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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA
Assistant Professor of Government

2018 – present

EDUCATION

California Institute of Technology, PhD in Social Science	2013
M.S. in Social Science	2010
Claremont McKenna College, BA in Mathematics and Government	2008

BOOK

Nonpartisan Primary Election Reform: Mitigating Mischief (with R. Michael Alvarez).
Cambridge University Press, 2015.

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

Current or former students marked with an *.

“Party Nominations and Electoral Persuasion.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*, ed. by Elizabeth Suhay, Bernard Grofman, and Alexander H. Trechsel. DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190860806.013.48. Advance online publication date: Nov. 2019.

“Beyond Open and Closed: Complexity in American Primary Election Reform” (with Ian O’Grady*). In *Routledge Handbook of Primary Elections*, ed. by Robert Boatright. New York: Routledge, 427-455. 2018.

“Crashing the Party: Copartisan General Elections Under the Top-Two Primary” (with Ian O’Grady*, Brock McIntosh*, and Caroline M. Nordlund). *Journal of Public Policy*, 38(3), 329-360. 2018.

“Democratic Accountability and the Politics of Mass Administrative Reorganization” (with Anthony M. Bertelli). *British Journal of Political Science*, 48(3): 691-711. 2018.

“Democratic Accountability and Institutional Reform: Lessons from California’s 2010 Angry Electorate.” *California Journal of Politics & Policy*, 92(2). 2017.

“Flexibility in American Religious Life: An Exploration of Loyalty and Purity (with David Elcott). *Policy Sciences*, 50(5): 649-673. 2017.

“Participation in the Wake of Adversity: Blame Attribution, Policy-Oriented Evaluations, and Civic Engagement” (with Ines Levin and R. Michael Alvarez). *Political Behavior*, 38(1): 203-228. 2016.

“Mass Administrative Reorganization, Media Attention, and the Paradox of Information” (with Anthony M. Bertelli). *Public Administration Review*, 75(6): 855-866. 2015. Winner of the Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, Midwest Political Science Association.

“Media Attention and the Demise of Agency Independence: Evidence from a Mass Administrative Reorganization in Britain” (with Haram Lee and Anthony M. Bertelli). *Public Administration*, 93(4): 1168-1183. 2015. Winner of the Haldane Prize for the best paper published in the journal during 2015.

“Winning from the Center: Frank Bigelow and California’s Nonpartisan Primary.” *California Journal of Politics & Policy*, 7(1). 2015.

“Balancing Fraud Prevention and Electoral Participation: Attitudes Towards Voter Identification” (with Lonna Rae Atkeson, R. Michael Alvarez, and Thad E. Hall). *Social Science Quarterly*, 95(5): 1381-1398. 2014.

“Why Did Proposition 19 Fail?” (with R. Michael Alvarez and Jackie Kimble). In *Something’s in the Air: Race and the Legalization of Marijuana*, ed. Katherine Tate, James Lance Taylor, and Mark Q. Sawyer. New York: Routledge, 54-64. 2013.

“Who Are California’s ‘Decline to State’ Voters?” (with R. Michael Alvarez). *California Journal of Politics & Policy*, 5(1): 47-66. 2013.

“Making Voting Easier: Convenience Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election” (with R. Michael Alvarez and Ines Levin). *Political Research Quarterly*, 65(2): 248-262. 2012.

CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

Current or former students marked with an *.

“Getting Real (ID): Politics, Administration, Failure, and the California DMV.” With Nohl M. Patterson*. (Jan. 2020 version).

“Strange Bedfellows: Voting Behavior and the Top-Two Election Reform.” (Oct. 2019 version).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Current or former students marked with an *.

“The Politics of the Top-Two Primary: Ideology Against Accountability.” With R. Michael Alvarez. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31, 2019.

“Participation without Party: Voting in California Same-Party Elections, 2012-2018.” With Ian O’Grady*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5, 2019.

“The Unusual Suspects: Learning from Weird Elections.” With D. Roderick Kiewiet, Zenaida Huerta*, and Bryn Miller*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5, 2019.

“The Policy Process for Public Managers: Rules for Everybody.” With Anthony M. Bertelli. Presented at ‘Frontiers in Public Administration and Policy Implementation’, New York University Wagner, May 5, 2017; and the Southern California Law & Social Science Forum (SoCLASS V), Claremont McKenna College, April 28, 2017.

“Democracy in Party Strongholds: Evidence for Tradeoffs in a Nonpartisan Primary.” With Ian O’Grady*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7, 2017.

