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## **Education**

- 2003 – 2007 Ph.D., Political Science, University of Florida, expected May 2007  
Major field: American Politics  
Minor field: Political Theory
- 1995 – 1999 Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota  
Major field: American Politics  
Minor field: Political Theory
- 1987 – 1991 B.A., Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz  
College Honors

## **Dissertation**

*Constructing Legislative Institutionalization: The Development of Congress 1783-1867*

## **Teaching Experience**

- 2002 – 2007 University of Florida
- Legislative Politics (Instructor)
  - Introduction to American Federal Politics (T.A.)
  - Introduction to Comparative Politics (T.A.)
- 2002 - 2006 Santa Fe Community College
- Introduction to American Federal Politics (Instructor)
- 1996 – 1999 Minneapolis Community and Technical College
- Introduction to Political Science (Instructor)
  - Introduction to American Politics (Instructor)

## **Awards**

- 2006 Best Graduate Student Paper (Political Science Department)
- 2005 Best Graduate Student Paper (Political Science Department)
- 2004 Dirksen Congressional Center (\$2500 grant for historical study of Congress)

## **Primary Research Interests**

### **American**

- U.S. Congress
- Political Parties
- Presidency
- American Political Development

### **Political Theory**

- Institutional and Organizational Theory
- Qualitative Methodology
- Democratic Theory
- Critical Theory

## **Conference Presentations**

- “Congressional Architecture: Institutionalizing a Professional Work Environment Across Time,” Midwest Political Science Association 2005
- “Institutional Historiography and Literature: Mark Twain’s The Gilded Age as Economic and Legislative Critique” Western Political Science Association 2005
- “Institutional Stability and the U.S. Congress: A Perspective on Political Development” Southern Political Science Association 2005
- “King Caucus and American Political Development: Contextualizing Presidential Ambition in the Early Republic,” Southwestern Political Science Association 2005
- “Congressional Institutionalization and American Political Development: The Apportionment Act of 1842” Northeastern Political Science Association 2004
- “Congress and the Constitutional Imperative: Apportionment Politics in Antebellum America” Social Science History Association 2004
- “Congress Debates an Apportionment Act: Situating Congressional Discourse” Florida Political Science Association 2004
- “Ambition and Presidential Elections: Establishing a Career Path to the Presidency” Western Political Science Association 1996
- "Senate Elections: Divided Delegations and the Problem of Representation" (co-authored with Daniel J. Wirls), Western Political Science Association 1992

## **Service**

2005 Graduate Assistants United (Political Science Representative)

2004 Political Science Research Seminar (Organizer)

## **Practical Experience**

2003-2006 Research Assistant, Lawrence C. Dodd

1998-2002 Internet Consultant

1994 National Political Organizer, Health Care Reform Now

1993 National Political Organizer, Citizen's Trade Campaign

1992 District Field Organizer, Representative Jim Jontz (IN-5)

1991 Researcher, Center for Policy Alternatives

1991 Congressional Fellow, National Academy for Social Insurance

## **Advisors**

- Lawrence C. Dodd, Manning J. Dauer Eminent Scholar in Political Science, University of Florida, Department of Political Science
- Daniel A. Smith, Associate Professor University of Florida, Department of Political Science
- Beth Anne Rosenson, Assistant Professor University of Florida, Department of Political Science
- Daniel I. O'Neill, Assistant Professor University of Florida, Department of Political Science