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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. Associate Professor with tenure, Political Science. The American Political System Mass Media & American Politics Internet, Technology & Politics American Political Culture Lived Civics, the Social Contract & Public Life Seminar on Multiculturalism in the U.S.: Racial and Ethnic Politics	2018-Present
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. Assistant Professor, Political Science.	2012-2018
YESHIVA UNIVERSITY. Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science. The American Presidency Introduction to American Politics Introduction to American Public Policy Racial and Ethnic Politics in the United States	2011-2012
BROOKLYN COLLEGE. Graduate Teaching Fellow, Political Science. Introduction to American Politics Racial and Ethnic Politics in the United States Introduction to Research Methodology Analytic Approaches to Political Problems (Public Policy)	2008-2011
HELIX CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL. High School Teacher, History & Political Science.	2005-2007
EDWARD R. MURROW HIGH SCHOOL. High School Teacher, History.	2001-2005

EDUCATION

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE CENTER. Ph.D. in Political Science.	2007-2011
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK-BROOKLYN COLLEGE. M.A. in Political Science.	2001-2005
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON. B.S. in Secondary Education. <i>With distinction.</i>	1996-2001
ADDITIONAL:	
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.	June 2009
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.	July 2004

TEACHING INTERESTS

American Political Behavior Political Communication Racial and Ethnic Politics
 Internet/Media and Politics American Political Development

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK:

The Only Constant is Change: Technology, Political Communication, and Innovation Over Time. Oxford University Press. 2018.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL:

“Two Decades of E-Government Diffusion Among Local Governments in the United States.” 2022. *Government Information Quarterly*.

“Do Squeaky Wheels Get the Grease? Understanding When and How Municipalities Respond to Online Requests.” 2021. *New Media & Society*. Co-Authored with Leticia Bode and Jennifer Connolly.

“The (Surprisingly Interesting) story of Email in the 2016 Presidential Election.” 2020. *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*. 17 (3). Co-Authored with Jeffrey Broxmeyer.

“Wait, Haven’t We Been Here Before? A Method for Using History to Help Political Communication Scholarship,” 2020. *Political Communication* 37 (1).

“Explaining the Varying Levels of Adoption of E-government Services in American Municipal Government,” 2018. *State and Local Government Review* 50 (3). Co-Authored with Leticia Bode and Jennifer Connolly.

“Campaign Klout: Measuring Online Influence During the 2012 Election.” 2015. *Journal of Information Technology and Politics* 12 (2). Co-Authored with Leticia Bode.

“APSA Teaching and Learning Conference Track Summary: Integrating Technology into the Classroom.” 2011. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44 (July). Co-Authored with Maureen Feeley.

EDITED VOLUME:

“The Speed of Technology vs. The Speed of Democracy.” Essay published in edited volume: *U.S. Election Analysis 2020: Media, Voters, and the Campaign*, ed. Daniel Jackson, Danielle Sarver Coombs, Filippo Trevisan, Darren Lilleker, and Einar Thorsen. The Centre for Comparative Politics and Media Research, 2020.

“Why It Is So Difficult to Regulate Disinformation Online.” Chapter published in edited volume: *The Disinformation Age: Politics, Technology, and Disruptive Communication in the United States*, ed. Lance Bennett & Steven Livingston. Cambridge University Press, 2020. Pgs. 190-210.

“Introduction to Multiculturalism: Battleground or Meeting Ground by Ronald Takaki,” in *People, Power and Politics 11th edition*, ed. Gaston Alonso Donate, Corey Robin, Roberta Satow, Alex Vitale, Boston: Pearson, 2010.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

“Multiple Leveraging” in *Encyclopedia of Social Media and Politics*, ed. Kerric Harvey, Washington

D.C.: CQ Press, 2014.

“U.S. Presidents” in *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*, ed. Carlos E. Cortes, Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2013.

“Criminology,” “Criminologist,” and “Crime Scene” in *Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*, ed. David Schultz, New York: Facts on File, 2011.

BOOK REVIEW:

Review of “Media and Politics in a Globalizing World.” by Alexa Robertson. 2017. *New Media and Society*, 19 (7).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

CURRENT GRANT PROJECT:

“Lived Civics, The Social Contract and Public Life.” Civics institute development and the creation of LSP 275: Lived Civics, the Social Contract & Public Life utilizing a \$285,000 implementation grant from the Teagle Foundation received in 2021, with co-PI Molly Andolina.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:

“Adjusting the Margins.” Book length project exploring how evolving communication tools have been used through U.S. History to try to expand the political voice and influence of marginalized groups and the challenges and opportunities involved in these efforts. Research and data collection in progress and multiple conference papers have been completed.

