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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Rochester. Concentrations in Congress, Political Parties and Elections, and Political Philosophy. Degree granted in 1994.

Dissertation: "Bill Sponsorship in the United States Senate: Opportunity and Constraint."
 Advisors: Richard F. Fenno Jr. and Larry M. Bartels.

M.A., Political Science, University of Rochester, 1992.

B.A. with Honors, Political Science, The University of Chicago, 1986.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Brown University July 2015

Associate Professor, Brown University July 2000 - 2015

Assistant Professor, Brown University July 1994-June 2000

Legislative Assistant, Governor Mario M. Cuomo, Office of Federal Affairs for the State of New York, November 1988 - August 1989.

Legislative Assistant, Senator Daniel P. Moynihan. June 1986 - November 1988.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Books

Electing the Senate: Indirect Democracy before the Seventeenth Amendment. Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT) based on NSF funded project. Princeton University Press, 2015.

www.brown.edu/research/projects/electing-the-senate

Gateways to Democracy: An Introduction to American Government, Co-author with John G. Geer and Jeffrey A. Segal. Cengage Learning.

1st Edition, January 2011 (704 pages)

2nd Edition, January 2013 (688 pages)

3rd Edition, January 2015 (665 pages with additional co-author Richard Herrera)

4th Edition, January 2017 (700 pages with additional co-author Richard Herrera)

Gateways to Democracy: An Introduction to American Government, Essentials. Co-author with John G. Geer, Jeffrey A. Segal, and Dana K. Glencross. Wadsworth Cengage Learning.

1st Edition, January 2011. (640 pages)

2nd Edition, January 2013 (640 pages)

3rd Edition, January 2015 (with additional co-author Richard Herrera)

The Contemporary Congress – Co-author with Burdett Loomis.

Seventh Edition, 2018 (forthcoming) Rowman & Littlefield

Sixth Edition, 2015, Rowman & Littlefield

Fifth Edition, 2005 Thomson and Wadsworth
Fourth Edition, 2003 Thomson and Wadsworth

Partners and Rivals: Representation in U.S. Senate Delegations.
 Princeton University Press, 2000.

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

"U.S. Senate Elections before the 17th Amendment: Political Party Cohesion and Conflict 1871–1913." 2013. Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT) and Benjamin Xiong (Brown University). *Journal of Politics* 75 No.3: 835-837.

"Building Careers and Courting Constituents: U.S. Senate Representation 1889-1924." 2006. *Studies in American Political Development* 20:185-197.

"Tactical and Contextual Determinants of U.S. Senators' Approval Ratings." Co-author with Patrick Sellers (Davidson College) and Brian Schaffner (Western Michigan University). 2003. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 28: 203-223.

"Has Free Trade Won the War in Congress, or is the Battle Still Raging?" 2000. In *NAFTA Law and Business Review of the Americas* Vol.6, Issue 3, pp. 363-387.

"Trade Politics in the American Congress: A Study of the Interaction of Political Geography and Interest Group Behavior." 1999. *Political Geography* Vol. 18, Issue 7, pp. 769-789.

"Senators as Political Entrepreneurs: Using Bill Sponsorship to Shape Legislative Agendas." *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 186-203. February 1995.

Articles in Special Issue Journals and Edited Volumes

"Resolved the filibuster should be abolished (Con argument)." 2016. (Revised from earlier version) Chapter 15. In *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System, Third Edition* Eds. Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson. Washington DC: CQ Press.

"The 100th Anniversary of the 17th Amendment: A Promise Unfulfilled?" Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT). 2013. *Issues in Governance Studies* No. 59:1-12. Washington DC: Brookings Institution. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2013/05/24-seventeenth-amendment-senate-schiller-stewart>

"Resolved the filibuster should be abolished (Con argument)." 2014. (Revised from earlier version) Chapter 14. In *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System, Second Edition* Eds. Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson. Washington DC: CQ Press. Pp. 254-262.

