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EDUCATION

PhD. Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2004.
M.A. Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2001.
B.A. Political Science, Stanford University, 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

Paying Attention to Foreign Affairs: How Public Opinion Affects Presidential Decision Making Penn State University Press (2010).

“Critical Dialogue: A Review of Terrance Chapman’s Securing Approval and a Response to Chapman’s Review of Paying Attention to Foreign Affairs,” Perspectives on Politics 10 (2012): 145-149.

“Engaging the Reluctant? Service Learning, Interpersonal Contact and Attitudes Toward the Homeless,” with Lisa Martinez, PS: Political Science 45 (2012): 106-111.

“A Pragmatic Response to an Unexpected Constraint: Problem Representation in a Complex Humanitarian Emergency,” Foreign Policy Analysis 5 (2009):135–168.

“Humanizing the Homeless: Does Contact Erode Stereotypes,” with Lisa Martinez, Social Science Research 38, (2009):521-534.

“Public Opinion and Foreign Policy: The Stages of Presidential Decision-making,” with M. Stephen Weatherford, International Studies Quarterly 50 (September 2006):705-727.

“When is Strategic Bombing Effective? Domestic Legitimacy and Aerial Denial,” with Aaron Belkin, Michael Clark, Robert Hinckley, Gulriz Gokcek, and Eric Patterson, Security Studies 1 (Summer 2002):51-88.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Gender Differences at Christian and Secular Colleges,” with Emily Ecklund. Forthcoming. Christian Scholar’s Review

“Framing Saddam? Rhetorical Analogies, the National Interest, and the Persian Gulf War,” with Jordan Cass-Boyle. Journal manuscript under review. *Tate International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, submitted October 2012

“Issue Frames and Cues in Context: How Pays Attention to the Context of Extreme Speech?” with Robert Hinckley. Journal manuscript to be submitted to the *American Journal of Political Science*, June 2013.

“Benchmarks in American Foreign Policy,” Journal manuscript to be submitted to *Public Opinion Quarterly* August 2013.

“Strategic and Sincere Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections,” with Wayne Iba, Patti Hunter, and Kristabel Stark. Journal manuscript to be submitted to the *Journal of Politics* July 2013

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Sincere and Strategic Voting in American Presidential Elections: An Experimental Design,” with Wayne Iba, Patti Hunter, and Kristabel Stark. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 11-14, 2013.

“Interdisciplinary Approaches to Physical Education,” with Gary Knecht. Presentation given at the Annual Conference of the California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, February 23-26, 2012.

“Framing Saddam: Rhetorical Analogies in the First Gulf War,” with Jordan Cass. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association-West, Pasadena, CA, September 23-24, 2011

“Issue Frames and Cues in Context: How Pays Attention to the Context of Extreme Speech?” with Robert Hinckley. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March 31-April 4, 2011.

“Benchmarks in American Foreign Policy,” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 23-25, 2010.

“Engaging the Reluctant? Interspersion of Contact and Attitudes Toward the Homeless,” with Lisa Martinez. Paper presented at the Southwest Social Science Association Meetings, Denver, CO. April 7, 2009.

“Technocracy in Higher Education: How Can We Do Public Work with Students and Community Partners?” Roundtable discussion at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Colleges & Universities, San Diego, April 2, 2008.

“Changing Opinions on Homelessness,” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, March 20-23, 2008.

“The Myth of ‘Stingy’ Americans: Public vs. Private Foreign Aid,” Paper presented at ISA-West, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 29-30, 2006.

Chair and Discussant, “The Clash of Civilizations? Conflicts and Conversations in the Post-9/11 World,” ISA–West Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 29-30, 2006.

“Breaking Duverger’s Law: Sincere and Strategic Voting in U.S. Elections” Paper presented at the Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 20-23, 2006.

“Redirecting Foreign Policy: Problem Presentation in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, California, March 22-25, 2006.

“The Influence of Public Attention in American Foreign Policy,” Paper presented at the Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 7-10, 2005

“Public Opinion and Foreign Policy: Stages of Presidential Decision-making,” Paper presented at the Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 15-18, 2004.

“The Rise of the Millionaire Candidate: Self-Funding in House and Senate Elections 1984-2000,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3-6, 2003.

“Coercive Bombing and Domestic Legitimacy,” Paper presented at ISA-West, Davis, CA, October 2001.

EMPLOYMENT

Westmont College, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2009-Present.

Courses include: American Presidency, Introduction to International Politics, Internships, Introduction to American Politics, Political Parties and Interest Groups, Empirical Political Research, The Politics of Sports, American Public Opinion.

University of Denver, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2004-2009.

Courses include: American Presidency, US Congress, American Foreign Policy, Political Participation and Representation, Research Methods, Concepts of the Public Good, Power and Justice, Political Methods, Political Interest Groups, Contemporary Issues in American Foreign Policy, American Public Opinion, Politics of Sports, and Simulation of American Government.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, Summer Quarter 2003.

Course: Political Interest Groups.

Westmont College, Instructor, Department of Political Science, Fall Semester 2002.

Course: Developing Nations.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Teaching Assistant, 1999-2004.

