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## Academic Positions

**London School of Economics and Political Science**, Department of Methodology. Professor of Computational Social Science.

**Trinity College Dublin**, Department of Political Science. Professor of Quantitative Social Sciences, 2007–2010, Professor Part-Time 2012–present; Associate Professor, 2005–2007; Fellow, 2003–present; Lecturer, 1998–2005. Head of Department of Political Science from 2008–2010.

**Central European University**, Budapest College, Department of Political Science. Visiting Lecturer, 1997–1998; 2000–2006.

## Education

**PhD, Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA. 1998. Department of Government. Supervisors: Gary King, Kenneth Shepsle.

**MA, Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA. 1993. Department of Government. Comparative politics with specialization in statistical methodology.

**Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris**, France. 1989–1990. Awarded the Certificat d'Etudes Politiques with Honors. Specialization: contemporary European politics.

**BA, University of South Carolina**, Columbia, SC. 1986–1991. *Summa cum laude*. Intensive specialization in political science, with Honors from the South Carolina Honors College.

## Publications and Papers

### Articles

- 2019. Benoit, Kenneth, Kevin Munger, and Arthur Spirling. “Measuring and Explaining Political Sophistication Through Textual Complexity.” *American Journal of Political Science* 63(2, April): 491–508. 10.1111/ajps.12423.
- 2018. Benoit, Kenneth, Kohei Watanabe, Haiyan Wang, Paul Nulty, Adam Obeng, Stefan Müller, and Akitaka Matsuo. “quanteda: An R package for the quantitative analysis of textual data”. *Journal of Open Source Software*. 3(30), 774. 10.21105/joss.00774.
- 2018. Lincoln A. Mullen, Kenneth Benoit, Os Keyes, Dmitry Selivanov, and Jeffrey Arnold. “Fast, Consistent Tokenization of Natural Language Text.” *Journal of Open Source Software* 3(23), 655. 10.21105/joss.00655.
- 2017. Amador Diaz Lopez, Julio Cesar, Sofia Collignon-Delmar, Kenneth Benoit, and Akitaka Matsuo. “Predicting the Brexit Vote by Tracking and Classifying Public Opinion Using Twitter Data.” *Statistics, Politics and Policy* 8(1): 85–104. doi: 10.1515/spp-2017-0006

2017. Welbers, Kasper, Wouter van Atteveltdt, and Kenneth Benoit. "Text analysis in R." *Communications Methods and Measures* 11(4): 245–265. doi: 10.1080/19312458.2017.1387238
2017. Daniel Schwarz, Denise Traber, and Kenneth Benoit. "Estimating Intra-Party Preferences: Comparing Speeches to Votes." *Political Science Research and Methods* 5(2): 379–396. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2015.77>.
2016. Paul Nulty, Yannis Theocharis, Sebastian Adrian Popa, Olivier Parnet, and Kenneth Benoit. "Social Media and Political Communication in the 2014 Elections to the European Parliament". *Electoral Studies* 44: 429–444.
2016. Kenneth Benoit, Benjamin E. Lauderdale, Drew Conway, Michael Laver, and Slava Mikhaylov. "Crowd-Sourced Text Analysis: Reproducible and Agile Production of Political Data." *American Political Science Review* 110(2, May): 278–295.
2015. Herzog, Alexander and Kenneth Benoit. "The Most Unkindest Cuts: Speaker Selection and Expressed Government Dissent During Economic Crisis." *Journal of Politics* 77(4, October): 1157–1175.
2015. Laver, Michael and Kenneth Benoit. "The Basic Arithmetic of Legislative Decisions." *American Journal of Political Science* 59(2):275–291. doi: 10.1111/ajps.12111
2013. Lowe, Will and Kenneth Benoit. "Validating Estimates of Latent Traits From Textual Data Using Human Judgment as a Benchmark." *Political Analysis* 21: 298–313.
2012. Däubler, Thomas, Kenneth Benoit, Slava Mikhaylov, and Michael Laver. "Natural Sentences as Valid Units for Coded Political Texts." *British Journal of Political Science* 42(4): 937–951.
2012. Benoit, Kenneth, Michael Laver, William Lowe, and Slava Mikhaylov. "How to scale coded text units without bias: A response to Gemenis." *Electoral Studies* 31: 605–608.
2012. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Laver. "The Dimensionality Of Political Space: Epistemological And Methodological Considerations." *European Union Politics* 13(2).
2012. Mikhaylov, Slava, Michael Laver, and Kenneth Benoit. "Coder Reliability and Misclassification in the Human Coding of Party Manifestos." *Political Analysis* 20: 78–91.
2012. McElroy, Gail and Kenneth Benoit. "Policy Positioning in the European Parliament." *European Union Politics* 13(1): 150–167.
2011. William Lowe, Kenneth Benoit, Slava Mikhaylov, and Michael Laver. "Scaling Policy Preferences From Coded Political Texts." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 26(1): 123–155.
2010. Gail McElroy and Kenneth Benoit. "Party Policy and Group Affiliation in the European Parliament." *British Journal of Political Science* 40(2, April): 377–398.
2010. Kenneth Benoit and Michael Marsh. "Incumbent and Challenger Campaign Spending Effects in Proportional Electoral Systems: The Irish Elections of 2002." *Political Research Quarterly* 63(1, March): 159–173.
2009. Kenneth Benoit. "Irish Political Parties and Policy Stances on European Integration." *Irish Political Studies* 24(4, December): 447–466.
2009. Nina Wiesehomeier and Kenneth Benoit. "Presidents, Parties And Policy Competition." *Journal of Politics* 71(4, October): 1435–1447. Winner of the Gulbenkian Prize 2011 for the best paper published by a young social scientist (in all fields except economics) from a Portuguese institution in an international journal in the past two years.

