

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Education**

B.S. University of Houston, 1976  
M.A. University of Houston, 1979  
Ph.D. University of Virginia, 1986

### **Academic appointments**

Instructor, Emory University, 1985-1986  
Assistant Professor, Emory University, 1986-1991  
Associate Professor, Emory University, 1991-2008  
Professor, 2008-

### **Visiting and temporary appointments**

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Virginia, Summer 1990  
Center for American Studies, University of Southern Denmark, 1992-93  
Emory British Studies Program, University College, Oxford, Summers 2000, 2001, 2004

### **Teaching areas**

American National Politics; U.S. Congress and Legislative Politics; Political Leadership;  
American Political Development; Qualitative Methods; British Politics

### **Current research interests**

Partisanship and leadership in the U.S. Congress; Politics of the slavery issue in the antebellum period; Methodological foundations of Tocqueville's political science

### **Fellowships, research awards and grants**

Guest Scholar, Brookings Institution, Spring 1985  
Research Grant, Smith Richardson Foundation, Fall 1987  
Research Grant, Dirksen Congressional Leadership Research Center, 1989-1990  
Research Award, Emory University Research Committee, Summer 1990  
Pi Sigma Alpha Award/Best Paper Presented at the 1989 Southern Political Science Association Meeting  
Research Grant, Dirksen Congressional Leadership Research Center, 1991-92  
Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies, Denmark, 1992-93  
Research Grant, Dirksen Congressional Leadership Research Center, 1994-95  
Research Completion Grant, Emory College, Fall 2005  
Research Grant, Woodruff Foundation, 2008-2009

### **Teaching Awards and Grants**

Course Development Grant, "American Political Ideas and Political Change, 1800-1865"  
Emory Center for Teaching and Curriculum, Summer 1996

Crystal Apple Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Emory University, 2002  
 Course Development Grant, "Tocqueville and the Democratic Character," Emory Center for Teaching and Curriculum, Summer 2004  
 Recognition from Emory's Phi Beta Kappa Chapter (Gamma of Georgia) for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2007  
 Course Development Grant, "Freshman Seminar on Political Leadership in the U.S. and the U.K.," Emory Center for Teaching and Curriculum/Program in Democracy and Citizenship, Summer 2008  
 Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award, Emory University, 2009

## **Publications**

### **Books**

*Leading Representatives: The Agency of Leaders in the Politics of the U.S. House.* Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007.

*New Ways and Means: Reform and Change in a Congressional Committee.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1990. Reissued, UNC Press Enduring Editions Series, 2009.

### **Journal articles and contributions to edited volumes**

"Party Leadership." In Eric Schickler and Frances Lee, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Congress.* Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

"From Moderator to Leader: Floor Participation by U.S. House Speakers, 1789-1841." *Social Science History* 30 (Spring 2006): 51-74 (With Matthew Gunning and Richard Vining)

"Entrepreneurial Leadership and Election Reform in Georgia, 2001-2003." In Daniel J. Palazzolo and James W. Ceaser, eds. *Election Reform: Politics and Policy.* Lexington, MA: Lexington Books, 2004. (with Matthew Gunning)

"The Gingrich Effect." *Political Science Quarterly* 119 (Spring 2004): 89-114. (with Daniel J. Palazzolo)

"Staff Politics in the Republican House: The Case of the Appropriations Committee." *Congress and the Presidency* 31 (Spring 2004): 1-19. (with Sarah K. Handy)

"Personal Motives, Constitutional Forms, and the Public Good: Madison on Political Leadership." In Samuel Kernell, ed., *James Madison: The Theory and Politics of Republican Government.* Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2003.

"Leadership and Institutional Change in the Nineteenth-Century House." In David W. Brady and Mathew D. McCubbins, eds., *Party, Process, and Political Change: New Perspectives on the History of Congress.* Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2002.

"The Clay Speakership Revisited." *Polity* 32 (Summer 2000): 561-593 (with Vincent Moscardelli, Moshe Haspel, and Richard Wike)

"Partisan Officeholders, 1946-1996." In Byron E. Shafer, ed. *Partisan Approaches to Postwar American Politics*. Chatham, NJ: Chatham House, 1998.

"Thomas Brackett Reed and the Rise of Party Government." In Roger H. Davidson, Susan Webb Hammond, and Raymond W. Smock, eds. *Masters of the House*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1998.

"House Committee on Ways and Means" and "Reed's Rules." In Donald C. Bacon, Roger H. Davidson, and Morton Keller, eds., *The Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*. Simon and Schuster, 1994.

"Dan Rostenkowski: A Study in Congressional Power." In Bruce I. Oppenheimer and Lawrence C. Dodd, eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 5th ed. CQ Press, 1993.

"Reed and Rostenkowski: Congressional Leadership in Institutional Time." In Ronald M. Peters, Jr. and Allen Hertzke, eds., *The Atomistic Congress*. Carl Albert Congressional Research Center/M.E. Sharpe Publishers, 1992.

"Members' Goals and Coalition-Building Strategies in the U.S. House: The Case of Tax Reform." *Journal of Politics* 51 (May 1989): 373-384.

Reprinted in Italian translation in *Problemi di Amministrazione Pubblica*, No. 1-1991. Centro di Formazione e Studi per il Mezzogiorno/Il Mulino.

"Governing in the Post-Liberal Era: Gramm-Rudman-Hollings and the Politics of the Federal Deficit." *Harvard Journal on Legislation* 25 (Summer 1988): 593-609.

