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Education

University of California at Irvine, Irvine, California
PhD in Political Science (June 2016)

Dissertation: “From Protest to Policymaking: African American Legislative Behavior in the Post-War Era.” Committee: Matthew N. Beckmann (chair), Louis DeSipio, Bernard Grofman, Michael Tesler

University of California at Irvine, Irvine, California
Master of Arts in Political Science (December 2011)

University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, California
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude (May 2006)

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Politics Department, Oberlin College (Fall 2016-present)

Faculty Associate, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University (Fall 2015-present)

Faculty Associate, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)

Research and Teaching Interests

American Politics, U.S. Congress, American Presidency, Race and Ethnic Politics, Political Representation, American Political Parties

Fellowships and Awards

Peltason Fellow. University of California, Irvine Center for the Study of Democracy. May 2015.

Congressional Research Grant. The Dirksen Congressional Center. April 2015. \$3300

Graduate Student Research Grant. University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Summer 2013.

James N. Danziger Award for Teaching Excellence. University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Spring 2013.

Summer Fellowship. University of California, Irvine Center for the Study of Democracy. Summer 2014, Summer 2013, Summer 2012, Summer 2011, Summer 2010, Summer 2009.

Fellowship. University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Spring 2013, Fall 2010, Fall 2008.

Summer Research Grant. University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Summer 2012.

Faculty-Graduate Student Matching Research Grant (with Katherine Tate). University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Summer 2012.

John A. Garcia Award. Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). Summer 2011.

David Easton Award (for the best graduate student Qualifying Paper in the University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science during the previous academic year). 2011.

Publications

Matthew N. Beckmann, Neilan S. Chaturvedi and Jennifer R. Garcia. 2016. "Targeting the Treatment: The Logic Behind Lyndon Johnson's Lobbying." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

Jennifer R. Garcia and Bernard Grofman. 2015. "Using Spanish Surname Ratios to Estimate Proportion Hispanic." *Social Science Quarterly*.

Christopher T. Stout and Jennifer R. Garcia. 2014. "The Big Tent Effect: Descriptive Candidates and Black and Latino Political Partisanship." *American Politics Research*.

Bernard Grofman and Jennifer R. Garcia. 2014. "Using Spanish Surname to Estimate Hispanic Voting Population in Voting Rights Litigation: A Model of Context Effects Using Bayes Theorem." *Election Law Journal* Vol. 13.

Jennifer R. Garcia and Katherine Tate. 2013. "Race, Ethnicity, and Politics: Controversies and New Directions." In Raymond La Raja, ed. *New Directions in American Politics*. New York: Routledge Press.

Christopher Stout, Kristine Coulter and Jennifer R. Garcia. 2013. "Representing the Underrepresented: Descriptive Representation and Political Interest of Blacks and Women in the 2008 Election." *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs*.

Under Review

Jennifer R. Garcia, Sierra Powell and Bernard Grofman. "Voting Restrictions: The Political Incentives Behind Felon Disenfranchisement and Voter Identification Laws." Under Review at *Election Law Journal*.

Working Papers

Jennifer R. Garcia. "Black Legislative Strategies: The Persistence of Floor Advocacy."

Jennifer R. Garcia. "Is All Descriptive Representation Equal? A Closer Look at Latino Representation in the U.S. House of Representatives."

Jennifer R. Garcia. "The 'Electoral Connection' of Felon Disenfranchisement Reform."
Winner of the 2011 David Easton Award for best graduate student Qualifying Paper

Conference Presentations

"Black Legislative Strategies: The Persistence of Floor Advocacy." Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association. September 2016.

"African American Voices in Congress: Floor Advocacy as a Legislative Strategy." Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. April 2015.

"Do Elephant's Have Coattails? Black Republican Candidates and Voting Behavior Down Ballot." Presented at the 2013 at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2013 (with Christopher Stout)

"Targeting the Treatment: The Logic Behind Lyndon Johnson's Lobbying." Presented at the 2013 at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2013 (with Matthew N. Beckmann and Neilan S. Chaturvedi).

"Do Elephant's Have Coattails? Black Republican Candidates and Voting Behavior Down Ballot." Presented at the 2013 at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. March 2013 (with Christopher Stout).

"Broken Social Contracts or Political Motivations? Uncovering the Discourse Behind Fifteen Years of (Ex)-Felon Voting Reform." Presented at the 2013 at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. March 2013 (with Sierra Powell and Bernard Grofman).

