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Fields of Specialization: American Politics, Political Economy, Methodology, Comparative Politics

Academic Appointments

Columbia University. Associate Professor. Department of Political Science. 2012 – present.
Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science. 2005 – 2012.
Faculty Fellow. Institute for Social and Economic Policy and Research. 2005-present.
Affiliate. Weatherhead East Asia Institute. 2005-present.
Faculty Fellow. Applied Statistics Center. 2007-present.
Affiliate. Center for the Study of Development Strategies. 2009-present.

Russell Sage Foundation. Visiting Scholar. 2013-2014.

Yale University. Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Political Science. 2007- 2008.
Visiting Fellow. Center for the Study of American Politics. 2007-2008

University of Tokyo. Visiting Associate Professor. Faculty of Economics. Summer 2006.

New York University. Assistant Professor. Department of Politics. 2003 – 2005.

Princeton University. Visiting Fellow. Center for the Study of Democratic Politics. 2003 – 2004.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Visiting Instructor. Department of Political Science. Spring 2003.

University of Tokyo. Visiting Research Scholar. Faculty of Economics. 1994 – 1996.

Education

Harvard University. Ph.D. Political Economy and Government. November 2003.
“Party Labels, Institutions and Personal Politics in the United States and Japan.” (unpublished)
Dissertation Chair: James E. Alt

Harvard College. A.B. Magna cum laude in Government and Economics. June 1994.

Journal Publications

“Partisan Imbalance in Regression Discontinuity Studies Based on Electoral Thresholds” (with James M. Snyder Jr. and Olle Folke) (2015) *Political Science Research and Methods*

“Direct and Indirect Representation” (with Michael M. Ting) (2015) *British Journal of Political Science*.

“Voter Learning in State Primary Elections” (with Gabriel Lenz, Maksim Pinkovskiy and James M. Snyder Jr.) (2015) *American Journal of Political Science*. 59(1)91-108.

“Primary Elections and the Quality of Elected Officials” (with James M. Snyder Jr.) (2014) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*. 9(4)473-500.

“Elections and Reform: The Adoption of Civil Service Systems in the U.S. States.” (with Michael M. Ting, James M. Snyder Jr., and Olle Folke) (2013) *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 25(3)363-387.

“What Happens to Incumbents in Scandals?” (with James M. Snyder, Jr.) (2012) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

“Do Individual Representatives Influence Government Transfers? Evidence from Japan” (2011) *The Journal of Politics*. 73(4)1081-1094.

“Patronage and Elections in U.S. States” (with Olle Folke and James M. Snyder Jr.) (2011) *American Political Science Review*. 105(3)567-85.

“Primaries and Polarization in the U.S. Congress” (with James M. Snyder, Stephen Ansolabehere and J. Mark Hansen) (2010) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*. 5(2)169-191.

“More Democracy: The Effect of the Direct Primary on Competition in U.S. Elections.” (with James M. Snyder, Stephen Ansolabehere and J. Mark Hansen) (2010) *Studies in American Political Development*. 24(2)190-205.

“Distributive Politics with Primaries” (with James M. Snyder Jr. and Michael M. Ting) (2009) *The Journal of Politics*. 71(4)1467-1480.

“Using Multi-Member-District Elections to Estimate the Sources of the Incumbency Advantage” (with James M. Snyder, Jr.) (2009) *American Journal of Political Science*. 53(2)292-306.

“Why Primaries in Latin American Presidential Elections?” (with Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro and Ozge Kemahlioglu) (2009) *The Journal of Politics*. 71(1)339-352.

“Third Parties, Elections and Roll Call Votes in the Late Nineteenth-Century U.S. Congress” (2008) *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 33(1)131-160.

“The Incumbency Advantage in U.S. Primary Elections.” (with James M. Snyder, Stephen Ansolabehere and J. Mark Hansen) (2007) *Electoral Studies*. 26(3)660-668.

“The Decline of Third-Party Voting in the United States” (with James M. Snyder) (2007) *The Journal of Politics*, 69(1)1-16.

“Electoral Systems, Hometowns, and Favored Minorities: Evidence from Japanese Electoral Reforms” (2006) *World Politics*, 59(1)51-82. Reprinted in *Geography and Intra-Party Trends*, ed. David M. Farrell and Matthew S. Shugart, vol. 4 of *Electoral Systems*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, Sage Library of Political Science, 2012.