"Howard Baker's Leadership in the U.S. Senate: Lessons in Persuasion, Civility, and Success." 2012. *Baker Center Journal of Applied Public Policy* Vol. IV, No.2: 28-48.

Schiller, Wendy J. and Cassidy, Jennifer C. 2011. "Senate Delegation Dynamics in an Age of Party Polarization," *The Forum*: Vol. 9: Issue. 4, Article 7.
<http://www.bepress.com/forum/vol9/iss4/art7>

"Resolved the filibuster should be abolished (Con argument)." 2010, (Chapter 12) In *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System*. Eds. Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson. Washington DC: CQ Press. Pp. 187-203.

"WTO and Illegal Tax Breaks." Co-author with Ralph Carter. 2008. In *Contemporary Cases in U.S. Foreign Policy*, 3rd edition. Edited by Ralph Carter. Washington DC: CQ Press.

Book Chapters

"Development of Congressional Elections." 2011. (Chapter 29) in *The Oxford Handbook of the American Congress*, eds. Frances Lee and Eric Schickler. New York: Oxford University Press.

"The Electoral Connection: Career Building and Constituency Representation in the U.S. Senate in the Age of Indirect Elections." 2007 in *Process, Party and Policy Making: Further New Perspectives on the History of Congress, Vol. 2*, eds. David W. Brady and Mathew D. McCubbins, Stanford University Press.

"Sharing the Same Home Turf: How Senators from the Same State Compete for Geographic Electoral Support." 2002. In *U.S. Senate Exceptionalism*, ed. Bruce Oppenheimer, Ohio State University Press.

"Building Reputations and Shaping Careers: The Strategies of Individual Agenda Setting in the U.S. Senate." 2000. In *Congress at Work, Congress on Display*, ed. William Bianco. University of Michigan Press.

Book Reviews

Weiner, Greg. 2015. *American Burke: The Uncommon Liberalism of Daniel Patrick Moynihan* Lawrence, KS, USA: University Press of Kansas, in *the Forum*, May 2017.

Lapinski, John. 2013. *The Substance of Representation: Congress, American Political Development, and Lawmaking* Princeton: Princeton University Press, in *the Forum*, February 2014.

Blumenthal, Max. 2009. *Republican Gomorrah: Inside the Movement that Shattered the Party*. Nation Books, in *The Historian*, Fall 2010

Sellers, Patrick. 2009. *Cycles of Spin: Strategic Communication in the U.S. Congress*. New York: Cambridge University Press, in *Congress & the Presidency*, Spring 2010.

Taylor, Andrew J. 2005. *Elephant's Edge: The Republicans as a Ruling Party*. Westport, CT: Praeger, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Spring 2006.

Binder, Sarah A. 2003. *Stalemate: Causes and Consequences of Legislative Gridlock*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, in *Congress & the Presidency*, Autumn 2003.

Bowling, Kenneth R. and Donald R. Kennon, eds, 2002. *The House & Senate in the 1790's: Petitioning, Lobbying and Institutional Development*. Athens: Ohio University Press, in *The Historian*, Autumn 2003.

Gronke, Paul. *The Electorate, the Campaign and the Office: A Unified Approach to Senate and House Elections*. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, in *Perspectives on Politics* March 2003.

Essays, Op-Ed Columns, and Other Publications

“Graduate Students and U.S. Legislative Politics: The Road Ahead” in *The Legislative Scholar*, Legislative Studies Section Newsletter, Fall 2016.

“[Pennsylvania Senate Election 2016: Pragmatism and Intraparty Conflict](#)” (with Cory Manento) on Princeton University Press Blog: Mind over Chatter since 1905, Summer 2016

“[Election 2016 would give the Founding Fathers indigestion, but they’d still be thankful.](#)” *The Dallas Morning News*, April 20, 2016.