"Agenda Change and Committee Politics in the Postreform House." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 13 (May 1988): 177-197.

"The Effect of Energy Politics on Congressional and Executive Organization in the 1970s." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 10 (May 1985): 151-179. (with Charles O. Jones)

### **Book reviews**

Review of Gary W. Cox and Mathew McCubbins, *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the U.S. House of Representatives*. *Perspectives on Politics* 4 (December 2006).

Review of Richard E. Cohen, *Rostenkowski: The Pursuit of Power and the End of the Old Politics*. *Political Science Quarterly* 115 (Autumn 2000).

Review of Robin Kolodny, *Pursuing Majorities: Congressional Campaign Committees in American Politics*. *American Political Science Review* 93 (June 1999).

Review of Charles O. Jones, *The Presidency in a Separated System*. *National Political Science Review* 7 (1999).

Review of Burdett Loomis, *The Contemporary Congress*. *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 553 (September 1997).

Review of Paul Wolman, *Most Favored Nation: The Republican Revisionists and U.S. Tariff Policy, 1897-1912*. *Nyt Fra Historien* 43 (Spring 1994). (translated into Danish)

Review of C. Lawrence Evans, *Leadership in Committee*. *Journal of Politics* (November 1992).

### **Recent Conference papers and presentations**

"Author Meets Critics Roundtable: Randall Strahan's *Leading Representatives*." Jointly sponsored by the Politics and History and Legislative Studies Sections. 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008. Boston, Massachusetts.

"Causal Process Analysis and the Agency of Leaders in the U.S. House." Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2007. Chicago, Illinois.

"The Riker Thesis Reconsidered: Political Instability and the Emergence of the Slavery Issue." Presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10, 2005, Chicago, Illinois (with Steven Kautz)

"Party Leadership Strategies and Committee Assignments in the Republican House." Presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 6-8, 2005, New Orleans, Louisiana (with Vincent Moscardelli and Daniel Palazzolo).

Participant, roundtable on "Have Republicans Changed Congress: Retrospective on a Decade." 2005 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 6-8, 2005, New Orleans, Louisiana

"Political Instability, Political Parties and the Emergence of the Slavery Issue: The Riker Thesis Reconsidered." Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA, January 8-10, 2004 (with Steven Kautz).

"Election Reform in Georgia, 2001-2003." Invited paper for "Election Reform in the States" Conference sponsored by The Pew Charitable Trusts. National Press Club, Washington, DC. May 29, 2003 (with Matthew Gunning).

“Congressional Staff and Theories of Legislative Organization: The Case of the House Appropriations Committee.” Presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Savannah, GA, November 7-9, 2002 (with Sarah Handy).

“Personal Motives, Constitutional Forms, and the Public Good: Madison on Political Leadership.” Invited paper presented at a conference commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of James Madison. Department of Political Science, University of California–San Diego, March 15-17, 2001.

Participant, roundtable on "Richard Fenno and Southern Politics." 2000 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta, GA, November 2000.

“The Emergence of the U.S. House Speaker as a Policy Leader, 1789-1841.” Presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta, November 8-11, 2000 (with Matthew Gunning).

### **Work in progress**

"Partisanship in Congress." Book-length project on the variety of types of partisan coalitions (partisan, bipartisan, cross-partisan) that form on major legislation in the modern Congress and whether congressional partisanship contributes to or detracts from securing the public good in the lawmaking process. (with Daniel J. Palazzolo, University of Richmond)

“The Riker Thesis Reconsidered: Political Instability and the Emergence of the Slavery Issue.” Article-length piece (with Steven Kautz, Michigan State University)

"Seeing Further: Tocqueville's Science of Politics." Book-length project on the methodological foundations of Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*.

### **Professional activities and service (since tenure)**

Co-Chair, Qualitative Methods Section, 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

Program Committee, 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

External evaluator, Fulbright Chair in American Studies, Denmark, 2001

Chair, Legislative Politics Section, 2000 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

Fulbright Program Distinguished Chairs Selection Committee, 1996-1998

Chair and organizer, Poster Session on Teaching Political Science, 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

Editorial Board, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 1994-97

American Political Science Association Committee on Education, 1993-97

Chair, Legislative Politics Section, 1992 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

National Council, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, 1990-94

Manuscript referee for:

*American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Congress & the Presidency; European Journal of Political Research; Journal of Politics; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Perspectives on Politics; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Quarterly; Social Science History*

Oxford University Press; Princeton University Press; University Press of Kansas; University of Oklahoma Press; University of Pittsburgh Press; University Press of Virginia; Yale University Press

**University and departmental service (since tenure)**

Faculty Council Faculty Life Course Committee, 1999-present  
 Graduate School Professional Development Support Grants Review Committee, 2008-present  
 Emory University Work-Life Advisory Board, 2009-  
 Chair, Emory University Faculty Council Faculty Life Course Committee, 2006-09  
 Emory University Faculty Council, 1996-2000, 2006-09  
 Co-director, Political Science and International Studies Honors Program, 2002-2007  
 Chair, Dean's Teaching Fellowship Selection Committee, 2003  
 FAME Group Leader (Freshman advising and mentoring), 2002-2003  
 Director of Graduate Studies in Political Science, 1994-2001  
 Emory University Faculty Hearing Committee 1997-2000  
 Chair, Faculty Council Ad Hoc Committee on Junior Faculty Development, 1998-99  
 (body that developed the first formal university-wide maternity and parental leave policies adopted by Emory)  
 Executive Committee of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1994-1996

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