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EDUCATION

Harvard University
Ph.D., Political Science **Anticipated 2016**
Dissertation: "The Role of the Electoral Connection in
  Contemporary Congressional Institutions: Three Essays"
Committee: Stephen Ansolabehere, Kenneth Shepsle, James Snyder

Cornell University
B.S. Industrial Labor Relations (Economics concentration) **2005**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

U.S. Congress, formal models of legislatures, text-analytic measures of legislative behavior

AVAILABLE WORKING PAPERS

"Bargaining Over a Burden: How Legislatures Distribute Costs When Benefits Are
  Fixed"
"How Elections and Parties Influence Legislative Effectiveness: Assessing Causes
  and Institutional Implications in the U.S. Senate"
"Speaking of Representation: Responsiveness in Legislative Speech"
"Matching for Covariate Balance in a Regression Discontinuity Design"

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

"Bargaining Over a Burden: How Legislatures Distribute Costs When Benefits Are
  Fixed"
  MPSA Annual Meeting (Scheduled) **2016**
  Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA (scheduled) **2015**
  APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA **2015**
"How Elections and Parties Influence Legislative Effectiveness: Assessing Causes
  and Implications in the U.S. Senate"
  National Capitol Area Political Science Association, College Park, MD **2015**
  MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL **2015**

"Speaking of Representation"
      MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (Scheduled)   **2016**

SELECTED CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

"Bargaining Over a Burden: How Legislatures Distribute Costs When Benefits are   **2015**
Fixed," American Politics Research Workshop

"Speaking of Representation: Responsiveness in Legislative Speech," American   **2015**
Politics Research Workshop

"How Elections and Parties Influence Legislative Effectiveness: Assessing Causes   **2014**
and Implications in the U.S. Senate," American Politics Research Workshop

"Matching for Better Inferences with Randomly Imbalanced Regression   **2014**
Discontinuities," Methods Poster Presented at General Examination

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

"Landmark Legislation: Congressional Productivity and American History" with   **2015**
Stephen Ansolabehere

"Technology Optimism or Pessimism about Genomic Science" with Jennifer   **2014**
Hochschild and Maya Sen

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

"Introduction to American Government"   **2015**
    Teaching Fellow for Paul Peterson, Henry Lee Shattuck Professor of
    Government

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of Labor   **2010-2012**
    Politically-Appointed Senior Legislative Officer

Office of U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski   **2007-2010**
    Floor Director and Economic Policy Advisor

U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee   **2005-2007**
    Staff Assistant to U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Chairman/Ranking
    Member)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

    Proficient in R, Python, Mathematica, LISP

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Graduate Fellow, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard   **2014-Onwards**
University

REFERENCES

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