“[Past and Present, Big Money Rules Washington Politics](#)” *Providence Journal*, December 21, 2014

“How the 2014 midterms are going to affect politics in 2015 and 2016.” *The Conversation*, November 5, 2014. <http://theconversation.com/how-the-2014-midterms-are-going-to-affect-politics-in-2015-and-2016-32787>

“Be Wary of New Wave of Voter Restrictions.” *The Dallas Morning News*, September 12, 2014. <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/sunday-commentary/20140912-be-very-wary-about-new-wave-of-voter-restrictions.ece?hootPostID=23577f80d23b6e992482948dc9bcdff0>

“It’s All Just a Little Bit of History Repeating.” NowwithAlex.com (MSNBC) February 9, 2012. http://nowwithalex.msnbc.com/_news/2012/02/09/10365978-its-all-just-a-little-bit-of-history-repeating “State of the Union: Letting the Past be a Guide.” NowwithAlex.com [MSNBC] January 23, 2012. http://nowwithalex.msnbc.com/_news/2012/01/23/10215507-state-of-the-union-letting-the-past-be-a-guide

“Is Romney Just Too Rich?” NowwithAlex.com (MSNBC) January 19, 2012. http://nowwithalex.msnbc.com/_news/2012/01/19/10193050-is-romney-just-too-rich

“The Tea Party claims victory - but will the last laugh be Obama’s?” *The Conversation*. www.theconversation.edu.au. August 3, 2011.

“Is it the filibuster or a failure of enforcement?” *The Hill* Congress blog, January 4, 2011

“Be careful what you wish for: Why the Tea Party should not want to repeal the 17th Amendment.” *The Hill* Congress blog. December 3, 2010 (with Benjamin Xiong)

“Living and dying through party politics.” *The Hill* Congress blog. October 18, 2010

“The irony of the Tea Party victory: More 'insider' influence.” *The Hill* Congress blog. November 8, 2010

“Ironic Times for Senate Democrats” AC360 (CNN) Web editorial, January 12, 2009

“Clinton Successor Must Complement Schumer.” *Newsday*. December 7th, 2008.

“The New Congress: How Congress Has Changed Its Ways.” 2006. In *Insights on Law & Society*, Chicago: American Bar Association for Public Education. Vol 7, No. 1.

“Lott’s Dictatorship of the Senate.” Co-authored with Curtis Kelley. *Providence Journal*. July 11, 2000.

Research in Progress

Book Project: *Where She Lives: Federalism and Gender Equality in the U.S. 1972-2016*.

“Legislating Under Federalism: The Effects of Geographic Overlap on State and Congressional Responsiveness to Domestic Violence.” Co-author with Gianna Jasinski and Kaitlin Sidorsky. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Meetings, Chicago, April 2017

“Differential Treatment: Gender, Geography, and Domestic Violence Law” Co-author Kaitlin Sidorsky. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Meetings, Chicago, April 2016.

“Where She Lives: Gender Equality and Variation in Domestic Violence Protection across States.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Meetings, San Juan, January 2016.

“Where She Lives: Federalism and Gender Equality in the United States.” Co-author Kaitlin Sidorsky. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Meetings, Chicago April 2015

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

“Collaborative Research: The U.S. Senate Election Data Base, 1871-1913.” National Science Foundation (NSF Grant 0517813) \$424,312. Co-Principal Investigator on collaborative project with Professor Charles Stewart III (MIT).

HOSTED CONFERENCES

10th Annual Congress & History Conference, Brown University June 8-10th, 2011

<http://www.brown.edu/conference/congress-and-history/>

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The 17th Amendment: A Promise of Democracy Unfulfilled? Presented at Democracy Unfiltered: Discussing 100 Years of Direct Elections and Modern Issues Affecting the Law of Democracy. A symposium sponsored by the *New York University Journal of Legislation and Public Policy*, New York University School of Law April, 2013

“The 17th Amendment and the Partisan Composition of the U.S. Senate,” Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT). Presented at the 2011 Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Howard Baker’s Leadership in the U.S. Senate: Lessons in Persuasion, Civility, and Success.” Presented at the Howard H. Baker Jr.: A Life in Public Service Conference at The Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, November, 2010.

