

# Chris Koski

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## Academic Employment:

- Assistant Professor, Political Science and Public Administration, James Madison University, 2007 - present

## Education:

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Washington, June 2007
  - Fields: Public Policy; American Politics; Methodology
  - Specialization: Environmental Policy; State Politics; Policy Design and Implementation
  - Dissertation: "Requests and Reality: The Interplay of Environmental Regulatory Policy Design and Implementation"
- M.A., Political Science University of Washington, June 2003
  - Thesis: "Interests and Influence: Third Party Involvement in Environmental Regulation"
- B.A., Political Science, Carroll College (MT), Maxima Cum Laude, 2001

## Publications

- "Greening America's Skylines", Chris Koski. Forthcoming 2010, *Policy Studies Journal*.
- "Stability and Punctuations in Public Spending: A Comparative Perspective", Christian Breunig, Chris Koski, and Peter Mortenson. Forthcoming 2010, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.
- "A General Empirical Law of Public Budgets: A Comparative Analysis," B. Jones, F. Baumgartner, C. Breunig, C. Wlezien, S. Soroka, M. Foucault, A. Francois, C. Green-Pedersen, C. Koski, P. John, P. Mortensen, F. Varone, and S. Walgrave. October 2009, *American Journal of Political Science*.
- "Punctuated Budgets and Governors' Institutional Powers," Christian Breunig and Chris Koski. October 2009, *American Politics Research*.
- "Budget Dynamics in Comparative Perspective," Christian Breunig, Chris Koski, and Peter Mortenson. September 2009, *Revue Internationale de Politique Comparée* (International Review of Comparative Politics), 16(3).
- "Linear Longitudinal Decline in Fractional Anisotropy in Patients with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Preliminary Results", Josh Nickerson, Chris Koski, and Christopher Filippi. 2009, *Clinical Neuroradiology*.
- "Regulatory Choices: Analyzing State Policy Design," Chris Koski. October 2007. *Law and Policy*, 29(4): 409-434.

- “Examining State Environmental Policy Design”, Chris Koski. 2007. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 50(4): 483-502.
- “State Environmental Policies: Analyzing Green Building Mandates,” Peter May and Chris Koski. 2007. *Review of Policy Research*, 24(1): 49-65.
- “Interests and Implementation: Fostering Voluntary Regulatory Actions,” Chris Koski and Peter May. 2006. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 16(3): 329-349.
- “Punctuated Equilibria and Budgets in the American States,” Christian Breunig and Chris Koski. 2006. *Policy Studies Journal*, 34(3): 363-379.
- *Performance-Based Regulation and Regulatory Regimes*, Peter May and Chris Koski. PEER Report 2004/06; Richmond, CA: Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, University of California Berkeley, September 2004.

### **Conference Papers and Presentations**

- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. “State Institutions and Their Distinct Effects on Decreases and Increases Within Budgets.” *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON 2009-09-04.*
- Koski, Chris. “Looking for Structure in America’s Infrastructure Policy.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Grand Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles, CA, November 11, 2008.*
- Adolph, Chris; Christain Breunig, and Chris Koski. “Something’s Got to Give: The Political Economy of State Budget Trade-off.” *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2008-08-29.*
- Koski, Chris. “Greening America’s Skylines,” *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2008-08-28.*
- Koski, Chris. “Greening America’s Skylines,” *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2008-04-09.*
- Koski, Chris. “Determining Environmental Regulatory Agency Commitment and Capacity,” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Embassy Suites and Washington Marriott, Washington, DC, November 8-10, 2007.*
- Koski, Chris. “Do rules shape reality? Putting ‘policy’ back into ‘policy implementation.’” *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2007-04-13.*
- Adolph, Chris; Christain Breunig, and Chris Koski. “Institutions, Interests, and the Composition of State Budgets.” *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2007-04-14.*
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. “Who Cuts the Pie? The Institutional Powers of Governors and Budget Punctuations.” *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2006-08-31*

