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EDUCATION Stanford University  
PhD, Political Science (2007)  
  
The University of Texas at Austin  
BS, Mathematics (2002)  
BA, Government (2002)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS The University of Texas at Austin  
*Associate Professor* 2013-Present  
*Assistant Professor* 2007-2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS American Politics, Ideology, Electoral Behavior, Congressional and Judicial Politics,  
Latent Traits Modeling, Bayesian Statistics

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS *Ideology and Spatial Voting in American Elections*. Cambridge University Press. 2012.

PUBLICATIONS: PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES “Modeling Spending Preferences and Public Policy.” (with Alexander Branham) *Electoral Studies*. 2017, 49:155-172.  
“‘Don’t Know’ Responses, Personality and the Measurement of Political Knowledge.” *Political Science Research and Methods*. 2017, 5(4):711-731.  
“(How) Can We Estimate the Ideology of Citizens and Political Elites on the Same Scale?.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 2016, 60(4):1108-1124.  
“Ideological Proximity and Support for the Supreme Court.” (with Neil Malhotra) *Political Behavior*. 2014, 36:817-846.  
“The Two Faces of Congressional Roll Call Voting.” (with Sean Theriault) *Party Politics*. 2014. 20(6):836-848.  
“Public (Mis)Perceptions of Supreme Court Ideology: A Method for Directly Comparing Citizens and Justices.” (with Neil Malhotra) *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 2013, 77(2):619-634.

“What Can We Learn About the Ideology of New Supreme Court Justices?” (with Alexander Tahk) *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 2011, 44(3): 524-529.

“Are Congressional Leaders Middlepersons or Extremists? Yes.,” (with Neil Malhotra) *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 2010, XXXV(3): 361-392.

“Partisan Bias, Political Information and Spatial Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election,” *Journal of Politics*. 2010, 72(2):327-340.

“Voter Ideology and Candidate Positioning in the 2008 Presidential Election,” *American Politics Research*. 2010, 38(2):195-210.

“Spatial Voting in the 2004 Presidential Election,” *American Political Science Review*. 2009, 103(1):59-81.

RESEARCH  
IN PROGRESS

The Centrifugal Force of Representation and Preference Aggregation.

Spatial Voting in the 2016 Presidential Election (with Lindsay Dunn).

Employing Anchoring Vignettes in Bayesian Aldrich-McKelvy Scaling.

A MaxDiff Approach to the Estimation of Candidate Preferences: Applications to the 2016 Presidential Primaries (with Douglas Rivers).

A Confidence Threshold Model of Survey Response.

MISCELLANEOUS

Conference on Ideal-Point Models (co-organized with Devin Caughey, Bret Hanlon, Alex Tahk, Chris Warshaw, and Teppei Yamamoto).  
Thematic Methodology Meeting held May 1-2, 2015.

Supreme Court Ideology Project (with Alex Tahk).  
<http://sct.tahk.us/>

GRANTS AND  
AWARDS

University of Texas Subvention Grant, President William C. Powers, Jr. October 2011. \$5k.

Research Grant. “Testing Spatial Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election.” (Office of the Dean, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin), November 2008. \$6k.

INVITED  
TALKS

Stanford University Graduate School of Business “What are We Measuring When We Measure Ideology?” April, 2017.

Washington University, St. Louis “Don’t Know, Responses and the Measurement of Political Knowledge.” September, 2013.

University of California, San Diego “Issues in Common Scale Ideology Estimation.” April, 2013.

University of California, Davis “Ideology and Spatial Voting in American Elections.” May, 2011.

University of California, Los Angeles “Testing Spatial Voting Theory in the 2008 Presidential Election.” April, 2009.

Southern Methodist University, “Party and Policy in Presidential Voting.” October, 2007.

JOURNAL  
REFEREE

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Congress and the Presidency, American Politics Research, PS: Political Science and Politics*

PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology