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## EDUCATION

- **Ph.D., Political Science**, University of Rochester, 1999
  - **M.A., Political Science**, University of Rochester, 1997
  - **B.A., Economics & Government**, College of William and Mary, 1994, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*
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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- **Ernestine Friedl Distinguished Professor**, Department of Political Science, Duke University, since August 2020
  - **Professor**, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 2013-20
  - **Professor**, Department of Political Science, UNC–Chapel Hill, 2011-13
  - **Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science, UNC–Chapel Hill, 2005-11
  - **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, UNC–Chapel Hill, 2003-05
  - **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, UW–Milwaukee, 2001-03
  - **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, Florida State University, 1999-2001
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## MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- **Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs**, Duke University, August 2022-
  - **Department Chair**, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 2016-21
  - **President**, *The Public Choice Society*, 2016-18
  - **Associate Editor** (Political Science), *Public Choice*, 2011-2016
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## BOOKS

- **Constitutionalism in Times of Financial Crisis**. Co-edited with Tom Ginsburg and Mark Rosen. 2019. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- **Parliaments and Coalitions: The Role of Legislatures in Multiparty Governance**. Co-authored with Lanny Martin. 2011. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

– Winner of the 2012 *Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize* for the best book published in legislative studies.

- **The Politics of Constitutional Review in Germany.** 2005. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- **“A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing: Citizen Uncertainty and Democratic Backsliding.”** With Caterina Chiopris and Monika Nalepa. *Journal of Politics*. Forthcoming.
- **“Transitional Justice and the Rule of Law: Tainted Judges and Accountability for Nazi Crimes in Post-War West Germany.”** With Holger Kern. *Journal of Politics*. Forthcoming.
- **“Feuding, Arbitration, and the Emergence of an Independent Judiciary.”** With Benjamin Broman. *Constitutional Political Economy*. 2021: 1-38.
- **“The Future Matters: Judicial Preferences over Legal Rules and Decisionmaking on Collegial Courts.”** With Caitlin Ainsley and Cliff Carrubba. *Journal of Law and Courts*. 2021: 1-25.
- **“Contractarianism, Constitutionalism, and the Status Quo.”** With Michael Munger. *Public Choice*. 2021: 1-17.
- **“A Square Peg in a Round Hole: Democracy, Constitutionalism, and Citizen Sovereignty.”** *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*. 2021: 655-668.
- **“What You See Is Not Always What You Get: Bargaining Before an Audience Under Multiparty Government.”** With Lanny Martin. *American Political Science Review*. 2020: 1138-54.
- **“Coalition Governance, Legislative Institutions, and Public Policy in Parliamentary Democracies.”** With Lanny Martin. *American Journal of Political Science*. 2020: 325-40.
- **“Constitutional Political Economy, Democratic Theory, and Institutional Design.”** *Public Choice*. 2018: 199-216.
- **“Committee Chairs and Legislative Review in Parliamentary Democracies.”** With David Fortunato and Lanny Martin. *British Journal of Political Science*. 2017: 1-13.
- **“Judicial Retirements and the Staying Power of U.S. Supreme Court Decisions.”** With Stuart Benjamin. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*. 2016: 5-26.
- **“Constitutional Courts in Comparative Perspective: A Theoretical Assessment.”** *Annual Review of Political Science*. 2015: 167-185.
- **“Parties and Policymaking in Multiparty Governments: The Legislative Median, Ministerial Autonomy, and the Coalition Compromise.”** With Lanny Martin. *American Journal of Political Science*. 2014: 979-996.

