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APPOINTMENTS

University of Washington, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs
Assistant Professor, 2005-present

Acting Assistant Professor, 2004-2005

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2006-present

Harvard University

Robert Wood Johnson Scholar of Health Policy Research, 2007-2009

The Brookings Institution, Governance Studies Program

Brookings Research Fellow, 2003-2004

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Department of Political Science
Ph.D., 2005

2006 Best Dissertation Award from the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association

University of Michigan, School of Public Policy
Master of Public Policy, 1996

University of California at Berkeley

B.A. in Political Science, Minor in French, 1994

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, Race and Ethnicity, Politics of the Policy Process, Political Institutions

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Publications

Power from Powerlessness: Tribal Governments, Institutional Niches, and American Federalism. 2011. Oxford University Press.

“Expertise and Scale of Conflict: Governments as Advocates in American Indian Politics.”
Forthcoming. *American Political Science Review*.

“Urban Politics in the State Arena,” with Nancy Burns, Gerald Gamm, and Corrine McConnaughy. 2009. *Studies in American Political Development*. 23(1): 1-22.

“Pockets of Expertise: Careers and Professionalism in 20th-Century State Legislatures,” with Nancy Burns, Gerald Gamm, and Corrine McConnaughy. 2008. *Studies in American Political Development*. 22(2): 229-248.

Under Review

“The Racial Politics of State Earmarks: Who Wins Funding? Why?”

Works in Progress

“Islands, Refuges, Havens, and the City on a Hill: Ways of Life and Ways of Governing in America's Suburbs.” Working Paper.

Ailing Agendas, Fractured Frames: Health Policy Debates in America's Suburbs.
Book manuscript in progress.

“Framing the Policy Agenda in America's Suburbs.” Working Paper.

“The Strange Career of Federal Indian Policy: Understanding American Indian Activism from the Late 19th Century Forward.” Working Paper.

Presentations

“Beacons, Sanctuaries, Havens, and Islands: Ways of Life and Ways of Governance in America's Suburbs”
Presented at the 2011 Research Seminar Series of the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs.

“Framing the Policy Agenda in America's Suburbs”
Presented at the 2010 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

“Me, Them, and Us: Discourse and Regionalism in Suburban Health Politics”
Presented at the 2009 Seminar Series of the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program at Harvard University, 2009 Political Psychology and Behavior

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Workshop in the Institute of Quantitative Social Sciences at Harvard University, 2009
Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program.

“The Politics of State Earmarks: Who Wins Funding? Why?”

Presented at the 2008 Seminar Series of the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program at Harvard University, 2008 Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, 2008 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2008 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting.

“The Racial Politics of State Earmarks: Who Wins Funding? Why?”

Presented at the 2008 Conference on Challenges for Latinos in American Life at the University of Washington Institute for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Sexuality, 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2010 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting.

“Quiet, Yet Ever-Constant, Advocacy: How American Indian Tribes Have Confronted And Changed Federal Indian Policy”

Presented at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2006 Conference on Race and US Political Development at the University of Oregon, 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2007 Seminar Series of the University of Washington Institute for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Sexuality, 2009 Research Seminar Series of the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs.

“Race, Land, and Power: Unpacking Indian-White Relations in State & Local Politics”

Presented at the 2006 Political Economy Discussion Society at the University of Washington, 2007 Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, 2007 Gerald R. Ford Fellows Alumni Conference at the University of Michigan.

“Expertise-Centered Behaviors: How Knowledge Changes Organizations”

Presented at the 2006 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

“Channels of Access, Frames for Persuasion: The Influence of Tribal Governments in State & Local Politics”

Presented at the 2006 State Politics and Policy Annual Conference.

“Managing Powerful Partners: How American Indian Tribal Governments Approach Federal Policymakers”

Presented at the 2005 Western Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting.

“The Use of Expertise: Exploring Tribes’ Relations with States”

Presented at the 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

“The Cultivation of Expertise: Experiences in Local Politics for Native American Tribal Governments”

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Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2004 Western Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting.