"Is All Descriptive Representation Equal? A Closer Look at Latino Representation in the U.S. House of Representatives." Presented at the 2012 Annual Center for the Study of Democracy Graduate Student Conference. May 12, 2012. University of California, Irvine.

"Role of the Representative: The Easing of Felon Voting Restrictions." Presented at the 2011 Annual Center for the Study of Democracy Graduate Student Conference. May 7, 2011. University of California, Irvine.

“The ‘Electoral Connection’ of Felon Disenfranchisement Reform.” Presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. April 21-23, 2011. San Antonio, TX.

Teaching Experience

Oberlin College

American Presidency 2016 (Fall 2016)

U.S. Congressional Politics and Legislative Strategies (Fall 2016)

Arizona State University, Tempe

American Political Parties (Fall 2015)

Political Representation (Fall 2015)

Arizona State University, West

Voting and Elections (Spring 2015)

Current Issues in American Politics: Political Polarization in the U.S. Congress (Spring 2015)

Public Opinion (Fall 2014)

University of California, Irvine (Instructor)

U.S. Congress, Upper-Division Writing Course (Summer 2014; Summer 2013)

University of California, Irvine (Teaching Assistant)

Bill of Rights in Film (w/ discussion sections) (Spring 2014)

American Presidency (w/ discussion sections) (Winter 2014)

California Politics, Upper-Division Writing Course (w/ discussion sections) (Fall 2013)

Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (Winter 2013; Winter 2012)

United States Supreme Court, Upper-Division Writing Course (w/ discussion sections) (Fall 2012)

Introduction to American Government (w/ discussion sections) (Spring 2012; Fall 2011; Fall 2009; Winter 2009)

Macro-Politics (w/ discussion sections) (Spring 2011; Spring 2010)

Introduction to Law (w/ discussion sections) (Winter 2011; Winter 2010)

Research Experience and Training

Research Assistant for Professor Bernard Grofman, University of California, Irvine. Summer 2013: Gathered newspaper articles and governmental documents and examined/coded the rhetoric surrounding felon voting reforms in Iowa and Florida in the 2000s.

Research Assistant for Professor Katherine Tate, University of California, Irvine. Summer 2012: Coded how Southern Democrats voted on CQ’s Key Votes, along with their DW-Nominate score, CQ’s Presidential Support Score and CQ’s Party Unity Score from 1976 to 2011.

Research Assistant for Professor Katherine Tate and Professor Belinda Robnett-Olsen, University of California, Irvine. Summer 2012-Spring 2012: Worked with a team of researchers to develop a National Science Foundation-funded survey (“Outlook on Life and Political

Engagement”) that investigates, in particular, the political and social attitudes of African American women.

Research Assistant for Professor Matthew Beckmann, University of California, Irvine. Winter 2012, Summer 2011: Traveled to the presidential libraries of Gerald Ford (Ann Arbor, MI), Jimmy Carter (Atlanta, GA) and George H.W. Bush (College Station, TX) to gather copies of presidential daily diaries.

Research Assistant for Professor Bernard Grofman, University of California, Irvine. Summer 2012: Coded and evaluated city-level demographic data in the state of California.

Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Ann Arbor, MI. Summer 2011.

Research Assistant for Professor Bernard Grofman, University of California, Irvine. Spring 2011: Cataloged and coded data on criminal disenfranchisement laws for a sample of nations in South America, Europe, Australia, North America, East Asia, and Africa.

Research Assistant for Professor Katherine Tate, University of California, Irvine. Winter 2010: Coded how members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Progressive Caucus, Democratic Caucus, and Congressional Hispanic Caucus voted on CQ’s Key Votes, along with their DW-Nominate score, CQ’s Presidential Support Score and CQ’s Party Unity Score from 1996 to 2005.

Research Assistant for Professor Charles Anthony Smith, University of California, Irvine. Summer 2010: Shepardized the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Bush v. Gore*. Reviewed and categorized all cases that cited *Bush v. Gore* in attempt to evaluate the ramifications of its ruling.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse, NY. Summer 2010.

Service

Reviewer For: *American Politics Research* (2015), *Political Research Quarterly* (2015, 2014)

Editor of Annual Newsletter, Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California, Irvine. Summer 2014.

Member of the Race and Ethnic Politics Hiring Committee, University of California, Irvine, Department of Political Science. Fall 2013.

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California, Irvine, Affiliate 2008-present.

Academic References

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