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Research Interests __

Substance Voting behavior, public opinion, public policy, campaign dynamics, political psychology, political communication,

elite behavior, interest groups

Method Survey research design, longitudinal data models, experiments, social network analysis, causal inference, data

science

Appointments _____

PRIMARY

2015–Pres Associate Professor. Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
 2010–15 Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA

AFFILIATIONS

2015-Pres Institute Fellow. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering, Boston, MA
 2011-Pres Faculty Affiliate. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering, Boston, MA

2018 Visiting Scholar. Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2012–15 Junior Faculty Fellow. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering, Boston, MA

Education

2010 Ph.D. in Political Science. Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2010 Graduate Minor in Statistics. Department of Statistics, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2008 Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Survey Research. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2008 M.A. in Political Science. Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2004 M.A. in European & International Studies. School of International Studies, Università degli Studi di Trento, Trent, IT

2001 M.A. in Social Sciences. Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1999 B.A. in Political Science & Italian. College of Literature, Science & Arts, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Publications

BOOKS [2]

The Myth of the Imperial Presidency: How Public Opinion Checks the Unilateral Executive. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press (with Douglas Kriner).

Applied Social Science Methodology: An Introductory Guide. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press (with John Gerring).

REFEREED ARTICLES & PROCEEDINGS [30]

TBD **Beyond the Base: Presidents, Partisan Approval, and the Political Economy of Unilateral Action.** Forthcoming, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* (with Douglas Kriner).

TBD Substantive Implications of Unobserved Heterogeneity: Testing the Frailty Approach to Exponential Random Graph Models. Forthcoming, Social Networks (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Benjamin Campbell & Jason Morgan).

TBD Recruiting Large Online Samples in the United States & India: Facebook, Mechanical Turk & Qualtrics. Forthcoming, *Political Science Research & Methods* (with Taylor Boas & David Glick).

- 2019 Does Public Opinion Constrain Presidential Unilateralism? American Political Science Review, 113(4): 1071–1077 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2019 Bad Characters or Just More Polarization? The Rise of Extremely Negative Feelings for Presidential Candidates. Electoral Studies, 61 (with Herbert Weisberg).
- 2019 Reassessing the Supreme Court: How Decisions & Negativity Bias Affect Legitimacy. Political Research Quarterly, 72(3): 637-652 (with David Glick).
- 2019 Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters. American Journal of Political Science, 63(1): 163–180 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Alison Craig).
- Assessing Candidate Preference through Web Browsing History. In Proceedings of the 24th ACM SIGKDD 2018 International Conference on Knowledge Discovery & Data Mining, 158–167 (with Giovanni Comarela, Ramakrishnan Durairajan, Paul Barford & Mark Crovella).
- 2018 Modeling Unobserved Heterogeneity with the Frailty Exponential Random Graph Model. Political Analysis, 26(1): 3-19. Winner of the Editors' Choice Article for 2018 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Jason Morgan).
- 2018 Role Analysis Using the Ego-ERGM: A Look at Environmental Interest Group Coalitions. Social Networks, 52: 213–227 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Benjamin Campbell & Zachary Navabi).
- 2017 Mobilizing the Public Against the President: Congress & the Political Costs of Unilateral Action. American Journal of Political Science, 61(4): 769–785 (with Douglas Kriner).
- The Specter of Supreme Court Criticism: Public Opinion & Unilateral Action. Presidential Studies Quarterly, 47(3): 2017 471-494 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2017 All the President's Senators: Presidential Co-Partisans & the Allocation of Federal Grants. Legislative Studies Quarterly, 42(2): 269–294 (with Douglas Kriner & Andrew Reeves).
- 2017 Who Votes for the Future? Information, Expectations & Heterogeneity in Economic Voting. Political Behavior, 39(2): 347-375 (with Dean Lacy).
- Costs, Benefits, & the Malleability of Public Support for 'Fracking.' Energy Policy, 105: 407–417 (with Douglas 2017 Kriner & Jillian Goldfarb).
- 2017 Constitutional Qualms or Politics as Usual? The Factors Shaping Public Support for Unilateral Action. American Journal of Political Science, 61(2): 335-349 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2016 Why Amicus Curiae Cosigners Come & Go: A Dynamic Model of Interest Group Networks. In Proceedings of the International Workshop on Complex Networks & their Applications V. Studies in Computational Intelligence, 693: 349-360 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).
- 2016 Superdelegates or Supertrustees? The Timing & Consistency of Superdelegate Decisions. Presidential Studies Quarterly, 46(3): 640-668 (with Erik Heidemann).
- Issue-Specific Opinion Change: The Supreme Court & Health Care Reform. Public Opinion Quarterly, 79(4): 2015 881-905 (with David Glick).
- 2015 Comparing Membership Interest Group Networks Across Space & Time, Size, Issue & Industry. Network Science, 3(1): 78-97 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).
- 2015 Chief Justice Roberts's Health Care Decision Disrobed: The Microfoundations of the Supreme Court's Legitimacy. American Journal of Political Science, 59(2): 403-418. Twinner of the 2015 Best Article Award by the Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (with David Glick).
- 2015 Mass Preferences on Communities of Interest & the Composition of Legislative Districts. American Politics Research, 43(3): 451-478 (with Todd Makse).
- 2014 Following the Money: Super PACs & the 2012 Presidential Nomination. Presidential Studies Quarterly, 44(3): 410-430 (with Corwin Smidt).
- 2014 The Evolution & Formation of Amicus Curiae Networks. Social Networks, 36: 82–96 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).
- Deus ex Machina: Candidate Web Presence & the Presidential Nomination Campaign. Political Research 2014 Quarterly, 67(1): 108–122. Twinner of the 2014 Best PRQ Article Award (with Corwin Smidt & Costas Panagopoulos).
- 2013 Quality Over Quantity: Amici Influence & Judicial Decision Making. American Political Science Review, 107(3): 1-15 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Matthew Hitt).