“Party and Incumbency Cues in Voting: Are They Substitutes?” (with Stephen Ansolabehere, James M. Snyder, and Michiko Ueda) (2006) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 1(2)119-137.

Book Chapters

“Parties Within Parties: Parties, Factions and Coordinated Politics, 1900-1980.” (J. Mark Hansen and James M. Snyder, Jr.) in *Governing in a Polarized Age: Elections, Parties, and Political Representation in America*, Alan S. Gerber and Eric Schickler (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 2016.

“What Did the Direct Primary Do to Party Loyalty in Congress?” (with Stephen Ansolabehere and James M. Snyder Jr.) in *Process, Party and Policy Making: Further New Perspectives on the History of Congress*, David Brady and Matthew D. McCubbins (eds.), Stanford University Press, 2007.

“The Decline of Competition in U.S. Primary Elections, 1908-2004” (with Stephen Ansolabehere, J. Mark Hansen, and James M. Snyder, Jr.) in *The Marketplace of Democracy*, Michael McDonald and John Samples (eds.), Brookings Press, 2006.

Working Papers and Work-in-Progress

“Primary Elections” (with James M. Snyder, Jr.) *Book project which received an advanced contract from Cambridge University Press*

“Civil Service and Government Performance: Evidence from U.S. Cities”

“Primary Elections and the Provision of Public Goods” (with James M. Snyder Jr. and Michael M. Ting)

“The Direct Primary and Candidate-Centered Voting in U.S. Elections” (with James M. Snyder Jr.) *Under Revision*

“Policy Positions in Mixed Member Electoral Systems: Evidence from Japan” (with Kosuke Imai, Yuki Shiraito, and Masaki Taniguchi)

“The Value of Majority Status in the 1930s U.S. House” (with David R. Mayhew and James M. Snyder, Jr.)

“Decomposing the Sources of Electoral Support for LDP Representatives”

“Where’s the Personal Vote in Japanese Politics”

Teaching Experience

Graduate Courses Taught:

- Multivariate Political Analysis
- Controversies in American Politics
- American Politics Field Seminar II
- Workshop in Quantitative Political Science
- Dissertation Seminar
- Quantitative Research in Political Science I (NYU)
- Quantitative Research Methods II: Multivariate (MIT)

Undergraduate Courses Taught

- Political Parties in U.S. Politics
- Scope and Methods
- Quantitative Analysis of American Politics
- Parties and Elections in the US and Japan
- Elections in the United States and Japan
- Political Parties, Elections and Representation in United States (Yale)
- The Electoral Process in Comparative Perspective (NYU)
- Electoral Politics (MIT)

Advising

Current Graduate Student Advisees: Adam Zelizer, Patricia Kirkland, Giancarlo Visconti

Dissertation Sponsor: Sung Eun Kim (2016)

Dissertation Committee/Reader: Ozge Kemahlioglu (2006) “When the Agent Becomes the Boss: The Politics of Public Employment in Argentina and Turkey”, James Kim (2007) “Constrained Unilateralism: Comparing Institutional Foundation of Executive Decrees”, Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro (2008) “Choosing Clientelism: Political Competition, Poverty, and Social Welfare Policy in Argentina”, Georgia Kernell (2008) “Political Party Organizations and Representation: Party Responsiveness, Candidate Heterogeneity and Voter Behavior in Mature Parliamentary Democracies”, Kaori Shoji (2013) “When Do Party Leaders Democratize? Analyzing Three Reforms of Voter Registration and Candidate Selection”, Vanessa Perez (2014) “The Effects of Voter Registration and Declining Political Party Competition on Turnout in the United States of America, 1880 – 1916”, Albert Fang (2015) “Minority Political Representation under Demographic Change in the United States”

Senior Thesis: Jonathan Backer (2009-10) “Clean Money and Quality Challengers: The Impact of State Legislative Public Financing on Incumbency Advantage”, Sayuri Shimoda “Thought Control in the Meiji and Taisho Periods” (2009-10), Rebecca Lee (2007-08) “The South’s Number One Problem: Southern Primary Elections and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.”

Grants

Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy Seed Grant. 2013.

