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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Law, August 2004-

## EDUCATION

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY—ST. LOUIS, Ph.D in Political Science, 2005

Dissertation: “*Parties, Procedures, and Agendas: Institutional Choice and Congressional Decision-Making.*” Steven S. Smith, Chair.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, M.A. in Political Science, 2000

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA, B.S. *Magna Cum Laude* in Political Science and History, May 1998

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“The Statistical Analysis of Roll Call Data: A Cautionary Tale.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 32 (August 2007): 341-360.

“Candidate Quality, the Personal Vote, and the Incumbency Advantage in Congress.” *American Political Science Review*, 101 (May 2007): 289-301. With Jamie L. Carson and Erik J. Engstrom.

“Redistricting, Candidate Entry, and the Politics of Nineteenth Century U.S. House Elections.” *American Journal of Political Science* 50 (April 2006): 283-293. With Jamie L. Carson and Erik J. Engstrom.

“Minority Rights and Majority Power: Conditional Party Government and the Motion to Recommit in the House, 1909-2000.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 30 (May 2005): 219-234.

“Strategic Politicians and U.S. House Elections, 1874-1914.” *The Journal of Politics* 67 (May 2005): 474-496. With Jamie L. Carson.

“Pivotal Politics, Presidential Capital, and Supreme Court Nominations.” *Congress and the Presidency* 32(Spring 2005): 31-48. With Timothy R. Johnson

“Presidential Capital and the Supreme Court Nomination Process.” *The Journal of Politics*. 66 (August 2004): 663-683. With Timothy R. Johnson.

“Procedural Contexts, Party Strategy, and Conditional Party Voting in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1971-2000.” *American Journal of Political Science* 47 (April 2003): 305-317. With Steven S. Smith.

“Are All Amateurs Equal? Candidate Quality in the 1992-1998 U.S. House Elections.” *Politics and Policy* 30 (September 2002): 482-501. With Stephen C. Roberds.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

*The American Congress* 4th edition, 2005, Cambridge University Press. With Steven S. Smith and Ryan J. Vander Wielen.

“Selecting Supreme Court Justices Dialogue.” *Focus on Law Studies* XX(2) (Spring 2005): 1-20. With Timothy R. Johnson.

“The Evolution of Agenda-Setting Institutions in Congress: Path Dependency in House and Senate Institutional Development.” 2007. In *Process, Party and Policy Making: Further New Perspectives on the History of Congress*. David Brady and Mathew McCubbins, editors. Stanford University Press. With Steven S. Smith.

“Candidates, Parties, and the Politics of U.S. House Elections Across Time.” 2007. In *Process, Party and Policy Making: Further New Perspectives on the History of Congress*. David Brady and Mathew McCubbins, editors. Stanford University Press. With Jamie L. Carson.

“Parties, Presidents, and Procedures: The Battle Over Judicial Nominations in the U.S. Senate.” *Extensions: A Journal of the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center* Spring 2004: 13-18. Reprinted in *Courts, Judges, and Politics: An Introduction to the Judicial Process*. 6th Edition, Walter F. Murphy, C. Herman Pritchett, Lee Epstein, and Jack Knight, editors. McGraw Hill.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Ambition, Competition, and Electoral Reform.” Presented at the 2007 Duke University Political Institutions and Public Choice (PIPC) seminar. With Jamie L. Carson.

“The Impact of Progressive Era Reforms on U.S. House Elections.” Presented at the 2007 Princeton University History of Congress Conference. With Jamie L. Carson.

“The Politics of Congressional Redistricting, Past and Present.” Presented at the 2006 Restoring Electoral Competition conference at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. With Erik J. Engstrom.

“Scoring the U.S. Senate: Scorecards, Parties, and Roll-Call Votes.” Presented at the 2006 Duke University Conference on Party Effects in the United States Senate conference. With Lauren Cohen Bell.