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- 2012 More Bang for the Buck: Campaign Spending & Fundraising Success. *American Politics Research*, 40(6): 949–975 (with Corwin Smidt).
- 2012 Still Part of the Conversation: Iowa & New Hampshire's Say within the Invisible Primary. *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 42(3): 597–621 (with Corwin Smidt).
- 2011 Riding the Waves of Money: Contribution Dynamics in the 2008 Presidential Nomination Campaign. *Journal of Political Marketing*, 10: 4–26. Reprinted in *Strategy, Money & Technology in the 2008 Elections*, ed. Costas Panagopoulos, London, UK: Routledge, 2011 (with Corwin Smidt).
- **Changing Horses in Wartime? The 2004 Presidential Election.** *Political Behavior*, 29(2): 279–304 (with Herbert Weisberg).

CHAPTERS, REVIEWS & NON-REFEREED ARTICLES [9]

- **Book review of** *The Primary Rules: Parties, Voters, & Presidential Nominations* by Caitlin E. Jewitt, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. *Political Science Quarterly.*
- 2016 **Presidential Primaries & Caucuses.** In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, ed. Sandy Maisel, New York: Oxford University Press (with Corwin Smidt).
- Judicial Networks. In Oxford Handbook of Political Networks, ed. Jennifer N. Victor, Mark Lubell & Alex Montgomery, New York: Oxford University Press (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Claire Leavitt).
- 2015 **Book review of** *Artists of the Possible: Governing Networks & American Policy Change since 1945* by Matt Grossmann, New York: Oxford University Press. *Political Science Quarterly*, 130(3): 557–558.
- **Political Constraints on Unilateral Executive Action.** *Case Western Reserve Law Review,* **65(4)**: 897–931 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2013 Crowdsourcing Panel Studies & Real-Time Experiments in MTurk. The Political Methodologist, 20(2): 27–33 (with David Glick).
- 2013 Comparing Chinese & U.S. Media Coverage of the Global Recession: Linking the Economy, News & Public Expectation. In *Media Discourses about Crisis*, ed. Valentina Marinescu & Silvia Branea, Bucharest, Romania: Bucharest University Press (with Denis Wu).
- **Correlation.** In *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser & Leonardo Morlino, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publication
- **Speeding Up R for Windows.** *The Political Methodologist*, 17(1): 4–11 (with Joshua Morris).

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE [2]

- In Beta acnet. An R package for amicus curiae networks (with Andrei Lapets).
 - **2017 fergm.** An R package for exponential random graph models with frailty terms (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Benjamin Campbell & Jason Morgan).

POPULAR PRESS [9]

- 2018 **Big Data & Political Science.** BU PO Newsletter. January 13.
- 2017 Congressional Critics Do Check Presidential Power—by Leading Public Opinion. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post.* February 16 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2017 Congress & the Political Costs of Unilateral Action. AJPS Blog. March 9 (with Douglas Kriner).
- When It Comes to Executive Actions, Americans' Partisan & Policy Preferences Trump Constitutional Concerns.

