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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Rochester, 1997.  
M.A. Political Science, University of Rochester, 1994.  
B.A. Political Science, *summa cum laude*. Texas A&M University, 1991.

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2016- 2017. Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Rice University  
2015-pres. Director, Center for the Study of Democratic Representation, Rice University  
2012-pres. Professor of Political Science, Rice University  
2002-2005 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Rice University  
2002-2011 Associate Professor of Political Science, Rice University  
2001-2002 Albert Thomas Assistant Professor of Political Science, Rice University  
1997-2001 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Rice University  
1996-97 Lecturer in Political Science, Rice University  
1995-96 Research Associate, Hoover Institution, Stanford University  
1995 Visiting Researcher, the European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.  
1994 Research associate, University of Haifa; Haifa, Israel.  
1993-94 Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester  
1992-93 Teaching Assistant, Department of political science, University of Rochester

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*

Associate Editor, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2010 - 2014

Board Member, American National Election Study, 2010 - 2018

Panelist, National Science Foundation, dissertation & main panel, 2006-2011

Previous and Current Editorial Boards:

*Political Research Quarterly*,

*American Journal of Political Science*

*Cognition, Psychology, and Behavior. PSN network at SSRC*

Conference Section Organizer:

Western Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

European Political Science Association

Other Disciplinary Service:

Committee on Creation of a New Journal, MWPA

William Riker Award for Best Book in Political Science

Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the best paper at the WPSA, chair

Best article in JOP 2011, chair

Gregory M. Luebbert award for best book in comparative politics 2009-10, Chair

## **SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2017-2019 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2016-2017 Member, Graduate Council

2015, 2017 Member, Dean's advisory Committee

2013-2014 Member, Dean's review Committee

2007-2010 Convener of Appeals and Grievances, Rice University

2005-2010 Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, Rice University

- 2005-2011. Senator for Social Science, Faculty Senate, Rice University
- 2005-2011 Chair of various Rice Faculty Senate committees and subcommittees (some examples: Bylaws, Curricular administration reform, Review of creation of new major in sports management, Spanish Major)
- 2005-Pres Member of numerous university and Rice Faculty Senate committees
- 2007-09-10 Member, Rice University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- 2005-2009 Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Rice University
- 2004-2007 Resident Associate, Will Rice College, Rice University
- 2004-2008 Divisional Academic Advisor, Social Science, Rice University
- 1997-2004 Faculty Associate, Brown College, Rice University

## **EXTERNAL GRANTS**

- National Science Foundation SES-0752362  
 “Explaining Cross-National and Over-time Variation in Political Knowledge”  
 2008-2011 (\$255,988)
- National Science Foundation SES-0937463  
 Supplement to “Explaining Cross-National...” (Significantly expanding the scope of the original grant and separately reviewed) (\$39,015)
- National Science Foundation SES-0215635  
 “Why the Economy? The Micro-Foundations of the Economic Vote”  
 2002-2004 (~\$200,000 total, \$99,937 Rice)
- National Science Foundation SES-0079094  
 “What do Voters Know about Cabinet Formation?” 2000-2002 (\$49,752)
- National Science Foundation  
 Dissertation Improvement Grant, 1995
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grants for my PhD Students:  
 Jason Eichorst  
 Craig Meddaugh  
 Seonghui Lee

## **INTERNAL GRANTS**

- 2001 Research Grant for the “International Economic News Data Project” from the Baker

Institute, Rice University

- 1999 Supplemental Research Grant for “What do Voter’s Know about Cabinet Formation”  
Center for the Study of Culture and Values, Rice University
- 1998 Research Grant, for “The Legislative Agenda in Parliamentary Democracies,” Baker  
Institute and the Center for the Study of Institutions and Values, Rice University

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING AWARDS AND OTHER HONORS**

- 2010 Award for Best Article published in the Journal of Politics in the 2009-10 year, for “The  
Global Economy, Competency, and the Economic Vote”
- 2009 Gregory M. Luebbert award for the best book in Comparative Politics written  
in 2007 or 2008
- 2006 Best paper presented in Political Economy, Awarded by the Political Economy Section of  
the American Political Science Association.
- 1998 Finalist, Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Prize for the best teacher among assistant  
professors at Rice university
- 1994 Graduate Student Teaching Prize, University of Rochester
- 1991 Rush Rhees Fellowship, University of Rochester
- 1991 Bonnie E. Brown Award for the most outstanding undergraduate in  
political science, Texas A&M University
- 1990 Senior Honors Fellowship, Honors Research Program, Texas A&M  
University.
- 1989 Delegate, NATO Youth Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 1989 Jordan Fellowship - in support of field research in Gujurat, India. Jordan Institute for  
International Awareness, Texas A&M University
- 1987 Maude O. Hunter Fellowship, Texas A&M University

