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### **Current Employment**

Columbia University  
Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, 2011-  
Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, 2006-2011.  
Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, 2002-2006.  
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, 2003-

### **Previous Employment**

Research Fellow, Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, Harvard University, 2002-2003.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1999-2002.

Research Fellow, Harvard-MIT Data Center, 1998-1999.

### **Education**

Ph.D., Business, Stanford University, 1999.  
Dissertation: *Essays on the Positive Theory of Bureaucratic Politics*.  
Reading committee: David Baron, Jonathan Bendor (co-chairs), Sven Rady.

A.M., Political Science, Harvard University, 1995.

S.B., Mathematics, S.B., Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1992.

### **Publications–Book**

2011. *A Behavioral Theory of Elections*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. (with Jonathan Bendor, Daniel Diermeier, and David Siegel)

### **Publications–Refereed Journals**

2024. “Institutions and Political Restraint.” *American Journal of Political Science* 68(1): 58-71. (with Giovanna Invernizzi)

2023. "Bureaucrats and Policies in Equilibrium Administrations." *Journal of the European Economic Association* 21(3): 815-863. (with Jean Guillaume Forand and Gergely Ujhelyi)
2022. "After Defeat: Governing Party Response to Electoral Loss." *Political Science Research and Methods* 10(4): 739-758. (with Yotam Margalit and Tara Slough)
2021. "Civil Service and Patronage in Bureaucracies." *Journal of Politics* 83(3): 902-916. (with John Huber)
2021. "The Political Economy of Governance Quality." *American Political Science Review* 115(2): 667-685.
2020. "A Dynamic Model of Primaries." *Journal of Politics* 82(4): 1443-1457. (with Tara Slough and Erin York)
2018. "Primary Elections and the Provision of Public Goods." *Journal of Politics* 80(2): 647-661. (with Shigeo Hirano and James Snyder)
2017. "Turf Wars." *Journal of Public Economics* 152: 143-153. (with Helios Herrera and Ernesto Reuben)
2017. "Politics and Administration." *American Journal of Political Science* 61(2): 305-319.
2016. "Inequality, Aspirations, and Social Comparisons." *Political Science Research and Methods* 4(3): 451-476. (with Jonathan Bendor and Daniel Diermeier)
2015. "Direct and Indirect Representation." *British Journal of Political Science* 45(3): 609-634. (with Shigeo Hirano)
2013. "Redistribution, Pork, and Elections." *Journal of the European Economic Association* 11(6): 1382-1403. (with John Huber)
2013. "Elections and Reform: The Adoption of Civil Service Systems in the U.S. States." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 25(3): 363-387. (with Olle Folke, Shigeo Hirano, and James Snyder)
2012. "Legislatures, Bureaucracies and Distributive Spending." *American Political Science Review* 106(2): 367-385.
2011. "Electoral Selection with Parties and Primaries." *American Journal of Political Science* 55(4): 782-796. (with James Snyder)
2011. "Organizational Capacity." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 27(2): 245-271.
2010. "Early Entrant Protection in Approval Regulation: Theory and Evidence from FDA

Drug Review.” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 26(3): 515-545. (with Daniel Carpenter, Susan I. Moffitt, Colin D. Moore, Ryan T. Rynbrandt, Ian Yohai, and Evan James Zucker)

2009. “Distributive Politics with Primaries.” *Journal of Politics* 71(4): 1467-1480. (with Shigeo Hirano and James Snyder)

2009. “Two’s Company, Three’s an Equilibrium: Strategic Voting and Multicandidate Elections.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 4(3): 251-278. (with John W. Patty and James Snyder)

2008. “A Formal Model of Learning and Policy Diffusion.” *American Political Science Review* 102(3): 319-332. (with Craig Volden and Daniel Carpenter)

2008. “Whistleblowing.” *American Political Science Review* 102(2): 249-267.

2008. “Interest Groups and the Electoral Control of Politicians.” *Journal of Public Economics* 92(3-4): 482-500. (with James Snyder)

2007. “Regulatory Errors With Endogenous Agendas.” *American Journal of Political Science* 51(4): 835-852. (with Daniel Carpenter)

2007. “Comment: Adaptive Models in Sociology and the Problem of Empirical Content.” *American Journal of Sociology* 112(5): 1534-1545. (with Jonathan Bendor and Daniel Diermeier)

2005. “The Political Logic of Regulatory Error: Some Theoretical Reflections on the Vioxx Episode.” *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery* 4(10): 819-823. (with Daniel Carpenter)

2005. “Legislative Bargaining Under Weighted Voting.” *American Economic Review* 95(4): 981-1004. (with James Snyder and Stephen Ansolabehere)

