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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Rochester, 1997.
M.A. Political Science, University of Rochester, 1994.
B.A. Political Science, *summa cum laude*. Texas A&M University, 1991.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2012-pres. Professor of Political Science, Rice University
2002-2005. Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Rice University
2002-2011. Associate Professor of Political Science, Rice University
2001-2002 Albert Thomas Assistant Professor of Political Science, Rice University
1997-2001 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Rice University
1996-97 Lecturer in Political Science, Rice University
1995-96 Research Associate, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
1995 Visiting Researcher, The European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.
1994 Research associate, University of Haifa; Haifa, Israel.
1993-94 Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester
1992-93 Teaching Assistant, Department of political science, University of Rochester

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2010 - present

Board Member, American National Election Study, 2010 - present

Panelist, National Science Foundation, dissertation & main panel, 2006-2011

Previous and Current Editorial Boards:

Political Research Quarterly,
American Journal of Political Science
Cognition, Psychology, and Behavior. PSN network at SSRC

Conference Section Organizer:

Western Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

Other Disciplinary Service:

Committee on Creation of a New Journal, MWPA
William Riker Award for Best Book in Political Science
Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the best paper at the WPSA, chair
Best article in JOP 2011, chair
Gregory M. Luebbert award for best book in comparative politics 2009-10, Chair

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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| 2007-2010 | Convener of Appeals and Grievances, Rice University |
| 2005-2010 | Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, Rice University |
| 2005-2011. | Senator for Social Science, Faculty Senate, Rice University |
| 2005-2011 | Chair of various Rice Faculty Senate committees and subcommittees (some examples: Bylaws, Curricular administration reform, Review of creation of new major in sports management, Spanish Major) |
| 2005-Pres | Member of numerous university and Rice Faculty Senate committees |
| 2007-09-10 | Member, Rice University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee |
| 2005-2009 | Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Rice University |
| 2004-2007 | Resident Associate, Will Rice College, Rice University |

- 2004-2008 Divisional Academic Advisor, Social Science, Rice University
- 1997-2004 Faculty Associate, Brown College, Rice University

EXTERNAL GRANTS

- National Science Foundation SES-0752362
“Explaining Cross-National and Over-time Variation in Political Knowledge”
2008-2011 (\$255,988)
- National Science Foundation SES-0937463
Supplement to “Explaining Cross-National...” (Significantly expanding the scope of the original grant and separately reviewed) (\$39,015)
- National Science Foundation SES-0215635
“Why the Economy? The Micro-Foundations of the Economic Vote”
2002-2004 (~\$200,000 total, \$99,937 Rice)
- National Science Foundation SES-0079094
“What do Voters Know about Cabinet Formation?” 2000-2002 (\$49, 752)
- National Science Foundation
Dissertation Improvement Grant, 1995
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grants for my PhD Students:
Jason Eichorst
Craig Meddaugh

INTERNAL GRANTS

- 2001 Research Grant for the “International Economic News Data Project” from the Baker Institute, Rice University
- 1999 Supplemental Research Grant for “What do Voter’s Know about Cabinet Formation” Center for the Study of Culture and Values, Rice University
- 1998 Research Grant, for “The Legislative Agenda in Parliamentary Democracies,” Baker Institute and the Center for the Study of Institutions and Values, Rice University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AWARDS AND OTHER HONORS

- 2010 Award for Best Article published in the Journal of Politics in the 2009-10 year, for “The Global Economy, Competency, and the Economic Vote”
- 2009 Gregory M. Luebbert award for the best book in Comparative Politics written in 2007 or 2008

- 2006 Best paper presented in Political Economy, Awarded by the Political Economy Section of the American Political Science Association.
- 1998 Finalist, Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Prize for the best teacher among assistant professors at Rice university
- 1994 Graduate Student Teaching Prize, University of Rochester
- 1991 Rush Rhees Fellowship, University of Rochester
- 1991 Bonnie E. Brown Award for the most outstanding undergraduate in political science, Texas A&M University
- 1990 Senior Honors Fellowship, Honors Research Program, Texas A&M University.
- 1989 Delegate, NATO Youth Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 1989 Jordan Fellowship - in support of field research in Gujarat, India. Jordan Institute for International Awareness, Texas A&M University
- 1987 Maude O. Hunter Fellowship, Texas A&M University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Economic Vote: How Political and Economic Institutions Condition Election Results. (with Raymond Duch). In the Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series. Cambridge University Press, 2008

Winner of the Gregory M. Luebbert award for the best book in comparative politics in 2007 or 2008.

