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POSITION:

Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi [2003-
Associate Professor of Political Science, Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) [1997-2003]
Assistant Chair and Undergraduate Director, Department of Political Science, Miami University [2001 -]
William A. Steiger Congressional Fellow, American Political Science Association [1996-97]
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) [1992-1996]

EDUCATION:

M.A., Ph.D. Political Science, University of Rochester. 1992.
Dissertation Advisors: Richard Fenno, Randall Calvert, Eric Hanushek.
Fields: American Politics (Congress), Methodology, Public Policy Analysis

M.S. Public Policy Analysis, University of Rochester, June 1989.
Master's Thesis Advisor: Charles Phelps

M.A. Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, June 1987.
Master's Thesis Advisors: William Keech, Duncan MacRae

B.A. Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, June 1985.
graduated with high distinction and honors.

CURRENT RESEARCH:

News Grazers: Political News in the Internet and Cable News Age. I am writing the book with Professor Jonathan Morris at East Carolina University. It is under contract with *CQ Press*.

Refugee Perceptions of Disaster Relief and Recovery: Analyzing the Importance of Social and Kinship Networks Among Hurricane Katrina Refugees on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. With David Swanson and Mark Van Beoning. This research is being funded with a grant from the National Science Foundation.

BOOKS:

Congress, Parties, and Puzzles: Politics As A Team Sport. Peter Lang Publishers. 2004.

The Power of the Purse Strings. Westport, CT: Preager, 1994.

PUBLISHED, PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:

2007. "News Grazers, Television News, Political Knowledge, and Engagement, with Jonathan Morris (East Carolina University). *Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics.* 12:1: 91-107.

2006. "High-Conflict Television News and Public Opinion," with Jonathan Morris (East Carolina University), *Political Research Quarterly* 59-3: 447-456.
2006. "Gerrymandering and The Voting Rights Act," with John Winkle In *Social Science Quarterly*, 87-1: 155-173, March.
2005. "Redistricting Principles and Incumbency Protection," with Glenn Platt (Miami University). *Political Geography* 24: 924-951.
2004. "Congressional Party Caucuses and Coordination: Assessing Caucus Activity an Party Effects." In *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
2003. "The Disappearing Middle: An Explanation for a More Partisan Congress and a Less Partisan Electorate," with Glenn Platt (Miami University, Department of Economics) in *American Review of Politics*.
1999. "Conditional Party Government and Member Turnout on Senate Recorded Votes," with Brian R. Sala, University of Illinois, *Journal of Politics*. May.
1999. "Voting For the Person, Not the Party: Party Defection, Issue-Voting, and Process Sophistication," with Glenn Platt, Miami University, *Social Science Quarterly*.
1998. "The Balanced Budget Amendment: How Would It Be Enforced? with James Saturno (Congressional Research Service) *Journal of Public Budgeting and Finance*, Summer.
1997. "Reed's Rules and the Partisan Theory of Legislative Organization, *Polity*, Spring.
1996. "Budget Balance and Government Party Control: Does Divided Government Matter?, *American Review of Politics*, Summer.
1996. "Constraint or Accommodation: The Budget Process' Effect on House Appropriations Decisions," *American Politics Quarterly*, January.
1994. "302(b) or not 302(b): Analyzing the Effect of Congressional Floor Budget Procedures on House Appropriators," co-authored with James Saturno (Congressional Research Service). *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August.

PUBLISHED BOOK CHAPTERS:

"What We Don't Know About Congressional Party Leadership," *Research on Congress*, ed. William Bianco, University of Michigan Press, 2001.

BOOK REVIEW:

Book Review. 2001. *The Electorate, the Campaign, and the Office: A Unified Approach to Senate and House Elections*, by Paul Gronke, University of Michigan Press. *Congress & The Presidency*.

Book Review. 2000. *The Movers and the Shirkers*, by Eric Uslaner University of Michigan Press. *Journal of Politics*.

Book Review. 2000. *Clinton & Congress*, by Charles O. Jones, University of Oklahoma Press. *American Review of Politics*.

Book Review. 1995. William Browne. *Cultivating Congress: Constituents, Issues, and Interests in Agricultural Policymaking, Congress and the Presidency.*

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH:

National Science Foundation. (rejected) Principal Investigator. Social Networks and Disaster Recovery: An Assessment of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. \$484,291. Feb. 21, 2006.

National Science Foundation. (awarded) Co-Principal Investigator " Evacuees Perceptions of Disaster Recovery: Analyzing The Importance of Social and Kinship Networks Among Hurricane Evacuees of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. \$96, 212. NSF SGER Grant # 0555136.

