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**Education:** University of Rochester, Ph.D., MA  
Smith College, magna cum laude

**Employment:** Professor of Government, Dartmouth College, 1995-2014  
Director, Rockefeller Center for Social Sciences, Dartmouth College, 1995-2004  
Professor, Associate and Assistant Professor, Syracuse University, 1975–1995  
Visiting Professor, Princeton University, 1988  
Staff, Environmental Protection Agency, 1970-71  
Staff, U.S. House of Representatives, 1969

**Research Grants and Awards:**

Robert A. Fish 1918 Award for outstanding contribution to undergraduate education, Dartmouth College, June 2014  
Congressional Quarterly 2006 Award for best paper on legislatures at the 2005 annual meeting of the APSA  
Guggenheim Fellowship 2005-06  
National Science Foundation, 1983-84  
Dirksen Center, Research Grant, 1985  
Teaching Excellence, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University, 1983  
Outstanding Professor, Student Government Association, Syracuse University, 1986  
Environmental Protection Agency Grant, 1977

**Books:**

*Watchdogs on the Hill: The Decline of Congressional Oversight of U.S. Foreign Relations* (Princeton University Press, 2015)

*Candidates, Congress and the American Democracy* (University of Michigan Press, 1993)

*Political Ambition: Who Decides to Run for Congress* (Yale University Press, 1989)

**Current Research:**

“The Evolution of the House Rules Committee in a Polarized Era, 1979-2010”

“Casualties, Presidential Approval and Party Competition, 1947-2008”

**Articles and Book Chapters:**

“Veto-Proof Majorities, Legislative Procedures, and Presidential Decisions, 1981-2008.” Co-author. *Political Research Quarterly* 70, 2(June 2017): 348-362.

"Congress, Defense and Foreign Policy." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015. Updated October 2017  
[www.oxfordbibliographies.com](http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com)

"Congressional War Powers." In Eric Schickler and Frances Lee, eds. *Handbook of the U.S. Congress* (London: Oxford University Press, 2011), Chapter 35.

"Looking for Sex in All the Wrong Places: Media Coverage of Gubernatorial Candidates, 1990-1997." Co-authored. *Perspectives* 7, 3(September 2009): 519-536.

"Seen, but Not Heard: Committee Visibility, Democratization and Institutional Change in the Senate National Security Committees, 1947-2006" Co-author. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 33 (August 2008): 357-386.

"Make Way for the Party: The Rise and Fall of the Senate Security Committees." Co-author. In David Rohde, Nathan Monroe and Jason Roberts, eds. *Why Not Parties?* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008), Chapter 7.

"Issue Advocacy Groups in the 2000 New Hampshire Primary." Co-author. In Paul S. Herrnson et al. *The Interest Group Connection*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2005)

"Campaign Ethics and the Politics of Personal Destruction," In Candace J. Nelson and James A. Thurber, eds. *Campaigns and Elections American Style* (Boulder: Westview Press 2004).

"Sheep in Wolves Clothing: Undeclared Voters in the New Hampshire Primary" co-author. *PS*. (April 2003).

"The New Hampshire Senate Race." In Larry Sabato, ed. *Midterm Madness: The 2002 Elections* (2003 Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield)

"The Effects of Retail Politics in the New Hampshire Primary." Co-author. *American Journal of Political Science* (July 2002).

"Representation, Careerism and Term Limits: A Simulation." Co-author. In *Congress on Display, Congress at Work*, William T. Bianco, ed. (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000)

"Enhancing Citizenship Through Active Learning." Co-author. in *Educating for Citizenship*, Grant Reeher and Joseph P. Cammarano, eds. (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1997)

"Where Did All the Candidates Go?" in *Toward the Millennium: The Election of 1996*, Larry Sabato, ed. (Allyn & Bacon, 1997)

"The Decision to Run for Office," in *Vote For Me*, a Supplemental Text for the PBS series on the 1996 election. Also reprinted in *PS*, American Political Science Association (1996)

"Replication as Regulation," *PS*, American Political Science Association (September 1995)

"Campaign Ethics and Political Trust," in *Campaigns and Elections*, James Thurber and Candace Nelson, eds. (Westview Press, 1995)

**Articles and Book Chapters (continued):**

"Congressional Careers," in *Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*, Donald Bacon, Roger Davidson and Morton Keller, eds. (Simon & Schuster, 1995)

"Political Entrepreneurs, Governing Processes, and Political Change," in *New Perspectives on American Politics*, Lawrence Dodd and Calvin Jillson, eds. (CQ Press, 1994).