Available at www.rice.edu/economicvoting/

This book seeks to explain why the economy is sometimes an important factor in electoral outcomes and sometimes is not. Our initial task was to construct the first comprehensive map of variation in economic voting over a large number of countries (18 western democracies) and years (1979-2001). We do this by estimating the pattern of economic voting over parties that is revealed in each of 165 different election surveys. Next, we propose a contextual model of rational economic voting that attempts to explain this variation as a function of differences in the political and economic context in which voters make their electoral choices. The theory, which builds on, and formally generalizes, both the rational selection model of economic voting first proposed by Alesina and Rosenthal (1995) and on McKelvey and Ordeshook's analysis of strategic voting in multi-party democracies, allows us to generate a rich set of hypotheses about the kinds of political and economic contexts that should condition economic voting. The relevant features of these various contexts can be organized into three general categories: the distribution of policymaking responsibility over parties previous to the election, the distribution of contention for future

policymaking responsibility in the election, and the quality of the signal that past movements in the economy provide about the competence of the parties in the election. For each of these general categories, the theory implies specific kinds of political and economic institutions that should condition the economic voting and in the final part of the project we test these implications. In general, we find strong support for the theoretical predictions of the model.

Political Interest and Political Knowledge in the Western Democracies. In Preparation.

Articles

“Perceptions of Partisan Ideologies: The Effect of Coalition Participation.” Forthcoming. *American Journal of Political Science*. (with David Fortunato)

“The Conditional Impact of Incumbency on Government Formation.” 2010. *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 104, no. 3. (with Lanny Martin)

“Context and Economic Expectations: When Do Voters Get it Right?” 2010. *British Journal of Political Science*. Forthcoming. (with Raymond Duch)

“The Global Economy, Competency, and the Economic Vote” 2010. *Journal of Politics* Vol. 72, no. 1, 105-123 (with Raymond Duch).

- *Winner of the Best Paper published in JOP for the year*
- *A previous version won the Best Paper presented in Political Economy in 2006 from the Political Economy Section of the American Political Science Association.*

“Assessing the Magnitude of the Economic Vote over Time and Across Nations.” 2006. *Electoral Studies* Vol. 25, no. 3, 528-47 (with Raymond Duch).

“Brain Activity in the Play of Dominant Strategy and Mixed Strategy Games” 2006. *Political Psychology* (with Rick Wilson and Geoffrey Potts), Vol. 27, no 3 pp. 459-478.

“Context and the Economic Vote: A Multi-Level Analysis.” *Political Analysis*. 2005. Vol. 13, no. 4, 2005, pp. 387-409. (with Raymond Duch)

“The Economy as Context: Indirect Links between the Economy and Voters.” 2002 in Han Dorussen, ed., *The Changing Economic Voter*. London: Routledge.

“The Cost of Ruling, Cabinet Duration, and the “Median Gap Model” *Public Choice*. 2002.

“The Economy and Policy Preference: A Fundamental Dynamic of Democratic Politics.” 2001. *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 45, no. 3, pp. 620-633

“Cabinet Formation in Parliamentary Democracies.” 2001. *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 45, no. 1, pp. 33-50. (with Lanny Martin)

“Cabinet Terminations and Critical Events.” *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 94, no. 3.

