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## Research interests

Party systems, electoral systems, American political development, representation.

## Academic positions

- Assistant Teaching Professor, Politics, Drexel University, Fall 2018-present.
- Adjunct Professor, Political Science, James Madison University, Fall 2018.
- Instructor, Government, Georgetown University, Summers 2012-7 and Winter 2016.

## Education

- Ph.D., Government, Georgetown University, 2010-7. Committee: Josep M. Colomer, Daniel J. Hopkins, Hans C. Noel (chair), R. Kent Weaver.
- M.A. (distinction), Democracy & Governance, Georgetown University, 2007-9.
- B.A. (honors), Political Science, McGill University, 2001-5.

## Book

- Santucci, Jack. Forthcoming in July 2022. *More Parties or No Parties: The Politics of Electoral Reform in America*. New York: Oxford University Press.

## Peer-reviewed articles

- Santucci, Jack and Joshua J. Dyck. Forthcoming. “The Structure of American Political Discontent” (research note). *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

- Santucci, Jack. 2021. “Variants of Ranked-choice Voting from a Strategic Perspective.” *Politics and Governance* 9 (2): 344-353. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v9i2.3955>.
- McCarthy, Devin and Jack Santucci. 2021. “Ranked-choice Voting as a Generational Issue in Modern American Politics.” *Politics & Policy* 49 (1): 33-60. <https://doi.org/10.1111/polp.12390>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2020. “Did the Party System Change from 2012-16?” (research note). *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, early version. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2020.1794884>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2019. “Using Mixed Methods to Recover Electoral History: The American Path to Proportional Voting.” *SAGE Research Methods Cases, Part 2*. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781526462695>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2018. “Maine Ranked-choice Voting as a Case of Electoral-system Change.” *Representation* 54 (3): 297-311. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00344893.2018.1502208>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2018. “Evidence of a Winning-cohesion Tradeoff under Multi-winner Ranked-choice Voting.” *Electoral Studies* 52: 128-138. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2017.11.003>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2017. “Party Splits, not Progressives: The Origins of Proportional Representation in American Local Government.” *American Politics Research* 45 (3): 494-526. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X16674774>.

## Selected working papers

- “Do Ranked Ballots Stimulate Candidate Entry?” With Jamil S. Scott. <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3956554>.
- “Multi-seat Districts and Larger Assemblies Produce More Diverse Racial Representation.” With Michael Latner and Matthew S. Shugart. <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3911532>.

## Book reviews

- Santucci, Jack. 2021. “Electoral Capitalism: The Party System in New York’s Gilded Age. By Jeffrey D. Broxmeyer. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020. 240p. \$55.00 cloth.” *Perspectives on Politics* 19 (3): 1013-4. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592721001298>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2021. “The politics industry: How political innovation can break partisan gridlock and save our democracy. Gehl, Katherine M. and Porter, Michael E.

Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA, 2020. 316 pp. \$30.00 (cloth).” *Governance* 34: 596-9. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12587>.

- Santucci, Jack. 2020. “Multiparty America?” *The Journal of Politics* 82 (4): e35-e39. <https://doi.org/10.1086/708937>.

## Significant grants

- “East-coast and National Experimental Tests of Candidate Entry under Single-seat Ranked-choice Voting, with Measurement of Attitudes toward Descriptive Representation” (\$23,000, with Jamil Scott), New America, 2020.
- “STV Municipal Analysis” (\$25,000, with Michael Latner and Matthew Shugart), New America, 2020.
- “Analyzing Legislative Voting in Small Councils” (\$4,400), Massive Data Institute, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, 2015.

