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Education

University of California, Davis

Ph.D., Political Science (expected June 2020). Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics

M.A., Political Science, 2019.

The Ohio State University

B.A., Political Science, Research Distinction in Political Science, 2013.

Research Interests

American Politics: social networks, political participation, behavior, psychology,

polarization, and partisan sorting

Dissertation "Change and Choice in American Voters' Political Discussion Networks 2000-2016"

Committee: Robert Huckfeldt (Co-Chair), Christopher Hare (Co-Chair),

Amber Boydstun, Anand Sokhey

Publications

Butters, Ross and Christopher Hare. 2017. "Three-fourths of Americans regularly talk politics only with members of their own political tribe" The Washington Post. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkeycage/wp/2017/05/01/three-fourths-of-americans-regularly-talk-politicsonly-with-members-of-their-own-political-tribe (May 1, 2017)

Research Under

Review

"Polarized Networks? New Evidence on American Voters' Political Communication Networks" Invited to Revise & Resubmit at Political Behavior (with Chris

Hare)

"Partisan Context and Close Social Networks: Rejecting the "Other" Presented at 2019 MPSA and WPSA

"Revisiting Social Networks and Correct Voting: Extension and Mechanisms" Presented at 2017 APSA and 2018 MPSA (with Anand Sokhey)

"The Secret to Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds" Presented at 2013 SPSA, MPSA, and 2017 APSA (with Alison Craig and Janet Box-Steffensmeier).

Works in Progress

"Continuity and Change in Rejecting Disagreeable Discussants from Core

Networks: 2000-2016"

"Nature of Political Ties: Disagreement in Traditional Name Generating Batteries Over Time"

"The Influence of Partisan Polarization and Geographic Neighborhood Context on Congressional Rollcall & Cosponsorship Policy Networks" 2018 PolNet (wth Carlos Algara)

Research Experience

Department of Political Science, University of Rochester

Research Assistant, August 2019-Present, (with Gerald Gamm)

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis

Investigator, June 2016-March 2017, (with Chris Hare and Robert Huckfeldt)
UC-Davis Module, 2016 Cooperative Congressional Election Study
Research Assistant, May 2015-June 2016, (with Amber Boydstun) Data Driven,
Computational Models for Discovery and Analysis of Framing" NSF Social-Computational Systems program, No. IIS-1211266

Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

Research Assistant, Dec. 2011-May 2013, (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier)

Academic Experience

University of California, Davis

Associate Instructor

Introduction to American Politics, Sept. 2017-Dec. 2017

Teaching Assistant

Research Methods in Politics and Policy, Jan. 2018-Present Policy Analysis in California, June 2017-August 2017, Jan. 2018-June 2019 Mass Media and Politics, March 2016-June 2016 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Jan. 2016-March 2016 American Government: The Presidency, April 2015-June 2015 West European Politics: German Politics Jan. 2015-March 2015

Investigator

UC-Davis Module, 2016 CCES, June 2016-March 2017

Graduate Student Researcher

"Data Driven, Computational Models for Discovery and Analysis of Framing" with Amber Boydstun, Sept. 2015-Dec. 2015 UC-Center Sacramento Speaker Series Coordinator, May 2016-June 2017 UC-Center Sacramento Senior Editor — Land Use and Development Lectureship and White Paper Competition, July 2016-December 2016

Service and Training

Teaching and Learning Conference at APSA, August 2019 Mental Health Gatekeeper Training (UC-Davis), May 2019 Undergraduate Research Mentor-Mentee Program, *Mentor*, (UC-Davis), Fall 2018-Spring 2019 Reviewer for Political Behavior (2017) and Political Communication (2018)

 $\mbox{American Politics Reading Group, } \mbox{\it Co-Founder and Coordinator}$

(UC-Davis), with Carlos Algara and Christopher Hare, Winter 2016-Present

Graduate Association of Political Science Students (UC-Davis) Public Relations Coordinator, Fall 2016-Summer 2018

Graduate Association of Political Science Students (UC-Davis) Bulletin Board Coordinator, Fall 2015-Summer 2016

Graduate Association of Political Science Students (UC-Davis) Mentorship Program, Fall 2015-Present

Invited Talks

"Polarized Networks? New Evidence on American Voters' Political Discussion Networks," Arsalyn Youth Forum: Caught Between Red and Blue, June 2018, University of California, Davis.

Awards and Fellowships

Leaders for the Future Fellowship: Creating Leaders Through Scholarship, Business Skills, and Innovation, Summer 2019-Summer 2020

UC-Davis Political Science Dept. Travel Award, PolNet 2015, MPSA 2016 MPSA 2017, APSA 2017, MPSA 2018, MPSA 2019 \$3000

Political Networks Travel Fellowship Award, Summers 2015, 2017, 2018, \$2300

UC-Davis Humanities Institute Reading Group Award, Fall 2016, \$300

UC-Davis Political Science Dept. Summer Methods Travel Award, ICPSR 2015, PolNet 2017, \$2000

Summer Research Stipend, Summer 2015, \$5000

First Year Graduate Student Fellowship, Fall 2014, \$6000

Research Distinction and Independent Study, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University. Adviser: Janet Box-Steffensmeier

Undergraduate Research Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences, "The Secret to Secret Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds", 2013, \$1000

Undergraduate Research Office Summer Fellow, "The Secret to Secret Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds" 2012, \$2800

Undergraduate Research Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences, "The Secret to Secret Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds", 2012, \$1000

Undergraduate Research Scholarship Arts and Sciences (OSU), 2012, \$4500 Lyndon Baines Johnson Research Travel Grant recipient 2012, \$2060

National Buckeye Scholar, 2009-2013, \$7200 annually

Trustees Scholarship, 2009-2013, \$1050 annually

Work Experience

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Labor Market Analyst, January 2014-August 2014

Researcher, May 2013-January 2014

Parliament of Canada

Intern for Earl Dreeshen, Member of Parliament, Red Deer - Mountain View, May 2011-June 2011

Additional University of Michigan

Training Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Time-Series

Analysis Course, Summer 2015

Reed College, Ohio State University, and George Mason University

Political Networks Conference NSF-Sponsored Workshops, Introductory and Advanced

Network Analysis Courses, Spring 2015, 2016, and 2018

Certificates Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certification

Currently learning z-tree, Python, and HTML programming

Proficient in the Microsoft Office Suite and database programs, including

Microsoft Access

References Available upon request.