“Ideological extremity and News Coverage,” research group currently conducting data collection and historical strategies for upcoming article proposal. With Michael Wagner, Kathryn McGurr, and Mike Gruszczynski.

“The Stabilization Window in Closing.” presented at Social Science Research Council Workshop on Media, Technology, and Democracy in Historical Context in Dec. 2018 and follow up workshop in May 2019.

“Understanding Trump and the 2016 Election and the Political Communication Cycle: A Recurring Technological, Behavioral, and Political Story of Change.”

DISSERTATION

The Revolution Will Not Be Televised Anymore: New Technology, Political Choice, and Changes in Political Communication from the Newspaper to the Internet. City University of New York Graduate Center, 2011. Committee: Andrew Polsky (Chair), Joe Rollins, and Charles Tien.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (MOST RECENT FIVE YEARS)

“Digital Communication and Rhetorical Strategies of Organizations Advocating for Women and LGBTQ Americans.” Accepted for Presentation at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2023.

“Engaging Students in Lived Civics, the Social Contract, and Public Life” Presented at the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Meeting, Baltimore, Feb. 2023. With Molly Andolina.

- “Reframing Political Inclusion for Women and LGBTQ Americans in the Digital Era”
Accepted for Presentation at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, October 2022.
- “Beyond Divide Theory: Advancing Frameworks for Understanding and Exploring Marginality and Inclusivity in Digital Politics,” Roundtable participant at the International Communications Association Annual Conference, Paris, May 2022.
- “Building a Frame Along the Margins” Accepted for Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2022.
- “Reframing Political Margins in the Digital Era” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, October 2021.
- “Too Long Others Have Spoken For Us.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Virtual Conference, April 2021.
- “How We Talk About Political Marginalization.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 2020.
- “From the Negro Press to #BlackTwitter: Black Political Communication Innovation Over Time.” Accepted for presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Virtual Conference, April 2020. (Conference cancelled)
- “Innovation and Diffusion of E-Government Services Among U.S. Cities 2000-2019.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., September 2019. With Courtney Stegenga.
- “Why Regulating Disinformation Online is So Difficult.” Presented at the Social Science Research Council Media, Modern History of the Disinformation Age Spring Workshop, Brooklyn, June 2019.
- “The Stabilizing Window is Closing: How the History of Media Regulation Can Shape the Future of the Internet.” Presented at the Social Science Research Council Media, Tech & Democracy in Historical Context Winter & Spring Workshops, Washington D.C. & New York City, December 2018 and June 2019.
- “Expanding Political Science Education Beyond the Classroom with Student-Directed Web-Campaigns.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2019.
- “Excuse Me, Is This Thing On? Local Government Responsiveness to Twitter and Email” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, September 2018. With Leticia Bode and Jennifer Connolly.
- “How Innovative was the Trump Campaign in 2016: A Historical Perspective.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2018.
- “Putting Shame Back in the Game: Responsiveness to Twitter and Email Requests.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 2017. With Leticia Bode and Jennifer Connolly.
- “The (Surprisingly Interesting) Story of E-Mail in the 2016 Presidential Election.” Prepared for Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2017. With Jeffrey Broxmeyer.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

EXTERNAL:

- THE TEAGLE FOUNDATION 2021
 Awarded \$285,000 implementation grant and one course release (Spring 2022) over 3 years to implement a college-wide civic education curriculum focusing on the teaching of democratic principles at DePaul University following successful planning grant. Co-PI with Molly Andolina
- THE TEAGLE FOUNDATION 2020
 Awarded \$25,000 planning grant and one course release (Fall 2020) over 12 months to design a college-wide civic education curriculum focusing on the teaching of democratic principles at DePaul University. Co-PI with Molly Andolina
- SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL. 2018, 2019
 Media, Tech & Democracy Winter & Spring Workshops. Travel & Lodging Funded.

