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Education

- Ph.D. candidate in Political Science, New York University. Expected May 2012.
Dissertation: Persuasion, Ideology, and Speech: Using automated text analysis to model opinion formation and change
Committee: Jonathan Nagler (co-chair), Michael J. Laver (co-chair), Nathaniel Beck.
Fields of study: American Politics, Political Methodology.
- M.A. Political Science, New York University, May 2007.
- M.A. Literature in English, Johns Hopkins University, May 2001.
- B.A. Honors in Philosophy, Honors in English, Yale University, June 1996.

Publications

- “A Bottom-up Approach to Linguistic Persuasion in Advertising,” Research Note in *The Political Methodologist*, Fall 2011
- “Findings of an independent panel on allegations of statistical evidence for fraud during the 2004 Venezuelan Presidential recall referendum,” in *Observing the Venezuela Presidential Recall Referendum: Comprehensive Report*, The Carter Center, 2004. (co-authored with Henry Brady, Richard Fowles, Aviel Rubin, and Jonathan Taylor)

Works in Progress

- “Using Text to Scale Legislatures with Uninformative Voting.” Under review.
- “A Bottom-up Approach to Linguistic Persuasion in Advertising.” Under review.
- “A Network Model of Political Argument and Opinion Change.” Working paper.
- “Predicting and Explaining Supreme Court Decisions Using the Texts of Briefs and Oral Arguments.” Working paper.
- “How do we combine issues? Estimating Spatial Metrics and Utility Functions Using Maximum Likelihood.” Working paper.

Conference Presentations

“A Correlated Topic Model of Online Political Argument and Opinion Changem,” MPSA Annual National Conference, March 2012

“A Bottom-up Approach to Linguistic Persuasion in Advertising,” APSA Annual Meeting, August 2011

"A Generative Model of Political Argumentation with Correlated Topics and Strategic Speech," poster, Society for Political Methodology Summer Conference, July 2011*

“A Bottom-up Approach to Linguistic Persuasion in Advertising,” St Louis Area Methods Meeting, April 2011*

“Persuading Voters With Lots of Words: Predicting the Effects of TV Ads Using One-at-a-time Regression and Automated Text Analysis,” MPSA Annual National Conference, March 2011

“How to Scale Legislatures with Text: A comparison of methods, with applications to the US Congress and UK House of Commons,” Text as Data 2nd Annual Conference, March 2011*

“Persuading voters with lots of words: A new technique for predicting the effects of TV ads using automated text analysis,” poster, Society for Political Methodology Summer Conference, July 2010

“Tools for Text” conference/workshop participant; “How to Scale Legislatures with Text” on recommended reading list, June 2010*

*Attendance funded by conference.

Awards and Fellowships

Henry McCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2006-2012

Bradley Fellowship, New York University, Summers 2009, 2010, 2011

Research Fellowship, New York University, Summers 2007, 2008

Johns Hopkins Technology Fellowship, 2003

Honors in Philosophy, Honors in English, Yale University, 1996

Elmore A. Willets Prize for Fiction, Yale University, 1996

Lloyd Mifflin Prize for Outstanding Work in English, Yale University, 1996

Albert H. Smyth Scholarship, Yale University, 1992

Research and Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Power and Politics in America, Spring 2011

Research Assistant to Jonathan Nagler, Spring 2009: Multilevel models of Turnout

Teaching Assistant, Math for Political Scientists (Ph.D. graduate course), Fall 2008

Teaching Assistant, Game Theory I (Ph.D. graduate course), Spring 2008

Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods I (Ph.D. graduate course), Fall 2007

Research Assistant to Michael J. Laver, Summers 2007, 2008: Agent-based models of multi-party competition

Instructor, Agnes Scott College, "Politics and Fiction," Fall 2003

Graduate Instructor, Johns Hopkins University, "Science and Fiction," Fall 2001, Spring 2002

Graduate Instructor, Johns Hopkins University, "Postmodern Fiction," Fall 1999, Spring 2000

Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University, 19th Century Literature, Spring 1999

Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University, American Literature, Fall 1998

Work Experience

Reviewer for *Political Analysis* and *Political Behavior*

Consultant for election observation and electoral fraud analysis, The Carter Center: Atlanta, GA; Caracas, Venezuela; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2004-2005

Democracy Program Intern, The Carter Center, Atlanta, GA, 2003-2004

Web Design, Nature Magazine, New York, NY 1997

Co-Director, Demos After-School Science Program, Yale University, New Haven CT, 1995-1996

Assistant Editor, Weird Tales Magazine, 1992

Professional Organizations

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, New York Academy of Sciences

Research and Teaching Interests

American Politics: Political Behavior, Campaigns, Congress, Committees, Political Psychology, Online and Social Networks, Politics in Literature

Political Methodology: Quantitative Text Analysis, Machine Learning, Bayesian Methods, Networks, Agent-based Models, Genetic Algorithms

References

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