2009. Kenneth Benoit and Michael Marsh. "A Relative Impact Ranking of Political Studies In Ireland." *Economic and Social Review* 40(3): 269–298.
2009. Kenneth Benoit, Thomas Bräuninger, and Marc Debus. "Challenges for estimating policy preferences: Announcing an open access archive of political documents." *German Politics* 18(3, September): 440–453.
2009. Kenneth Benoit, Michael Laver, and Slava Mikhaylov. "Treating Words as Data with Error: Uncertainty in Text Statements of Policy Positions." *American Journal of Political Science* 53(2, April): 495–513.
2008. Kenneth Benoit and Michael Marsh. "The Campaign Value of Incumbency: A New Solution to the Puzzle of Less Effective Incumbent Spending." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(4, October): 874–890.
2008. Kenneth Benoit and Michael Laver. "Compared to What? A Comment on 'A Robust Transformation Procedure for Interpreting Political Text' by Martin and Vanberg." *Political Analysis* 16(1, Winter): 101–111.
2007. Laver, Michael and Kenneth Benoit. "Le changement des systèmes partisans et la transformation des espaces politiques." *Revue Internationale de Politique Comparée* 14(2): 303–324.
2007. Benoit, Kenneth. "Electoral Laws as Political Consequences: Explaining the Origins and Change of Electoral Institutions." *Annual Review of Political Science* 10: 363–90.
2007. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Laver. "Benchmarks for Text Analysis: A Reply to Budge and Pennings." *Electoral Studies* 26: 130–135.
2007. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Laver. "Estimating party policy positions: Comparing expert surveys and hand coded content analysis." *Electoral Studies* 26: 90–107.
2007. McElroy, Gail and Kenneth Benoit. "Party Groups and Policy Positions in the European Parliament." *Party Politics* 13(1): 5–28.
2006. Laver, Michael, Kenneth Benoit, and Nicolas Sauger. "Policy Competition in the 2002 French Legislative and Presidential Elections." *European Journal of Political Research* 45(4, June): 667–697.
2006. Benoit, Kenneth, Daniela Giannetti, and Michael Laver. "Voter Strategies with Restricted Choice Menus." *British Journal of Political Science* 36 (3, July): 459–485.
2006. Benoit, Kenneth. "Duverger's Law and the Study of Electoral Systems." *French Politics* 4(1): 69–83.
2005. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Laver. "Mapping the Irish Policy Space: Voter and Party Spaces in Preferential Elections." *Economic and Social Review* 36(2, Summer/Autumn): 83–108.
2005. Laver, Michael and Kenneth Benoit. "Estimating Party Policy Positions: Japan in Comparative Context." *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 6(2, August): 187–209.
2005. Benoit, Kenneth, Michael Laver, Christine Arnold, Madeleine O. Hosli, and Paul Pennings. "Measuring National Delegate Positions at the Convention on the Future of Europe Using Computerized Wordscoring." *European Union Politics* 6(3, September): 291–313.
2004. Benoit, Kenneth. "Models of Electoral System Change." *Electoral Studies* 23: 363–389.
2004. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Marsh. "Campaign Spending in the Local Government Elections of 1999." *Irish Political Studies* 18(2, Winter): 1–22.

