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### **EDUCATION**

PhD. Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2004.  
M.A. Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2001.  
B.A. Political Science, Stanford University, 1995.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Paying Attention to Foreign Affairs: How Public Opinion Affects Presidential Decision Making*, Penn State University Press (2010).

“Critical Dialogue: A Review of Terrance Chapman’s *Securing Approval* and a Response to Chapman’s Review of *Paying Attention to Foreign Affairs*,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 10 (2012): 145-149.

“Engaging the Reluctant? Service Learning, Interpersonal Contact and Attitudes Toward the Homeless,” with Lisa Martinez, *PS: Political Science* 45 (2012): 106-111.

“A Pragmatic Response to an Unexpected Constraint: Problem Representation in a Complex Humanitarian Emergency,” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 5 (2009):135–168.

“Humanizing the Homeless: Does Contact Erode Stereotypes,” with Lisa Martinez, *Social Science Research* 38, (2009):521-534.

“Public Opinion and Foreign Policy: The Stages of Presidential Decision-making,” with M. Stephen Weatherford, *International Studies Quarterly* 50 (September 2006):705-727.

“When is Strategic Bombing Effective? Domestic Legitimacy and Aerial Denial,” with Aaron Belkin, Michael Clark, Robert Hinckley, Gulriz Gokcek, and Eric Patterson, *Security Studies* 11 (Summer 2002):51-88.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Gender Differences at Christian and Secular Colleges,” with Emily Ecklund. Forthcoming. *Christian Scholar’s Review*.

“Framing Saddam? Rhetorical Analogies, the National Interest, and the Persian Gulf War,” with Jordan Cass-Boyle. Journal manuscript under review at *The International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, submitted October 2012.

“Issue Frames and Cues in Context: Who Pays Attention to the Context of Extreme Speech?” with Robert Hinckley. Journal manuscript to be submitted to the *American Journal of Political Science*, June 2013.

“Benchmarks in American Foreign Policy,” Journal manuscript to be submitted to *Public Opinion Quarterly*, August 2013.

“Strategic and Sincere Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections,” with Wayne Iba, Patti Hunter, and Kristabel Stark. Journal manuscript to be submitted to the *Journal of Politics*, July 2013

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

“Sincere and Strategic Voting in American Presidential Elections: An Experimental Design,” with Wayne Iba, Patti Hunter, and Kristabel Stark. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 11-14, 2013.

“Interdisciplinary Approaches to Physical Education,” with Gary Knecht. Presentation given at the Annual Conference of the California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, February 23-26, 2012.

“Framing Saddam: Rhetorical Analogies in the First Gulf War,” with Jordan Cass. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association-West, Pasadena, CA, September 23-24, 2011

“Issue Frames and Cues in Context: Who Pays Attention to the Context of Extreme Speech?” with Robert Hinckley. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March 31-April 4, 2011.

“Benchmarks in American Foreign Policy,” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 23-25, 2010.

“Engaging the Reluctant? Interpersonal Contact and Attitudes Toward the Homeless,” with Lisa Martinez. Paper presented at the Southwest Social Science Association Meetings, Denver, CO. April 7, 2009.

“Technocracy in Higher Education: How Can We Do Public Work with Students and Community Partners?” Roundtable discussion at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Colleges & Universities, San Diego, April 2, 2008.

“Changing Opinions on Homelessness,” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, March 20-23, 2008.

“The Myth of ‘Stingy’ Americans: Public vs. Private Foreign Aid,” Paper presented at ISA-West, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 29-30, 2006.

Chair and Discussant, “The Clash of Civilizations? Conflicts and Conversations in the Post-9/11 World,” ISA–West Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 29-30, 2006.

“Breaking Duverger’s Law: Sincere and Strategic Voting in U.S. Elections” Paper presented at the Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 20-23, 2006.

“Redirecting Foreign Policy: Problem Representation in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, California, March 22-25, 2006.

“The Influence of Public Attention in American Foreign Policy,” Paper presented at the Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 7-10, 2005

“Public Opinion and Foreign Policy: Stages of Presidential Decision-making,” Paper presented at the Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 15-18, 2004.

