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Academic Background

Clinical Assistant Professor of Public Policy, New York University, Wagner School
September 2014 - Present

Research Associate, University of Southern California
January 2014 – August 2014

Visiting Assistant Professor of Government, Part-Time, Claremont McKenna College
2013-2014

Post-Doctoral Scholar, California Institute of Technology
July 2013 – December 2013

PhD in Social Science, California Institute of Technology
Graduated June 2013
M.S. in Social Science, June 2010

B.A. in Mathematics and Government, Claremont McKenna College
Graduated May 2008
Awarded “Best Overall Achievement in Government” 2008
William Wagner Coaches Award, Football, 2006 and 2007

Fields of Specialization

Primary: American Politics; Secondary: Political Methodology

Dissertation

Title: “Of Primary Importance: American Primary Elections 1945-2012”
Principal Advisor: Dr. R. Michael Alvarez

Book

Nonpartisan Primary Election Reform: Mitigating Mischief. 2015. With R. Michael Alvarez.
New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

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Publications

“Public Salience, Media Attention, and Mass Administrative Reorganization” With Anthony M. Bertelli, *Public Administration Review*. Forthcoming.

“Media Attention and the Demise of Agency Independence: Evidence from a Mass Administrative Reorganization in Britain.” With Haram Lee and Anthony M. Bertelli, *Public Administration*. Forthcoming.

“Winning from the Center: Frank Bigelow and California’s Nonpartisan Primary.” 2015. *California Journal of Politics & Policy*, 7(1): 1-33.

“Balancing Fraud Prevention and Electoral Participation: Attitudes Towards Voter Identification.” 2014. With Lonna Rae Atkeson, R. Michael Alvarez, and Thad E. Hall, *Social Science Quarterly*, 95(5): 1381-1398.

“Why Did Proposition 19 Fail?” 2013. With R. Michael Alvarez and Jackie Kimble, in Katherine Tate, James Lance Taylor, and Mark Q. Sawyer, *Something’s In the Air: Race and the Legalization of Marijuana*, Routledge.

“Who Are California’s ‘Decline to State Voters?’” 2013. With R. Michael Alvarez. *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, 5(1): 47-66.

“Making Voting Easier: Convenience Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election.” 2012. With R. Michael Alvarez and Ines Levin. *Political Research Quarterly*, 65(2): 248-262.

Working Papers

“Democratic Accountability and the Politics of Mass Administrative Reorganization” With Anthony M. Bertelli. (Revise & Resubmit)

“Beyond Demography: Economic Adversity, Blame Attribution, and Civic Engagement” With Ines Levin and R. Michael Alvarez. (Revise & Resubmit).

“Crashing the Party: Copartisan General Elections Under the Top-Two Primary.” With Ian O’Grady, Brock McIntosh, and Caroline Nordlund. Draft available on request.

“When Do Citizens Need Political Knowledge? Primary Election Voters and Online Engagement,” with Thad E. Hall and Betsy Sinclair. Draft available on request.

“Welcome to the Jungle: Voter Behavior in California’s First Top-Two Primary.” Draft available on request.

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Conference Papers & Presentations

“Mass Administrative Reorganization, Media Attention, and the Paradox of Information.” With Anthony M. Bertelli. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015.

“Democratic Accountability and the Politics of Mass Administrative Reorganization.” With Anthony M. Bertelli. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015.

“Should We Credit the ‘Top-Two’? Cross Party Agreement After Reform in California.” With Betsy Sinclair. Poster presented at the 31st Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, Athens GA., July 23-26 2014.

“Do Electoral Institutions Matter? The Top-two Primary and Ideological Change in the California State Legislature.” With Christian Grose and Antoine Yoshinaka. Presented at Berkeley’s IGS “California’s Top-Two Primary: Will It Make a Difference” Conference, April 25 2014.

“The Top Blanket: Did the Constitutional Top-Two Primary Have the Same Effect on the California Legislature as the Unconstitutional Blanket Primary?” With Betsy Sinclair. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.

“Between Person and Party: Voter Behavior in California’s Top-Two Primary.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2013.

“Welcome to the Jungle: Voter Behavior in California’s First Top-Two Primary.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2013.

“Primary Elections: Does Changing the Rules Change the Outcomes?” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.

“The Politics of Health Care: California in 2010.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.

“Deciphering Declining: California’s Decline to State Voters.” With R. Michael Alvarez. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2011.

“Defense Under Domestic Constraint: 1816-1913.” With Thomas Ruchti. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2011.

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Teaching Experience

NYU: Stats 1, Statistical Methods (NYU, Fall 2014, 2 Sections)
 Stats 2, Statistical Methods (NYU, Spring 2015)
 Introduction to Public Policy (NYU, Spring 2015)

CMC: Gov. 20, Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2013, Spring 2015)

Caltech (TA): PS12: Introduction to Political Science (Kiewiet)
 PS12: Introduction to Political Science (Ordeshook)
 PS139: Comparative Politics (Ordeshook)
 BEM/PS 126: Business and Public Policy (Snowberg)
 PS 120: American Electoral Behavior and Party Strength (Alvarez)

Service

Teaching Technology Committee, New York University, 2014-2015

Future of Technology-Enhanced Education at NYU, New York University, 2014-2015