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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**University of Texas at Austin**, Austin, TX  
Government Department  
Assistant Professor, 2017-present

## EDUCATION

**The Ohio State University**, Columbus, OH  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2017  
• Dissertation: Policy Collaboration in the United States Congress  
• Committee: Janet Box-Steffensmeier (chair), Skyler Cranmer,  
Michael Neblo, and Herb Weisberg  
M.A., Political Science, 2014  
• Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology  
**University of Oregon**, Eugene, OR  
B.S., Political Science, 2001

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics  
Political Institutions, Legislative Politics, Policy Process, Interest Groups  
Political Methodology  
Network Analysis, Text as Data, Time Series, Event History

## PUBLICATIONS

“Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson), *American Journal of Political Science* 2019, 63(1): 163-180

## BOOK PROJECTS

*The Collaborative Congress: How Legislators Work Together to Create Policy in a Polarized Environment*

## UNDER REVIEW

“It Takes a Coalition: The Community Impacts of Collaboration” *Revise and Resubmit*  
“The Role of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Congressional Cosponsorship Network” (with Skyler J. Cranmer, Bruce A. Desmarais, Christopher J. Clark, and Vincent G. Moscardelli)  
“Governing Through Gridlock: Bill Composition under Divided Government”

WORKING PAPERS “Transferring Topics: A Framework for Lowering the Costs of Supervised Learning in Text Analysis” (with Kelsey Shoub)  
“Running from Washington: Policy Collaboration as Symbolic Representation”  
“Policy Collaboration and Legislative Effectiveness in the House of Representatives”  
“The Secret to Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Ross Butters)

GRANTS The Hewlett Foundation/American University Program on Legislative Negotiation, \$10,000 for “The Collaborative Congress,” 2020.  
National Science Foundation Political Science Program, \$306,515 for “Legislative Audiences and Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson), 2016-2018.  
Center for the Study of Democracy Research Award, \$11,827 for “Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson), 2013.  
The Dirksen Center Congressional Research Award, \$3,500 for “Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson), 2013.

AWARDS

**Fellowships:**

University of Texas College Research Fellowship, 2018.  
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2014-2017.  
The Ohio State University Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, 2013-2017.  
Society for Political Methodology Janet Box-Steffensmeier Scholarship, 2013.  
The Ohio State University Fellowship, 2012-2013.  
University of Oregon Presidential Scholarship, 1997-1999.

**Recognitions:**

Department of Government Graduate Student Outstanding Faculty Award, University of Texas, 2019.  
Carl Albert Dissertation Prize, APSA Legislative Studies Section, 2018.  
Henry R. Spencer Best Dissertation Award, The Ohio State University, 2017.  
Graduate Associateship, The Ohio State University, 2013-2017.  
Francis R. Aumann Best Conference Paper Award, The Ohio State University, 2015.  
Dissertation Research Award, The Ohio State University, 2015.  
Dreher Research Award, The Ohio State University, 2013.  
National Merit Scholar, 1997-2001.

**Travel Grants:**

Visions in Methodology Conference Grant, 2016.  
Political Networks Conference Grant, National Science Foundation, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.  
Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2016.  
Political Methodology Conference Grant, National Science Foundation, 2014.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**University of Texas - Austin**

*Policy Formation and Implementation* 2017,2020  
*United States Congress* 2019  
*Statistical Analysis in Political Science II (Graduate)* 2018-2020  
*Political Institutions and Processes (Graduate)* 2019  
*Network Analysis (Graduate)* 2019

**ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods**

*Regression II* 2014, 2015  
• Teaching Assistant to Professor Brian Pollins

**Ohio State University**

*Introduction to Python for Text Analysis Workshop* 2015  
• Political Research in Statistics and Methodology (PRISM)  
*Voters and Elections* 2014  
• Teaching Assistant to Professor Zac Peskowitz

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Field Representative** 2009-2012

Office of Congressman Kurt Schrader, Oregon City, OR  
• Worked with local government and opinion leaders to provide policy recommendations and develop implementation strategies

