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## Academic Appointments

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Assistant Teaching Professor  
Department of Politics, Drexel University

*September 2017-  
Present*

Visiting Scholar  
Department of Government & Politics, University of Maryland, College Park

*September 2016-  
August 2017*

## Education

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Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Davis

*June 2017*

*Major Fields:* American Politics & Political Methodology

*Dissertation:* “Taking Shortcuts? Assessing Whether and How  
Citizens Use Heuristics to Evaluate and Elect  
U.S. Senators and U.S. Senate Candidates”

*Committee:* Erik J. Engstrom (Chair),  
Frances E. Lee (University of Maryland, College Park),  
Cheryl Boudreau, and James F. Adams

M.A. Political Science, University of California, Davis

*March 2015*

B.A. Political Science, Vanderbilt University

*May 2008*

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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“Balancing Act? Testing a Theory of Split-Party U.S. Senate Delegations.” 2015. *Electoral Studies* 38(1): 19-27.

- Featured on London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog, August 2015, <http://bit.ly/1KnVvt3>

## Current Research

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### Revised and Resubmitted

- “Little to Gain: Why U.S. Senators Face Tradeoffs to Casting Moderate Roll Call Votes,” Invited to Revise & Resubmit at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. Revised Manuscript Under Review.

### Under Review

- “Political Cues and Voter Response to the TPP,” with Timothy W. Taylor

### Working Papers

- “Does Candidate Gender Affect Vote Choice? Evidence from U.S. Senate Elections, 1990-2012”
- “Female Employment and the Gender Voting Gap,” with Chitralekha Basu
- “Working Both Sides of the Aisle? Senate Delegations and the Distribution of Federal Funds,” with James M. Curry

### Research in Progress

- “Party vs. Pork: Have Nationalized Congressional Elections Made Voters Less Likely to Reward Members for Distributive Spending?” with Adam Cayton
- “Reproductive Rights Issues and the Changing Gender Voting Gap in the United States,” with Chitralekha Basu
- “The Role of Candidate Gender in State Legislative Elections,” with Lynda W. Powell, Jacque Gao, and Maria Silfa
- “Together or Alone? Are Split-Party U.S. Senate Delegations Less Likely to Engage in Joint Credit-Claiming? Evidence from Constituent Newsletters and Senators’ Press Releases”

## Awards & Fellowships

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Merk Family Distinguished Prospectus Award, UC-Davis Department of Political Science (\$4,000)	<i>Summer 2015</i>
Faculty-Student Research Fellowship with Erik J. Engstrom and Robert Huckfeldt, UC-Davis Department of Political Science (\$4,000)	<i>Summer 2012</i>
Political Science Department Fellowship, UC-Davis (\$4,000)	<i>Fall 2011</i>

## Conference Participation

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- **Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association**
  - Presented: 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017
  - Panel Chair: 2016 and 2017
  - Panel Discussant: 2016 and 2017
  - Organizer of Accepted Full Panel Proposal: 2016 and 2017
  - Non-Participating Organizer of Accepted Author Meets Critics Roundtable: 2017 (Frances E. Lee’s *Insecure Majorities: Congress and the Perpetual Campaign*)

- **Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association**
  - Presented: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017
  - Panel Chair: 2015, 2016, and 2017
  - Panel Discussant: 2016 and 2017
- **Annual Meetings of the Southern Political Science Association**
  - Presented: 2014
  - Panel Chair: 2018 (scheduled)
  - Panel Discussant: 2018 (scheduled)
- **Annual Meetings of the Western Political Science Association**
  - Presented: 2016

## Research Experience

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**Research Assistant, Erik J. Engstrom, Summer 2013 & Summer 2014**

## Teaching Experience

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**Assistant Teaching Professor, Drexel University, 2017-Present**

- American Government I (Fall 2017; Scheduled for Winter 2018 and Spring 2018)
- American Government II (Scheduled for Spring 2018)
- United States Congress (Fall 2017)
- The U.S. Presidency (Scheduled for Winter 2018)

**Instructor, University of California-Davis, 2016**

- American National Government (Summer 2016)

**Teaching Assistant, University of California-Davis, 2012-16**

- Legislative Process (Spring 2016)
- Comparative Political Institutions: Electoral Systems (Winter 2016)
- California State Government and Politics (Fall 2015, Fall 2014, and Spring 2012)
- American National Government (Spring 2015)
- The American Presidency (Winter 2015, Fall 2012, and Winter 2012)
- Public Affairs Internship, UC Center Sacramento (Fall 2013)
- Elections and Voting Behavior (Spring 2013)
- American Political Parties (Winter 2013)

## Professional Service & Memberships

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Reviewer: *American Politics Research*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*,  
*Political Science Research & Methods*, *SAGE Open*  
Graduate Student Peer Mentor, Department of Political Science, UC-Davis 2012-17  
Member, American Political Science Association 2011-Present  
Member, American Political Science Association LGBT Caucus 2011-Present  
Member, Midwest Political Science Association 2013-Present  
Member, Southern Political Science Association 2014-Present  
Member, Western Political Science Association 2015-Present

## Computing Skills

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## References

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