2009. “Legislative Bargaining under Weighted Voting: Corrigendum.” *American Economic Review* Internet Corrigendum, [http://www.e-aer.org/data/0002828054825538\\_corr.pdf](http://www.e-aer.org/data/0002828054825538_corr.pdf). (with Alexandre Debs and James Snyder)

2005. “Voting Weights and Formateur Advantages in the Formation of Coalition Governments.” *American Journal of Political Science* 49(3): 550-563. (with Stephen Ansolabehere, James Snyder, and Aaron Strauss)

2005. “Why Roll Calls? A Model of Position-Taking in Legislative Voting and Elections.” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 21(1): 153-178. (with James Snyder)

2003. “Roll Calls, Party Labels, and Elections.” *Political Analysis* 11(4): 419-444. (with James Snyder)

2003. “Bargaining in Bicameral Legislatures: When and Why Does Malapportionment Matter?” *American Political Science Review* 97(3): 471-481. (with Stephen Ansolabehere and James Snyder)

2003. “A Behavioral Model of Turnout.” *American Political Science Review* 97(2): 261-280. (with Jonathan Bendor and Daniel Diermeier)

2003. “A Strategic Theory of Bureaucratic Redundancy.” *American Journal of Political Science* 47(2): 274-292.

2002. “A Theory of Jurisdictional Assignments in Bureaucracies.” *American Journal of Political Science* 46(2): 364-378.

2002. “An Informational Rationale for Political Parties.” *American Journal of Political Science* 46(1): 90-110. (with James Snyder)

2001. “The ‘Power of the Purse’ and its Implications for Bureaucratic Policy-Making.” *Public Choice* 106(3-4): 243-274.

## **Publications—Other**

### *Chapters*

2003. “Recovering Behavioralism: Adaptively Rational Behavior with Endogenous Aspirations.” In Ken Kollman, John Miller, and Scott Page (eds.), *Computational Models in Political Economy*. Cambridge: MIT Press. (with Jonathan Bendor and Daniel Diermeier)

2003. “Some Methodological Issues in Models of Reinforcement Learning.” In David Sallach and Charles Macal (eds.), *Proceedings of Agent 2002 – Social Agents: Ecology, Exchange, and Evolution*. Argonne, IL: Argonne National Laboratory. (with Jonathan Bendor and Daniel Diermeier)

2001. “Aspiration-Based Adaptation in Games.” In Thomas Wolsko and David Sallach (eds.), *Proceedings of the Workshop on Simulation of Social Agents: Architectures and Institutions*. Argonne, IL: Argonne National Laboratory. (with Jonathan Bendor and Daniel Diermeier)

### *Book Reviews*

2011. “Not My Fault.” Review of *The Blame Game*, by Christopher Hood. *Review of Politics* 73(4): 685-687.

2003. “Special Interest Politics.” Review of *Special Interest Politics*, by Gene Grossman and Elhanan Helpman. *Southern Economic Journal* 69(3): 743-744.

### *Case Studies*

2000. “Wugang and the Reform of State-Owned Enterprises.” In David Baron, *Business*

*and Its Environment* (Prentice-Hall, 2000). (with David Baron)

1997. "Echelon in Europe." Stanford GSB case study P22. (with David Baron)

1996. "Echelon and the Home Automation Standard." Stanford GSB case study P20A, B. In David Baron, *Business and Its Environment* (Prentice-Hall, 2000). (with David Baron, Keith Krehbiel, Erik Johnson, and Daniel Kessler)

#### *Reports*

2018. "Voter Misbehavior: How Behavioral Insights can Help Understand Voters." In *The Future of Politics*, Credit Suisse Research Institute, pp. 14-20.

### **Working Papers and Projects**

"Federalism and Ideology." (with Georgiy Syunaev and Anna Wilke)  
Under revision. Presented at the 2019 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association and Emory Conference on Institutions and Law-Making.

"Organizational Capacity and the Dynamics of Public Projects." (with Dana Foarta)  
Under review. Presented at the 2022 Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics conference.

"An Organizational Theory of State Capacity." (with Erik Snowberg)  
Presented at the 2019 Formal Theory and Comparative Politics conference, 2022 Utah Conference on Organizational and Political Economics, and 2022 NBER Organizational Economics conference.