Courses include: Introduction to American Government (Five Quarters), Introduction to International Relations (Two Quarters), Introduction to Comparative Politics, Research Methods in Political Science, Political Interest Groups (Two Quarters), Congress Simulation (Two Quarters), The American Presidency (Two Quarters), The History of Globalization, Contemporary Issues of Globalization, Social Analysis of Terrorism, The Quest for Peace and World Order

U.C. Santa Barbara, Department of Political Science Lead Teaching Assistant, Fall Quarter 2001–2004.

Responsible for coordination and instruction of departmental TTA training course.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Research Assistant, Profs. M. Stephen Weatherford and Garrett Glasgow, October 2003–2004.

Responsible for researching and collecting data related to Professors Weatherford and Glasgow's professional activities.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Research Assistant, Prof. Benjamin J. Cohen, 2001–2003.

Responsible for researching and collecting data related to Professor Cohen's professional activities.

COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Assessment Coordinator for the Political Science Department, 2011-Present.
Member of Westmont's Athletic Committee, 2012-Present.
Member of Westmont's Institutional Review Board, 2010-2012.
Member of Westmont's Strategic Planning/Marketing Committee 2011-Present.
Member of David K. Winter Service Leadership Award Committee, 2011-2012
Co-chair of the Experiential Learning Task Force, 2010-2011
Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Alpha, University of Denver, Winter 2007-2009.
Board Member of the Bachelor of Arts Completion Program, University College, University of Denver, Winter 2007-2009.
Quantitative Reasoning Faculty Director, University of Denver, Summer 2007-Spring 2008.
Quantitative Reasoning Lab Committee, University of Denver, Winter 2007-2009.
PROF Award committee, University of Denver, Spring Quarters 2006 and 2008.
Marsico lecturer hiring committee, University of Denver, Spring 2006.

INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

Invited talk, "Voting and Elections," Westmont's Alumni Weekend, October 26-27, 2012.
Invited talk, "You're Voting Wrong: Why Americans Get Elections Wrong and Why it Matters." Phi Kappa Phi, Paul C. Wilt Faculty Lecture Series. October 15, 2012.
Invited talk, "Political Representation," WCSA, September 1, 2012.
Invited talk, "Strategic Voting," Westmont Parents' Weekend, March 31, 2012
Panelist, "Gender Development and Identity," Forum with the Westmont Residential Assistants," February 16, 2012.
Panelist, "National and Global Security in the 21st Century," Westmont Downtown Lecture Series, February 9, 2012.
Panelist, "First-Year Retreat," Westmont College Office of Student Life, September 30, 2011.
Invited talk, "Political Representation," WCSA, September 1, 2011.
Invited talk, "Paying Attention to Foreign Affairs," UCSB Research Colloquium, April 7, 2009.
Invited talk, "The Future of Experiential Learning at Westmont," Faculty Forum, March 3, 2011.
Panelist, "Condoleezza Rice and the Evolution of American Foreign Policy," Westmont Downtown Lecture Series, February 24, 2011.
Panelist, "Westmont Preview Days," November 11, 2010.
Discussant for Bruce Fisk's "Still Christian Zionism After All These Years? The Third Temple in a Century of End Times Hermeneutics," Phi Kappa Phi, Paul C. Wilt Faculty Lecture Series. October 25, 2010.
Invited talk, "Political Representation," WCSA, August 25, 2010.

Invited talk, "How to Use Lime Survey," Westmont College, April 27, 2010
Invited talk, "Benchmarks in American Public Opinion," Political Science
Department Colloquium, April 6, 2010.
Panelist, "What's Race Got to Do With An (Un)Civil Discourse and the
Presidency." Tuesday with Morals Series, November 3, 2009
Invited Talk, "Survey Research Methodology," Guest lecture for Lesa Stern's
research methods course, October 6, 2009.
Invited talk, "Using Classroom Response Systems Effectively," University of
Denver, August 2 and 4, 2008.
Invited talk, "Politics and the Olympic

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Bruce and Adeline Bare Teacher of the Year Award, 2012.
Westmont's Professional Development Grant, 2009-2010. \$3,600.
Public Good Faculty Fellow, 2007-2008
DU Faculty Research Fund Grant 2005-06 research on book manuscript.
\$2,500.
Dirksen Congressional Research Grant, 2002, (with Rob Hinckley and Rob
Patton). Developed online teaching resource on campaign finance laws.
\$4,500.
Twice recipient of U.C. Santa Barbara Outstanding Faculty Member Award
1999-2000; 2001-2002.
Nominee for Academic Senate and SSC Foundation's Outstanding Teaching
Assistant Award 2002.
Colin Manzer--Robert Wesson Best Graduate Paper Award, 1999-2000.
Colin Manzer--Robert Wesson Best Conference Paper Award, 2002-2003.
Lancaster Fellowship 1999-2002.
U.C. Santa Barbara Dissertation Fellowship 2002.
U.C. Santa Barbara Fee Fellowship 1999-2002.
Regents Fellowship 1998-1999.

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Reviewer for American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research,
International Journal of Press/Politics, Journal of Political Science Education
and Lexington Books.