INTERNAL:

- COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. 2020-2021
 Paid research leave winter quarter and spring quarters, 2020-2021.
- DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. 2018
 Promotion to Associate Professor of Political Science with Tenure.
- COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. 2016, 2017
 Excellence in Teaching Award Nomination.
- DEPAUL UNIVERSITY OFFICE FOR TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT (TLA). 2016
 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Grant. \$2,500, with Molly Andolina.
- COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. 2015
 Thomas and Carol Dammrich Faculty Innovation Award. Funding up to \$5,000.
- COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. 2015
 Pre-tenure research leave at full salary, fall quarter.
- CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE CENTER. Enhanced Chancellor's 2007-2011
 Fellowship. Five-year fellowship including full tuition scholarship and funding of \$18,000-\$20,000 per year.
- SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY SECTION OF THE 2011
 AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION. Selected Subject of the "Student Spotlight." Published in *STEP Ahead*, September 2011, 9:5.
- OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK 2009
 GRADUATE CENTER. Full tuition scholarship for ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at the University of Michigan. One of two granted to the entire City University of New York system.
- POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND 2008-2010
 SPONSORED PROGRAMS, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE CENTER. Travel grants.

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

COMMITTEE SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, OR DEPARTMENT LEVEL:

Political Science Department Personnel Committee, DePaul University, July 2021 – Present.

DePaul University Liberal Studies Program 200: Seminar on Race, Power, and Resistance Advisory Board, DePaul University, August 2022 – Present.

DePaul University Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Inquiry (SCBI) Liberal Studies Learning Domain Committee (formerly known as Self, Society and the Modern World – SSMW), DePaul University, September 2014 – Present.

Political Science Department Assessment Committee, DePaul University, September 2013–2014. Chair September 2018 – 2021.

Writing, Rhetoric, and Discourse (WRD) Department Personnel Committee, DePaul University, September 2018 – August 2019.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (LAS) Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee, DePaul University, September 2015 – September 2017.

Writing, Rhetoric, and Discourse Department Personnel Committee, DePaul University, August 2018 – August, 2019.

Political Science Department Curriculum Committee, DePaul University, September 2014 – September 2015, September 2016 – August 2018.

Political Science Department Ad Hoc Committee on Term Faculty and Student Participation, DePaul University, September 2016 – 2017.

Political Science Department Creating Knowledge Committee, DePaul University, September 2015 – 2016.

Political Science Department Internal Review Board Chair, DePaul University, September 2014 – September 2015.

Political Science Department Innovation Taskforce, DePaul University, September 2014 – September 2015.

NON-COMMITTEE SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, OR DEPARTMENT LEVEL:

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (LAS) Accountability Group Member, DePaul University, SSRC, September 2013 – Present.

DePaul Online Teaching Series (DOTS), DePaul University, Spring 2013.

New Faculty Seminar, College of Liberal Studies and Social Sciences, DePaul University, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE:

Associate Editor, Journal of Information Technology and Politics. September 2020 – Present.

Advisory Board Member of the History Makers. Two-year term. Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2022.

Chair of the Information, Technology, and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. 2018-2019.

Programming Chair of the Information, Technology, and Politics Section for the 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Information, Technology, and Politics Section Dissertation Award Committee, American Politics Science Association, Spring 2014-2015, Chair Winter 2016-2017, 2021-2022.

Chair of Information, Technology, and Politics Section Panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022

Political Communication Section Nominating Committee, American Politics Science Association, Spring 2012 – 2014.

Chair of Information and Politics Section Panel, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2014, 2015, 2016

Discussant of Information and Politics Section Panel, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2015, 2016, 2018, 2022

Discussant of Information, Technology, and Politics Section Panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2013, 2015 (x2), 2018 (x2), 2020, 2021, 2022 (x2)

Participant. Personal Democracy Forum Conference 2016, New York, June 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

American History Course Level Team Leader. Helix Charter High School, La Mesa. 2006-2007.

PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING APPEARANCES:

Speaker. “Political Communication Strategies of Social Movements Over Time,” Chapman University Communications College Colloquia, September 30, 2022.

Speaker. “Meet the Author: Ben Epstein, author of *The Only Constant is Change*,” University of Minnesota, September 21, 2022. Joining Emily Vraga’s class.

Speaker. “Meet the Author: Ben Epstein, author of *The Only Constant is Change*,” Georgetown University, August 30, 2021. Joining Leticia Bode’s class.

Speaker. “Political Communication Strategies of Social Movements Over Time.” (Virtual Presentation) Pomona College, Claremont, CA, April 22, 2021

Speaker. “Tech Trends in U.S. Cities.” New York University, NYC, February 8, 2019.