"Assessing the Equity and Impact of Ohio's Municipal Income Tax." Grant. 2001. Ohio Municipal League.

" Designing On-Line Data Analysis Applications in the Social Sciences," with Aaron Shrimplin (Miami University). Learning Technologies Grant.

Selected Participant and Grant. " Learning Community on Using Technology to Enhance Teaching and Learning." Office of Advancement of Scholarship and Teaching, 2000-01.

National Science Foundation Workshop. Spatial Pattern Analysis in a GIS Environment. Santa Barbara, CA, August 14-18, 2000.

Committee for Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2000. " Outside Campaigns and the Competitiveness of Congressional Elections."

Cooperative Learning Community Grant. Miami University. \$1000.

Learning Technology Enrichment Grant. Miami University, \$500.

William A. Steiger Congressional Fellow, American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program, 1996-97. The Fellowship supported an assigned research leave for the 1996-97 academic year.

Small Grant Award, Summer 1996. Miami University. This small grant was to purchase STATA statistical software for teaching and research.

Computer Learning Lab. 1995. Miami University. I proposed a plan, gained support, and implemented the building of a Computer Classroom in 202 Harrison.

1995 Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant Award. Proposal Title: "The Emergence of Legislative Leviathan: Party Leadership In the Post-Bellum House and Senate (with Brian R. Sala, University of Illinois), Spring, 1995.

Alumni Teaching Scholars Fellow, "Alumni Teaching Scholars Program," Miami University, 1994-1995.

Invited Participant, Workshop on Exploratory Data Analysis Using Microcomputers, Methodology Workshop funded by the National Science Foundation, Summer, 1994.

"Summer Research Appointment" and "Grant to Promote Research & Scholarship," Miami University, 1993.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW:

“ Operationalizing Social Networks in a Disaster Context.” Under review. *Population Research and Policy Review*.

“ Strategic Design of Municipal Revenue Structures,” with Michael Pagano (University of Illinois, Chicago).

“ Committee Assignments and House Republicans: Have Party Effects Increased?” with Lindsey Scruggs (UM graduate student).

WORK IN PROGRESS:

“ Race, Networks, and Relief: Assessing the Racial Divide From Hurricane Katrina Relief.” With Marvin King. To be included in an edited book under contract with Springer Press.

“Why Graze? Assessing Explanations of News-Grazing.” with Jay Morris (East Carolina University).

“ Local Government Revenues and Local/Regional Tax-Base Sharing: Ohio’s Municipal Income Tax,” with Michael Pagano (University of Illinois at Chicago). This research was presented at the 2002 Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Meetings, November 7-9, Dallas.

“ Structural Partisan Effects On Legislative Abstention in the U.S. House,” with Brian Sala (U.C.-Davis) and Brian Gaines, University of Illinois.

“ Fighting Like CATs and (Blue)Dogs: Assessing Models of Legislative Partisanship in a Post-Reform Congress.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

“ News Grazers, New Media, and Political Engagement: Who Are the Grazers? With Jonathan Morris. Presented at the 2007 Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Jan. 4-7, New Orleans, LA.

“ Before, Now, and After: Hurricane Katrina and Social Networks.” With David Swanson, Mark Van Boening, Bryan Dettrey. Presented at the 2007 Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Jan. 4-7, New Orleans, LA.

“Legislative Elections, Redistricting, and Southern Partisan Change: Conversion or Competition” With Andrew Garner and John Winkle. Presented at the 2007 Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Jan. 4-7, New Orleans, LA.

“ Social Networks and Hurricane Katrina.” Presented at the 2006 Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2-3, 2006, Charleston, SC.

“ Social Networks and Disaster Recovery.” Presented at the 2006 Mississippi Political Science Association Meetings, February 10-11, Oxford, MS.

“ Redistricting and Electoral Competition.” With Andrew Garner and John Winkle. Presented at the 2006 Southern Political Science Association Meetings. January 5-8, Atlanta, GA.

“ Ideologically Extreme News and the News Grazer: Does Ideological News Reduce the Mediating Effects of Public Discourse? With Jay Morris. Presented at the 2005 American Political Science Association Meetings, September 1-4, Washington, D.C.

“The Unprincipled Politics of State Legislative and Congressional Redistricting? With Andrew Garner and John Winkle. Presented at the 2005 American Political Science Association Meetings, September 1-4, Washington, D.C.

“ Partisan Stratification and Electoral Party Polarization: When and Why Does Redistricting Matter? With Harvey D. Palmer (University of Mississippi). Presented at the 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 7-9, Chicago.