**Field Representative** 2007-2008

Office of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, West Linn, OR  
• Promoted the Congresswoman’s health care and veterans affairs work and oversaw the archiving of her congressional papers

**Legislative Assistant** 2001-2006

Office of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, Washington, DC  
• Implemented the Congresswoman’s legislative agenda for health care, education, immigration, judiciary, labor, budget, and veterans affairs

PRESENTATIONS

*Texas A&M University Conference on the Political Economic Implications of Legislative Institutions (by invitation)*  
2019: “It Takes a Coalition: The Community Impacts of Collaboration”  
*University of Michigan Conference on Special Interests in American Politics*

*(by invitation)*

2015: “Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson)

*Congress and History Conference*

2019: “The Fate of Collaborative Legislation in Congress”

*Comparative Agendas Project Conference*

2019: “Collaborative Policymaking in the United States Congress”

*Visions in Methodology Conference*

2018: “Measuring Policy Collaboration as Symbolic Representation”

2016: “Crafting a Broad Appeal: Audiences and Collaborators in the U.S. House of Representatives”

*Political Networks Conference*

2018: “Running from Washington: Policy Collaboration as Symbolic Representation”

2016: “The Room Where it Happens: Collaborative Strategies in the U.S. House of Representatives”

2015: “Strategy, Relationships and Shared Constituencies: Policy Collaboration in the U.S. House of Representatives”

2015: “The Role of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Congressional Cosponsorship Network” (with Skyler Cranmer, Bruce Desmarais, Christopher Clark, and Vincent Moscardelli)

2014: “Lone Wolves and Team Players: Policy Collaboration Networks and Legislative Effectiveness in the House of Representatives”

*Legislative Studies Virtual Workshop*

2015: “Lone Wolves and Team Players: Policy Collaboration Networks and Legislative Effectiveness in the House of Representatives”

*Political Methodology Summer Meeting*

2014: “Policy Collaboration Networks in the House of Representatives” (poster)

*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

*Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

2016, 2017, 2019

OTHER TRAINING	American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Annual Conference, Core Curriculum Track	2016
	University Center for the Advancement of Teaching	2015
	• Facilitating Classroom Discussion	
	• Designing Assignments, Quizzes, and Tests	
	• Responding to Student Writing	
	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods	2013, 2014

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences</li> <li>• Introduction to Game Theory</li> <li>• Advanced Topics in Network Analysis</li> </ul>	
	Political Networks Conference NSF-Sponsored Workshops	2013, 2014
SKILLS	Python, R, Stata, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, UCINET	
REFEREE SERVICE	<i>American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, University of Michigan Press, New Media and Society, American Politics Research</i>	
ADVISING	Member, Doctoral Dissertation Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Hand (LBJ School, in progress)</li> <li>• Zachary McGee (in progress)</li> <li>• Megan Moeller (in progress)</li> </ul> Member, Honors Thesis Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Griffin McCombs (in progress)</li> <li>• Scarlett Neely</li> </ul>	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> Editorial Board	2019-2022
	Society for Political Methodology Diversity Committee	2019-2021
	2020 MPSA Program Committee	2019-2020
	<i>Political Networks Section Chair</i>	
	Texas Methods Meeting Planning Committee	2019-2020
	APSA Dissertation Workshop Facilitator	2019
	Chair, Carl Albert Dissertation Award Committee	2018-2019
	Political Networks Section, Best Conference Paper Committee	2018
	LBJ Foundation, DB Hardeman Prize Selection Committee	2017-present
	Visions in Methodology, Listserv Moderator	2017-present
	Political Networks Conference, Co-Organizer	2016-2017
	<i>2017 Host Institution: Ohio State University</i>	
	Graduate Studies Committee, Representative	2013-2015
	Workshop in American Politics, Coordinator	2014-2015
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	American Political Science Association <i>Legislative Studies and Public Policy</i> <i>Political Methodology and Political Networks</i> Midwest Political Science Association	