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Education

Ph.D. Candidate Government, Harvard University, 2005-Current
Dissertation: Measuring and Explaining Legislators' Expressed Agendas
Committee: Gary King (chair), Claudine Gay, D. Sunshine Hillygus, and Kevin Quinn

A.B. Mathematics and Political Science, Wabash College,
Summa Cum Laude, Distinction in both Mathematics and Political Science Comprehensive Exams

Working Papers

"A Bayesian Hierarchical Topic Model for Political Texts: Measuring Expressed Agendas in Senate Press Releases" Presented at the 2008 Summer Methods Meeting. Under Review.

"The Turnout Representation Disconnect in Local Elections," with Clayton Nall (2007). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Spring 2007 meeting. Under Review.

"Institutions and Bounded Rationality in Government Decision Making: Deadlines, Optimism and Error" with Daniel Carpenter. Under Review.

"Quantitative Discovery from Qualitative Information" with Gary King (In Progress)

"Deadline Effects in Regulatory Drug Review: A Methodological and Empirical Analysis" with Daniel Carpenter, Jake Bowers, Susan Moffit, Clayton Nall, and Evan James Zucker (2007)

Software

ARIMA(p,d,q) time series models in *Zelig* (Imai, King, Lau, 2007).
<http://gking.harvard.edu/zelig>

Conference and Workshop Presentations

"A Bayesian Hierarchical Topic Model for Political Texts: Measuring Expressed Agendas in Senate Press Releases" American Politics Research Workshop, April 2008. 2008 Summer Political Methods Meeting.

"Clustering Algorithms" Presentation for Graduate Methods and Models Class, November 2007.

"The Turnout-Representation Disconnect in Local Elections" with Clayton Nall (2007) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2007.

"A Dynamic Model for Rolling Cross-Sectional Data" (2007) American Political Science Research Workshop, January 2007.

"Post Election Depolarization in the 2000 Election Context" with David Hadley (2005) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2005 (delivered as an undergraduate).

Honors and Awards

2008. John T. Williams Prize. Awarded by the Society for Political Methodology for best dissertation proposal.

2008-2009. Center for American Political Studies dissertation research fellowship.

2005, 2006. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention.

2005. Phi Beta Kappa

2005. John Maurice Butler Prize. Awarded to the senior who, by vote of the Wabash College faculty, has highest achievements in scholarship and character.

2005. N Ryan Shaw II Political Science Award. Awarded to the outstanding senior Political Science major.

2005. George E Cascallen Prize in Mathematics. Awarded to the outstanding senior Mathematics major.

2005. Phi Beta Kappa Prize. Awarded to a Wabash College senior for best original research.

2005. George Lewes Mackintosh Fellowship (Wabash College)

2004. Lewis Salter Memorial Award. Awarded to the outstanding Junior at Wabash College.

2004. Steven Schmutte Award for Outstanding Paper in Economics

Research Experience

Research Assistant/Co-Author for Gary King, 2006-Present

Research Assistant/Co-Author for Daniel Carpenter, 2005-Present

Research Assistant for D. Sunshine Hillygus, 2005–2006

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant (for Gary King), Advanced Quantitative Methods. Government 2001, Spring 2007.

Mathematics Tutor, Wabash College, 2003-2005.

Department Service

2007-Present Coordinator for the Applied Statistics Workshop.