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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Utah State University; 2025-present
Program Lead, Political Science; 2025-present
Field Editor, *Journal of Public Policy*, 2023-present

Associate Professor, Utah State University; 2019-2025

Assistant Professor, Utah State University; 2015-2019
Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science, 2018-2019

Assistant Professor, Bradley University; 2011-2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2011
M.A. Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2007
B.A. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2003

BOOKS

Greenberg, Edward S., Benjamin I. Page, David Doherty, Scott L. Minkoff, and Josh M. Ryan. 2021. *The Struggle for Democracy*. New York, NY: Pearson. (Introduction to American politics textbook.)

Ryan, Josh M. 2018. *The Congressional Endgame: Interchamber Bargaining and Resolution*. Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press.

- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, 17(4): 1201-1202, *Political Science Quarterly* 135(1): 176-177, and *The Legislative Scholar* 4(1): 24-25.
- Subject of “Author Meets Critics” panel, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, January 2020.

ARTICLES

[21] Lyons, Jeffrey and Josh M. Ryan. *Accepted*. “Lights, Camera, Inaction? The Effects of Gavel-to-Gavel Floor Coverage on U.S. State Legislatures.” *American Political Science Review*

[20] McGrath, Robert J., Josh M. Ryan, & Jatiea WRIGHT. *Accepted*. “High Hurdles: Legislative Professionalism and the Effectiveness of Women State Legislators.” *Journal of Politics*

[19] Algara, Carlos & Josh M. Ryan. 2024. “The Electoral Costs of Legislative Action: Dynamic Partisanship and Agenda Control in the U.S. Congress.” *Journal of Political Institutions & Political Economy*, 4(4): 577-615 (Editor Reviewed)

- Special Issue Publication for the 30th Anniversary of *Legislative Leviathan: Party Government in the House* (Cox and McCubbins 1993).

- [18] Ryan, Josh M. and Scott Minkoff. 2023. “Legislative Gridlock and Policymaking Through the Appropriations Process.” *American Politics Research*, 51(6): 805-822
- [17] Ryan, Josh M. 2023. “The Quality of District Representation in U.S. House Committees.” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, 4(1): 81-110
- [16] Kweon, Yesola and Josh M. Ryan. 2022. “Electoral Systems and the Substantive Representation of Marginalized Groups: Evidence from South Korea.” *Political Research Quarterly* 75(4): 1065-1078.
- [15] Ryan, Josh M. 2022. “Motions to Instruct Conferees as a Majoritarian Tool in the U.S. House.” *Research & Politics* 9(1): 1-8
- [14] Ryan, Josh M. 2021. “The Partisanship of House Committees and Member Self-Selection.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 46(4): 995-1029
- [13] Ryan, Josh M. 2020. “Bicameralism and Minority Party Influence on Legislative Development: Evidence from House Standing Committee Votes.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 45(3): 365-396
 - Winner of the Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article published in American politics in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2020.
- [12] McGrath, Robert J. and Josh M. Ryan. 2019. “Party Effects in State Legislative Committees.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 44(4): 553-592
- [11] Ryan, Josh M. 2018. “Partisan Dynamics in Presidential Primaries and Campaign Divisiveness” *American Politics Research* 46(5): 834-868
- [10] Ryan, Josh M. 2018. “Constructing Congressional Activity: Uncertainty and the Dynamics of Legislative Attention.” *Political Science Research & Methods* 6(2): 299-321
- [9] McGrath, Robert J., Jon Rogowski, and Josh M. Ryan. 2018. “Veto Override Requirements and Executive Success.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 6(1): 152-179
- [8] McGrath, Robert J., Jon Rogowski, and Josh M. Ryan. 2015. “Gubernatorial Veto Powers and the Size of Legislative Coalitions.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 40(4): 571-598
- [7] Ryan, Josh M., and Jeffrey Lyons. 2015. “The Effect of Redistricting Commissions on District Partisanship and Member Ideology.” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* 25(2): 234-263
- [6] Box-Steffensmeier, Janet, Josh M. Ryan, and Anand Edward Sokhey. 2015. “Examining Legislative Cue-Taking in the U.S. Senate.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 40(1): 13-53
 - Winner of the Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2015.
- [5] Ryan, Josh M. 2014. “Conference Committee Proposal Rights and Policy Outcomes in the States.” *Journal of Politics* 76(4): 1059-1073
- [4] Doherty, David and Josh M. Ryan. 2014. “Redistricting in the Classroom: A Module for Interactive Learning.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 47(2): 490-496

[3] Burmila, Edward and Josh M. Ryan. 2013. “Reconsidering the ‘Palin Effect’ in the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election.” *Political Research Quarterly* 66(4): 952-959

[2] Ryan, Josh M. 2011. “Is the Democratic Party’s Superdelegate System Unfair to Voters?” *Electoral Studies* 30(4): 756-770

[1] Ryan, Josh M. 2011. “The Disappearing Conference Committee: The Use of Procedures by Minority Coalitions to Prevent Conferencing.” *Congress & the Presidency* 38(1): 101-125

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

Casas, Andreu, Josh M. Ryan, and John Wilkerson. “Never Let a Passed Bill Go to Waste: The Politics of Post-Passage Lawmaking”. *Under Review*

Minkoff, Scott and Josh M. Ryan. “Congressional Representation and Policy Crises: Responses to the Collapse of the Home Mortgage Insurance Market.”