“ Committee Assignments and House Republicans: Have Party Effects Increased?” with Lindsey Scruggs (UM graduate student). Presented at the 2005 Southern Political Science Association Meetings in New Orleans, LA.

“ Redistricting and Electoral Competition: Do Redistricting Practices Affect State Legislative Electoral Competition?” with Andrew Garner (UM graduate student). Presented at the 2005 Southern Political Science Association Meetings in New Orleans, LA.

“ Redistricting and Electoral Competition: Do Redistricting Practices Affect State Legislative Electoral Competition?” with Andrew Garner (UM graduate student). Presented at the 2005 Mississippi Political Science Association Meetings in New Orleans, LA.

“ Partisan Stratification, Legislative Electoral Competitiveness, and the 2002 Congressional Redistricting,” with Glenn Platt (Miami University). Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, March, Chicago. I was also a discussant for a panel and a chair on another panel.

“ Gerrymandering and The Voting Rights Act,” with John Winkle (University of Mississippi). Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC, March, 2004.

“The State of the Dis(Union): New Media Effects On Perceptions of Congressional Conflict,” with Jay Morris (Miami University). Presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, March, Chicago.

“ Fiscal Structures and Metropolitan Tax Base Sharing,” with Michael Pagano (University of Illinois, Chicago). Presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, March, Chicago.

“ Local Government Revenues and Local/Regional Tax-Base Sharing: Ohio’s Municipal Income Tax,” with Michael Pagano (University of Illinois at Chicago). Presented at the 2002 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Meetings, November 7-9, Dallas.

“ Congressional Party Building: The Practice of Partisanship.” This paper was presented at the 2002 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, April 25, 2002.

“ Fiscal Structures and Metropolitan Tax Base Sharing,” with Michael Pagano (University of Illinois at Chicago). This paper was presented at the 2001 American Political Science Association Meetings, San Francisco, Sept. 1, 2001.

“ Herding Cats: Members and Their Party Caucus.” Presented at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, April 2001.

“ Local Government Revenues and Local/Regional Tax-Base Sharing: Ohio’s Municipal Income Tax,” with Michael Pagano (Miami University). Presented at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Kansas City, Missouri, October 6, 2000.

“ Herding Cats: The Growing Activism of the House Republican Conference.” This paper was presented at the 2000 Western Political Science Association, San Jose, CA.

“ Fighting Like CATs and (Blue) Dogs: Assessing Models of Legislative Partisanship in a Post-Reform Congress.” This paper was presented at the 1999 Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia.

"The Disappearing Middle: An Explanation for a More Partisan Congress and a Less Partisan Electorate." This paper was presented at the 1999 Western Political Science Association and a revised version was presented at the 1999 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago.

"The Recruitment Dilemma: Outside Campaigns in 1998 House Congressional Elections." This paper was presented at the 1999 Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings, San Antonio.

“ Structural Partisan Effects On Legislative Abstention in the U.S. House,” with Brian Sala and Brian Gaines, University of Illinois. This paper was presented at the 1998 American Political Science Association Meetings, Boston, Mass.

“ Participation on Roll-Call Votes in the U.S. Senate,” with Brian Gaines and Brian Sala, University of Illinois. This paper was presented at the 1997 American Political Science Association Meetings, Washington, D.C.

“ Voting for the Person, Not the Party: Party Defection, Issue-Voting, and Process Sophistication,” with Glenn Platt, Department of Economics, Miami University. This paper was presented at the 1996 Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Atlanta.

"Conditional Party Government and Member Turnout On Senate Recorded Votes," with Brian R. Sala, University of Illinois. We presented this paper at the 1996 Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta.

“ Rational Abstention and Partisan Rationales for Voting in the U.S. Senate,” (with Brian R. Sala, University of Illinois). This paper was presented at the 1996 Western Political Science Association, San Francisco.

"Rationale Abstention and Roll Call Voting in the U.S. Senate," (with Brian R. Sala, University of Illinois). This paper was presented at the 1996 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

“ Legislative Partisanship: Contrasting Alternative Concepts and Measures,” I was invited to make this presentation at a departmental colloquium, University of Kentucky Department of Political Science, December, 1995.

"Legislative Leviathan and the U.S. Senate Party Leadership, 1870-1933 (with Brian R. Sala, University of Illinois). This paper was presented at the 1995 American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Ill.

"The Balanced Budget Amendment: How Would It Be Enforced? (with James Saturno, Congressional Research Service). This paper was presented at the 1995 American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Ill.