"Nomination Politics: The Role of Institutional, Contextual, and Personal Variables," co-authored, in *The Parties Respond*, 2d ed. L.S. Maisel, ed. (Westview Press, 1994).

"Constituencies," in *Encyclopedia of the American Legislative System*, Joel Silbey, ed. (Scribner's, 1994)

"Candidate Recruitment and the Study of Congress," in *Beyond Ambition*, Shirley Williams and Theodore Lascher, eds. (University of California Press, 1993)

"Candidates and the American Democracy," in Japanese, *Shiso* (November 1993)

"Commentary on Term Limits," in *Limiting Legislative Terms*, Gerald Benjamin and Michael Malbin, eds. (CQ Press, 1992)

"The Partisan Context of Congressional Recruitment," in *Encyclopedia of American Political Parties*, L.S. Maisel, ed. (Garland, 1991)

"The Naming of Candidates: Recruitment or Emergence?" in *The Parties Respond*, L.S. Maisel, ed. (Westview Press, 1990)

"Citizenship between Elections," proceedings of Donald S. MacNaughton Symposium on Democratic Governance (Syracuse University Press, 1990)

"Congressional Recruitment and Political Context," in *Home Style and Washington Work*, Morris P. Fiorina and David Rohde, eds. (University of Michigan Press, 1989)

"The Grass Roots Connection: Environmental Activists and Senate Decisionmaking," co-authored, *American Journal of Political Science* (August 1987)

"Changing Patterns of Voting Strength in the European Parliament," co-authored, *Comparative Politics* (January 1983)

"How Interest Groups Select Issues for Rating Voting Records," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (August 1982)

"Candidate Perceptions of Electoral Coalitions," *American Politics Quarterly* (October 1980)

"The Electoral Effects of House Committee Assignments," co-authored, *Journal of Politics* (February 1980)

"The Electoral Lottery: Decisions to Run for Congress," in *Public Choice* (Fall 1979)

Book reviews in the *American Political Science Review*, *Public Administration Review*, *Polity*, *Political Science Quarterly*

**Recent Presentations and Conferences:**

Presenter, "Congress and Military Reform," Senior Military Conference, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY, April 23-25, 2017

"The Continued Decline of Congressional Oversight of U.S. Foreign Policy and the Obama Presidency," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017

Participant, Lugar Symposium on Polarization and Policy, Denison University, April, 2016

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 16, 2015

Discussant, Congress and History Conference. University of Maryland, June 10-12, 2014

Panelist, Congress and History Conference. Brown University, June 9-10, 2012

Discussant, Congress and the Executive Branch, Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 5-6, 2012

"Bicameralism and Presidential Bargaining Strategies," Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 22-24, 2010

Chair/Discussant, Panel on Campaign Contributions and Legislative Decision Making, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 22-24, 2010

Panelist, Conference on Bicameralism, Vanderbilt University, October 24-25, 2009

"Congressional Hearings, Measures of Policy Responsiveness, and the Senate National Security Committees, 1947-2000," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 28, 2008

Discussant, Conference on Polarized Politics, Nelson Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, June 2008

"The Future of Retail Politics in American Presidential Nominations," Paper presented at the Conference on Reforming the Presidential Nomination Process," University of Iowa, Iowa City, January 3. (Similar paper presented at a Roundtable on Presidential Nominations at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 4, 2008)

Chair, Panel on Historical Developments in Legislatures," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 4, 2008.

"At the Water's Edge: Senate Oversight of National Security Policy, 1947-2005," presented at seminars at University of Chicago (February 2007) and Emory University (March 2007).

"Guarding the Guardians: The National Security Committees, 1947-2004," Paper presented at the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1, 2006, co-authored. Also presented at the University of Minnesota.

"Parties, Executives and Committee Prestige: The Eclipse of the Senate in National Security, 1947-2004." Presented at the Conference on Parties and the Senate, Duke University, April 8-9, 2006, co-authored.

**Recent Presentations and Conferences (continued):**

“Declining Fortunes: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 1947-2004.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC., September 2005

“The Semi-Sovereign Senate and the Decline of Institutional Competence in U.S. Foreign Affairs, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 10, 2005

“Mixed Signals: Rules’ Response to Committee Requests, 96<sup>th</sup>-103<sup>rd</sup> Congress,” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 15, 2004.