“Cross-Chamber Coordination in Indirect Senate Elections 1871-1913,” Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT). Presented at the Bicameralism Conference at Vanderbilt University, October, 2009.

“The Effect of Party Loyalty and Legislative Turnover on the Election of U.S. Senators 1871-1913,” Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT). Presented at the 2009 Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Party Loyalty and the Election of U.S. Senators, 1871—1913,” Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT). Presented at the 2008 Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"Challenging the Myths of 19th Century Party Dominance: Evidence from Indirect Senate Elections 1871-1913," Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT). Presented at the 2007 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association. Nominated for the Congressional Quarterly prize for best paper on legislative politics.

“Party Conflict, Factionalism, and Extended Balloting in U.S. Senate Elections before the Adoption of the 17th Amendment,” Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT). Presented at the conference on Party Effects in the U.S. Senate, Duke University, April, 2006 and at the History of Congress Conference, Yale University, May, 2006.

“Party Control and Legislator Loyalty in Senate Elections before the Adoption of the 17th Amendment.” Co-author with Charles Stewart (MIT), presented at the 2004 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association. Earlier version presented at the 2004 Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“The Geography of Power: How Constituency Interest collided with Party Policy 1880-1894.” Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings.

“Climbing and Clawing their way to the U.S. Senate: Political Ambition and Career Building

1880-1913.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2004. Earlier version presented at the History of Congress conference, December 4-6th, 2003, University of California at San Diego.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Fellow - Hoover Institution at Stanford University February 2015
 Fulbright Award – Spain - Senior Lecturer in American Politics – 2004-2005 – (Declined)
 Howard Foundation Paid Semester leave 1997-1998
 Guest Scholar, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC September 1997-August 1998.
 Presidential Fellow, Salzburg Seminar, May 1996
 Visiting Student, Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. September 1993- September 1994.
 Research Fellow, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC. September 1992 - September 1993.

ACADEMIC LECTURES

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, April 2015
 Stanford University Department of Political Science February 2015
 University of Miami Department of Political Science November 2014
 University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science February 2014
 Texas Community College Teachers Association Annual Conference, Keynote, February 2014
 College of William & Mary, Department of Government April 2013
 Department of State, U.S. Speaker Program, (Calgary, Ottawa, Toronto) March 24-29, 2013
 Lake Forest College, Department of Politics April 2012
 Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, November 2011
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, American Politics Workshop March 2011
 University of Virginia – American Politics Workshop February 2010
 Yale University – American Politics Seminar Series February 2010
 University of Pennsylvania - Department Seminar, October 2007
 University of Georgia - Department Seminar, February 2007
 Columbia University – GIS symposium – June 2005
 Dartmouth College – Department Seminar Series February 2005.
 Columbia University – American Politics Workshop – February 2004
 New York University – Weekly Seminar Series – December 2003
 Rutgers University – Department Seminar Series – November 2003
 Columbia University – American Politics Workshop – February 2002

PRINT AND DIGITAL MEDIA POLITICAL COMMENTARY

New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, CNN.com, CQ Weekly, Providence Journal, Des Moines Register, The Hill, Christian Science Monitor, Financial Times, Toronto Globe and Mail, The New York Daily News, The Guardian, The Boston Globe, AP, International Business Times, The Hill, Gannett, GoLocalProv.com, The Economist

TELEVISION AND RADIO POLITICAL COMMENTARY

MSNBC

CNN
 FOX
 Bloomberg Radio
 The Factor with Bill O'Reilly
 Real Time with Bill Maher
 National Public Radio
 Minnesota Public Radio
 Illinois Public Radio
 Corus Entertainment Radio Alberta, Canada
 Political Analyst WJAR Channel 10
 Political Roundtable, WRNI RI Public Radio
 A Lively Experiment, RIPBS
 WPRO Radio

SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES ON AMERICAN POLITICS

North American Securities Administrators Association (Keynote)
 Providence College
 Jefferson Educational Society
 Miriam Hospital Women's Association (Providence)
 Brown University Club of Tampa
 One Day University/Dallas Co-sponsored by the *Dallas Morning News*
 One Day University/Washington DC co-sponsored by *The Washington Post*
 One Day University/Seattle co-sponsored by the *Seattle Times*
 One Day University/Providence Co-sponsored by the *Providence Journal*

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND TEACHING GRANTS

Leadership Alliance Research Mentor	Summer 2014
Salomon Fund Research Award	2001-2004
Salomon Fund Research Award	1997-1999
Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (UTRA)	1995, 1996, 1997, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2009
Group Research Project UTRA Award	2001-2002
Wriston Curricular Development Grant	Summer 2006
Curriculum Development Grant	Summer 1999

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2017 -
 Editorial Board Member, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, 2014-
 Member, Content Advisory Committee, Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States
 Senate 2013-2015
 Chair, E.E. Schattschneider Award for Best Dissertation in American Politics, APSA 2012
 Editorial Board Member, *Congress & the Presidency*, 2007-2009
 Member, Legislative Studies Section Nominations Committee 2008-2011
 Legislative Studies Section Governing Council 2006-2007

Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2004-2007
 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2005-2008
 Member, 2010 William H. Riker Prize Committee, University of Rochester, for best body of research in the study of politics as a science.
 Chair, 2009 Patrick Fett Award Committee for the best paper on the Congress and the Presidency presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Meetings.
 Member, 2007 Jewell-Loewenberg Award Committee for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2006.
 Member, 2007 Patrick Fett Award Committee for the best paper on the Congress and the Presidency presented at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Meetings.
 Legislative Studies, Division Chair, American Political Science Association Meetings, 2006.
 Member, 2005 Gladys M. Kammerer Award Committee for the best political science book in the field of U.S. national policy
 Legislative Politics Section Head, Midwest Political Science Association 2002 Meetings
 American Politics Section Head, New England Political Science Association 2001 Meetings
 Secretary-Treasurer, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association 1998-2001
 Member, Editorial Board - New Dilemmas in American Politics Series (Westview Press)
 Council Member, New England Political Science Association, 1999-2003
 Member, 1996 Richard F. Fenno Jr. Prize Committee for best book in legislative politics.
 Member, Brookings Research Fellow Selection Committee 1997-1998
 Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *National Science Foundation*, *Brookings Institution Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Ohio State University Press*, *Princeton University Press*, *State University of New York Press*, *University of Chicago Press*, *University of Michigan Press*.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chair, Department of Political Science, July 2015-
 Member, Brown Diversity & Inclusion Oversight Board 2016-2017
 Chair, Search Committee in Race and Ethnicity 2016-2017
 Chair, Tenure Committee for Susan Moffitt, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy 2015
 Member, FEC Nominations Committee, 2014-2017
 Member, American Politics and Public Policy Search Committee 2014
 Faculty Advising Fellow 2014-2015
 Faculty member, Brown Library Advisory Board, 2013-2015
 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Political Science Department 2012-2013
 Director Political Science Honors Thesis Program 2012-2013
 Faculty Chair, Information and Technology Advisory Board 2010-2013
 Member, Search Committee for Chief Information Officer 2013
 Member, Search Committee in Race and Ethnicity 2011
 Faculty Representative, Information and Technology Project Review Committee 2010-2011, 2011-2012

Chair, American Politics Search Committee 2010-2011
 Member, Graduate Committee, Political Science Department 2008-2009, 2010-2011
 Member, Search Committee in American Politics and Public Policy 2008, 2009
 Chair, Tenure Committee for Jennifer Lawless, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy
 Member, Human Resources Advisory Committee 2007-2009
 Member, Department of Education search committee 2006-2007
 Member, Tenure, Promotion, and Appointments Committee (TPAC) 2004-2007
 Member, University Disciplinary Council 2004-2005, 2005-2006
 Lecturer, Brown Alumni Clubs, Providence, Portland, Seattle 2006
 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, March 2000-June 2003
 Honors Thesis Seminar Director, 2000-2001, 2001-2002
 Member, External Department Chair Search Committee 2000
 Member, Search Committee for Dean of Campus Life 2000
 Member, Brown Sports Foundation Review Committee 2000
 Member, Royce Selection Committee 2000, 2001, 2002
 Member, Truman Selection Committee 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
 Member, Brown University Graduate Council 1995-97