- Koski, Chris. "Regulatory Choices: Analyzing State Regulatory Policy Design." *Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, 2006-05-19.*
- Koski, Chris. "Regulatory Choices: Analyzing State Environmental Policy Design." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2006-04-20.*
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. "The Institutional Powers of Governors and Budget Punctuations." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2006-04-21.*
- May, Peter J. and Chris Koski. "Reaching Out to Society: Lessons from 'Green Building' Policy Adoption." *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, 2006-01-20.*
- Koski, Chris. "Examining State Environmental Regulatory Policy Design." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2005-11-05.*
- Breunig, Christian, Rose Ernst, and Chris Koski. "Guards or Cops? Priorities of Social Control in the American States." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2005-09-01.*
- May, Peter J., Chris Koski and Josh Sapotichne. "Reaching Out to Society: Lessons from Green Buildings" with Peter May and Josh Sapotichne. *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, 2005-04-27.*
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. "Sine Waves or Strokes? Incrementalism, Punctuations, and their Consequences." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2005-04-07*
- Koski, Chris and Peter J. May. "Influential Interests: Fostering Voluntary Regulatory Actions" with Peter May. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2004-09-02*
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. "Tidal Waves of Change in a Sea of Stability: A Comparative Analysis of Public Budgeting at the State Level." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2004-09-02*
- Koski, Chris and Christian Breunig. "Laboratories of Constrained Democracy: State Institutions and Public Budgeting." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, 2004-03-11*
- May, Peter J. and Chris Koski. "Regulatory System Implications of Performance-Based Regulations." *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, 2004-02-27.*

## **Working Papers**

- “Putting Policy Back into Policy Implementation”, submitted to the *Review of Policy Research*
- “Commitment and Capacity in State Environmental Regulatory Agencies”
- “Partisanship, Institutional Constraints, and the Composition of State Budgets,” with Chris Adolph and Christian Breunig
- “Cuts, Stasis, and Expansion in within American State Budgets: A Quantile Regression Approach”, with Christian Breunig

## **Fellowships and Grants**

- “Collaborative Research: Critical Infrastructure Policy”, \$149,754; National Science Foundation
- “Identifying Determinants for the Effective Coordination of Critical Infrastructure Protection Policy”, \$12,071.75; Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance
- Information Literacy Workshop, JMU, 2008, \$1,000
- Center for American Politics and Public Policy Matthews Fellowship, UW (Fall 2001 to Fall 2002)
- Graduate fellow for the Center for American Politics and Public Policy, UW, (Fall 2001 to Spring 2007)
- Center for Social Sciences and Statistics travel grant to attend ICPSR, (Summer 2003)

## **Teaching Experience (evaluation of teaching effectiveness in parentheses, five point scale):**

- GPOSC 225, American Government, JMU ( 4.00)
- PPA 200, Introduction to Public Policy, JMU (4.34)
- PUAD 505, Research Design for Policy Analysis, JMU (3.7)
- POSC 295, Research Methods in Political Science, JMU (4.4)
- Political Science 205, Political Science as a Social Science, UW (4.0)
- Short course lecturer, public bureaucracy section, English Heritage Language Speakers program, Spring 2006 & Spring 2007 (no score, but lots of nice comments)

## **Professional Experience**

- Aug 2007 – current: Assistant Professor, JMU
- June 2002 to May 2008: Research Assistant for Peter May, Center for American Politics and Public Policy, Department of Political Science, University of Washington.
  - Research efforts focused on the implementation of a performance-based earthquake building code funded by the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research [PEER] Center.
- 2003: Participant, ICPSR summer program, University of Michigan
- 1999 to 2000: Field Coordinator for the Montana Democratic Party
- 1998: Intern for the Montana Wildlife Federation

### **University Service**

- Freshman Advisor, JMU, 2008-current
- Member, Environmental Studies Committee, JMU, 2008-current
- Member, College of Public and International Affairs Core Curriculum Committee, JMU 2007-current
- Member, National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration accreditation committee, JMU, 2007-current
- Member, Public Administration Faculty Search Committee [two positions], JMU, 2007
- Graduate student representative on graduate program committee, UW, 2006-2007
- President of political science graduate students, UW, 2003-2004 academic year
- Graduate and professional student senate, UW, 2002-2003 & 2005-2006 academic year

### **Foreign Languages:**

- Conversational Spanish

### **Software Packages:**

- R (proficient)
- SPSS (proficient)
- Excel (proficient)
- STATA (passable)