 USApp Blog, LSE US Centre. July 12 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2015 The Microfoundations of the Supreme Court's Legitimacy. AJPS Blog. July 30 (with David Glick).
- 2015 Hariri Institute Funding Interdisciplinary Work of Faculty in Political Science & Math/Statistics Departments.

 BU PO Newsletter. January 21.
- 2014 A Strong Web Presence Can Equalize the Playing Field for Long Shot Candidates in Presidential Party Nominations. USApp Blog, LSE US Centre. April 8.
- 2012 **Political Science & Campaign Advertising in 2012.** BU PO Newsletter. November 12.
- The Dynamic Nomination Process: Reflections on the 2012 Presidential Election. *BU PO Newsletter.* April 16.

Grants & Awards

EXTERNAL [\$982,003]

- TBD Integrated Foundations for Privacy-Protected Web Browsing Analytics. National Science Foundation, Under Review (with Paul Barford, Mark Crovella & Mayank Varia).
- 2018 Modeling Unobserved Heterogeneity with the Frailty Exponential Random Graph Model. \$450. Editors' Choice Article Award, *Political Analysis* (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Jason Morgan).
- **Legislative Audiences and Dear Colleague Letters.** \$306,515. National Science Foundation Award #1627358 & #1627422 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Alison Craig).
- 2015 Chief Justice Roberts's Health Care Decision Disrobed: The Microfoundations of the Supreme Court's Legitimacy. \$500. Best Journal Article Award, Law & Courts, American Political Science Association (with David Glick).
- **Modeling Unobserved Heterogeneity in Network Formation.** \$346,949. National Science Foundation Award #1528705 & #1528739 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Jason Morgan).
- 2015 **Deus ex Machina: Candidate Web Presence and the Presidential Nomination Campaign.** \$1,000. Best Article in *Political Research Quarterly*, Western Political Science Association (with Corwin Smidt & Costas Panagopoulos).
- 2015 Legitimacy, Ideology, and the Court's Roller Coaster Week of Salient Decisions. \$500. Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Best Conference Paper. Western Political Science Association (with David Glick).
- 2015 **Methodological Advances and Applications in Network Modeling.** \$37,021. National Institutes of Health The Institute for Population Research Award (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Jason Morgan & Hong Zhu).
- **Cue-Taking in Congress.** \$3,500. **Dirksen Congressional Center** Congressional Research Award (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier & Alison Craig).
- 2013 **Prestage Cook Travel Award.** \$500. Southern Political Science Association
- **The Evolution and Influence of Interest Group Networks.** \$272,663. National Science Foundation Award #1124386 & #1124369 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).
- 2010 **Political Networks Conference Travel Award.** \$500. American Political Science Association.
- 2010 Learning from Campaigns: Political Information and Context in Presidential Elections. \$500. Tim Cook Award for Best Graduate Student Paper. Political Communication, American Political Science Association.
- 2010 Annual Meeting Travel Award. \$300. American Political Science Association.
- **The Electoral Intersection: Information and Context.** *\$11,105.* National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award #0921734 & #1528739 (with Herbert Weisberg & Janet Box-Steffensmeier).

INTERNAL [\$145,177]

- 2019 Integrated Foundations for Privacy-Protected Public Opinion Research. \$50,000. Hariri Institute Research Incubation Award (with Mark Crovella & Mayank Varia).
- **Political Networks Award for Best Poster.** \$250. American Political Science Association. (with Sahar Abi-Hasan, Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Aaron Kaufman & Brian Libgober).
- 2016 Statistically Principled and Scalable Computational Tools for Communication. \$26,500. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering (with Margrit Betke, Jacob Groshek, Lei Guo & Prakash Ishwar).
- 2015 Recruiting Subjects for Online Surveys: Facebook versus Mechanical Turk. \$20,000. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering (with Taylor Boas & David Glick).
- 2014 Statistical Models and Computational Methods for Community Detection in Large Networks. \$30,750. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering (with Luis Carvalho).
- **Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters.** *\$11,827.* **Ohio State University** Democracy Studies Research Award (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Alison Craig).
- 2010 Francis R. Aumann Award for Best Conference Paper. \$250. Ohio State University.
- 2009 The Presidential Fellowship. Ohio State University.
- **The Superdelegate Study.** *\$800* **Ohio State University.** Harvey Walker Senior Research Grant (with Herbert Weisberg & Erik Heidemann).
- 2008 Council of Graduate Studies Ray Travel Award. \$750. Ohio State University.