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Current: Meghan Wilson, Daniel Carrigg
 Past: Kelly Branham Smith, Kaitlin Sidorsky, Jennifer Cassidy, David Blanding, Heather Silber Mohammed, Ravi Perry, Dennis Michaud, Brett Clifton

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS IN AMERICAN POLITICS RECENT COMMITTEES

2017 Cory Manento
 2016 Ryan Emenaker, Jane Austin
 2015 Aimee Bourassa, Ferris Lupino, Rachel Meade, Cadence Willse
 2014 Kelly Branham, Daniel Carrigg
 2013 Meghan Wilson, Patrick Endress, James Newburg
 2012 Kaitlin Sidorsky, Aaron Weinstein
 2011 Jennifer Cassidy, Domingo Morel
 2010 Heather Silber Mohammed, Andrea Owens-Jones
 2009 Jeremy Johnson, Ravi Perry

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to the American Political Process – Undergraduate. This course is designed to be an introduction to the American political process, broadly defined, to cover topics including but not limited to: Congress, Media, Interest Groups, Budget, Presidency, Public Opinion, Courts, Bureaucracy, and Agenda Setting. Students are asked to track elections and incumbent career performance, and analyze them in the context of media, interest group, and executive branch pressures.

Readings in American Institutions – Graduate. A seminar open to graduate students and advanced undergraduates. The course is essentially a survey course of the best work published

in the last 2-3 years in the top 4 political science journals. The course is organized around subfields within the larger category of American institutions, e.g. Presidency, state legislatures, interest groups. Students are asked to critique and analyze sophisticated and complex questions, which are answered using advanced quantitative and qualitative methods.

Pro Seminar in American Politics –Graduate. This course is designed to be the core survey course in the American politics subfield for political science graduate students. Topics covered include political parties, interest groups, public opinion, presidency, race and ethnicity, gender and politics, judiciary, American political development, mass media.

Representation: Parties and Interest Groups - Undergraduate Senior Seminar. This course explores the concept of representation and how individual opinions and interests are translated into outcomes in the political system. The two primary vehicles for representation are political parties and organized interest groups. We examine the origins of both, their transformations over time, and their role in modern political life. The readings are designed to combine theoretical and empirical explanations for the role and influence of parties and interest groups.

Philosophy of the Founding - Undergraduate Freshman Seminar. This course is designed to explore the ideas and beliefs that served to influence key actors in our nation's founding. The course relies on primary source materials, including the writings of Charles Montesquieu, John Adams, Abigail Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and Mercy Warren. The course focuses on the expectations underlying the construction of the new American republic and students are asked to assess the relevance and flexibility of our governance structure as it stands today.

The American Presidency - Undergraduate. This course covers all facets of the American Presidency, including but not limited to: nomination process, general election campaign, cabinet formation, interactions with Congress and the Supreme Court, foreign policy and military actions, communications strategies, major policy initiation, and policy implementation.

American and Comparative Political Behavior - Graduate. (Taught with Professor Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro) This course is a seminar open to 1st and 2nd year graduate students in which the students read selected works in each of these two subfields and construct their own research projects to produce article length manuscripts. The students engage in original data collection and analysis, both qualitative and quantitative.

Congress and Public Policy – Undergraduate. This course deals with the internal structure, procedure and politics of the U.S. Congress, congressional elections, minority representation, as well as its relationship with external forces, particularly the President. It covers existing literature on Congress, both the House and the Senate, and assesses current congressional policy making in the context of this literature.