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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. 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**

*Pulling the Reins of Power: Public Attention, Mass Opinion and American Foreign Policy.* Book manuscript under contract with Penn State University Press.

“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* 11, (Summer 2002): 51-88.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Breaking Duverger’s Law: Sincere and Strategic Voting in U.S. Elections” with Kelli Sindeband, Ahmed Amonette and Seth Stulgis. Article to be submitted to *Presidential Studies Quarterly* in September 2008.

“Framing Saddam: Rhetorical Analogies in the First Gulf War,” with Jordan Cass-Boyle. Article to be submitted to *International Studies Quarterly* in November 2008.

“Controversial Ideas in the Classroom,” with Robert Hinckley. Research in progress.

“The Myth of ‘Stingy’ Americans: Public vs. Private Foreign Aid,” Research in progress.

“The Millionaire Candidate: Self-Funding in House and Senate Elections 1984-2004,” with Juliet Carlisle. Research in progress.

### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

“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 Representation 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, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2009-Present.

Courses include: Introduction to American Politics, The American Presidency, Research Methods.

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

Courses include: American Presidency, U.S. Congress, American Foreign Policy, Political Participation and Representation, Research Methods, Concepts of the Public Good, Power and Justice, Political Myths, 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 TA 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.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Head Teaching Assistant, 2002.

Responsible for coordination of Introduction to American Government course.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Alpha, University of Denver, Winter 2007-  
Present.

Board Member of the Bachelor of Arts Completion Program, University College,  
University of Denver, Winter 2007- Present.

Quantitative Reasoning Faculty Director, University of Denver, Summer 2007-  
Spring 2008.

Quantitative Reasoning Lab Committee, University of Denver, Winter 2007-  
Present.

PROF Award committee, University of Denver, Spring 2006 and Spring 2008.

Marsico lecturer hiring committee, University of Denver, Spring 2006.

### **INVITED TALKS AND PANELS**

Invited talk, "Using Classroom Response Systems Effectively," University of  
Denver, August 2 and 4, 2008.

Invited talk, "Politics and the Olympic Games," University of Denver, May 21,  
2008

Invited talk, "Homelessness in Denver, Changing Hearts and Minds," Project  
Homeless Connect, April 28, 2008.

Invited talk, "Clickers in the Classroom," University of Denver, April 15, 2008.

Invited talk, "Rocking the Vote," George Washington High School, February 15,  
2008

Invited talk, "Making Classroom Technology Work," February 22, 2008.

Invited talk, "Rocking the Vote," Grandview High School, October, 2007.

Invited talk, "The Electoral College," VIVA, August 23, 2007

Invited talk, "Clickers in the Classroom," CTL Conference Technology & the  
Human Intellect, University of Denver, April 27, 2007

Moderator, "Bridges to the Future," Senator George Mitchell's Talk, University  
of Denver, October 10, 2006.

Panelist "US Political Party System," Fishbowl Discussion, University of Denver,  
September 2006.

Invited talk, "Third Parties and American Politics" The Second Year Experience  
at DU, University of Denver, September 2006.

Invited talk, "Third Parties and American Politics" Free Skool Lecture, University  
of Denver, May 2006.

Invited talk, "It's Not Easy Being Green," The Humanities Institute Lecture  
Series, University of Denver, 2006.

Invited talk, "The Church and Politics," Montview Presbyterian Church, February  
19 & March 2, 2006.

Panelist, "Patriotism in the Age of Terror," Fishbowl Discussion, University of  
Denver, February 22, 2006.

Invited talk, "What is Hot Today?" Hot Topics Series, University of Denver, February 9, 2006.  
Panelist, "Constitution Day," University of Denver, September 21, 2005.  
Invited talk, "The Ethics of a Research Assistant," The PINS Program, University of Denver, August 2005.  
Moderator "Saving Social Security," Congresswoman Dianna DeGette, University of Denver, March 2005  
Moderator, "Election Night 2004," Cable Center, University of Denver, November 2004.  
Moderator, "Presidential Debates," University of Denver, October 2004.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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's Outstanding Faculty Member Award 1999-2000; 2001-2002.  
Nominee for Academic Senate and UCSB 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.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
International Studies Association