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### POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Illinois – Chicago, 2011- present  
Assistant Professor, University of Houston, 2004- 2011  
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Houston, 2002-2004

### EDUCATION

2004 Ph.D. Columbia University – Political Science  
1998 M.P.A. Columbia University – Public Affairs and Administration  
1990 B.A. University of Chicago – History

### DISSERTATION

“Episodic Voting: The Logic of Participation in the Context of Multiple Elections.” My dissertation committee consisted of Robert Shapiro, Robert Erikson, Gregory Wawro, Andrew Gelman (Statistics), and Brendan O’Flaherty (Economics).

### PUBLICATIONS

Aleman, Eduardo, Ernesto Calvo, Mark Jones and Noah Kaplan. 2009. “Comparing Cosponsorship and Roll-Call Ideal Points,” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 34(1): 87-116.

Edlin, Aaron, Andrew Gelman and Noah Kaplan. 2008. “Vote for Charity’s Sake,” *The Economists’ Voice*, 5(6).

Edlin, Aaron, Andrew Gelman and Noah Kaplan. 2007. “Voting as a Rational Choice: Why and How People Vote to Improve the Well-Being of Others,” *Rationality and Society*, 19(3): 293-314.

Kaplan, Noah, David Park and Travis Ridout. 2006. “Dialogue in American Political Campaigns? An Examination of Issue Convergence in Candidate Television Advertising,” *American Journal of Political Science*, 50(3): 724-736.

Weiherr, Gregory, Joseph Howard, Christina Hughes, and Noah Kaplan. 2006. "Hispanic College Attendance and the State of Texas GEAR UP Program", *Review of Policy Research*, 23(5): 1035-1051.

Park, David, Andrew Gelman and Noah Kaplan. 2006. “R2WinBUGS.” *The Political Methodologist* 14(2): 5-11.

Bafumi, Joseph, Andrew Gelman, David Park and Noah Kaplan. 2005. “Practical Issues in Implementing and Understanding Bayesian Ideal Point Estimation,” *Political Analysis*, 13(2): 171-187.

#### **WORKS UNDER REVIEW & CURRENT PROJECTS (SELECTIONS)**

“Do Senate Candidates Respond to Their Opponents’ Television Ads? The Campaign Dynamics of Issue Dialogue” with Travis Ridout (**Revise & Resubmit, *Political Communication***).

“Understanding Persuasion and Activation in Presidential Campaigns: The Random Walk and Mean-Reversion Models” with David Park and Andrew Gelman (under review).

“Representatives and Partisan Subconstituencies: Whose Preferences Matter? And How Do They Matter?” with David Park (under review).

“Electoral Competition, National Tides and LPAC Donation Strategies: A Network Analysis of Leadership PAC Donations for the 108<sup>th</sup> – 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses” with Ernesto Calvo and George Hawley.

“Mobilization and Get-Out-The-Vote Drives: A Comparison of their Targets and Effects in the 2008 Presidential Election.”

“Ideology, Electoral Competition and Representation in the 106<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> Houses.”

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“Do Leadership PAC Donations Predict Cosponsorship in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 105<sup>th</sup> through 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses?” with Ernesto Calvo and George Hawley. To be presented at the 2011 American Political Science Association conference.

“Electoral Competition, National Tides and LPAC Donation Strategies: A Network Analysis of Leadership PAC Donations for the 108<sup>th</sup> – 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses” with Ernesto Calvo and George Hawley. Presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

“Persuasion or Activation? Heterogeneous Campaign Effects in the 2000 and 2004 Presidential Elections” with David K. Park and Andrew Gelman. Presented at the 2010 American Political Science Association conference.

Ideology and Partisanship at the Congressional District Level: A Comparison of Estimation Techniques” with David Park. Presented at the 2010 American Political Science Association conference.