September 2000, pp. 627-640. (with Daniel Diermeier)

"Do campaigns Matter? Testing for Cross-National Effects." British Journal of Political Science. Vol. 30, April, 2000 , pp. 217-235. (with Lynn Vavreck)

"Cabinet Survival and Competing Risks." American Journal of Political Science. vol.43 , no. 4 , October 1999, pp. 1051-1068. (with Daniel Diermeier)

"Defense Expenditures and Economic Growth In Israel: The Indirect Link." Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 33, no. 3, 1996, pp. 341-353. (with Alex Mintz, Michael Ward, and Jordin Cohen)

"Theories of Budgetary Tradeoffs." Public Budgeting and Financial Management. 1995 (with Alex Mintz).

"Defense Expenditures, Economic Growth, and the 'Peace Dividend': A Longitudinal Analysis of 103 Countries." Journal of Conflict Resolution, Vol. 39, No. 2, 1995, pp. 283-309 (with Alex Mintz).

"Armament and Development: An Empirical Analysis of the Impact of Military Spending on Economic Growth in Developing Countries." in Chatterji, Jager, and Rima (eds.) The Economics of International Security: Essays in Honor of Jan Tinbergen, London: Palgrave. 1994 (with Alex Mintz).

INVITED PAPERS

"Making a Contribution: The Role of Fieldwork in Scientific Research Programs" APSA-CP, the newsletter of the Comparative Politics section of the American Political Science Association, 2005

BOOK REVIEWS

Interests and Integration: Market Liberalization, Public Opinion, and European Union by Matthew Gabel. Comparative Political Studies, April 1999.

REPORTS

"Health and Unemployment Programs in the Third World and their Relevance to the *Colonias* of South Texas." Report to the Center for Housing and Urban Development, Texas A&M University (with Nehemia Geva, Arnold Vedlitz, and Alex Mintz).

WORKS IN THE REVIEW PROCESS (with recent conference presentations noted)

"The Meaning and Use of Subjective Perceptions in Studies of Economic Voting." Presented at the European Consortium of Political Research Meetings, Berlin 2009 and being revised and resubmitted to *Electoral Studies* (with Raymond Duch)

"Executive Selection and the Informed Electorate: How the Rules and Norms Governing Cabinet Formation Impact Citizens' Knowledge of Politics" – invited to resubmit as a new submission to *American Political Science Review*. (with Greg Vonnahme)

“Responsibility Attributions for Collective Decision Makers.” Submitted to the *American Political Science Review*. (with Raymond Duch).

OTHER RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (of papers not listed elsewhere)

What do voters know about cabinet formation? Substantially revised and presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Seattle Washington September 2011

“A Solution to the Selection Problem in Models of Government Survival.” (with Lanny Martin and Daina Chiba) Presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Seattle Washington September 2011

“Clarity about Clarity: Sorting through Competing Explanations for the Clarity of Responsibility Hypothesis” (With Tiffany Barnes and Raymond Duch) Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 22-26, 2010

“Institutionalization, New Concepts and Methods” presented at the annual meeting of the International Political Science Association, Santiago, Chile, July 12-16, 2009 (with Keith Hamm, Andrew Spiegleman, and Ronald Hedlund)

WORKING PAPERS (not listed elsewhere)

“What Do Voters Know About Cabinet Formation” (with Andrew Spiegleman)

OTHER SELECTED RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND INVITED TALKS

Guest Lecturer, Oxford University (gave three lectures on multi-level models), Summer 2010

West Coast Experimental Conference, UCLA, April, 2010, discussant

Experimentation in Political Science Conference, Northwestern University (provided formal remarks on “Experiments in Comparative Politics and International Relations”), May 2009

Invited Talk, “Political Knowledge in the Western Democracies.” Texas A&M University, April 2009

Invited Talk, “Political Knowledge in the Western Democracies.” University of Rochester, March 2008

TEACHING

At the graduate level, I have taught core courses in comparative politics, statistical methods, and game theory. At the undergraduate level I have taught courses about comparative political parties and elections, the politics of developing democracies, comparative political economy, the European Union, and international relations. I have received the graduate teaching prize at the University of Rochester and was a finalist for the junior-faculty teaching prize at Rice University.