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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Rochester, 2018 (Expected).

Fields: American Politics, Formal Theory, Political Methodology

M.A. Political Science, University of Rochester, 2015.

B.A. Economics and Government & Politics, University of Maryland — College Park, 2012.

Dissertation

Title: Essays on Bureaucratic Policymaking

Committee: John Duggan (chair), Lawrence S. Rothenberg, Tasos Kalandrakis

Description: My dissertation studies the development of policies in bureaucratic agencies. In particular, I focus on how the policies developed and chosen by agencies are shaped by constraints from other political institutions, such as Congress, the judiciary, and different agencies. A central theme is that these political constraints affect the incentives of agencies to expend resources acquiring policy-relevant information. Overall, I provide insights into how agency incentives impact final policy outcomes and the effectiveness of different institutional arrangements.

Publications

Slow to Learn: Bargaining, Uncertainty, and the Calculus of Conquest. (with William Spaniel) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Forthcoming*.

Policy Bargaining and Militarized Conflict. (with William Spaniel) *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Forthcoming*.

Working Papers

Bureaucrats, Judges, and Societal Welfare. (with Lawrence S. Rothenberg) *Revise & Resubmit*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

Lobbying and Policy Extremism in Repeated Elections. (with John Duggan and Gleason Judd) *Under review*.

Policymaking with Multiple Agencies.

Rubberstamping. (with Robert J. Carroll and Lawrence S. Rothenberg)

Works in Progress

Policy Preferences, Crisis Initiation, and Conflict Duration. (with Bradley C. Smith and William Spaniel)

Presented: MPSA 2015

The Amicus Game: Why Briefs are Filed and Why they Matter (with Lawrence S. Rothenberg and Bradley C. Smith)

Teaching

Instructor:

(PSC 105) Introduction to American Politics, University of Rochester, Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant:

(PSC 288) Game Theory, University of Rochester, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

(PSC 238) Business and Politics, University of Rochester, Fall 2014, Fall 2015

Other

Refereeing: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*

Conference Presentations: American Political Science Association (2016, 2017), Midwest Political Science Association (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017), Southern Political Science Association (2016), Wallis Mini Conference "2017 Summer Conference on Graduate Research"

Awards: W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy Fellowship 2015-2016

References

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