Ryan, Josh M. “Agenda-Setting and Majority Party Control Within Standing Committees”

BOOK CHAPTERS

[5] Ryan, Josh M. 2020. “Congress and the Executive in the Age of Trump” in *New Directions in Congressional Politics*, ed. Jaime Carson and Michael Lynch. New York, NY: Routledge Press.

[4] Williams, Josalyn, Katherine Runge, Anand Edward Sokhey, and Josh M. Ryan. 2017 “Colorado’s Sixth District Race” in *The Roads to Congress 2016*, ed. Sean D. Foreman and Marcia Godwin. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

[3] Ladam, Christina, Joe Zamadics, Josh M. Ryan, and Anand Edward Sokhey. 2015. “Colorado’s Sixth District Race” in *The Roads to Congress 2014*, ed. Sean D. Foreman and Robert Dewhirst. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

[2] McGrath, Robert J., Jon Rogowski, and Josh M. Ryan. 2015. “The Power of Institutional Design: Governors, Vetoes, and Legislative Outcomes.” in *The American Governor: Power, Constraint, and Leadership in the States*, ed. David Redlawsk. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

[1] Ryan, Josh M., E. Scott Adler and Anand Edward Sokhey. 2011. “The 2010 Colorado Senate Race: Incumbency Success in an Anti-Incumbency Year.” in *The Roads to Congress 2010*, ed. Sean D. Foreman and Robert Dewhirst. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

BOOK REVIEWS

[3] Ryan, Josh M. 2020. *Review of The Committee: A Study of Policy, Power, Politics and Obama’s Historic Legislative Agenda on Capitol Hill*, by Bryan W. Marshall and Bruce C. Wolpe. *Congress & the Presidency*, 47(3): 403-404

[2] Ryan, Josh M. 2019. *Review of Policy Drift: Shared Powers and the Making of U.S. Law and Policy*, by Norma M. Riccucci. *Political Science Quarterly* 34(2): 353-354

[1] Ryan, Josh M. 2017. *Review of Legislative Effectiveness in the United States Congress: The Lawmakers*, by Craig Volden and Alan E. Wiseman. *Perspectives on Politics* 15(3): 904-906

DATA SET

[The U.S. House Committee Votes Data](#): dataset of roll call votes taken within all House standing committees, beginning with the 104th Congress. Principal Investigator and maintainer.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS & AWARDS

2021. Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article published in American politics in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2020, for “Bicameralism and Minority-Party Influence on Legislative Development: Evidence from House Standing Committee Votes.”

2020. “Electoral Rules and Legislative Responsiveness: Evidence from a Mixed Electoral System in South Korea.” Academy of Korean Studies, Korean Studies Grant. \$19,800.

2017. Utah State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences “Creative Activity and Research Enhancement Award.” \$2,000.

2016. Social Science Research Council, “Negotiating Agreement in Congress” Research Grant. \$10,000.

2016. Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2015, for “Examining Legislative Cue-Taking in the U.S. Senate.”

2012. “Gubernatorial Veto Powers and Legislative Coalitions.” With Robert McGrath and Jon Rogowski. Eagleton Institute of Politics, Center on the American Governor, Rutgers University, 2012. \$4,980.

2011. “Interchamber Bargaining in Congress and the States.” National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant. \$9,840.

2011. Robert Dole Archive Research Grant. \$750.

2010. Dirksen Congressional Research Grant. \$3,500.

2009-2010. Department of Political Science and University of Colorado Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award.

2009. National Science Foundation Award to attend EITM Summer Institute.

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

2023. UC Santa Cruz. “Legislative Gridlock and Policymaking Through the Appropriations Process.”

2022. Thornburg Investment Management. “The 2022 Elections and What’s Ahead for the 118th Congress.”

2022. Sungkyunkwan University. “Women’s Lawmaking Power in U.S. State Legislatures.

2021. Texas Tech University. “The Quality of Representation in U.S. House Committees.”

2020. University of Oklahoma, Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center. “Legislative Gridlock and Policymaking Through the Appropriations Process.” (Virtual)

2017. University of Utah. “Tracing the Legislative Process: A Network Approach”

2017. Brigham Young University. "Party Effects in State Legislative Committees."
 2016. Boise State University. "The Value of State Legislative Committee Seats."
 2012. Loyola University Chicago. Approaches to Understanding Social Justice Speaker Series, "The Appropriations Process as Policy Tool."