- **“A Step in the Wrong Direction: An Appraisal of the Zero-Intelligence Model of Government Formation.”** With Lanny Martin. *Journal of Politics*. 2014: 873-879.
- **“Narrow versus Broad Judicial Opinions.”** With Justin Fox. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 2014: 355-383.
  - Winner of the 2015 Elinor Ostrom Prize for the best paper published in the *Journal of Theoretical Politics* in 2014.
- **“Multiparty Government, Fiscal Institutions, and Public Spending.”** With Lanny Martin. *Journal of Politics*. 2013: 953-967.
  - Winner of the award for the best paper published in the *Journal of Politics* in 2013.
- **“Who Controls the Content of Supreme Court Opinions?”** With Cliff Carrubba, Barry Friedman, and Andrew D. Martin. *American Journal of Political Science*. 2012: 400-412.
- **“Substance vs. Procedure: Constitutional Enforcement and Constitutional Choice.”** *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. 2011: 309-318.
- **“Assessing the Partisan Allocation of Pork: Evidence from Congressional Earmarks.”** With Erik Engstrom. *American Politics Research*. 2010: 959-985.
- **“Measuring Policy Content on the U.S. Supreme Court.”** With Kevin McGuire, Gregory Caldeira, and Charles Smith. *Journal of Politics*. 2009: 1305-1321.
- **“The Value of Vagueness: Delegation, Defiance, and Judicial Opinions.”** With Jeffrey Staton. *American Journal of Political Science*. 2008: 504-19.
- **“Coalition Government and Political Communication.”** With Lanny Martin. *Political Research Quarterly*. 2008: 502-16.
- **“A Robust Transformation Procedure for Interpreting Political Texts.”** With Lanny Martin. *Political Analysis*. 2008: 93-100.
- **“Reply to Benoit and Laver.”** With Lanny Martin. *Political Analysis*. 2008: 112-114.
- **“Resurrecting Lochner: A Contingent Defense of Judicial Activism.”** With James Rogers. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. 2007: 442-468.
- **“Coalition Policymaking and Legislative Review.”** With Lanny Martin. *American Political Science Review*. 2005: 93-106.
- **“Policing the Bargain: Coalition Government and Parliamentary Scrutiny.”** With Lanny Martin. *American Journal of Political Science*. 2004: 13-27.
- **“Wasting Time? The Impact of Ideology and Size on Delay in Coalition Formation.”** With Lanny Martin. *British Journal of Political Science*. 2003: 323-332.
- **“Judicial Advisory Opinions and Legislative Outcomes in Comparative Perspective.”** With James Rogers. *American Journal of Political Science*. 2002: 379-97.
- **“Law, Politics, and Interdisciplinary Work.”** *European Union Politics*. 2002: 127-35.

- **“Legislative-Judicial Relations: A Game-Theoretic Approach to Constitutional Review.”** *American Journal of Political Science*. 2001: 346-61.
  - **“Election Laws, Disproportionality, and Median Correspondence: Implications for Two Visions of Democracy.”** With G. Bingham Powell. *British Journal of Political Science*. 2000: 383-411.
  - **“Establishing Judicial Independence in West Germany.”** *Comparative Politics*. 2000: 333-53.
  - **“Abstract Judicial Review, Legislative Bargaining, and Policy-Compromise.”** *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 1998: 299-326.
  - **“Reply to Stone Sweet.”** *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 1998: 339-46.
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## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- **“The Rise and Protection of Judicial Independence.”** With Ben Broman and Chris Ritter. In Mark Tushnet and Dimitry Kochenov (eds.). *Elgar Handbook of the Politics of Constitutional Law*. Forthcoming. Edward Elgar.
- **“Constitutional Political Economy.”** In Christian Bjornskov and Richard Jong-A-Pin (eds.). *Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Choice*. Forthcoming. Edward Elgar.
- **“Courts: A Historical Political Economy Perspective.”** With Tom Clark. In Jeffrey Jenkins and Jared Rubin (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*. 2023. Oxford University Press.
- **“Models of Coalition Politics: Recent Developments and New Directions.”** With Lanny Martin. In R. Franzese and L. Curini (eds.). *Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations*. 2020. SAGE Publications.
- **“Judicialization and the Political Executive.”** In R. B. Andeweg, R. Elgie, L. Helms, K. Kaarbo, and F. Mueller-Rommel (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Political Executives*. 2020. Oxford University Press.
- **“Financial Crisis and Constitutional Compromise.”** With Mitu Gulati. In T. Ginsburg, M. Rosen, and G. Vanberg (eds.). *Constitutionalism in Times of Financial Crisis*. 2019. Cambridge University Press.
- **“Introduction.”** With Tom Ginsburg and Mark Rosen. In T. Ginsburg, M. Rosen, and G. Vanberg (eds.). *Constitutionalism in Times of Financial Crisis*. 2019. Cambridge University Press.
- **“Constitutional Design and Politics-as-Exchange: The Optimism of Public Choice.”** In R. Wagner (ed.). *James M. Buchanan: A Theorist of Political Economy and Social Philosophy*. 2019. Palgrave MacMillan.