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*The Economic Vote: How Political and Economic Institutions Condition Election Results.* (with Raymond Duch). In the Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series. Cambridge University Press, 2008

*Winner of the Gregory M. Luebbert award for the best book in comparative politics in 2007 or 2008.*

Available at <http://www.randystevenson.com/2012/02/the-economic-vote/>

This book seeks to explain why the economy is sometimes an important factor in electoral outcomes and sometimes is not. Our initial task was to construct the first comprehensive map of variation in economic voting over a large number of countries (18 western democracies) and years (1979-2001). We do this by estimating the pattern of economic voting over parties that is revealed in each of 165 different election surveys. Next, we propose a contextual model of rational economic voting that attempts to explain this variation as a function of differences in the political and economic context in which voters make their electoral choices. The theory, which builds on, and formally generalizes, both the rational selection model of economic voting first proposed by Alesina and Rosenthal (1995) and on McKelvey and Ordeshook's analysis of strategic voting in multi-party democracies, allows us to generate a rich set of hypotheses about the kinds of political and economic contexts that should condition economic voting. The relevant features of these various contexts can be organized into three general categories: the distribution of policymaking responsibility over parties previous to the election, the distribution of contention for future policymaking responsibility in the election, and the quality of the signal that past movements in the economy provide about the competence of the parties in the election. For each of these general categories, the theory implies specific kinds of political and economic institutions that should condition the economic voting and in the final part of the project we test these implications. In general, we find strong support for the theoretical predictions of the model.

*Coalitional Thinking: How Voters Manage Complex Political Systems.* (David Fortunato) In Preparation.

*Political Systems and Political Interest: How Differences in Political Institutions Promote or Suppress Political Interest.* (With Seonghui Lee) In Preparation.

### Articles

“Attributing Policy Influence under Coalition Governance” 2019. Revise and Resubmit, [American Political Science Review](#).

The Causal Interpretation of Estimated Associations in Regression Models. 2019. [Political Science Research and Methods](#). (with Luke Keele)

An Audit of Political Behavior Research. 2018. [Sage Open](#), July-September, p. 1-14. (with Lynn Vavreck, Simon Jackman, Jamie Druckman, Joshua Robison, Johnathan Katz)

“Gamson’s Law and Voters’ Perceptions of Portfolio Allocation” 2017. [European Journal of Political Research](#). 56 (4) pp. 912-940 (with Nick Lin, Mathias Tromborg, and David Fortunato)

“Voters, Responsibility Attribution, and Support Parties in Parliamentary Democracies” 2017. British Journal of Political Science. (with Mathias Tromborg and David Fortunato)

“Measuring Knowledge of Parties’ Legislative Seat Shares” 2017. Political Research and Methods. pp. 1-12. (with Seonghui Lee and Agustina Haime)

“An Expanded Empirical Evaluation of the Cross-National Comparability of Survey Measures of Political Interest Using Anchoring Vignettes: A Research Note” (with Lee S, Lin N) 2016. Electoral Studies. Vol. 44 p. 423-428.

“Heuristics in Context” 2016. Political Research and Methods. pp. 1-20, early online version available (with David Fortunato)

“Survey Experiments with Google Consumer Surveys: Promise and Pitfalls for Academic Research in Social Science.” (With Bob Stein and Philip Santoso) 2016. Political Analysis.

“Context, Heuristics, and Political Knowledge: Explaining Cross-National Variation in Citizens’ Left-Right Knowledge” (with David Fortunato and Greg Vonnahme) 2016. Journal of Politics.

“Evaluating the Cross-National Comparability of Survey Measures of Political Interest Using Anchoring Vignettes” 2014. (with Seonghui Lee and Nick Lin) Electoral Studies.

“A Copula Approach to the Problem of Selection Bias in Models of Government Survival” 2015. Political Analysis. 23(1) 42-58. (with Lanny Martin and Daina Chiba)

“Responsibility Attribution for Collective Decision Makers” 2014 American Journal of Political Science. (with Raymond Duch and Wojtek Przepiorka) vol. 59 (2).

“Voter Perceptions of Agenda Power and Attribution of Responsibility for Economic Performance.” September, 2013. Electoral Studies. (with Raymond Duch)

“The Meaning and Use of Subjective Perceptions in Studies of Economic Voting”. Electoral Studies, June 2013 (with Raymond Duch)

“Performance Voting and Knowledge of Cabinet Composition” June 2013. Electoral Studies. (with David Fortunato)

“Perceptions of Partisan Ideologies: The Effect of Coalition Participation.” 2013. American Journal of Political Science. (with David Fortunato)

“Context and Economic Expectations: When Do Voters Get it Right?” 2011. British Journal of Political Science. (with Raymond Duch)

“The Conditional Impact of Incumbency on Government Formation.” 2010. American Political Science Review. Vol. 104, no. 3. (with Lanny Martin)

“The Global Economy, Competency, and the Economic Vote” 2010. Journal of Politics Vol. 72, no. 1, 105-123 (with Raymond Duch).