TEACHING

Intro. to American Politics, The Presidency, State & Local Gov., The Congress, Quantitative Research Methods, Designing Social Inquiry, Political Networks, Political Representation, Introduction to Political Research, U.S. Institutions (Graduate), American Politics Field Seminar (Graduate), Advanced Quantitative Research Methods

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

APSA: 2023, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014
 MPSA: 2025, 2023, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2009, 2008, 2007
 SPSA: 2022, 2020, 2016, 2013, 2009, 2008
 WPSA: 2024, 2017, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2009, 2007
 State Politics and Policy: 2022, 2017, 2014
Legislative Leviathan 30 Year Anniversary Conference, University of Southern California, 2023
Congressional Rules and Procedures Conference, University of Georgia, 2018
Poli Informatics Workshop, University of Washington, 2017
Negotiating Agreement in Congress Grantee Workshop, Social Science Research Council, 2017
 APSA Pre-Conference: *State Political Institutions and the Executive Branch*, 2014
Legislative Networks in Transatlantic Perspective Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2013
 Center for the American Governor, Eagleton Institute, Rutgers University, 2012, 2013
 Political Networks: 2012
Legislative Elections, Process, and Policy: The Influence of Bicameralism, Vanderbilt University, 2009.

DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Public Policy Assistant Professor Search Committee Chair, 2024
 U.S. Government Assistant Professor Search Committee Chair, 2023
 Board Member, USU Institutional Review Board, 2018-2022
 College of Humanities and Social Sciences Award and Grant Reviewer, 2020-present
 Mountain West Center Small Grants Reviewer, 2018-present
 Department of Political Science Hiring Procedures Committee member, 2019-2020
 Director of Graduate Studies, 2018-2019
 Graduate Program Curriculum Revision Committee member, 2017
 Department of History, U.S. 19th Century History Search Committee member, 2017
 Student Senate Adviser, 2014
 Arts & Sciences Elections Committee member, Social Sciences Group, 2012-2014
 Political Science internship coordinator, 2014
 Department of Political Science Strategic Planning Committee member, 2012-2013
 American Politics Faculty Search Committee member, 2011
 Semester in Washington DC coordinator, 2011-2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Field Editor for American Politics/federalism/intergovernmental relations, *Journal of Public Policy*, 2023-present

Member, Jewell-Loewenberg Award Selection Committee: 2022, 2016

Section Chair, Legislative Studies, MPSA 2019.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Applied Economics*, *American Politics Research*, *Columbia University Press*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Law & Society Review*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Oxford University Press*, *Party Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research & Methods*, *Research & Politics*, *Sage Publishing*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *University of Chicago Press*, *University of Missouri Press*, *W. W. Norton & Company*

SELECT MEDIA COVERAGE

“High Hurdles: Legislative Professionalism and the Effectiveness of Women State Legislators” covered by WMRA NPR News, July 17, 2025: [“New paper: women lawmakers are more effective than men .”](#)

“Electoral Systems and the Substantive Representation of Marginalized Groups: Evidence from South Korea” featured on *The Monkey Cage*, September 26, 2019: [“#MeToo crusaders in South Korea want to reform the election system. The plan could deliver more legislation on women’s issues.”](#)

“Bicameralism and Minority Party Influence on Legislative Development: Evidence from House Standing Committee Votes,” featured on *LegBranch.org*, May 16, 2018: [“How partisan are House committees and does it matter for lawmaking?”](#)

Highlighted by Jonathan Bernstein at [Bloomberg Opinion](#) on May 17, 2018.

The Congressional Endgame: Interchamber Bargaining and Resolution featured on the “Understanding Congress” podcast with Kevin Kosar, May 2022.

“Partisan Dynamics in Presidential Primaries and Campaign Divisiveness,” featured on *LSE’s United States Politics and Policy Blog*, March 9, 2018: [“The Democratic Party’s presidential primary lasts too long—and that may hurt the eventual nominee.”](#)

Featured on FiveThirtyEight.com, May 7, 2019: [“Some Of Today’s Candidates \(Probably\) Won’t Make It To Iowa”](#)

“The Effect of Redistricting Commissions on District Partisanship and Member Ideology,” featured on *LSE’s Democratic Audit UK Blog*, September 3, 2015: [“Evidence from the United States shows that the gerrymandering of district boundaries is not necessarily a cause of political polarisation.”](#)

“Reconsidering the ‘Palin Effect’ in the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election.” featured in national media outlets in 2013.

“The Disappearing Conference Committee: The Use of Procedures by Minority Coalitions to Prevent Conferencing,” featured on *The Monkey Cage*, February 1, 2013: [“Will the Senate start going to conference again?”](#)

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