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## Education

Ph.D., Stony Brook University, Political Science, (expected 2011).  
Fields: American Politics, Methodology, Political Economy

M.A., University of Georgia, Political Science, 2007.  
Thesis: "Think Locally, Vote Locally: An Examination of Voter Behavior in Open Primaries and General Elections in Athens-Clarke County."  
Advisory Committee: Dr. Arnold Fleischmann (major professor), Dr. Paul-Henri Gurian, Dr. Damon Cann

A.B., Georgetown University, Government and Women's Studies, 2004.  
Thesis: "We Don't Get Written About: Women in the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement."  
Advisor: Dr. Leona Fisher

## Honors and Awards

Stony Brook University, Presidential Fellowship, 2007-present.

The University of Georgia, Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2007.

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

## Assistantships

Stony Brook University, Department of Political Science Graduate Assistantship, 2007-present.

The University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs Teaching Assistantship, 2005-2007.

## Teaching Experience

*Stony Brook University, Instructor of Record*

POL 325: “Civil Liberties and Civil Rights”

Fall 2009

POL 102: “Introduction to American Government”

Summer 2008

*Stony Brook University, Teaching Assistant*

SOC 201: “Research Methods in Sociology”

Spring 2009 (Ivan Chase)

POL 402: “Political Economy: Government and Market Failures”

Spring 2008 (Rene Lindstädt)

POL 502: “Intermediate Statistics for Public Policy,” *Graduate level*

Spring 2008 (Rene Lindstädt)

*University of Georgia, Teaching Assistant*

POLS 1101: “Introduction to American Government”

Fall 2005 (Paul Gurian)

Spring 2006 (Jamie Carson)

Fall 2006 (Paul Gurian), *Lead TA*

Spring 2007 (John Maltese), *Lead TA*

## Research Experience

*Stony Brook University, Research Assistant*

Jeffrey Segal: Fall 2008, Summer 2009

Matthew Lebo: Fall 2008, Summer 2009

Helmut Norpoth: Summer 2009

Rene Lindstädt: Spring 2008

Joel Simmons: Fall 2007, Summer 2008

## Research Interests

Public Opinion

Political Methodology

Campaign Politics

Political Institutions

## Conference Papers

“How Low Can You Go? Modeling the Amount of Negative Advertisements in Campaigns” (with Wendy Gross). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New

Orleans, LA January 2009.

“A New Twist: Negative Campaigning and Split-Ticket Voting in Congressional and Gubernatorial Elections” (with Wendy Gross). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA August 2008.

“Fail to the Chief: The Effect of Failed Presidential Primary Bids on Congressional Re-Election Campaigns” (with Elizabeth Coggins and Cynthia McMeekin). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2008.

“State vs. Local Influences on Turnout and Rolloff in an Open Primary” (with Arnold Fleischmann and Damon Cann). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL September 2007.

“A New Game in Town: Rules Changes and Voting in an Open Primary” (with Arnold Fleischmann and Damon Cann). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2007.

“Problem-Solving Courts: Patterns and Effectiveness.” (with Brian Levey, John Newton, and Wendy Gross). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2007.

“Framing the Public Debate: Gays and Lesbians vs. Homosexuals” (with Adam Fowler and Brian Levey). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA September 2006.

## **Current Projects and Working Papers**

“Are All Politics Local? Perhaps Just the Primaries” with Arnold Fleischmann and Damon Cann. *Manuscript under review.*

“Fail to the Chief: The Effect of Failed Presidential Primary Bids on Congressional Re-Election Campaigns” with Elizabeth Coggins and Cynthia McMeekin. *Manuscript under review.*

Currently untitled project on cooperation and the evolution of fairness with Oleg Smirnov, Martijn Schoonvelde, and Roland Kappe.

“Keeping Up Appearances: Media Coverage of Nontraditional Presidential Candidates” with Wendy Gross and Audrey Haynes.

Evaluation of the Athens-Clarke County/Oconee County Felony Drug Court at the Request of Judge Steve C. Jones.

“Framing the Debate: How Language Shapes Public Opinion” with Adam Fowler and Brian Levey.

## Public and Professional Service

Reviewer — *Social Science Quarterly*

Invited Panel Member for GRSC 7770 “Introduction to Teaching Political Science,” September 2006.

Researcher for the UGA Survey Research Center and Georgia Secretary of State, November 2006.

## Work Experience

*Women’s Campaign Fund*, Washington, DC  
Development Intern, Spring 2004.

*Women’s Campaign Research Fund*, Washington, DC  
Political Intern, Spring 2004.

*Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee*, Washington, DC  
Development Intern, Fall 2002.

## References

*Teaching evaluations available upon request.*

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