“The Rise of the Millionaire Candidate: Self-Funding in House and Senate Elections 1984-2000,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3-6, 2003.

“Coercive Bombing and Domestic Legitimacy,” Paper presented at ISA-West, Davis, CA, October 2001.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Westmont College, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2009-Present.

Courses include: American Presidency, Introduction to International Politics, Internships, Introduction to American Politics, Political Parties and Interest Groups, Empirical Political Research, The Politics of Sports, American Public Opinion.

University of Denver, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2004-2009.

Courses include: American Presidency, U.S. Congress, American Foreign Policy, Political Participation and Representation, Research Methods, Concepts of the Public Good, Power and Justice, Political Myths, Political Interest Groups, Contemporary Issues in American Foreign Policy, American Public Opinion, Politics of Sports, and Simulation of American Government.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, Summer Quarter 2003.

Course: Political Interest Groups.

Westmont College, Instructor, Department of Political Science, Fall Semester 2002.

Course: Developing Nations.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Teaching Assistant, 1999-2004.

Courses include: Introduction to American Government (Five Quarters), Introduction to International Relations (Two Quarters), Introduction to Comparative Politics, Research Methods in Political Science, Political Interest Groups (Two Quarters), Congress Simulation (Two Quarters), The American Presidency (Two Quarters), The History of Globalization, Contemporary Issues of Globalization, Social Analysis of Terrorism, The Quest for Peace and World Order

U.C. Santa Barbara, Department of Political Science Lead Teaching Assistant, Fall Quarter 2001–2004.

Responsible for coordination and instruction of departmental TA training course.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Research Assistant, Profs. M. Stephen Weatherford and Garrett Glasgow, October 2003—2004.

Responsible for researching and collecting data related to Professors Weatherford and Glasgow's professional activities.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Research Assistant, Prof. Benjamin J. Cohen, 2001–2003.

Responsible for researching and collecting data related to Professor Cohen's professional activities.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Head Teaching Assistant, 2002.

Responsible for coordination of Introduction to American Government course.

## **COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

Assessment Coordinator for the Political Science Department, 2011-Present.  
Member of Westmont's Athletic Committee, 2012-Present.  
Member of Westmont's Institutional Review Board, 2010-2012.  
Member of Westmont's Strategic Planning/Marketing Committee 2011-Present.  
Member of David K. Winter Servant Leadership Award Committee, 2011-2012  
Co-chair of the Experiential Learning Task Force, 2010-2011  
Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Alpha, University of Denver, Winter 2007-2009.  
Board Member of the Bachelor of Arts Completion Program, University College, University of Denver, Winter 2007-2009.  
Quantitative Reasoning Faculty Director, University of Denver, Summer 2007-Spring 2008.  
Quantitative Reasoning Lab Committee, University of Denver, Winter 2007-2009.  
PROF Award committee, University of Denver, Spring Quarters 2006 and 2008.  
Marsico lecturer hiring committee, University of Denver, Spring 2006.

## **INVITED TALKS AND PANELS**

Invited talk, "Voting and Elections," Westmont's Alumni Weekend, October 26-27, 2012.  
Invited talk, "You're Voting Wrong: Why Americans Get Elections Wrong and Why it Matters." Phi Kappa Phi, Paul C. Wilt Faculty Lecture Series. October 15, 2012.  
Invited talk, "Political Representation," WCSA, September 1, 2012.  
Invited talk, "Strategic Voting," Westmont Parents' Weekend, March 31, 2012  
Panelist, "Gender Development and Identity," Forum with the Westmont Residential Assistants," February 16, 2012.  
Panelist, "National and Global Security in the 21st Century," Westmont Downtown Lecture Series, February 9, 2012.  
Panelist, "First-Year Retreat," Westmont College Office of Student Life, September 30, 2011.  
Invited talk, "Political Representation," WCSA, September 1, 2011.  
Invited talk, "Paying Attention to Foreign Affairs," UCSB Research Colloquium, April 7, 2009.  
Invited talk, "The Future of Experiential Learning at Westmont," Faculty Forum, March 3, 2011.  
Panelist, "Condoleezza Rice and the Direction of American Foreign Policy," Westmont Downtown Lecture Series, February 24, 2011.  
Panelist, "Westmont Preview Days," November 11, 2010.  
Discussant for Bruce Fisk's "Still ChRistiAn Zionism After All These Years? The Third Temple in a Century of End Times Hermeneutics," Phi Kappa Phi, Paul C. Wilt Faculty Lecture Series. October 25, 2010.  
Invited talk, "Political Representation," WCSA, August 25, 2010.