"The Filibuster: A Senate Tradition or Procedural Anachronism?" This paper was presented at the 1995 Western Social Science Association Meeting, April 27-30, 1995, Oakland, California.

Roundtable Participant, "Political Impact of the 1994 Elections," The 1995 Western Social Science Association Meeting, April 27-30, 1995, Oakland, California.

"The Partisan Model of Legislative Organization and the Emergence of Legislative Leviathan: 1870-1933," (with Brian R. Sala, University of Illinois). This paper was presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 7-9, 1995, Chicago, Ill.

"Legislative Leviathan and the U.S. Senate: 1873-1933" (with Brian Sala, University of Illinois). This paper was presented at the 1994 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta, Ga. It was nominated for the Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award.

Panel Discussant, "The Politics of Budget Policy", the American Political Science Association Meetings, New York, N.Y., September 2-5, 1994.

Invited Participant, Workshop on Exploratory Data Analysis Using Microcomputers, National Science Foundation, San Francisco State University, August 2-5, 1994.

"Theories of Legislative Organization: Can They Be Extended to Explain Congressional Reform?" This paper was presented at the 1993 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Savannah, Ga., November, 1993.

"Budget Balance and Government Party Control: Does Divided Government Matter?" This paper was presented at the 1993 American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., September, 1993.

"Procedural Budget Restraint and Design: Is The House Budget Committee Designed To Restrain Spending?" This paper was presented at the 1992 American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Ill., September, 1992.

"302(b) or not 302(b): Analyzing the Effect of Congressional Floor Budget Procedures on House Appropriators," co-authored with James Saturno (Congressional Research Service). This paper was presented at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill., April, 1992.

"Institutional and Electoral Explanations for Contemporary Changes in U.S. Congressional Party Voting," co-author with William Kubik (Hanover College). This paper was presented at the 1991 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Tampa, Fl., November, 1991.

"Changes in Party Voting and Electoral Competitiveness Among Southern U. S. House Members," co-authored with William Kubik (Hanover College). This paper was presented at the 1990 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Ga., November, 1990.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP ON TEACHING

Invited Participant. National Science Foundation Conference. "Methods For the Study of Social Networks During Disasters. August 17-18, 2006. Washington, D.C.

Selected Participant. "Teaching of Student Writing Across the Curriculum." Feb. 6 – March 6, 2002.

" Faculty Leading Developers Into the 21st Century." Presented at the 2000 Professional and Organizational Development In Higher Education Conference, Vancouver, Nov. 8-12, 2000.

“ Using Technology Effectively in Political Science.” Presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 30-September 4.

“ Slackers and Dominators: Overcoming the Challenges to Cooperative Learning.” Lilly-West Conference on College Teaching, Lake Arrowhead, CA, March 5, 2000.

“ Constructing and Evaluating Active Learning Exercises: Role-Playing and Simulations” Lilly National Conference on College Teaching, Oxford, Oh., November 12-15, 1995.

“ P.C. Statistics Packages and Exploratory Data Analysis Techniques in the Quantitative Methods Classroom,” Miami University Colloquium, Spring 1995.

"The Student-Centered Classroom: Role-Playing and Simulation," Lilly Conference on College Teaching - West, March 2-5, Lake Arrowhead, California.

Participant. "The Practical Uses of Instructional Technology in the College Environment." University of Cincinnati College of Applied Sciences, February 25, 1995.

"The Student-Centered Classroom: Role-Playing and Simulation," Miami University Teaching Effectiveness Retreat, February 20, 1995, Miami University.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY:

Article Referee:

American Politics Quarterly

American Journal of Political Science

American Political Science Review

Legislative Studies Quarterly

Political Research Quarterly

Social Science Quarterly

Social Science Journal

Journal of Politics

Economics and Politics

Book referee:

St. Martin's Press

McGraw-Hill Publishers

McGraw-Hill Publishers

Congressional Quarterly Press

University of Oklahoma Press

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES / INTERESTS:

American Politics:

Introduction to American Government, The Legislative Process, Parties and Elections, Problems in Democratic Theory (an undergraduate game theory course), Graduate Seminar on the U.S. Congress.

Public Policy:

Introduction to Public Policy, Public Policy Analysis, Domestic Political Economy

Methodology:

Research Design for Political Scientists (graduate), Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Political Scientists (graduate), Multivariate Regression Analysis (graduate), Research Methods in Political Science (undergraduate).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

American Political Science Association, Legislative Studies, Public Policy and Teaching Sections

Southern Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association