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### **Education**

- Ph.D.            Princeton University (Department of Politics), January 2002  
Fields: American Politics, Formal and Quantitative Analysis, Public Law
- M.P.A.           Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton  
University (Domestic Policy), June 1997
- M.S.            University of Wisconsin-Madison (Curriculum and Instruction), August 1994
- B.A.            Dartmouth College (Asian Studies, cum Laude), June 1988

### **Academic Employment**

- 2007 - present   Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of  
Minnesota-Twin Cities
- 2002- 2007     Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of  
Minnesota-Twin Cities
- 2001-02        Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota-Twin  
Cities

### **Scholarship**

#### **Books (refereed)**

- Abernathy, Scott Franklin. 2007. *No Child Left Behind and the Public Schools*. Ann Arbor:  
The University of Michigan Press. (ISBN: Cloth, 978-0-472-09979-5; Paper, 978-0-472-  
06979-8). 216 pages.
- Abernathy, Scott Franklin. 2005. *School Choice and the Future of American Democracy*.  
Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press. (ISBN: Cloth, 978-0-472-09901-6; Paper,  
978-0-472-06901-9). 168 pages.

### **Other Publications (not refereed)**

Abernathy, Scott F. 2006. "Evaluating the Impact of No Child Left Behind in Minnesota." CURA Reporter 36 (Spring).

Abernathy, Scott F. 2004. "Charter Schools, Parents, and the Public Schools in Minnesota," CURA Reporter 34 (Winter).

Rigdon, Mark and Scott Abernathy. 1998. "Mapping the Terrain: Political Science and Education." Report on the Spencer Foundation Conference (June).

### **Invited Research Presentations**

Keynote Speaker. June 15, 2007. "Children Left Behind: A Child's Right To Education in the U.S" 2007 Human Rights Law and Policy Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

"No Child Left Behind in Minnesota." September 24, 2005. Department of Political Science Alumni Presentation. Minneapolis, MN.

"Leaving the Public Schools Behind." September 23, 2005. Alliance for Student Achievement Education Summit. Minneapolis, MN.

"Leaving the Public Schools Behind. May 13, 2005. " The University of Minnesota Symposium on Inequality and Representation in American Politics. Minneapolis, MN.

"The Democratic Consequences of School Choice: Skimming, Social Capital Formation, and the Milwaukee Voucher Experiment." October 8, 2003. Paper presented at the Yale Politics of Public Policy Seminar Series.

### **Pedagogical Presentations**

"No Child Left Behind in Minnesota." September 24, 2005. University of Minnesota College in the Schools Program in Economics and Political Science, Minneapolis, MN. April 5, 2006.

"School Choice, Customer Responsiveness, and Parental Participation." University of Minnesota, College in the Schools Program in Economics and Political Science. Minneapolis, MN. April 10, 2002.

### **Conference Presentations**

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2005, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2002, 2001, 2000

Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, 1999

## Teaching and Advising

### Undergraduate Courses

- Pol1001: American Democracy in a Changing World  
Spring 2002
- Pol1001H: American Democracy in a Changing World, Honors  
Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Fall 2007
- Pol4310: Topics in Political Science (Approved as Pol3319)  
Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004
- Pol4310: Topics- Religion and Politics in the United States  
Spring 2007
- Pol3319: Education and the American Dream  
Fall 2004, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Fall 2007

### Graduate Courses

- Pol8301: American Politics Graduate Core  
Spring 2004, Spring 2005
- Pol8335: Public Policy  
Spring 2003, Fall 2006
- Pol8360: Bureaucratic Politics  
Fall 2001, Spring 2006

### Graduate Advising

- PhD Advisor: Serena Laws (co-advisor), Adriano Udani
- PhD Final Committee Member: Melanie Burns, Patricia Cavanaugh, Logan Dancey,  
Kevin Parsneau, Aaron Rapport
- PhD Preliminary Exam Committee Member: Melanie Burns, Kevin Parsneau, Aaron  
Rapport
- Master's Committee Final Member: Michelle Huss, Jeffrey Hubbard

## Service

### Departmental Service – University of Minnesota Department of Political Science

- Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2002-2003, 2007-  
Graduate Work Committee, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2003-2004  
Undergraduate Work Committee, 2004-2005  
Merit Advisory Committee, 2002-2003  
Undergraduate Work Committee, 2002-2003  
Departmental Secretary, 2001-2002

### University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts (CLA)

- Associate Chair, CLA Assembly, 2008-  
Member, CLA Executive Committee, 2008-  
Member, CLA Assembly, 2007-  
Member, CLA Course Proposal Review Committee, 2007-  
Member, CLA Student Academic Affairs Committee, 2007-  
Member, Planning Committee on the Conference on Redistricting, 2005

### **Service in the Discipline**

Reviewer for *Perspectives on Politics*, *The Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*

Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Panel Chair, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

### **Other Activities**

Radio Interviews for *No Child Left Behind and the Public Schools*

Air America – KPHX Phoenix, AZ (4/19/07)

Gresham Live KOLE Beaumont, TX (5/21/07)

WGUA-FM Athens, GA (6/1/07)

WILL-AM Urbana-Champaign, IL (6/11/07)

KWMR-FM, NPR Marin County CA (6/5/07)

The Tavis Smiley Show, PRI (8/9/07)

Michigan Public Radio Ann Arbor, MI (8/15/07)

WORT-FM Madison, WI (8/28/07)

KUOW FM, NPR Seattle, WA (9/24/07)

Interviews for local television, Minneapolis, MN; The Minnesota Daily; Education Daily  
Moderator, Minnesota 59th Legislative District Candidate Forum for a Healthy Minnesota,  
2002

Testimony, New Jersey State Legislature, 2000

Teacher, Grade 7, Madison Middle School 2000, Madison, WI, 1994-1995

Teacher Grade 4, Country View Elementary School, Verona, WI, 1992-1994

Outreach counselor with homeless adolescents, The Bridge, Inc., Boston, MA, 1988-1989

### **Grants and Awards**

Graduate Research Partnership Program Grant, 2006. “*Selling De-Colonization: Immigration Policy, the INS, and Filipino Repatriation.*” Adriano Udani (student recipient). University of Minnesota

Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry, and Scholarship (\$17,038) 2005. The Graduate School of the University of Minnesota

University of Minnesota Single Semester Leave, Fall 2005

University of Minnesota Faculty Summer Research Fellowship/McKnight Summer Fellowship (\$5,000), 2004

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Research Grant (\$41,000), 2002-2003

Nomination for Harold D. Lasswell Award for best doctoral dissertation in the field of Policy Studies, Princeton University, Department of Politics, 2002.

Princeton University Graduate Fellowship, 1997-2001

Princeton University Graduate Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson School, 1995-1997

Samuel Aronowitz Prize for Community Service, Dartmouth College, 1988