2004. Benoit, Kenneth and Jacqueline Hayden. “Institutional Change and Persistence: The Evolution of Poland’s Electoral System 1989–2001.” *Journal of Politics* 66(May, 2): 396–427.
2003. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Laver. “Estimating Irish Party Positions Using Computer Wordscoring: The 2002 Elections.” *Irish Political Studies* 18(1): 97–107.
2003. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Marsh. “For A Few Euros More: Campaign Spending Effects in the Irish Local Elections of 1999.” *Party Politics* 9(5): 561–582.
2003. Laver, Michael, Kenneth Benoit, and John Garry. “Extracting Policy Positions from Political Texts Using Words as Data.” *American Political Science Review* 97(2, May): 311–331.
2003. Laver, Michael and Kenneth Benoit. “The Evolution of Party Systems Between Elections.” *American Journal of Political Science* 47(2, April): 215–233.
2002. Benoit, Kenneth. “Like Déjà Vu All Over Again: The Hungarian Elections of 2002.” *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics* 18(4, Dec): 119–133.
2002. Laver, Michael and Kenneth Benoit. “Locating TDs in Policy Spaces: Wordscoring Dáil Speeches.” *Irish Political Studies* 17(1, Summer): 59–73.
2002. Benoit, Kenneth. “The Endogeneity Problem in Electoral Studies: A Critical Reexamination of Duverger’s Mechanical Effect.” *Electoral Studies* 21(1, March): 35–46.
2001. Benoit, Kenneth. “District Magnitude, Electoral Formula, and the Number of Parties.” *European Journal of Political Research* 39(2, March): 203–229.
2001. Benoit, Kenneth and John W. Schiemann. “Institutional Choice in New Democracies: Bargaining Over Hungary’s 1989 Electoral Law.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 13(2, April): 159–188.
2000. Benoit, Kenneth. “Which Electoral Formula is the Most Proportional? A New Look with New Evidence.” *Political Analysis* 8(4): 381–388.
- 1996–97. Benoit, Kenneth and Gary King. “A Preview of *EI* and *EzI*: Programs for Ecological Inference.” *Social Science Computer Review* 14(4):433–438. 1996. Benoit, Kenneth. “Hungary’s Two-Ballot Electoral System.” *Representation* 33(4): 162–170.
1996. Benoit, Kenneth. “Democracies Really Are More Pacific (In General): Reexamining Regime Type and War Involvement.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 40(4): 636–657.

## Books

2008. Giannetti, Daniela and Kenneth Benoit, eds. *Intra-Party Politics and Coalition Governments in Parliamentary Democracies*. London: Routledge.
2006. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Laver. *Party Policy in Modern Democracies*. London: Routledge.

## Software and Datasets

- 2012–present. quanteda: quantitative analysis of textual data (R package). Available from <http://github.com/quanteda/quanteda>.
- 2004–2005. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Laver. *Party Policy in Modern Democracies*. Expert survey scores of policy positions of political parties in 47 countries. Accompanies book of same title. Available from <http://www.politics.tcd.ie/ppmd/>

- 2002-2004. Benoit, Kenneth. *Wordscores: Software for Coding Political Texts*. Requires Stata. Available from <http://www.politics.tcd.ie/wordscores/>.
- 1996-2002. Benoit, Kenneth and Gary King. “EzI: A(n Easy) Program for Ecological Inference.” Computer software for MS-DOS, OS/2, and Windows 95. Program and manual available at <http://GKing.Harvard.Edu/stats.shtml>. Development language: Gauss. Winner of the 1998 APSA Best Research Software Award.
1999. Gary King, Bradley Palmquist, Greg Adams, Micah Altman, Kenneth Benoit, Claudine Gay, Jeffrey B. Lewis, R. Mayer, and Eric Reinhardt). *Record of American Democracy, 1984-1990*. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Number 2162. Winner of the 1999 APSA Best Research Web Site Award.