- *Winner of the Best Paper published in JOP for the year*
- *A previous version won the Best Paper presented in Political Economy in 2006 from the Political Economy Section of the American Political Science Association.*

“Accessing the Magnitude of the Economic Vote over Time and Across Nations.” 2006. Electoral Studies Vol. 25, no. 3, 528-47 (with Raymond Duch).

“Brain Activity in the Play of Dominant Strategy and Mixed Strategy Games” 2006. Political Psychology (with Rick Wilson and Geoffrey Potts), Vol. 27, no 3 pp. 459-478.

“Context and the Economic Vote: A Multi-Level Analysis.” Political Analysis. 2005. Vol. 13, no. 4, 2005, pp. 387-409. (with Raymond Duch)

“The Economy as Context: Indirect Links between the Economy and Voters.” 2002 in Han Dorussen, ed., The Changing Economic Voter. London: Routledge.

“The Cost of Ruling, Cabinet Duration, and the “Median Gap Model” Public Choice. 2002.

"The Economy and Policy Preference: A Fundamental Dynamic of Democratic Politics." 2001. American Journal of Political Science. Vol. 45, no. 3, pp. 620-633

“Cabinet Formation in Parliamentary Democracies.” 2001. American Journal of Political Science. Vol. 45, no. 1, pp. 33-50. (with Lanny Martin)

"Cabinet Terminations and Critical Events." American Political Science Review. Vol. 94, no. 3. September 2000, pp. 627-640. (with Daniel Diermeier)

"Do campaigns Matter? Testing for Cross-National Effects." British Journal of Political Science. Vol. 30, April, 2000 , pp. 217-235. (with Lynn Vavreck)

“Cabinet Survival and Competing Risks.” American Journal of Political Science. vol.43 , no. 4 , October 1999, pp. 1051-1068. (with Daniel Diermeier)

"Defense Expenditures and Economic Growth In Israel: The Indirect Link." Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 33, no. 3, 1996, pp. 341-353. (with Alex Mintz, Michael Ward, and Jordin Cohen)

"Theories of Budgetary Tradeoffs." Public Budgeting and Financial Management. 1995 (with Alex Mintz).

"Defense Expenditures, Economic Growth, and the 'Peace Dividend': A Longitudinal Analysis of 103 Countries." Journal of Conflict Resolution, Vol. 39, No. 2, 1995, pp. 283-309 (with Alex Mintz).

"Armament and Development: An Empirical Analysis of the Impact of Military Spending on Economic Growth in Developing Countries." in Chatterji, Jager, and Rima (eds.) The Economics of International Security: Essays in Honor of Jan Tinbergen, London: Palgrave. 1994 (with Alex Mintz).

## **Invited Papers**

“Making a Contribution: The Role of Fieldwork in Scientific Research Programs” APSA-CP, the newsletter of the Comparative Politics section of the American Political Science Association, 2005

## **Book Reviews**

*Interests and Integration: Market Liberalization, Public Opinion, and European Union* by Matthew Gabel. Comparative Political Studies, April 1999.

## **Reports**

"Health and Unemployment Programs in the Third World and their Relevance to the *Colonias* of South Texas." Report to the Center for Housing and Urban Development, Texas A&M University (with Nehemia Geva, Arnold Vedlitz, and Alex Mintz).

## **Work Under Review**

Causal Interaction and Effect Modification: Same Model, Different Concepts (with Luke Keele)

Attributing Policy Influence under Coalition Governance. (with Tromborg, Mathias W., Randolph T. Stevenson, Nick Lin, and David Fortunato)

The Nature and Sources of Voters' Beliefs about the Left-Right Positions of Political Parties (with Philip Santoso and Seonghui Lee)

## **Working Papers**

“Political Knowledge in Coalitional Democracies” (with Nick Lin and David Fortunato)

“Pollster Error and Party Ideology” (with Mathias W. Tromborg and Philip Santoso)

“Heuristics and Coalition Expectations” (with David Fortunato)

“Political Interest and Political Context” (with Seonghui Lee)

## **RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

APSA 2018

EPSA 2018

MWPSA 2018

## **TEACHING**

At the graduate level, I have taught survey courses in comparative politics, comparative political economy, comparative institutions, and comparative political behavior. I have also frequently taught each of the courses in the three course graduate sequence in statistical methods, and have also taught a graduate course in game theory. At the undergraduate level, I have taught courses about comparative political parties and elections, the politics of developing democracies, comparative political economy, the European Union, and international relations. I have received the graduate teaching prize at the University of Rochester and was a finalist for the junior-faculty teaching prize at Rice University.

I have taught a several week courses on Maximum Likelihood Estimation at the Essex Summer School in 2012, 2013, and 2014 as well as in Singapore and Sao Paulo, Brazil.