Speaker. “Meet the Author: Ben Epstein, author of *The Only Constant is Change*,” University of Minnesota, January 1, 2019.

Presentation. “Covering Public Polling: A Primer for Political Journalists.” DePaul University, Chicago, IL, October 16, 2018.

Speaker. “Media and the Constitution: Lessons from the Past and Possibilities for the Future.” Carroll University, Waukesha, WI, September 20, 2018.

Presentation. “Extending Political Science Beyond the Classroom: Experiential Web-Based Campaigning and the Dammrich Award” College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences College Wide Meeting, Spring Quarter, DePaul University, May 11, 2018.

Presentation. “Net Neutrality,” IMPACT DePaul, April, 2018.

Speaker. “E-Government Expansion 2000-2014 & Beyond,” Purdue University, February, 2018.

Presentation. “From Completed Manuscript to Book Contract,” College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Social Science Research Center, DePaul University, June 1, 2017.

Panelist. “Fake News and What To Do About It.” College of Communications, DePaul University, April 2017.

Speaker. “Media in the 2016 Election.” DePaul University, October 2016.

Presentation. “Innovating Political Science Education to Extend Beyond the Classroom,” College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Advisory Board Meeting, DePaul University, May 11, 2016.

Speaker. “E-Government Expansion,” Purdue University, September 2015.

Presentation. “The Political Communication Cycle: How, When, and Why Political Communication in the U.S. has Changed,” The Experts Show, IO Chicago, May 7, 2015.

Presentation. “Using Blogs and Discussion Boards in the Classroom,” Political Science Department Meeting, DePaul University, October 2014.

Presentation. “The Only Constant is Change,” Social Science Research Center Mess Hall, DePaul University, February 2014.

Moderator. Debate between the DePaul Republicans and the DePaul Democrats, DePaul University, February, 2014.

Speaker. “Media in the 2012 Election.” DePaul University, October 2012.

Panelist. “Braving the Academic Job Market.” City University of New York Graduate Center Political Science Department, May 2012.

Speaker. “Super Tuesday: Explained.” Yeshiva University, Stern College, March 2012.

Panelist. “Experiences on the Academic Job Market.” City University of New York Graduate Center Political Science Department, May 2011.

Panelist. “Experiences at ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.” City University of New York Graduate Center, Political Science Department, April 2011.

Panelist. “Change or Maverick? A Post Election Forum on the Outcome of the November 4th Election.” City University of New York – Brooklyn College, November 2008.

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

Crain’s Daily Gist Podcast with Amy Guth: November 3, 2020 (Election Day)

Social Media and Politics Podcast: March 28, 2020

New Books in Political Science Podcast: Aug. 22, 2018

Politics Tonight - CLTV (12 Appearances): April 20, 2016; May 19, 2016; June 15, 2016; July 21, 2016; November 2, 2016; March 27, 2017; March 9, 2018; May 26, 2018; October 8, 2018, September 12, 2019, October 16, 2019, November 21, 2019.

WGN Radio with Amy Guth (Two Appearances): February 11, 2017 (Saturday Night Special), June 29, 2017.

WGN-TV Morning News (Four Appearances): February 24, 2016; March 1, 2016; March 8 2016, and Nov. 4, 2020

WGN-TV Midday News: November 4, 2020

Behind the Curtain with Paul Lisnek – WGN Radio (Three Appearances): November 10, 2016; January 26, 2017; November 9, 2018, November 18, 2021

Milt Rosenberg Radio Show – 1590 WCGO: October 14, 2015

Interviewed for Multiple Newspaper Stories in Bloomberg BNA, The DePaulia, DePaul University Insights Magazine, and The Columbia Chronicle

BOOK REVIEWS:

“Media and Politics in a Globalizing World.” by Alexa Robertson. 2017. *New Media and Society*, 19 (7).

BOOK PROPOSAL REVIEWS:

Oxford University Press, March 2019.

JOURNAL REVIEWS:

Social Science Computer Review.
 Political Studies.
 Journal of Information Technology & Politics.
 Public Administration Review
 Polity
 Political Marketing

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
 International Communications Association (ICA)
 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
 Political Communication Section of APSA
 Information, Technology, and Politics Section of APSA
 Race, Ethnicity & Politics Section of APSA

REFERENCES

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