"A Formal Model of Learning and Policy Diffusion: A Comment on Multiple Unknown Policies." Online appendix to "A Formal Model of Learning and Policy Diffusion," *APSR* 2008. (with Craig Volden and Daniel Carpenter)

"Equilibria in Multi-Dimensional, Multi-Party Spatial Competition." (with James Snyder)  
Presented at the 2005 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"The Empirical Content of Behavioral Models of Adaptation." (with Jonathan Bendor and Daniel Diermeier)  
Presented at the 2002 Workshop on Simulation of Social Agents and 2003 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"A Continuous Population Approach to Bargaining Under Weighted Voting." (with James Snyder and Stephen Ansolabehere)

"A Dynamic Theory of Lobbying Administrative Agencies."  
Presented at the 1998 meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association and American Political Science Association.

“The Predictive Power of Learning Models in Social Dilemma Research.” (with Jonathan Bendor and Daniel Diermeier)

“Flying Blind: A Theory of Bureaucratic Policy Learning and Delegation.”  
Presented at the 1999 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

## **Awards**

Columbia Political Science Graduate Student Council advising award, 2015

President, Midwest Public Administration Caucus, 2013-2014

Honorable Mention, William F. Riker Prize for Best Book in Political Economy, 2011

Alliance Fellowship, Columbia University, 2012. (Visiting appointment at University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Spring 2012.)

Excellence in refereeing award, *American Economic Review*, 2009

Tsunoda Fellowship, Columbia University, 2010. (Visiting appointment at Waseda University, Tokyo, Winter 2010.)

Columbia SIPA Award for Outstanding Teaching, 2004.

Robert H. Durr Award, MPSA, 2001. (For best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem.)

## **Grants**

CAF (Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean) Small Grant. Title: “The Anatomy of Colombian Bureaucratic Hierarchies.” PI: Luis Martinez; Co-PI: Erik Snowberg

Columbia SIPA Faculty Grant, 2014-2015.

Columbia SIPA Faculty Grant, 2011-2013.

National Science Foundation Grant SES-0519082 (2005-2009). Title: “Approval Regulation.”

Columbia ISERP Seed Grant, 2003-2004.

National Science Foundation Grants SES-0079035 (2000-2002) and SES-0243412 (2002-2003). Title: “Collaborative Research: An Informational Rationale for Political Parties.”

Co-PI: James Snyder.

UNC University Research Council Development Grant, 2000-2001.

UNC IBM Junior Faculty Development Grant, 2000.

UNC Latane Summer Faculty Stipend, 2000.

## Teaching

### *Graduate*

Doctoral: Research Topics in Game Theory, Political Economy of Institutions, Game Theory and Political Theory, Mathematical Methods for Political Scientists, Organizations, Formal Theory of Institutions.

MPA: Public Management, Analysis of Public Sector Organizations.

### *Undergraduate*

American Politics Seminar: Bureaucratic Politics, Politics of Bureaucracy, Business-Government Relations.

## Presentations

### *Invited Talks*

1999-2001: Stanford, Duke, Columbia, NYU, MIT, Rochester (Wallis Political Economy conference), Washington Univ. (Mini-conference on Modeling U.S. Politics).

2001-2003: Northwestern, Chicago, Michigan, Carnegie-Mellon, Rochester (Wallis Political Economy conference), NYU, Princeton.

2003-2005: NYU, Rochester (Wallis Political Economy conference), Yale, UCLA, Ohio State.

2005-2007: MIT, Princeton, UNC Chapel Hill, UC Berkeley.

2007-2009: Pittsburgh, Caltech, UCLA, Rochester (Wallis Political Economy conference), Princeton.

2009-2011: Academia Sinica, Rochester, Yale, UC Merced (Politics of Federal Spending conference), UCLA, Emory (Conference on Institutions and Law Making), European School on New Institutional Economics, Academia Sinica (Conference on the Positive Political Economy of Institutions).

2011-2013: Princeton, Princeton (CSDP Workshop on Formal Models of Legislatures), École Polytechnique, Princeton (Political Institutions and Economic Policy Conference), Priorat Workshop in Theoretical Political Science, UNC Chapel Hill.

2013-2015: Yale (CSAP Summer Conference), NYU, Emory (Conference on Institutions and Law Making), Warwick, London School of Economics, Bristol (Political Economy Workshop), Princeton, Caltech, USC (Southern California Law and Social Sciences conference), Princeton (CSDP Political Economy of Bureaucrats conference), NYU (LSE – NYU political economy conference), University of Sassari (VI Workshop on Institutions,

Individual Behavior and Economic Outcomes).

2015-2017: Yale, Emory (Conference on Institutions and Law Making), Vanderbilt, Inter-American Development Bank, Republic of China Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Harvard (Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference), UC Berkeley, Emory (Conference on Institutions and Law Making), University of Gothenburg, Bocconi.