**CONFERENCE PAPERS (Continued)**

- “Representatives and Partisan Subconstituencies: Whose Preferences Matter? And How Do They Matter?” with David Park. Presented at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association conference.
- “Persuasion or Activation? Heterogeneous Campaign Effects in the 2000 and 2004 Presidential Elections” with David K. Park and Andrew Gelman. Presented at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association conference.
- “The Campaign Dynamics of Issue Dialogue,” with Travis Ridout. Presented at the 2007 American Political Science Association conference and the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association conference.
- “The Illusion of Representation Using Survey Data” with David Park. Presented at the 2007 American Political Science Association conference.
- “Priming Partisans in Competitive Campaigns: The Effects of Candidate Advertising on Issue Salience in the 1998 U.S. Senate Elections.” Presented at the 2006 Southern American Political Science Association conference.
- “Constituency and Representation in Congress,” with David Park. Presented at the 2005 American Political Science Association conference.
- “What the Senator Proposed: a Statistical Exercise to Identify the Location of the Proposal and the *Status Quo* in Roll Call Votes,” with Ernesto Calvo. Presented at the 2005 American Political Science Association conference.
- “Do Electoral Campaigns Facilitate Ideological Constraint in the Public?” with Joseph Bafumi. Presented at the 2004 American Political Science Association conference.
- “Party Finance Laws and Confidence in Politics,” with Susan Scarrow. Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association conference.
- “Dialogue in U.S. Senate Campaigns? An Examination of Issue Discussion in Candidate Television Advertising,” with David Park and Travis Ridout. Presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association conference.
- “Presidential Coattails: The Effects of Presidential Campaign Advertising on Presidential and Congressional Elections,” with David Park. Presented at the 2002 American Political Science Association conference.
- “Scaling the Supreme Court: A Comparison of Alternative Measures of the Justices Ideological Preferences, 1953-2001,” with Joseph Bafumi, Nolan McCarty, Keith Poole, Andrew Gelman, and Charles Cameron. Presented at the 2002 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS (Continued)**

“What Europeans Know About Integration, And How It Matters.” Presented at the 2001 American Political Science Association conference.

“Episodic Voting: The Logic of Electoral Participation Re-examined within the Context of Multiple Elections.” Presented at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

“The Upper Chamber as a Majority Constraining Mechanism in Federal Systems: Malapportionment and the Filibuster in the U.S. Senate Since the New Deal.” Presented at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

“Internet Voting and Youth Participation in the 2000 Arizona Democratic Primary: A Preliminary Report Prepared for The Pew Charitable Trusts,” with David Epstein and Sharyn O’Halloran. Presented to The Pew Charitable Trusts (2001).

“Why do Members of Congress Change their Votes?” with Greg Wawro. Presented at the 1999 Midwest Political Science Association conference.

### **INVITED TALKS**

December, 2009 The Department of Political Science, Georgia State University. “Do Senate Candidates Respond to Their Opponents’ Television Ads? The Campaign Dynamics of Issue Dialogue.”

November, 2006 The Department of Government, University of Maryland. “Episodic Voting: The Logic of Participation in the Context of Multiple Elections.”

October, 2003 The Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University. “Dialogue in U.S. Senate Campaigns? An Examination of Issue Discussion in Candidate Television Advertising.”

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

University of Houston’s Small Grant Program for Faculty Award, 2008.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Institute, Washington University, 2003.

ISERP Graduate Fellowship, Columbia University, 9/00 – 5/02.

President’s Fellowship, Columbia University, 8/97 – 5/02 (tuition & stipend).

Graduate School Fellowship, Columbia University, 8/96 – 5/97 (tuition & stipend).

Political Methodology Summer Conference Invitee, 2001.

Travel Scholarship, Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, UCSB, 2000.

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

American Politics: Public Opinion, Mass Media, Campaign Dynamics, Voting and Elections, and Congressional Representation.

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS (Continued)**

Quantitative Methodology.  
British Politics.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2011 – present                      University of Illinois – Chicago      Visiting Assistant Professor  
Undergraduate Course: Political Behavior and Elections.  
Graduate Course: Data Analysis I.

Fall 2002 – Spring 2011              University of Houston                      Assistant Professor  
Undergraduate Courses: Elections and the Political Process; Presidential Elections;  
Government and Politics in Great Britain.  
Graduate Courses: Seminar in Electoral Behavior; Seminar in Mass Media and American  
Politics; Survey of American Political Behavior; Quantitative Methods I; Quantitative  
Methods II; Mathematical Methods for Political Scientists.

Fall 2000 – Spring 2002              New York University                      Adjunct Lecturer  
Undergraduate Courses: The Electoral Process: Voting and Elections in the U.S; Congress  
and Legislative Assemblies.

July 1999 – June 2000                Columbia University                      Full-time Lecturer  
Masters in International Affairs Courses: Statistics and Quantitative Analysis; Applied  
Quantitative Analysis for Policy Making.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member, Departmental Undergraduate Committee, 2010 – 2012.  
Member, Departmental Graduate Committee, 2009 – 2010.  
Member, Departmental Search Committees, 2005 – 2008.  
Member, Departmental Graduate Committee, 2004 – 2005.  
Member, Departmental Technology Committee, 2003 – 2005, 2006-2007.  
Coordinator, U.H. Department of Political Science Talk Series, 2003-2004.

Occasional reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association of Public Opinion Research  
American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association