National Science Foundation Grant. SES-0959200. “Collaborative Research: Transformations in Political Party Organizations and the Rise of Candidate-Centered Elections in American Politics, 1878 – 2008.” 2010-2014. Co-PI James M. Snyder, Jr.

National Science Foundation Grant. SES-0617556. “Collaborative Research: Primary Elections for U.S. State and Federal Offices: A Comprehensive Database and Analysis.” 2006-2010. Co-PIs Stephen Ansolabehere, J. Mark Hansen, James M. Snyder, Jr.

Summer Research Support for Junior Faculty in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Office of the Vice President for Arts and Sciences Columbia University

Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy Seed Grant. Columbia University. 2005.

Weatherhead Institute for East Asian Studies Research Grant. Columbia University. 2005

Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Supplementary Dissertation Grant. Harvard University. 2003.

Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Grant. Harvard University. 2001.

Ford Foundation Grant. Harvard University. 1992, 1993.

Henry Rosovsky Summer Research Grant. Harvard University. 1993

Honors, Prizes and Fellowships

Visiting Research Scholar, The Russell Sage Foundation. 2013-2014

Visiting Research Fellow, Center for the Study of American Politics. Yale University. 2007 - 2008

Visiting Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Fellowship. Princeton University. 2003 - 2004

Japanese Ministry of Education Research Fellowship. 1994 – 1996.

Eric Firth Prize for best senior thesis on democracy. Harvard University. 1994.

Harvard Yenching Institute Prize for best senior thesis on Japan. Harvard University. 1994.

Harvard Government Department highest graded senior thesis. Harvard University. 1994.

Select Recent Conference Participation

Berkeley Conference on Political Economy and Governance (2014), Representation & Governance: A Conference in Honor of David Mayhew (2013), Vanderbilt Miller Stokes Conference (2013), Vanderbilt Government Expertise: Information and Political Institutions (2011), Academia Sinica Political Economy: Institutions (2011), Yale Conference on Distributive Politics in Electoral and Legislative Politics (2009), UCLA Japan Conference (2009), UCSD Conference on Elections and Distribution (2008), Yale/CSAP American Politics Summer Conference (2008, 2009, 2011-2017), Yale Conference on Elections and Distribution (2007), Stanford Japan Conference (2007, 2011), History of Congress Conference (2007), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008), Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2001, 2003-2009, 2011-2013, 2015-2016), Political Methodology Conference (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011), National Bureau of Economic Research Japan Project (2006)

Invited Talks

Washington University (2016), Vanderbilt University (2013), University of Pennsylvania (2013), University of Virginia (2013), Erasmus University Rotterdam (2012), Vassar College (2012), Taiwan Academia Sinica (2011), University of Essex (2010), London School of Economics (2010), University of California, Berkeley (2009, 2015), Princeton University (2009), Harvard University (2008), Stanford University Graduate School of Business (2008), University of Chicago Harris School (2008, 2012), McGill University (2007), Yale University (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010), University of Kyoto Microeconomics Seminar (2007), University of Osaka (2007), Stanford University (2007, 2015), Rochester University Riker Seminar (2007), Princeton Political Economy Seminar (2006), University of Tokyo Microeconomics Seminar (2006), Nanzan University Economic Department Seminar (2006), Japan Economic Seminar (2006), Washington University Political Economy Seminar (2005), MIT American Politics Seminar (2015), MIT WIP Seminar (2004), Columbia University American Politics Seminar (2004)

Service

University Service

American Politics Field Coordinator (2014-)

ISERP Grant Review Committee (2006-07, 2010)

Department Dissertation Proposal Review Committee (Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006)

Department Undergraduate Research and Methods Committee (2008)

Department Fellowships Committee (2008-2010)

Department Graduate Admissions Committee (2011-2013)

Chair Reading Subpanel Promotion and Tenure Committee for Arts and Sciences (2014)

Service to the Discipline

Reviewer *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Economics and Politics*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Law Economics and Organizations*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *National Science Foundation*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *World Politics*

Co-Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (2015-)

Editorial Board, *The Journal of Politics* (2015-)

American Political Science Association Mancur Olson Award Selection Committee (2010)

Midwest Political Science Association selection committee for the Robert H. Durr Award (2008)

Midwest Political Science Association Political Methodology Section Head 2005 Annual Conference