midwest Political Science Association.

"The Influence of the NRA in House Elections," with Michael McBurnett and David Bordua, 2000 Southern Political Science Association.

"Ideology and US Senate Candidates," with Barry Burden, 2000 Midwest Political Science Association

"Group Influence in the Electoral Process: A Model of the Role of the NRA in Recent House Elections," with Mike McBurnett and David Bordua, 1999 American Political Science Association.

"Personal Influence and the Choice of a Political Discussant," 1999 Southwestern Political Science Association.

"The Influence of the NRA in the 1996 House Elections," 1998 Southern Political Science Association. *This paper was awarded the Pi Sigma Alpha award for best paper at the 1998 meeting.*

The Influence of the NRA in the 1994 House Elections: Evidence from the Individual-Level," 1998 Southwestern Political Science Association.

"The Impact of Political Interests in the 1994 Elections: The Role of the National Rifle Association," with Michael McBurnett and David J. Bordua, 1996 Midwest Political Science Association.

"Independent Expenditures: The Effects of Independent Campaign Activities on Vote Choice," with Richard Engstrom, 1996 Southwestern Political Science Association.

"The Behavioral Consequences of Political Discussion: Another Look at Discussant Effects on Vote Choice," 1995 American Political Science Association.

"On- and Off-Year Spending Effects in Contested House Races" with Michael McBurnett, 1995 Public Choice Society.

"Up Close and Personal: Campaign Contact and Candidate Spending in US House Elections," with Michael McBurnett, 1994 Midwest Political Science Association.

"Forms of Contact and the Influence of Campaign Expenditures," with Michael McBurnett, 1993 Southwestern Political Science Association. Paper was nominated for the annual best paper award.

"An Individual-Level Multiequation Model of Expenditure Effects in Contested House Elections," with Michael McBurnett and Andrea West, 1992 American Political Science Association.

"Attitude Change and the Microenvironment of Behavior," 1992 Southwestern Political Science Association.

"A Dynamic Model of the Effect of Campaign Spending on Congressional Vote Choice," with Michael McBurnett, 1991 American Political Science Association.

"Explaining Campaign Contribution Behavior," with T. Wayne Parent, 1991 Midwest Political Science Association.

"The Effects of Social Interaction on Political Participation," 1990 Midwest Political Science Association.

"Attitudes Towards Abortion and Political Discussion," 1990 Western Political Science Association. Paper was nominated for the annual best paper award.

"The Consequences of Political Discussion in Voting Behavior," 1989 American Political Science Association.

"The Behavioral Consequences of Political Discussion: Personal Influence and Partisanship in the Local Community," with Christopher Gilbert, 1988 Southern Political Science Association.

Conference Participation

Social Science Coordinator for the 2011 LSU spring oil spill Conference.

Section Head: Voting and Elections section for the 2007 annual meetings of the Southern Political Science Association.

Section Head: Mass Political Behavior section for the 2001 annual meetings of the Southwestern Political Science Association.

Discussant: Effect of Social Networks and Comparing Information on Voter Preferences and Turnout Panel, 1999 American Political Science Association.

Discussant: Candidates and Voters in Congressional Elections Panel, 1999 Midwest Political Science Association.

Discussant: Interest Groups' Strategies at the State and Federal Level Panel, 1998 Southern Political Science Association.

Discussant: Electoral Conditions in Context panel, 1996 Southern Political Science Association.

Discussant: The Electoral Effects of Legislative Campaigns & Campaign Finance panel, 1996 Southern Political Science Association.

Discussant: Methods Panel on Ecological Inference, 1995 American Political Science Association.

Research Support/ Grant Activities

The Dynamics of Social Influence: A Longitudinal Look at Socially Structured Disaster Response, with Kate Bratton and Chris Weber (\$104,911). Submitted 1/28/2011 to the BP Gulf Research Initiative, Round 2. SPS Proposal #: 37570-1. Status: Accepted.

The Dynamics of Social Influence After Disaster: The Intersection of Politics and Disaster Recovery Over Time, with Kate Bratton and Chris Weber (\$127,634). Submitted 8/23/2010 to the National Science Foundation. SPS Proposal #: 36846-1. Status: Declined.

Statewide Intermodal Transportation Plan and Statewide Travel Demand Forecasting Model/Baton Rouge, with Kirby Goidel (\$100,000). Submitted August 2010 to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. SPS Proposal #: 36831-1. Status: Declined.

The Dynamic Nature of Social Context and Reactions to Disaster, with Kate Bratton and Chris Weber (\$122,454). Submitted 7/12/2010 to BP Exploration and Production, Inc. SPS Proposal #: 36713-1. Status: Declined.

Rapid Response Research on Social Context and Emotional Response to Disaster, with Kate Bratton and Chris Weber (\$89,948). Submitted 5/18/2010 to the National Science Foundation. SPS Proposal #: 36417-1. Status: Accepted.