2007 **Senior Fellow in the Program in Statistics & Methodology.** Ohio State University.

2007 **Survey Research Award from the Center for Survey Research.** *\$4,050.* Ohio State University.

Conference Participation _____

2019–13, 2011–05	American Political Science Association
2013	Analisi delle Reti Sociali
2016	Complex Networks
2015	European Political Science Association
2018	Knowledge, Discovery and Data Mining
2019-05	Midwest Political Science Association
2019, 2016	Northeastern Political Science Association
2012	Pacific Northwest Political Science Association
2019-16, 2014-10	Political Networks
2014, 2009-08	Society for Political Methodology
2019-14, 2010-08	Southern Political Science Association
2017–14	Western Political Science Association

Invited Talks & Panels _____

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2019	Center for American Political Studies Speaker Series. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	
2019	American Politics Series. Washington University, St. Louis, MO	
2018	American Politics Seminar. New York University, New York, NY	
2018	Speaker Series. University of Houston, Houston, TX	
2015	Collective Social Identities & the Good Society Seminar. Radcliffe Institute, Cambridge, MA	
2014	American Politics Series. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL	
2014	American Politics Conference. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA	
2014	CIS Seminar on Sociological & Political Research. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	
2014	Executive Politics Conference. Washington University, St. Louis, MO	
2013	The Particularistic President Book Conference. Boston University, Boston, MA	
2013	CNISS Political Economy Speaker Series. Washington University, St. Louis, MO	
2012	Integrating Social Sciences in Sustainability. University of Chicago Chicago, IL	
2009	New Faces in Political Methodology Conference. Penn State University State College, PA	
INTERNAL		
2019	Battle at the Ballot Box. BU Hillel & BU College Democrats, Boston, MA	
2019	Professor Perspectives on Data Science. BU Politics, Philosophy, & Economics Society (PPE), Boston, MA	
2018	Rhett Talk. BU Residence Life, Boston, MA	
2018	Midterm Election Panel. BU Women's Guild, Boston, MA	
2017	Crafting Your Online Scholarly Persona. BU College of Arts & Sciences, Boston, MA	
2017	Making Social Media Matter Workshop Keynote. BU College of Communication, Boston, MA	
2016	World Statistics Day Keynote. BUSC of the American Statistical Association, Boston, MA	
2015	Survey Research Design. BU Associate Provost for Research Workshop, Boston, MA	
2014	Junior Faculty Fellow Talk. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering, Boston, MA	
2014	Alumni Weekend Panel on Politics. Boston University, Boston, MA	
2013	109 Capstone Lecture. BU Math & Computer Science, Boston, MA	
2013	Sociology Speaker Series. BU Department of Sociology, Boston, MA	
2012	Discoveries Lecture Series on Redistricting. Boston University, Boston, MA	

2012 Road to Washington: Conversations on the 2012 American Elections. Boston University, Boston, MA 2011 Spectrums Project Consultation Day. Boston University, Boston, MA 2010 Alumni Weekend Panel on Politics. Boston University, Boston, MA 2010 Survey Weighting. OSU Survey Research Practicum, Columbus, OH 2008 Importing Data in Statistical Software. OSU PRISM Series, Columbus, OH Introduction to Stata. OSU PRISM Series, Columbus, OH 2008 2008 **OLS Regression in R.** OSU PRISM Series, Columbus, OH 2007 Introduction to R. OSU PRISM Series, Columbus, OH

