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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles
Ph.D. in Political Science, 2005.

The Pennsylvania State University
B.A. in Political Science, 1994.

DISSERTATION

Moral Victories: Cultural Conservatism and the Creation of a New Republican Majority in Congress
Professor John R. Zaller, dissertation chair

PUBLICATIONS

Moral Victories: Cultural Conservatism and the Creation of a New Republican House. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, Forthcoming.

"Religious Right," in Robert S. Rycroft, ed., *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017.

"Party Versus Faction in the Reformed Presidential Nominating System" with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Volume 49, Issue 4, October 2016.

"Ideologically Extreme Candidates in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1948-2012." with Mary McGrath, Peter Aronow, and John Zaller, in *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, September 2016.

"Tea Party," in Michael Shally-Jensen, ed., *American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2015.

Review of *Change They Can't Believe In* by Christopher S. Parker and Matt Barreto in *Party Politics*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Volume 21, Issue 1, January 2015: pp. 162-163

“A Theory of Political Parties: Groups, Policy Demands, and Nominations in American Politics” with Kathleen Bawn, David Karol, Seth Masket, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, in *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 10, Issue 3, September 2012: pp. 571-597

“5 Myths About Political Conventions” *Washington Post*, August 19th, 2012: B2

“The Future of the Tea Party: Scoring an Invitation to the Republican Party” in *Steep: The Precipitous Rise of the Tea Party*. Edited by Lawrence Rosenthal and Christine Trost, University of California Press, 2012: p. 212-241

Review of *Reforming the Presidential Nomination Process*. Edited by Steven S. Smith and Melanie J. Springer, in *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 8, Issue 2, June 2010: pp. 694-695

The Party Decides with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, University of Chicago Press, 2008

“Political Parties in Rough Weather” with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, *The Forum* Volume 5, Issue 4, Article 3, January 2008

“The Invisible Primary in Presidential Nominations, 1980-2004” with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, In William G. Mayer, ed., *The Making of the Presidential Candidates 2008* Rowman and Littlefield, Inc., 2007

“The Mass Media and the Public’s Assessments of Presidential Candidates, 1952-2000” with Martin Gilens and Lynn Vavreck, *The Journal of Politics* Volume 69, Issue 4, November 2007: pp. 1160-1175

“Polls or Pols? The real driving force behind presidential nominations” with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, *Brookings Review* Volume 21, Issue 3, summer 2003: pp. 36-39.

PRESENTATIONS “Moral Victories: The Genesis of Party Polarization on Social Issues,” 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting

The Party Decides with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller at the University of Denver, 2012

“The Future of the Tea Party: Scoring an Invitation to the Republican Party”, Tea Party Conference, UC Berkeley, 2010

“Politics in Motion” with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, 2009 American Political Science Association Meeting

“A Theory of Parties” with Kathy Bawn, David Karol, Seth Masket, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, 2006 American Political Science Association Meeting

“Moral Victories: The Role of Social Conservatives in the Republican Takeover of Congress,” 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting

“Local News and the Quality of Representation” with Hans Noel and John Zaller, 2003 American Political Science Association Meeting

“Same Rules, Different Game: A General Model of Presidential Primaries, 1972 to 2000” with Hans Noel and John Zaller, 2003 American Political Science Association Meeting

“Beating Reform: The Resurgence of Parties in Presidential Nominations” with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, 2001 Midwest-American Political Science Association Meeting

AWARDS

Jack Walker Award, 2014 for “A Theory of Political Parties: Groups, Policy Demands, and Nominations in American Politics” with Kathleen Bawn, David Karol, Seth Masket, Hans Noel, and John Zaller

Heinz Eulau Award, 2013 for “A Theory of Political Parties: Groups, Policy Demands, and Nominations in American Politics” with Kathleen Bawn, David Karol, Seth Masket, Hans Noel, and John Zaller

Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2004-2005

Mentored Teaching Fellowship, 2003-2004

APSA Presidency Section Best Paper Award, 2003 for “Same Rules, Different Game: A General Model of Presidential Primaries, 1972 to 2000” with Hans Noel and John Zaller

APSA Public Opinion Section Best Paper Award, 2001 for “Beating Reform: The Resurgence of Parties in Presidential Nominations, 1980 to 2000” with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller

AREAS OF INTEREST

Congressional elections, religion and politics, political parties, interest groups, presidential nominating politics

TEACHING

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, JMU.

Fall 2018—

POSC 225: Introduction to American Government

POSC 364: Political Parties in America

Summer 2018—

POSC 225: Introduction to American Government

Spring 2018—

POSC 382: Religion and Politics

POSC 492: Senior Seminar on Christian Right and Republican Party

Fall 2017—

POSC 225: Introduction to American Government

POSC 368: Interest Groups and Public Policy

Summer 2017—

POSC 225: Introduction to American Government

Spring 2017—

POSC 225: Introduction to American Government

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POSC 368: Interest Groups and Public Policy

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GPOSC 225: Introduction to American Government

POSC 351: Special Topics – Religion and Politics

Spring 2009—

GPOSC 225: Introduction to American Government

POSC 492: Senior Seminar on Christian Right and Republican Party

Fall 2008—

GPOSC 225: Introduction to American Government

Spring 2008—

GPOSC 225: Introduction to American Government

POSC 368: Interest Groups and Public Policy

POSC 492: Senior Seminar on Christian Right and Republican Party

Fall 2007—

GPOSC 225: Introduction to American Government

POSC 351: Special Topics – Religion and Politics

SERVICE

Helped plan 2018 SPIA Symposium on Party Polarization

Chapter advisor for Chabad

Departmental representative on CAL C&I Committee

Helped revise the American Experience Test for Cluster Four

Participated in the effort to rewrite student evaluation forms

Chapter advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha and Pi Alpha Alpha

Diversity committee member

Member of working group convened to develop plans for a polling center to be run by JMU Political Science Department

Participated in campus-wide effort to increase voter registration on campus