## Book Chapters

2020. “Text as Data: An Overview” Forthcoming in Cuirini, Luigi and Robert Franzese, eds. *Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations*. Thousand Oaks: Sage.
2019. Benoit, Kenneth, Kevin Munger, and Arthur Spirling. “Dumbing Down? Trends in the Complexity of Political Communication.” In Frances Lee and Nolan McCarty eds., *Can America Govern Itself?* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. pp220-236.
2011. Enyedi, Zsolt and Kenneth Benoit. “Critical Election 2010. The Realignment of the Hungarian Party System in the Left-Right Dimension.” [Hungarian] In *The New Formula: Elections in Hungary in 2010*, eds. Zsolt Enyedi, Robert Tardos and Andrea Szabo. Budapest: DKMKA. pp17-42.
2009. McElroy, Gail and Kenneth Benoit. “Party Group Switching in the European Parliament.” In *Legislative Party Switching and the Foundations of Political Parties*, eds. William Heller and Carol Mershon. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. pp147-172.
2008. Giannetti, Daniela and Kenneth Benoit. “Intra-party politics and coalition governments in parliamentary democracies.” In *Intra-Party Politics and Coalition Governments in Parliamentary Democracies*, eds. Daniela Giannetti and Kenneth Benoit. London: Routledge. pp3-24.
2008. Benoit, Kenneth and Daniela Giannetti. “Intra-party politics and coalition governance: concluding remarks.” In *Intra-Party Politics and Coalition Governments in Parliamentary Democracies*, eds. Daniela Giannetti and Kenneth Benoit. London: Routledge. pp229-235.
2008. Benoit, Kenneth and Nina Wiesehomeier. “Expert Judgments.” In *Neuere Entwicklungen und Anwendungen auf dem Gebiet der Methoden der vergleichenden Politik- und Sozialwissenschaft*, eds. Susanne Pickel, Gert Pickel, Hans-Joachim Lauth, and Detlef Jahn. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag. pp497-515.
2006. Gwiazda, Anna and Kenneth Benoit. “Hungary: Protection of Ethnic Minorities and Institutional Balance.” In *Policy-making Processes and the European Constitution: A comparative study of member states and accession countries*, eds. Thomas König and Simon Hug. London: Routledge. pp119-127.
2005. Benoit, Kenneth. “Hungary: Holding Back the Tiers.” In *The Politics of Electoral Systems*, eds. Michael Gallagher and Paul Mitchell. Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp. 231-252.
2004. Benoit, Kenneth, Michael Laver and Daniela Giannetti. “Multi-Party Split-Ticket Voting Estimation as an Ecological Inference Problem.” In *Ecological Inference: New Methodological Strategies*, eds. Gary King, Ori Rosen, and Martin Tanner. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2001. Benoit, Kenneth. "Evaluating Hungary's Mixed-Member Electoral System." In Matthew Shugart and Martin Wattenberg, eds. *Mixed-Member Electoral Systems: The Best of Both Worlds?* Oxford: Oxford University Press.
1999. Benoit, Kenneth. "Votes and Seats: The Hungarian Electoral Law and the 1994 Parliamentary Elections." In *Founding Elections in Eastern Europe: Elections to the 1994 Hungarian National Assembly*, eds. Gábor Tóka and Zsolt Enyedi. Berlin: Sigma.
1998. Benoit, Kenneth. "Forecasting the Outcome of the 1998 Parliamentary Elections." In Sándor Kurtán, Péter Sándor, and László Vass, eds., *Hungarian Political Yearbook 1997* [in Hungarian]. Budapest: Demokrácia Kutatások Magyar Központja Alapítvány.
1995. Benoit, Kenneth and Kenneth Shepsle. "Electoral Systems and Minority Representation." In Paul Peterson ed., *Classifying by Race*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

## Other

2006. Benoit, Kenneth and Michael Laver. "Automated Content Analysis of Political Texts using Wordscores." *APSA-CP Newsletter* 17(1, Winter):6–9.
2005. "How Qualitative Research Really Counts." *Qualitative Methods Newsletter* (Spring).
2002. "Hungary." In Sara Pendergast and Thomas Pendergast, eds. *Worldmark Encyclopedia of National Economies*. 4 vols. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Group.
2001. "Simulation Methodologies for Political Scientists." *The Political Methodologist* 10(1, Fall): 12–16.
2001. Review of *Doing Research in Political Science: An Introduction to Comparative Methods and Statistics*, by Paul Pennings, Hans Keman and Jan Kleinnijenhuis. *Acta Politica: International Journal of Political Science* 36 (Spring):107–109.
2001. "Authoritarianism"; "Military Dictatorship"; and "One-party State." Entries for *A Reader's Guide to the Social Sciences*. London: Fitzroy Dearborn Press.
1997. Benoit, Kenneth. "Forecasting the 1998 [Hungarian] Parliamentary Elections." [In Hungarian] *Századvég* 5 (Summer): 149–166.
1997. "Why I Use Linux." *The Political Methodologist* 8(1, Fall):29–33.