## Courses taught

### *American politics*

- Introduction to American politics (100-level, Georgetown and Drexel)
- American political development (300-level, Drexel)
- Congress (300-level, Drexel)
- Parties & elections (300-level, James Madison and Drexel)
- State & local government (300-level, Drexel)
- Urban politics (300-level, Georgetown and Drexel)

### *Comparative politics*

- Introduction to comparative politics (100-level, Georgetown)
- Comparative democratic institutions (200-level, Drexel)
- Social movements (200-level, Drexel)

### *Research methodology*

- Introduction to political science (100-level, Drexel)
- Introduction to research design (100-level, Drexel)
- Qualitative methods (200-level, Drexel)
- Quantitative methods in R (200-level, Drexel)

## Undergraduate mentoring

- Steven White, Drexel University, Fall 2021. Research co-op, ranked-choice voting.
- Medina Talebi, Drexel University, Spring 2021. Research co-op, minority representation, joint supervision with Michael Latner.
- Devon Rutledge, Drexel University, Summer 2020. Research co-op, survey design.
- Andrew Rosenthal, Drexel University, Summer 2020. Research co-op, urban political development.
- Lev Boonin, Drexel University, Fall 2019. Independent study, Congressional apportionment.

## Service to the university

- Member, Search Committee in American Politics (NTT), Drexel University, 2021.
- Member, Truman Scholarship Selection Committee, Drexel University, 2020.
- Member, Committee on DEI, Political Science Department, Drexel University, 2020-1.
- Moderator, Panel discussion on the Electoral College, Pennoni Honors College, Drexel University, October 29, 2020.
- Coordinator, Pennsylvania Statewide Redistricting Town Hall, Drexel University, February 21, 2019.

## Service to the discipline

- Division Co-chair (with Heather Stoll), Section on Representation & Electoral Systems, APSA Annual Meeting, 2021.
- Co-organizer (with Mara Suttman-Lea), Election Sciences Conference Within a Conference, SPSA Annual Meeting, 2021.
- Panel chair and/or discussant: APSA (2017, 2020); MPSA (2018, 2019); SPSA (2020, 2021), Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Conference (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017).
- Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*; *Cogent Social Sciences*; CQ Press; *Election Law Journal*; *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Journal of Politics*; *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*; *Party Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Analysis*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics & Policy*; *Politics and Governance*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Representation*; *Research & Politics*; *Social Science Quarterly*. More information: <https://publons.com/researcher/1598174/jack-santucci/peer-review/>.

## Awards

- Hall of Honor Inductee for Education, Amity Regional School District No. 5, Connecticut, 2019.
- Best Paper, “Maine Ranked-choice Voting as a Case of Electoral-system Change,” *Representation*, 2018.
- Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship, Department of Government, Georgetown University, 2015-6.

## Conference presentations

- “Ranked-choice Voting Might Not ‘Work’” – APSA 2021 short course on “Pluralism and the Politics of Reform: Achieving Multi-racial, Multi-party Democracy.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2B8F1WLGSQ>.
- “Study Preregistration: East-coast and National Experimental Tests of Candidate Entry under Single-seat Ranked-choice Voting” (with Jamil Scott) – APSA 2020.
- “The Generational Divide on Ranked-choice Voting” (with Devin McCarthy) – SPSA 2020.
- “The Single Transferable Vote and Government Spending: Causal Evidence from U.S. Cities” – MPSA 2019, APSA 2019.
- “A Populist-elite Dimension in the U.S. Public? Evidence from Two Surveys in 2016” – MPSA 2018, APSA 2018.
- “The Salience of Race Across All Fifty States” – State Politics & Policy 2018.
- “In America, Why Does Proportional Voting Have to Attack Political Parties?” – MPSA 2018, APSA 2018 (poster).
- “Analyzing a Three-dimensional Policy Space with Little Prior Knowledge: The Council of the City of New York, 1938-47” – APSA 2017 (poster).
- “Estimating Dynamic, Common-space Public Opinion: Why Maine Took Two Decades to Adopt Ranked-choice Voting” – State Politics & Policy 2017, APSA 2017.
- “Exit from PR & Implications for Ranked-choice Voting in American Government” – MPSA 2016, APSA 2016, SPSA 2017.
- “The Other Side of Urban Reform: Insurgents & Issues under City STV, 1930-61” – MPSA 2016.
- “Ends Against the Middle: Revisiting the Repeal of PR in Cincinnati” – POLMETH 2015 (poster), APSA 2015 (poster), SPSA 2016.