Invited talk, "How to Use Lime Survey," Westmont College, April 27, 2010

Invited talk, "Benchmarks in American Public Opinion," Political Science Department Colloquium, April 6, 2010.

Panelist, "What's Race Got to Do With It? An (Un)Civil Discourse and the Presidency." Tuesday with Morals Series, November 3, 2009

Invited Talk, "Survey Research Methodology," Guest lecture for Lesa Stern's research methods course, October 6, 2009.

Invited talk, "Using Classroom Response Systems Effectively," University of Denver, August 2 and 4, 2008.

Invited talk, "Politics and the Olympic Games," University of Denver, May 21, 2008

Invited talk, "Homelessness in Denver, Changing Hearts and Minds," Project Homeless Connect, April 28, 2008.

Invited talk, "Clickers in the Classroom," University of Denver, April 15, 2008.

Invited talk, "Rocking the Vote," George Washington High School, February 15, 2008

Invited talk, "Making Classroom Technology Work," February 22, 2008.

Invited talk, "Rocking the Vote," Grandview High School, October, 2007.

Invited talk, "The Electoral College," VIVA, August 23, 2007

Invited talk, "Clickers in the Classroom," CTL Conference Technology & the Human Intellect, University of Denver, April 27, 2007

Moderator, "Bridges to the Future," Senator George Mitchell's Talk, University of Denver, October 10, 2006.

Panelist "US Political Party System," Fishbowl Discussion, University of Denver, September 2006.

Invited talk, "Third Parties and American Politics" The Second Year Experience at DU, University of Denver, September 2006.

Invited talk, "Third Parties and American Politics" Free Skool Lecture, University of Denver, May 2006.

Invited talk, "It's Not Easy Being Green," The Humanities Institute Lecture Series, University of Denver, 2006.

Invited talk, "The Church and Politics," Montview Presbyterian Church, February 19 & March 2, 2006.

Panelist, "Patriotism in the Age of Terror," Fishbowl Discussion, University of Denver, February 22, 2006.

Invited talk, "What is Hot Today?" Hot Topics Series, University of Denver, February 9, 2006.

Panelist, "Constitution Day," University of Denver, September 21, 2005.

Invited talk, "The Ethics of a Research Assistant," The PINS Program, University of Denver, August 2005.

Moderator "Saving Social Security," Congresswoman Dianna DeGette, University of Denver, March 2005

Moderator, "Election Night 2004," Cable Center, University of Denver, November 2004.

Moderator, "Presidential Debates," University of Denver, October 2004.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

The Bruce and Adeline Bare Teacher of the Year Award, 2012.  
Westmont's Professional Development Grant, 2009-2010. \$3,600.  
Public Good Faculty Fellow, 2007-2008  
DU Faculty Research Fund Grant 2005-06. Research on book manuscript.  
\$2,500.  
Dirksen Congressional Research Grant, 2002, (with Rob Hinckley and Rob  
Patton). Developed online teaching resource on campaign finance laws.  
\$4,500.  
Twice recipient of U.C. Santa Barbara's Outstanding Faculty Member Award  
1999-2000; 2001-2002.  
Nominee for Academic Senate and UCSB Foundation's Outstanding Teaching  
Assistant Award 2002.  
Colin Manzer--Robert Wesson Best Graduate Paper Award, 1999-2000.  
Colin Manzer--Robert Wesson Best Conference Paper Award, 2002-2003.  
Lancaster Fellowship 1999-2002.  
U.C. Santa Barbara Dissertation Fellowship 2002.  
U.C. Santa Barbara Fee Fellowship 1999-2002.  
Regents Fellowship 1998-1999.

## **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*,  
*International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Journal of Political Science Education*,  
and Lexington Books.