“Democracy in Party Strongholds: Evidence for Tradeoffs in a Nonpartisan Primary.” With Ian O’Grady*. Presented at the Southern California Law & Social Science Forum, University of California, San Diego, March 2016.

“Mass Administrative Reorganization, Media Attention, and the Paradox of Information.” With Anthony M. Bertelli. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015. Awarded “Best Comparative Policy Paper,” ICPA-Forum Scholarly Society and Joint International Adjudication Committee of Midwest Political Science Association and the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis.

“Democratic Accountability and the Politics of Mass Administrative Reorganization.” With Anthony M. Bertelli. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015.

“Should We Credit the ‘Top-Two’? Cross Party Agreement After Reform in California.” With Betsy Sinclair. Poster presented at the 31st Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, Athens GA., July 23-26 2014.

“Do Electoral Institutions Matter? The Top-two Primary and Ideological Change in the California State Legislature.” With Christian Grose and Antoine Yoshinaka. Presented at Berkeley’s IGS “California’s Top-Two Primary: Will It Make a Difference” Conference, April 25 2014.

“The Top Blanket: Did the Constitutional Top-Two Primary Have the Same Effect on the California Legislature as the Unconstitutional Blanket Primary?” With Betsy Sinclair. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.

“Between Person and Party: Voter Behavior in California’s Top-Two Primary.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2013.

“Welcome to the Jungle: Voter Behavior in California’s First Top-Two Primary.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2013.

“Primary Elections: Does Changing the Rules Change the Outcomes?” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.

“The Politics of Health Care: California in 2010.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.

“Deciphering Declining: California’s Decline to State Voters.” With R. Michael Alvarez. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2011.

“Defense Under Domestic Constraint: 1816-1913.” With Thomas Ruchti. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2011.

TEACHING

At Claremont McKenna College:

- Gov’t 20, Introduction to American Politics. Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2018 (2), Fall 2019
- Gov’t 50, Introduction to Public Administration. Spring 2019.
- Gov’t 65, Public Opinion: Theory and Practice for Public Policy. Spring 2019.
- Gov’t 116, Public Policy Process. Fall 2019.
- Gov’t 127, Washington Research Project (structured independent study, “The Challenge to Democracy, 1919-1950.”). Fall 2019 (4).
- Gov’t 999, Honors Seminar. Fall 2019.

At NYU Wagner (Undergraduate Courses):

- UPADM-GP 111, Quantitative Analysis for Public Policy. Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017.
- UPADM-GP 101, The Politics of Public Policy. Fall 2016, Spring 2018.

At NYU Wagner (Graduate Courses):

- CORE-GP 1011, Statistical Methods for Public, Nonprofit, and Health Management. Fall 2014 (2)
- PADM-GP 2902, Multiple Regression and Introduction to Econometrics. Spring 2015.
- Workshop in Advanced Survey Methods. Spring 2016.
- PADM-GP 4501, Advanced Quantitative Analysis I: Survey Methods. Spring 2018.
- PADM-GP 4502, Advanced Quantitative Analysis II: Categorical Dependent Variables. Spring 2018.
- CORE-GP 1022, Introduction to Public Policy. Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016 (2), Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018.
- NONCR-GP 990, History, Democracy, and the Public Policy Process. Spring 2018.

COLLEGE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

At CMC:

Student Recruitment Committee 2019-2020
Board of Trustees Campus Planning & Facilities Committee 2019-2020
Computer Science / Data Science Committee 2019-2020

At NYU:

NYU Teaching Technology Committee, 2014-2017
NYU Future of Technology-Enhanced Education at NYU, 2014-2018
NYU Wagner: Director of Undergraduate Program, 2017-2018
NYU Wagner: Chair, Undergraduate Coordinating Committee, 2017-2018
NYU Wagner: Program and Specialization Coordinating Committee, 2017-2018
NYU Wagner: Quantitative Methods Curriculum Coordinator, 2015-2018
NYU Wagner: Doctoral Board, 2015-2016.
NYU Wagner: Faculty Budget Committee, 2016-2017.

For MPSA:

MPSA 2019 Section Head, Section 32, Legislative Campaigns & Elections

Journal Reviews: *Journal of Public Policy*, *Political Behavior*, *Journal of Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *Public Policy and Administration*.

PRIOR APPOINTMENTS

New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service Clinical Assistant Professor of Public Service	2014-2018
Claremont McKenna College Visiting Assistant Professor of Government	2013-2014
University of Southern California Research Associate	Spring 2014
California Institute of Technology Postdoctoral Scholar	Fall 2013