Environmental Scan of Louisiana Health Care, with Kirby Goidel (\$50,000). Submitted 2/18/2008 to the Louisiana Health Care Review. SPS Proposal #: 33103-1. Status: Accepted.

Communication and Social Influence in Hurricane Evacuation Behavior, with Kirby Goidel and Robbie Hogan (\$88,468). Submitted 9/22/2005 to the National Science Foundation. SPS Proposal #: 30371-1. Status: Declined.

Email and Networks of Social Communication (\$10,000). Submitted 2004 to the Faculty Research Program of the Council on Research. Status: Accepted.

The Electoral Prowess of the National Rifle Association (\$45,746). Submitted 11/18/2004 to the Board of Regents. SPS Proposal #: 18854-2. Status: Declined.

Prospects for Deliberative Democracy: E-Mail and Networks of Social Communication (\$342,219). Submitted 1/16/2004 to the National Science Foundation. SPS Proposal #: 17931-1. Status: Declined.

The following are the funded projects prior to 2004. I can get a list of grants that were not approved if necessary.

Co-Principal Investigator with Barry Burden, 2000/2001, Joseph H. Clark Fund – Harvard University (\$3,400) for “Ideology in Congressional Elections: The 2000 Candidate Ideology Survey (CIS).”

Principal Investigator, 2000/2001, Board of Regents Support Fund – Louisiana State University (\$57,668) for “The Role of Disagreement in the Choice of Political Discussants.”

Principal Investigator, 1991, Louisiana State University Summer Faculty Research Grant (\$4,000) for "The Behavioral Consequences of Political Discussion."

I've also received numerous \$750 grants for travel from the Council on Research.

Honors & Awards

2015 Tiger Athletic Foundation Teaching Award

2004 Tiger Athletic Foundation Teaching Award

2003 LSU Alumni Association Faculty Excellence Award.

1999 Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper at the 1998 annual meeting of the Southern Political science Association.

1987-88 Washington University Dissertation Fellowship

1987 Antoinette Dames Award for Outstanding Graduate Seminar Paper: "Determining Interest Group Effectiveness"

1984-85 Washington University Scholarship

Academic Positions

August, 1995-Present: Associate Professor, Louisiana State University

1989-August, 1995: Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University

Administrative Positions

August, 2007-2018: Deputy Director, Public Policy Research Lab at LSU

August, 2004-August, 2007: Arts and Science Liaison to the Public Policy Research Lab at LSU

Teaching Interests

American politics generally. Prepared to teach voting and elections, public opinion, interest groups, national policy processes, political economy, methods courses, and undergraduate game theory.

Courses

American Government

Campaign Strategies in American National Elections.

Political Participation

American Electoral Politics

Graduate Seminar in Research Design and Quantitative Techniques

Graduate Seminar in Advanced Research Design and Quantitative Techniques

Graduate Seminar in Political Behavior

**Related Work
Experience**

Software Instruction:
1988 Educational Computing Services - Washington University
Statistics Using SAS
Introduction to SYSTAT
Introduction to PCSAS
1988 Centerre Trust Corporation - St. Louis
Introduction to LOTUS 1-2-3
Advanced LOTUS 1-2-3

Research Experience:

1985-87,1988-89 Research Assistant to John Sprague on his project with Robert Huckfeldt "Social Influence in an Election Campaign" - a community based sample survey carried out in South Bend, Indiana during the 1984 Presidential election. Extensive data manipulations, merging from official voting record tape, statistical analyses, work with sampling frames, data cleaning, and program writing associated with these tasks.

1987-88 Research assistant, two summers, for William Blozan in School of Business. Similar tasks moving from raw data tapes to finished analysis data sets - marketing data. Overall extensive hands on experience with all phases of data collection management, cleaning, upgrading, and preparation for analysis.

1988 Data Collector - American Institutes for Research

1987-1989 SAS Specialist at the Social Science Computing Facility - Washington University.

1992-1993 Outside statistical consultant for William Arp, LSU, on his Survey of Environmental Concern within African-American Communities.

Dissertation

"The Consequences of Political Discussion in Mass Politics." The dissertation develops a theory of social interaction in order to investigate the structure of political discussion networks, their social composition, and their political influence. Committee members: John Sprague (Chair), Robert A. Salisbury, and Charles Franklin.

**Other Scholarly
Activities**

Journal Referee
AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW
JOURNAL OF POLITICS
AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
AMERICAN POLITICS QUARTERLY
SOCIAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY
POLITICAL RESEARCH QUARTERLY
SOUTHEASTERN POLITICAL REVIEW
LEGISLATIVE STUDIES QUARTERLY
POLICY STUDIES JOURNAL
ELECTORAL STUDIES
ENVIRONMENT AND BEHAVIOR
STATE POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

PUBLIC OPINION QUARTERLY

Brooks/Cole Award Committee Chairman
1995 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting

**Professional
Organizations**

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

References

Available upon request