Academic Service _____

External		
2015-Pres	Political Networks Section Treasurer. American Political Science Association	
2021	Annual Meeting Program Chair. American Political Science Association	
2019	Voting Behavior Section Head. Midwest Political Science Association	
2016	Voting and Elections Section Head. Western Political Science Association	
2012	Robert H. Durr Methodology Award Committee. Midwest Political Science Association	
2011	Timothy Cook Communications Award Committee. American Political Science Association	
INTERNAL		
2019-Pres	Social Science Task Force. College of Arts & Sciences	
2015-Pres	Steering Committee for the Data Science Initiative. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering	
2015-Pres	Research Computing Governance Committee. Information Services & Technology	
2013-Pres	Faculty in Residence. Residence Life	
2012-Pres	Director of Advanced Programs (Honors & B.A./M.A.). Department of Political Science	
2011-Pres	Ph.D. Field Exam in Methodology Committee Chair. Department of Political Science	
2011-Pres	Ph.D. Field Exam in American Politics Committee. Department of Political Science	
2016-2019	Steering Committee for the Institute. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering	
2010-18	IT Committee & Webmaster. Department of Political Science	
2019	Tenure Review Committee. Department of Political Science	
2018	Promotion & Merit Standards Committee. Department of Political Science	
2018	Faculty Search in American Politics Committee. Department of Political Science	
2018	Tenure Review Committee. Department of Political Science	
2017	Mid-Tenure Review Committee. Department of Political Science	
2017	Chair Search Delegate. Department of Political Science	
2016	Co-Chair of the Inaugural Day of BU Data Science (BUDS). Hariri Institute for Computational Science	
	& Engineering	
2016	Faculty Search in American Politics Committee. Department of Political Science	
2015	Mid-Tenure Review Committee. Department of Political Science	
2015	Faculty Search in Public Policy Committee. Department of Political Science	
2010–15	Interdisciplinary Methods Initiative Committee. College of Arts & Sciences	
2010–15	Co-Organizer (& Co-Founder) of RAP/C Workshop. Department of Political Science	
2014	Faculty Search Committee in Quantitative Social Inequality. Department of Sociology	
2013	Faculty Search in American Politics Committee. Department of Political Science	
2012	Chair Search Delegate. Department of Political Science	
2011–12	Graduate Admissions Committee. Department of Political Science	
2011	Faculty Search in American Politics Committee. Department of Political Science	
2010	Faculty Search in American Politics Committee. Department of Political Science	

Journal, Book & Grant Service _

Referee

American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; Cambridge
University Press; Congress & the Presidency; Economic & Social Research Council; Electoral Studies; International
Journal of Press/Politics; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Journal of
Information Technology & Politics; Journal of Law & Courts; Journal of Politics; Law & Society; Mass Communication
& Society; National Science Foundation; Oxford University Press; Policy Studies Journal; Political Analysis; Political
Behavior; Politics, Groups, & Identities; Political Research Quarterly; Politics & Religion; PLoS ONE; Presidential Studies
Quarterly; Public Opinion Quarterly; Research & Politics; SAGE Open Article Editor; Social Networks; Social Science
Computer Review; Social Science Quarterly; Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada; State Politics
& Policy Quarterly; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences; University of Chicago Press

Editorial

American Politics Research

Board

Honors & Associations

Professional

American Political Science Association (sections: Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior; Experimental Research; Political Communication; Political Methodology; Political Networks; Political Organizations and Parties; Political Psychology); International Society of Public Law; Midwest Political Science Association; Northeastern Political Science Association; Society for Political Methodology; Southern Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association

Other

 ΓKA National Honor Society; Order Sons of Italy in America; Società Dante Alighieri; Sorana Society

Experience

TEACHING

Pres Maximum Likelihood Estimation. (graduate) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA

Pres Voting Behavior. (undergraduate & graduate) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA

Pres U.S. Media & Politics. (undergraduate) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA

Pres Presidential Nominations. (undergraduate) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA

Pres Political Analysis. (undergraduate & graduate) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA

Political Analysis. (undergraduate) Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Game Theory. (graduate, TA) Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR) Ann Arbor, MI

American Politics. (undergraduate, TA) Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2005 **Judicial Politics.** (undergraduate, TA) Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2004 Campaign Politics. (undergraduate, TA) Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

OTHER

2006 Survey Interview Monitor for the Ohio Exit Polls. Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

2003-04 Policy Advisor on Jobs & the Economy. Barack Obama US Senate Campaign, Chicago, IL

2003 Account Supervisor. Wilhelm & Conlon Public Strategies, Chicago, IL

2002-03 Policy Advisor on Budget & Finance. Jennifer Granholm Gubernatorial Campaign & Transition, Lansing, MI

2002 Public Relations Intern. Edelman, Washington, DC

2001 Policy Intern. Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights, Chicago, IL

Skills_

Code CSS, Excel, HTML, Java, ŁTEX, Perl, R, SAS, SPSS, Stata, SQL

Languages English, Italian