Chair, Panel on Candidate Emergence and Ambition, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 15, 2004

“Reelection Constituencies and Party Unity in the U. S. Senate,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Congressional Redistricting and Strategic Behavior,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003

“Strategic Committees and Restrictive Rules in the Post-Reform House, 1979-94,” American Political Science Association, September 2002

Co-author, “Differences Between Partisans and Independent Voters in an Open Primary.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2002.

Participant, Roundtable on the 2002 Congressional Elections, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2002.

Co-author, Issue Advocacy Groups in the 2000 NH Primary. Conference on the Interest Group Connection, University of Maryland, October 2001. Also presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2, 2000.

Participant, Roundtable on Issue Advocacy Groups in Campaigns, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 27-28, 2000.

Presidential Lecture, Dartmouth College, February 2000

Chair, Panel on Parties and Elections, American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, September 3-6, 1999.

Conference Convener, Globalization and Higher Education, Salzburg Seminar, Austria, August 30-September 2, 1999.

Conference Convener on Presidential Nominating Politics, Dartmouth College, July 15-16, 1999; Also presented paper, “First in the Nation: Voter Learning in the New Hampshire Primary.”

**Selected Essays, Op-eds and Blogs:**

“More than ever, Congress was forming super-majorities...”LSE US Center Politics and Policy  
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2017/06/21/more-than-ever-congress-was-forming-super-majorities-to-circumvent-the-possibility-of-a-presidential-veto-when-political-interests-were-at-stake/>

“Are the media killing the New Hampshire primary?” The Conversation. February 3, 2016.  
<http://theconversation.com/are-the-media-killing-the-new-hampshire-primary-53692>

“Obama and the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress,” Huffington Post, January 20, 2009

“The Best Congress Money Can Buy,” *Journal of Election Law* , 6,4 (October 2007)

“Did Voters Want a National Primary?” *Newsday*, May 13, 2007

**Selected Professional Activities:**

Chair, APSA Goodnow Award Committee, 2018

Secretary, American Political Science Association Council, 2014-15

Member, APSA Charles Merriam Award Committee, 2013

Member, APSA Fenno Prize Committee for Best Book on Legislatures, 2009-2010

Member, APSA Eulau Prize Committee for Best Paper in *Perspectives*, 2008-09

Member, Executive Committee, Legislative Studies Section, 2007-08

Program Chair, Legislative Studies Division, 2007 APSA annual meeting

Chair, CQ Prize Committee, 2007

Member, Nominating Committee, Legislative Studies Section, 2004-05

Member, Legislative Studies Section Dissertation Prize Committee, 2003

Member, Parties and Political Organizations Section, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, 2003

Member, Executive Council, Parties and Political Organizations, APSA 2001-2003

Chair, Leon Epstein Award, APSA Section on Parties and Political Organizations, 2002

Chair, Carey McWilliams Award for Outstanding Political Journalism, APSA, 2002.

Chair, Endowments Committee, American Political Science Association, 1997-1999

Evaluator and Rapporteur, Conference for New Members of the House of Representatives,  
Sponsored by the Congressional Research Service, Williamsburg, January 22-24, 1997

Expert Witness, Subcommittee on Constitutionalism and Civil Rights, U.S. House of  
Representatives, June 1994

Editorial Board, *Congress and the Presidency*, 1995-2007

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, 1995-1997

Editorial Board, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 1986-1988

Member, Visiting Committee, Department of Government, Harvard University, 1996-present

Member, James Madison Award Committee, APSA, 1996

Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee, APSA, 1994

Member, Congressional Fellows Selection Committee, APSA, 1993-1994

Member, APSA Committee to Revise Annual Program Rules, 1993

Member, APSA Delegation to the Japanese Political Science Association, October 1991

Member, Education Committee, APSA, 1983-1984

Member, Selection Committee, Schattschneider Dissertation Award, APSA, 1982

Chair, Endowments Committee, APSA, 1997-

Chair, Section on Legislatures, 1995 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Chair, Legislative Studies Section, APSA, 1989-91

Executive Board, Legislative Studies Section, APSA, 1984-1985

Advisory Group on Establishing a Center for the Study of Elective Politicians, Kennedy School  
of Government, Harvard University, 1987-1989  
Member, IREX delegation to the former Soviet Union for a week-long conference on political  
participation, September 1987  
Consultant, Applied Forestry Management Institute, School of Environmental Science and  
Forestry, SUNY, 1978-1979