- **“The Least Dangerous Branch? Public Choice, Constitutional Courts, and Democratic Governance.”** In Roger Congleton and Stefan Voigt (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Public Choice*. 2019. Oxford University Press.
- **“Paper Tigers (or How Much Will Courts Protect Rights in a Financial Crisis?).”** With Mitu Gulati. In F. Allen, E. Carletti, and M. Gulati (eds.). *Institutions and the Crisis* 2018. Florence: European University Institute.
- **“Politics, Polarization, and the U.S. Supreme Court.”** With Moohyung Cho and Jason Todd. In Anna-Bettina Kaiser, Niels Petersen and Johannes Saurer (eds.). *The U.S. Supreme Court and Contemporary Constitutional Law: The Obama Era and Its Legacy*. 2018. Nomos.
- **“Contractarian Perspectives in Law and Economics.”** With Viktor Vanberg. In Francesco Parisi (ed.). *Oxford Handbook of Law and Economics*. 2017. Oxford University Press.
- **“Gordon Tullock as a Political Scientist.”** With Michael Munger. *Constitutional Political Economy*. 2016: 194-213.
- **“Coalition Formation and Policymaking.”** With Lanny Martin. In Jennifer Ghandi and Ruben Ruiz Rufino (eds.). *Handbook of Political Institutions*. 2015. London: Routledge Press.
- **“Legislative Institutions and Coalition Government.”** With Lanny Martin. In Thomas Saalfeld, Kaare Strøm, and Shane Martin (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Legislative Studies*. 2014. Oxford University Press.
- **“Towards a (re-)integration of the social sciences: *The Calculus of Consent* at 50.”** With Viktor Vanberg. *Public Choice*. 2012: 245-252.
- **“The Will of the People: A Comparative Perspective on Friedman.”** *Michigan State Law Review*. 2010(3): 717-728.
- **“Establishing and Maintaining Judicial Independence.”** In Gregory Caldeira, Dan Keleman, and Keith Whittington (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Law and Politics*. 2008. Oxford University Press.
- **“John Marshall Has Made His Decision: Implementation, Transparency, and Public Support.”** In Jon Bond, Roy Fleming, and James R. Rogers (eds.). *Institutional Games and the Supreme Court*. 2006. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.
- **“Verfassungsgerichtsbarkeit und Gesetzgebung: Zum politischen Spielraum des Bundesverfassungsgerichtes.”** In Phillip Manow and Steffen Ganghof (eds.). *Neue theoretische Perspektiven auf das deutsche Regierungssystem*. 2005. Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Cologne.

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## WORK IN PROGRESS

- **Voters and Coalitions: How Voter Engagement Shapes Coalition Bargaining** With Lanny Martin. *Book manuscript*.

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## GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS

- **2015 Elinor Ostrom Prize** for the best paper published in the *Journal of Theoretical Politics* in 2014 for “Narrow versus Broad Judicial Opinions.”
- **2014 Award for the best paper** published in the *Journal of Politics* in 2013 for “Multiparty Government, Fiscal Institutions, and Public Spending.”
- **2012 Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize** for the best book published in legislative studies for *Parliaments and Coalitions*.
- **NSF Workshop Grant SES-0921650.** “Automated Content Analysis and the Law.” July 2009 to June 2010.
- **2006 APSA Law & Courts Section Award** for the Best Paper Presented at a Professional Meeting for “Mapping the Policies of the U.S. Supreme Court: Data, Opinions, and Constitutional Law.” With Kevin McGuire.
- **NSF Research Grant SES-0451893.** “Coalition Policymaking and Legislative Review in Parliamentary Democracies.” February 2005 to January 2007.
- **Center for European Studies Travel Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill,** Summer 2004.
- **NSF Research Grant SES-0241536.** “Coalition Government and Parliamentary Oversight.” July 2003 to June 2004.
- **NSF Research Grant SES-0214246.** “Minority Protection with Partisan Judges: The Impact of Judicial Review on Distributive Legislation.” July 2002 to June 2003.
- **First-Year Assistant Professor Grant, Florida State University,** Summer 2000.