## Working Papers

2006. McElroy, Gail and Kenneth Benoit. "Party Groups and Policy Positions in the European Parliament." *Institute for International Integration Studies Discussion Paper* No. 102.
2004. Chari, Raj, Alfonso Egea de Horo, Kenneth Benoit, and Michael Laver. "Spain and European Union Constitution-Building." Working paper 2004/17, Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estratégicos (Madrid, July 18).
1997. Schiemann, John W. and Kenneth Benoit. "Bargaining and Institutional Choice: The Origins of Hungary's 1989 Electoral Law." *Center for International Affairs Working Paper* No. 97–5. Harvard University.
1994. "Re-examining Regime Type and War Involvement." *Center for International Affairs Working Paper* No. 94–5. Harvard University.
- 2005 (with Alex Baturo). "National Party Competition and Support for European Integration." Presented at the ECPR General Conference, 8–10 September 2005, Budapest, Hungary.

2005 (with Michael Laver). “The Integer Arithmetic of Legislative Dynamics.” Paper presented at the Workshop on Party Switching, July 10-14, 2005, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

2001. “Two Step Forward, One Steps Back: Electoral Coordination in the Hungarian Elections of 1998.” Trinity College manuscript.

## Professional Service

*European Political Science Association*: Co-founder; Treasurer/Vice-President 2011-present; First Annual General Conference Organizer 2011; Treasurer/Vice-President 2011-present; Programme Committee Chair, 2014 Annual Conference.

*American Political Science Association*: Council member, 2013–2015.

University Service, London School of Economics and Political Science:

- Programme Director, LSE Summer School, Methods, Data Science, and Mathematics; 2018–present.
- Head of Department, Department of Methodology, 2011–2013; 2015–2018.
- Director, Social and Economic Data Sciences Unit, 2016–2018.
- Director of the Doctoral Training Centre, 2011–2013.

*External examiner* for Research Methods in the Department of Political Science, University College London, 2012–present.

Editorial Roles:

- *Associate editor*, *American Political Science Review*, 2016–present
- *Associate editor*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, 2012–2016
- *Editorial board*, *American Political Science Review*, 2012–2016
- *Editorial board*, *Electoral Studies*, 2003–present
- *Editorial board*, Book series: Interests, Identities, and Institutions in Comparative Politics, University of Michigan press, 2006–present

*External assessor*, Quality Review of the School of Law and Government, Dublin City University, 7–9 February 2007.

*Section chair*, Representation and Electoral Systems, 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago.

*Member*, Standing Group on Analytical Politics and Public Choice, European Consortium for Political Research, 2005–present.

*Member*, International Studies Committee, Royal Irish Academy, 2005.

*Assistant Academic Convener*, First Annual ECPR General Conference, Canterbury, UK, September 6–8, 2001. (from 1999-2001)

*Core team member*, Irish National Social and Political Survey. 1999–2002.

*Director*, Political Studies Association of Ireland Press. 1999–2001.

*Executive Board Member*, Political Studies of Association of Ireland. 1999–2001.

University Service, Trinity College:

- Head of Department, Political Science, 2008–2010
- Executive Board member, Institute for International Integration Studies, Trinity College, University of Dublin, 2004–2008
- Director of Teaching and Learning, Postgraduate Programme, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy. 2005–2007
- Executive Committee, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, 2005–2007; 2008–present
- Graduate Strategy Working Group on Graduate Education, 2005–2010 (sub-committee of the Graduate Studies Committee), 2005–2006
- Director of Graduate Admissions, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin. 2003–2005
- Graduate Director, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin. 1999–2002
- External referee, New Lecturers’ Start-Up Fund Applications, 2005
- School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Post-Graduate Working Party, 2005
- Career Services Advisory Committee, 2004–2005
- Provost’s Lecturers Forum, Bess Representative, 2003–2005
- Fellows’ Standing Committee, 2004–2005
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2000–2006
- Fulbright Selection Committee (Ireland), Spring 2000
- College Tutor, 1999–2006
- Business, Economics, and Social Studies Faculty Executive Committee, 1998–1999
- Y2K Committee, 1998–2000

Professional referee for more than two dozen major political science and economics journals, university presses, and funding agencies, averaging about three reviews per month.

## Teaching

**Data for Data Scientists (MY472)**, MSc module in Methodology, LSE, 2017–2019.

**Computer Programming (MY470)**, MSc module in Methodology, LSE, 2017–2019.

**Introduction to Data Science and Machine Learning (ME314)**, LSE Summer School (Research Methods, Data Science, and Mathematics) LSE, 2015–present.