2017-2019: Emory (Conference on Institutions and Law Making), Yale (CSAP Summer Conference), NYU, Wisconsin, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, CUNEF, UC Davis, Nottingham (POLECON UK conference).

2019-2021: Yale, Florida State, Emory (Conference on Institutions and Law Making), Rochester, UCSD, Stanford.

2022- : Utah (Conference on Organizational and Political Economics), NBER (Organizational Economics), Bristol, Bocconi, Padua, UC Berkeley, Washington University in St Louis.

#### *Association Conferences*

American Economic Association 2023; American Law and Economics Association 2019; American Political Science Association 1997-2009, 2014-2018; European Political Science Association 2016; Midwest Political Science Association, 1997-2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014; Southern Political Science Association 2012, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2023; Western Political Science Association 2018; Public Choice Society, 2001-2002, 2005; Social Choice and Welfare, 2002, 2004; Southern Economic Association, 2016; Public Economic Theory, 2003; APSA State Politics and Policy, 2009; European Consortium for Political Research, 2011; International Political Science Association Structure and Organization of Government, 2014.

## **Professional Service**

### *Refereeing—Journals (\* = since 2010)*

*American Economic Review\**, *American Journal of Political Science\**, *American Political Science Review\**, *American Politics Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science\**, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs\**, *Constitutional Political Economy\**, *Economic Journal\**, *Economica\**, *Economics & Politics\**, *Economics of Governance\**, *Econometrica\**, *European Economic Review\**, *European Journal of Political Economy\**, *European Union Politics*, *Games and Economic Behavior\**, *Governance\**, *International Organization\**, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization\**, *Journal of Economics and Business*, *Journal of Economic Theory\**, *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion & Parties\**, *Journal of the European Economic Association\**, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization\**, *Journal of Politics\**, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management\**, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy\**, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory\**, *Journal of Public Economics\**, *Journal of Public Policy\**, *Journal of Theoretical Politics\**, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Local Government Studies\**, *Mathematical Social Sciences\**, *Party Politics\**, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis\**, *Political Behavior\**, *Political Research Quarterly\**, *Political Studies*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly\**, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences\**, *Public Choice\**, *Public Opinion Quarterly\**, *Public Finance*



*Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science\**, *Review of Economic Studies\**, *Scandinavian Political Studies\**, *Social Choice and Welfare\**, *Social Science Computing*, *Theoretical Economics\**, *Theoretical Economics Letters\**, *Theory and Decision\**.

*Refereeing—Other*

Cambridge University Press, Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation, National Science Foundation, Research Council Romania, Routledge Press, University of Michigan Press.

*Editorial Boards*

*American Journal of Political Science*, 2010-2013, 2021-

*Journal of Politics*, 2014-2018

*Award Committees*

APSA White Award, 2010; MPSA Simon Award, 2011

*University Service*

Arts & Sciences Academic Review Committee, 2012-2015

Deputy Chair, Department of Political Science, 2014-2018

Tenure Review Advisory Committee, 2018-2021 (chair, 2020-2021)

*Dissertation Committees*

Anna Wilke; Political Science, Columbia, 2021

Giovanna Invernizzi; Political Science, Columbia, 2021

Tara Slough; Political Science, Columbia, 2020

Erin York; Political Science, Columbia, 2020

Hanzhang Liu; Political Science, Columbia, 2018

Andrew Gallo (oral defense); Political Science, Columbia, 2018

Marion Dumas; Sustainable Development, Columbia, 2015

Amy Semet; Political Science, Columbia, 2015

Miranda Yaver; Political Science, Columbia, 2015

Lauren Roth; Political Science, Columbia, 2014

John Sivoletta; Political Science, Columbia, 2013

Sébastien Turban (oral defense); Economics, Columbia, 2013

David Lopez-Rodriguez (oral defense); Economics, Columbia, 2011

Marina Dodlova (oral defense); Economics, University of Paris X, 2010

Xiaohong Yu; Political Science, Columbia, 2009

Piero Stanig (oral defense); Political Science, Columbia, 2009

Brian Fogarty; Political Science, UNC, 2005

Carlos Maravall Rodriguez (oral defense); Economics, NYU, 2004

Daniel Y. Kono; Political Science, UNC, 2002

*Workshops*

Political Economy Breakfast (Columbia, 2009-2010), American Politics and Society

(Columbia, 2006-2009), Political Economy (Columbia, 2003-2005, 2011-2014, 2016-2022),

Political Economy Faculty Working Group (UNC, 1999-2002).

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*Professional Conferences*

Formal Theory Section Chair, 2007 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

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