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## RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- **“Voters and Coalitions: Political Awareness, Accountability, and Coalition Formation.”** Collegio Carlo Alberto, University of Torino, Italy, February 16, 2023.
- **“Keynote address: Transitional Justice and the Rule of Law: Tainted Judges and Accountability for Nazi Crimes.”** First Joint Global Politics of Law & Courts Workshop, European Consortium for Political Research Standing Group on Law and Courts, Berlin, Germany, October 8, 2022.
- **“Judicial Legacies and Accountability for NS Crimes.”** Hertie School of Governance, Lecture Series on “Understanding the Politics and Policies of Exclusion,” Berlin, Germany, October 4, 2022.
- **“Keynote address: Constitutionalism in Times of Financial Crisis.”** Francisco Manuel dos Santos Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal, December 10, 2019.

- **“Keynote address: Coalition Governance and Legislative Institutions.”** Meeting of the European Consortium for Political Research Standing Group on Parliaments, University of Konstanz, Germany, September 26-28, 2019.
- **“Financial Crisis and Constitutional Compromise.”** European University Institute, Florence, April 26, 2018.
- **“Constitutional Political Economy, Democratic Theory, and Institutional Design.”** Sapienza Università di Roma, December 14, 2017.
- **“Financial Crisis and Constitutional Compromise.”** University of Virginia, School of Law, November 7, 2017.
- **“Coalition Governance, Legislative Institutions, and Government Policy in Parliamentary Democracies.”** Yale University, March 9, 2017.
- **“Coalition Governance, Legislative Institutions, and Government Policy in Parliamentary Democracies.”** University of Konstanz, January 23, 2017.
- **“Coalition Governance, Legislative Institutions, and Government Policy in Parliamentary Democracies.”** Princeton University, December 8, 2016.
- **“The Obama Supreme Court in Comparative Perspective.”** Humboldt University Berlin, October 28, 2016.
- **“Coalition Bargaining before an Audience.”** Department of Political Science, University of Mannheim, May 12, 2016.
- **“Coalition Governance and Legislative Institutions.”** Keynote Address, Lissabon Meeting on Institutions and Political Economy, February 19-20, 2016.
- **“The Promise of Text Analysis in Judicial Politics.”** With Jason Todd, Conference on Data and Methods in Judicial Politics, Georgetown University, February 4-5, 2016.

## COURSES TAUGHT

- **Undergraduate**  
 Discovering Game Theory  
 Strategy and Politics  
 European Politics  
 Constitutional Democracy  
 Constitutionalism and Crisis
- **Graduate**  
 Core Seminar in Institutions  
 Game Theory  
 Positive Political Theory

## DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- **Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Development**, Duke University, since 2022
- **Member**, Provost Review Committee for Duke Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University, 2023

- **Chair**, Provost Review Committee, Dean of Duke Law School, Duke University, Fall 2021
  - **Chair**, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 2016-21
  - **Member**, Reimagining Doctoral Education at Duke Committee, Duke University, 2019-20
  - **Chair**, Provost Review Committee, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Duke University, Fall 2018
  - **Member**, Search Committee, Dean of Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, Fall 2017
  - **Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies**, Department of Political Science, Duke University, January 2015 to July 2015
  - **Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of Political Science, UNC–Chapel Hill, July 2009 to July 2011
  - **Associate Chair**, Department of Political Science, UNC–Chapel Hill, July 2006 to July 2009
  - **Co-Director, Undergraduate Honors Program**, Department of Political Science, UNC–Chapel Hill, Fall 2004 to Spring 2011
  - **Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Fall 2002 to Spring 2003
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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Editorial Board** *American Journal of Political Science* (2010-13), *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Research & Politics* (2014-18).
  - **Reviewer**  
*American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Theoretical Politics*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *Comparative Politics*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *European Union Politics*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Analysis*, *Constitutional Political Economy*; *Policy Studies Journal*; Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge.
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## LANGUAGES

- German
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