- “Party Splits & The Choice of Proportional Representation: Evidence from American Cities” – SPSA 2014, MPSA 2015 (poster), APSA 2015.
- “The Coalition Politics of Ranked-choice Voting at Mid-century” – APSA 2015 short course on “Ranked Choice Voting in the USA: Developments and Debates.”
- “Ethnic Appeals & the Personal Vote” – SPSA 2013.

## Long-form articles for non-academic audiences

- Santucci, Jack. 2010. “What is the Future for Democracy Promotion?” *Democracy & Society* 7 (1): 5-7. <https://bit.ly/3qx28iZ>.
- Santucci, Jack and Magnus Öhman. 2009. “Practical Solutions for the Disclosure of Campaign & Political Party Finance.” In *Political Finance Regulation: The Global Experience*, edited by Magnus Öhman & Hani Zainulbhai, 25-42. Washington, DC: IFES. <http://bit.ly/2BGj55M>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2006. “The Missing Half: Ensuring Fair Representation in Post-merger Essex, Vermont.” *National Civic Review* 95 (3): 42-50. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ncr.148>.

## Short-form articles for non-academic audiences

- Kosar, Kevin R. and Jack Santucci. 2021. “What is the one-vote system? A Q&A with Jack Santucci.” *American Enterprise Institute*, October 25. <https://bit.ly/31unG96>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2021. “There’s a better way to run city elections – and it’s native to Philadelphia.” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, October 6. <https://bit.ly/3wo8XrD>.
- Cormack, Lindsey and Jack Santucci. 2021. “New Yorkers used ranked-choice voting last month. Did it eliminate spoilers, as promised?” *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, July 27. <https://wapo.st/2UNUiYG>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2021. “Ranked choice voting in New York City will not upset the two-party system, but it is raising questions about political parties.” LSE’s *American Politics & Policy*, July 22. <https://bit.ly/3hVGK5W>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2021. “The Fight Over Ranked-Choice Voting in New York City.” *3streams*, June 18. <https://bit.ly/3whmp01>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2021. “Nonpartisan elections don’t reduce polarization.” *3streams*, February 11. <https://bit.ly/3bHnrtg>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2020. “Principles of democratic reform on the ballot in 2020.” *3streams*, November 3. <https://bit.ly/3CN4KAN>.

- Santucci, Jack. 2020. “There are (at least) two ‘lefts’ and two ‘rights.’” *3streams*, August 20. <https://bit.ly/3mIaaXx>.
- Santucci, Jack and Benjamin Reilly. 2020. “Utah’s new kind of ranked-choice voting could hurt political minorities – and sometimes even the majority.” LSE’s *American Politics & Policy*, January 23. <http://bit.ly/3713tAR>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2019. “Ranked-choice voting and the future of small-d democracy in New York.” *New York Daily News*, November 14. <https://bit.ly/2XJ3BGj>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2019. “Factional voting in local elections: The case of Cambridge, MA.” *Urban Affairs Forum*, February 7. <https://bit.ly/2SDISU5>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2018. “Why adopting proportional voting may bring back the big-tent political party.” LSE’s *American Politics & Policy*, November 5. <http://bit.ly/2F7KEav>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2018. “Maine’s election shows that ranked-choice voting is hot right now. But we have been here before.” LSE’s *American Politics & Policy*, June 15. <http://bit.ly/21bEsBp>.
- Santucci, Jack and Larry Diamond. 2018. “How ranked-choice voting could empower independents and make American elections more inclusive.” *Scholars Strategy Network*, February 9. <http://bit.ly/2F1rC21>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2017. “Competent Poll Workers Bolstered Voters’ Confidence in 2016.” *Democracy Fund*, November 1. <http://bit.ly/2GQIvN7>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2017. “Maine’s citizens passed ‘ranked-choice voting.’ Why did Republicans shoot it down?” *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, May 31. <http://wapo.st/2BcksrJ>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2016. “Past experience shows that proportional representation is possible in the US, but there are tradeoffs.” LSE’s *American Politics & Policy*, December 20. <http://bit.ly/2hzDaBE>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2016. “Will ranked-choice voting succeed in Maine? That depends on the Democrats.” *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, October 13. <http://wapo.st/2ejA3vG>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2012. «Le scrutin proportionnel aux États-Unis est-il envisageable?» *Blogue génératrice/Radio-Canada*, May 17. <http://bit.ly/2EkNd7v>.
- Richie, Rob and Jack Santucci. 2008. “How D.C. votes.” *The Washington Times*, November 10. <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2008/nov/10/how-dc-votes/>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2006. “New districts in harmony with one person, one vote.” *The Amarillo Globe-News*, July 9. <https://bit.ly/3wbhVrF>.