“Assessing the Incumbency Advantage Over Time: Evidence from the Nineteenth Century U.S. House of Representatives.” Presented at the 2005 Washington University Congress and History Workshop. With Jamie L. Carson and Erik J. Engstrom.

“The Evolution of Agenda-Setting Institutions in the House and Senate.” Presented at the 2003 History of Congress Conference, San Diego, CA. With Steven S. Smith.

“Using History as a Laboratory to Study Congressional Elections and Institutional Development.” Presented at the 2003 History of Congress Conference, San Diego, CA. With Jamie Carson.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“The Will of the Minority: The Rule of Four on the United States Supreme Court.” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Songying Fang and Timothy R. Johnson.

“Scoring the U.S. Senate: Scorecards, Parties, and Roll-Call Votes.” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Lauren Cohen Bell.

“Keeping Score: Parties, Interest Groups, and Roll-Call Voting in the U.S. House of Representatives.” Presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. With Lauren Cohen Bell.

“Assessing the Incumbency Advantage Over Time: Evidence from the Nineteenth Century U.S. House of Representatives.” Presented at the 2005 Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association and the 2005 American Political Science Association. With Jamie L. Carson and Erik J. Engstrom.

“Issues, Agendas, and Amendments: The House and Senate Roll Call Records in Comparative Perspective.” Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Congressional Redistricting and Candidate Entry Decisions in Nineteenth Century U.S. House Elections.” Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Jamie L. Carson and Erik Engstrom.

“The Development of Special Orders and Special Rules in the U.S. House, 1883-1945.” Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“The Will of the Minority? The Rule of Four on the United States Supreme Court.” Presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. With Timothy R. Johnson.

“Minority Rights and Majority Power: Conditional Party Government and the Motion to Recommit in the House, 1909-2000.” Presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“The Historical Context of Congressional Elections: Candidate Emergence in 19th and Early 20th Century U.S. House Elections.” Presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Jamie L. Carson.

“Strategy and Choice in 19th Century House Elections.” Presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. With Jamie L. Carson.

“Conditional Party Voting: House Voting Reforms and Aggregate Voting Measures.” Presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Steven S. Smith.

“The Use of Presidential Capital in Supreme Court Nominations.” Presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Timothy R. Johnson.

“Choosing Wisely: Assessing the Politics of Supreme Court Nominations.” Presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. With Timothy R. Johnson.

“Determining ‘Predominate Motive’: Race, Redistricting, and the Supreme Court in North Carolina.” Presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Guy-Uriel E. Charles.

“One Dimension or Two?: Analyzing Roll-Call Votes on Women’s Issue.” Presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“Divisive Primaries in U.S. House Elections: An Analysis of the 1990s.” Presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Stephen C. Roberds.

“Dimensions of Voting: Women’s Issues in the 105th Congress.” Presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Lisa Dean.

“Are All Amateurs Equal? Candidate Quality in the 1992-1998 U.S. House Elections.” Presented at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. With Stephen C. Roberds.

“Incumbent Scandals in the 1998 House Elections.” Presented at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association. With Stephen C. Roberds.

“Amateur Candidate Quality in U.S. House Elections: 1992-1996.” Presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. With Stephen C. Roberds and Darren T. Kennemer.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- University of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid of Research, 2005
- Fellow, University of Minnesota Institute for Advanced Study, Fall 2006
- Research Fellowship, Washington University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Summer 2002-2004

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Member—2007 CQ Press Award Committee, Legislative Studies Section of the American Political Science Association
- Panel Discussant—2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
- Panel Discussant—2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association
- Panel Discussant—2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
- Panel Discussant—2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association
- Panel Chair and Discussant—2005 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association
- Panel Chair and Discussant—2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
- Panel Discussant—2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
- Panel Chair—2000 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association
- Panel Chair—2001 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association
- Manuscript Reviewer—*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Review of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *The Journal of Politics*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Summer 2003-2004
- Faculty Consultant: Educational Testing Service, Summer 1999-2002
- Editorial Assistant: *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, Fall 2000

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association