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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

2020-pres. Radoslav Tsanoff Professor of Political Science

2019-2024. Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Rice University

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, University of Rochester

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editor, Cambridge Elements Series on Comparative Political Behavior

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 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

2025-present Member and subcommittee chair, Graduate Council

2025 Chair, Ad hoc committee on Transparency in the Faculty Senate

2024-present Member, Social Science Research Advisory Committee

2017-2024 Member and subcommittee Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2016-2017 Member, Graduate Council

2015/17/19 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, and many others)

2007-09-10 Member, Rice University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2005-2009 Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, Rice University

2005 Chair of the Committee to create a new Faculty Senate at Rice University (wrote the constitution of the faculty senate and its bylaws).

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

Andra Pascu-Linder

OTHER 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

- 2025 Distinguished Research Award, School of Social Science, Rice University.
- 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

1. *Partisan Identity in Multi-party Democracies* (with Ryan Block and Seonghui Lee). 2026. Forthcoming, Cambridge Elements in Comparative Political Behavior.
2. *Heuristic Inference and the Left-Right: An Experimental Analysis of How Voters Form Their Left-Right Images of Parties* (with Philip Santoso and Seonghui Lee). 2026. Forthcoming, Cambridge Elements in Experimental Political Science.
3. *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. <http://www.randystevenson.com/2012/02/the-economic-vote/>

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

Book Drafts

Political Systems and Political Interest: How Differences in Political Institutions Promote or Suppress Political Interest. (with Seonghui Lee and Joey Cozza) In Preparation.

Political Knowledge in Coalitional Democracies (with Nick Lin, Philip Santoso, and David Fortunato)

All Publications and R&R's (in chronological order)

“Can (and do) Voters Use Simple Mental Models to Forecast Cabinet Composition? Experimental Evidence from Ten Parliamentary Systems” (with David Fortunato and Seonghui Lee). Revise and Resubmit at the [American Political Science Review](#). 2026.

“Outgroup Homogeneity as Evidence of Left–Right Identification in Multiparty Democracies.” 2026. (with Philip Santoso and Nick Lin) [European Journal of Political Research](#), 65(2): 389–409. doi: 10.1017/S147567652610070X.

[Partisan Identity in Multi-party Democracies](#) (with Ryan Block and Seonghui Lee). 2026. Cambridge Elements in Comparative Political Behavior, forthcoming.

[Heuristic Inference and the Left-Right: An Experimental Analysis of How Voters Form Their Left-Right Images of Parties](#) (with Philip Santoso and Seonghui Lee). 2026. Cambridge Elements in Experimental Political Science, forthcoming.

“What Drives Perceptions of Partisan Cooperation?” 2024. [Political Science Research and Methods](#). (with Philip Santoso and Simon Weschle). [Political Science Research and Methods](#) 12 (4), 888-896

A Bias-Corrected Estimator for the Crosswise Model with Inattentive Respondents. 2023. [Political Analysis](#), 31(1), 134-148. doi:10.1017/pan.2021.43 (with Yuki Atsusaka) published online Dec. 2021.

“Attributing Policy Influence under Coalition Governance” 2021. American Political Science Review. 115: 252-268 (with David Fortunato, Nick Lin, and Mathias Tromborg)

“Causal Interaction and Effect Modification: Same Model, Different Concepts.” 2021. Political Science Research and Methods. (with Luke Keele)

“Party Government and Political Information” 2021. Legislative Studies Quarterly. (with David Fortunato)

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

“Measuring Knowledge of Parties’ Legislative Seat Shares” 2019. Political Research and Methods. pp. 1-12. (with Seonghui Lee and Agustina Haime)

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

“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.” 2016. Political Analysis. (With Bob Stein and Philip Santoso)

“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.*

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

“Assessing 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.

"Coalition Agreements as Control Devices: Coalition Governance in Western and Eastern Europe." by Heike Klüver, Hanna Bäck, and Svenja Krauss. Party Politics. 2024

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

"Women's Presence as Party Leaders, MPs, and Supporters Shifts Parties' Images Leftward: Observational and Experimental Evidence" (with 8 coauthors). Under Review.

"Campaign Negativity and Political Participation in the Social Media Era" (with Prinetti, Agustin, Asahi Obata). Under review.

“Uncovering Young Men’s and Young Women’s Attachments to the Radical Right.” (with Ryan Block and Gonzalo Di Landro). Under Review at JOP

Selected Working Papers

“Identifying and Correcting for Left-Right Dyslexia in Political Surveys” (with Dayong Lee)

“Strategic Voting Under Multi-Party Social Identities” (with Gonzalo di Landro and Ryan Block)

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 our three-course graduate sequence in statistical methods and have also taught graduate courses 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, and research design and statistics. 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 multi-week courses on Maximum Likelihood Estimation at the Essex Summer School in 2012, 2013, and 2014 as well as in summer schools in Singapore and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

SURVEY WORK

I have conducted many large-scale political surveys in many different countries around the world as well as surveys of the workforces of several fortune 500 companies.

CONSULTING

I have provided statistical analysis for redistricting cases for the State of Texas, the State of New York, the State of Florida, the State of South Carolina, the State of Wisconsin, the State of Washington, the State of Georgia, the State of Louisiana, the State of Mississippi, and the state of Arkansas. I have provided similar analyses for non-state litigants in redistricting cases about maps in Pennsylvania, Spring Branch ISD, Islip New York, Ramapo New York, Eastpoint Michigan, Gwinnett County Georgia, Richardson ISD, Yakima, Washington, Houston ISD, Grand Prairie ISD, Irving Texas, Farmers Branch Texas, St Gabriel Louisiana, Killeen Texas, and Terrebonne Louisiana, Pearland Texas, Galveston Texas, and Spring Branch Texas, DeSoto County Mississippi, and Humble ISD. I have also started a company – Workplace Analytics, LLC – that applied advanced survey methodology to understand the organizational culture of large companies. That company was acquired in 2020 by Russell Reynolds Consulting.