## Invited talks

- “Proportional Representation in America?” *Rules of the Game* (podcast of Stephan Kyburz), December 6, 2021. <https://bit.ly/3Hs6XTH>.
- Interview series on ‘voting methods.’ Oregon League of Women Voters, October 16, 2021.
- “Block-preferential and ‘Final Five’ Voting.” Ranked Choice Voting for Colorado, August 19 and 26, 2021.
- “Getting Rid of the Parties vs. Having More Parties.” Independent Pennsylvanians, June 13, 2021. <https://bit.ly/37APV5R>.
- “Is Ranked Choice Voting Good for DC?” District of Columbia Democratic Party, January 7, 2021.
- “Breaking Polarization: The Promise and Perils of Election Reform” (with Lee Drutman), Drexel University Libraries, October 27, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KE17S0U69uc>.
- “Long-term Issues with Voting Rights in the United States.” University of Miami (POL 401, Prof. Joe Uscinski), October 12, 2020.
- “Communicating Research to the Public.” MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2020.
- “Can America Become a Multiparty System?” *Science of Politics* (with Lee Drutman, hosted by Matt Grossman), January 29, 2020. <https://www.niskanencenter.org/can-america-become-a-multiparty-system/>.
- Panel discussion on charter reform. City Club of Portland (OR), July 18, 2019.
- “How to Communicate Research to the Public.” MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2019.
- “What History Can Teach Us About the Prospects for Ranked-choice and Proportional Voting.” The College of New Jersey, March 8, 2019.
- “Episode 14: Spoiled.” *Tatter* (Podcast of Prof. Michael Sargent, Sociology, Bates College), June 7, 2018. <https://tatter.fireside.fm/14>.
- “Why Does America Have Only Two Parties?” International Republican Institute, November 3, 2017.
- “History of Ranked-choice Voting in the United States” (webinar). RCV Resource Center, September 8, 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IjZB7V84kU>.
- “Election Assistance in International Development.” Colorado College (Prof. Bozena Welborne), October 8, 2010.



## Volunteering

- Member, Scholars Strategy Network, 2018–present.
- Member, ACE Electoral Knowledge Network, 2011–present.
- Member, Our Shared Republic (working group on electoral reform), 2020–1.
- Member, Academic Working Group, FairVote, 2015–21.
- Precinct Captain, District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, 2010-4.

## Non-academic work experience

- Research Fellow, Democracy Fund, 2017-8. Analyze survey data for Elections Team.
- Research Associate, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, 2008-10. Redesign and manage <https://electionguide.org>, support Political Finance team.
- Graduate Intern, Campaign Finance Institute, Summer 2008. Compile disclosure data, proofread book chapters.
- Program Associate, FairVote, 2005-7. Create and manage blog, support Program for Representative Government (proportional representation).
- District Office Intern, U.S. Representative James H. Maloney, Summer 1999. Answer phone, staff front desk, fulfill constituent requests for information.

## Academic references

### *Teaching*

- Dr. Richardson Dilworth, Professor of Political Science, Drexel University, [rd43@drexel.edu](mailto:rd43@drexel.edu).
- Dr. David A. Jones, Professor of Political Science and Washington Semester Program Director, James Madison University, [jones3da@jmu.edu](mailto:jones3da@jmu.edu).

### *Research*

- Dr. Joshua J. Dyck, Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, [Joshua\\_Dyck@uml.edu](mailto:Joshua_Dyck@uml.edu).
- Dr. Daniel J. Hopkins, Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, [danhop@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:danhop@sas.upenn.edu).
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