“Political Disadvantage and Policy Expertise: The Obstacles and Opportunities in State and Local Politics for Native American Tribal Governments”

Presented at the 2003 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

“Political Disadvantage and Policy Spillovers: The Interactions of Native American Tribal Governments and Nearby Authorities”

Presented at the 2003 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

“Pockets of Expertise: Careers and Professionalism in 20th-Century State Legislatures,” with Nancy Burns, Gerald Gamm, and Corrine McConnaughy.

Presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2004 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2005 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

“The Local Politics of State Legislatures,” with Nancy Burns, Gerald Gamm, and Corrine McConnaughy.

Presented at the 2001-2002 American Political Development and American Political Institutions Seminar Series at the University of Michigan, 2002 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

"Urban Politics in City and State," with Nancy Burns, Gerald Gamm, and Corrine McConnaughy.

Presented at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar of Health Policy Research at Harvard University.
2007-2009

Best Dissertation Award, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association. 2006

University of Washington Research Royalty Fund Scholar. 2006-2007

University of Washington Institute for Ethnic Studies in the United States Research Grant.
2006-2007

University of Washington School of Public Affairs Faculty Research Grant. 2005-2006, 2006-2007

Brookings Institution Research Fellowship. 2003-2004

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University of Virginia Miller Center Fellowship in Public Affairs (declined). 2003-2004

American Political Science Association Paul A. Volcker Junior Scholar Research Grant. 2003-2004

Gerald R. Ford Research Grant, University of Michigan Department of Political Science. 2001-2002, 2003-2004

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant. 2002-2003

Gerald R. Ford Fellowship and Research Grant, University of Michigan Department of Political Science. 2002-2003

Doctoral Research Award, Nonprofit and Public Management Center at the University of Michigan. 2002-2003

University of Michigan School of Public Policy Fellowship. 1994-1995

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs

Nominee, 2011 Outstanding Teaching Award from the Evans School Student Organization

Urban and Regional Policy and Politics. Spring 2010, Spring 2011

Advocacy from the Outside. Fall 2005, Spring 2010, Fall 2010

Quantitative Analysis II. Spring 2011

Institutional Perspectives on Management. Fall 2010

Managing the Policy Process (formerly Public Management I). Fall 2005, Fall 2009

Public Management II. Spring 2006

Intergovernmental Relations: Conflict and Cooperation in Regional Affairs. Spring 2006

Acting Assistant Professor, University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs

Public Management I: Managing Politics and Policy. Fall 2004

Public Management II. Spring 2005

Intergovernmental Relations. Spring 2005

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Instructor, University of Michigan Department of Political Science
Politics of the Metropolis. Spring 2002

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan Department of Political Science

Recipient of the John F. Kingdon Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of Michigan Department of Political Science. 2002

Contemporary Issues in American Politics. Fall 1998, Fall 1999, and Fall 2000

Introduction to American Government. Winter 1999 and Winter 2000

Politics of the Metropolis. Winter 2001 and Fall 2001

American Political Process. Winter 2002

SERVICE IN THE UNIVERSITY

Member of the Executive Committee of the University of Washington Faculty Senate.
2011-2012

Evans School representative to the UW Faculty Senate. 2010-2012

Member of the Evans School Ph.D. Admissions Committee. 2011

Member of the Evans School Faculty Affairs Committee. 2010-2011

Core Faculty and Advisory Committee Member, University of Washington Institute for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Sexuality, 2006-.

Coordinator for Faculty Research Seminar Series, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington. 2005-2007.

Member of Diversity Committee, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington. 2005-2007.

Member of Curriculum Committee, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington. 2004-2005.

Graduate student member of the Executive Committee, University of Michigan Department of Political Science. 2001-2002.

President of the Graduate Association of Political Scientists, University of Michigan Department of Political Science. 2001-2002.

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Member of the Graduate Affairs Committee, University of Michigan Department of Political Science. 1998-1999, 2000-2001.

SERVICE IN THE PROFESSION

Member of the American Political Science Association

Member of the Midwest Political Science Association

Member of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Indian Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and the Oregon Historical Society Press

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Discussant, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Association Annual Meeting, 2008.