**Data Science for Executives**, LSE Executive Education Programme, 2018–present.

**Fundamentals of Social Science Research Design (MY400)**, LSE Executive Education Programme, 2018–present.

**Quantitative Text Analysis (MY459)**, MSc module in Methodology, LSE, variously since 2011.

Other courses I have taught at the postgraduate and undergraduate levels include **MY452 Applied Regression Analysis**, **Advanced Quantitative Methods** (PhD, Trinity College Dublin), **Comparative Political Institutions** (BSc, Trinity College Dublin).

## Grants

**ERC Proof-of-Concept Grant**, European Commission, for “QUANTEDA: Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data” (number 812960), 2018–2020. €150,000 total.



**Horizon 2020 Grant**, European Commission, for “EUENGAGE: Bridging the gap between public opinion and European leadership: Engaging a dialogue on the future path of Europe” (number 649281), 2015–2018. €211,075 total.

**Starting Investigator Grant**, European Research Commission, for “QUANTESS: Quantitative Analysis of Text for the Social Sciences” (ERC-2011-StG 283794-QUANTESS). €1,357,000 for five years 2011–2016.

**Small Project Grant**, Irish Research Council of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2008–2009. €48,883 to establish a World Database of Parties, Elections, and Governments.

**Graduate Research Education Program in Quantitative Social Sciences**, Irish Research Council of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2008–2011, with Paul Devereux (UCD), Philip Lane, and Paul Walsh (UCD). Provides €1,000,000 for three years of funding to establish an inter-disciplinary, inter-institutional, pilot programme to train Ph.D. students in advanced quantitative methodologies.

**Government of Ireland Research Scholarship**, Irish Research Council of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2006–2007. Provides €42,000 to provide replacement for a one-year sabbatical.

**Scholar Exchange Scheme**, Royal Irish Academy (April 2006). One month sponsorship between Irish Royal Academy and Hungarian Academy of Sciences for study in Budapest (approx €2,000).

**International Institute for Integration Studies funded project**: Globalisation and Party Competition. Trinity College, University of Dublin. Second-round funded collaborative project (with Gail McElroy, Michael Marsh, and Robert Thomson). Total: €100,000.

**Enterprise Ireland Proof-of-Concept Grant** (2004–2005). €78,431 for developing a method to extract information from texts using computerized content analysis. Duration: 12 months.

**National Science Foundation** (2004–2006), Collaborator. “Collaborative Research on Legislative Party Switching: Integrating Theoretical and Comparative Empirical Analyses.” Award No. 0339877, Co-Principal Investigators William B. Heller and Carol Mershon. Award amount \$200,000, duration 24 months.

**European Fifth Framework Grant** (2002–2006). Received €97,695 for the Trinity College-based team on the project *Domestic Structures of European Integration*, headed by Thomas König.

**Government of Ireland Research Scholarship**, Irish Research Council of the Humanities and Social Sciences (September 2002 – August 2003). Provides €36,000 to provide replacement for a one-year sabbatical.

**International Institute for Integration Studies funded project**: Spatial Models of Party Competition. Trinity College, University of Dublin. Approximately €45,000 for research, travel, and pre-doctoral assistant for work on cross-national electoral and party systems.

**Scholar Exchange Scheme**, Royal Irish Academy (April 2002). One month sponsorship between Irish Royal Academy and Hungarian Academy of Sciences for study in Budapest (approx €2,000).

**Social Science Research Council Research Grant**, Royal Irish Academy (1999). IR£20,000 grant for research on Eastern European electoral system origins.

## Awards

**Winner of the Gulbenkian Prize 2011** (awarded jointly with Nina Wiesehomeier.) For “Presidents, Parties And Policy Competition,” *Journal of Politics* 71(4, October): 1435–1447. Best paper published by a young social scientist (in all fields except economics) from a Portuguese institution in an international journal in the past two years.

**Winner of 1999 APSA Best Research Web Site Award** (awarded as part of a group). Presented by the Computers and Multimedia Section at the 1999 annual meeting. For the *Record of American Democracy (ROAD) Project* website, <http://data.fas.harvard.edu/ROAD/>.

**Winner of 1998 APSA Best Research Software Award.** Presented by the Computers and Multimedia Section at the 1998 annual meeting. For *EzI: A(n Easy) Program for Ecological Inference*, with Gary King.

## Language Skills

Fluent Hungarian; advanced French.

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