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Academic Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2007-present.
Faculty Associate, Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois, 2007-present.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2005-2007.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2000-2007.
Faculty Research Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research,
University of Michigan, 2000-present.

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 2002.
Dissertation: Membership and Morality in American Politics: Obligation to
Racial, National, and Geographic Communities.
(Jack Citrin, Chair; Bruce Cain, Laura Stoker, Martin Sanchez-Jankowski)
M.A. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 1993.
A.B. *magna cum laude*, Government, Harvard University, June 1992.

Books and Monographs

Boundaries of Obligation (forthcoming from Cambridge University Press)

This book shows how people define their communities—particularly in regards to geography, nation, and race—and examines the extent to which these psychological community boundaries affect individuals' redistributive attitudes and beliefs. I show that “community” helps us understand the decision making of ordinary Americans more easily and fully than other concepts; it is a higher order concept that subsumes within itself calculations of self and group interests and applications of ideology or values.

Ethnic Context, Race Relations, and California Politics (with Bruce Cain and Jack Citrin). San Francisco, CA: Public Policy Institute of California. (2000)

Journal Articles

“Who Fights: Substitution, Commutation, and ‘Green Card Troops.’” 2007. *Du Bois Review* 4: 1-22.

“‘Little’ and ‘Big’ Pictures in Our Heads: Race, Local Context and Innumeracy about Racial Groups in the U.S.” 2007. *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 71: 392-412.

“‘Racial Threat,’ Partisan Climate, and Direct Democracy: Contextual Effects in Three California Initiatives” (with Andrea Campbell and Jack Citrin). 2006. *Political Behavior*. 28: 129-150.

“Two-Headed Coins or Kandinskys: White Racial Identification” (with Grace Cho). 2005. *Political Psychology* 26(5): 699-720.

“Multiculturalism in American Public Opinion” (with Jack Citrin, David Sears, and Christopher Muste). 2001. *British Journal of Political Science* 31: 247-75.

Journal Articles (continued)

“Public Opinion Toward Immigration Reform: The Role of Economic Motivations” (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste). 1997. *The Journal of Politics* 59: 858-81.

Book Chapters

“Who Belongs? Assimilation, Integration and Multiculturalism in the United States.” Forthcoming.
In Gary Freeman, John Higley, James Jupp, eds. *Nations of Immigrants, 2nd edition*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.

“*Jus Meritum*: Citizenship for Service” (with Grace Cho). 2006. In Taeku Lee, Karthick Ramakrishnan, and Ricardo Ramirez, eds. *Transforming Politics, Transforming America: The Political and Civic Incorporation of Immigrants in the United States*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.

“The Meaning of American National Identity” (with Jack Citrin and Brian Duff). 2001. In Richard D. Ashmore and Lee Jussim, eds. *Social Identity, Intergroup Conflict, and Conflict Reduction*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Other Publications

“Participación de los inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos de América.” 2009. *Panorama Social* 8.

“Group Closeness.” A Pilot Study Report to the 1997 NES Pilot Study Committee and the American National Election Study Board of Overseers.
<http://www.umich.edu/~nes/resources/papers/pilotrpt.htm>. (1998)

“Public Opinion Toward Immigration Reform: How Much Does the Economy Matter?” (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste). 1995. CLPP Working Paper, Vol. 1, No. 5. Chicano/Latino Policy Project..

Grants, Honors, & Fellowships

National Study of Ethnic Pluralism and Politics (Co-Principal Investigator with James Jackson (PI), Vincent Hutchings, and Ronald Brown)

- National Science Foundation award (SES0419427), 2004-6 (\$300,000)
- Carnegie Corporation, 2005-6 (\$169,000)

Rackham Interdisciplinary Institute grant, “Perceptions, Context, and Politics” (with Jake Bowers). University of Michigan, 2004 (\$30,000)

National Election Study, “Community Obligation: A Proposal for the 1997 National Election Pilot Study.” Accepted by the American National Election Study Board of Overseers.

Roy Pierce Scholar’s Fund award, University of Michigan, 2005 (\$5000)

Spring/ Summer Research grant, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, 2002 (\$4000)

Reading Committee grant, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, 2002 (\$5000)

Invited Graduate Student Participant, Annual Meeting of the Political Methodology Section, 1997

Social Science Research Council International Migration Program Dissertation Workshop, 1997

University of Berkeley Department Fellowship, 1997-98

Pi Sigma Alpha Award (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste) for best paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting, 1996

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 1995

Chicano/Latino Policy Project Mini-grant, 1994

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1993-94, 1995-97

Henry Robert Braden Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1992-93

Work in Progress

Racial Context and Threat. A project focused on understanding the relationship between the characteristics of the communities in which people live and their political opinions and actions.

- Local pilot survey conducted Fall/Winter 2004.
- “Objective vs. Subjective Context: Questions about the Mechanism Linking Racial Context to Political Attitudes.” Article Manuscript.
- “Testing the Assumptions of Power Threat Theory.” Article manuscript (with Jake Bowers and Katherine Drake), based on pilot survey data.
- “Multiracial Identities in Multiracial Contexts: The Conditional Political Effects of Race, Identity, and Environment.” Article manuscript (with Katherine W. Drake).
- “Explaining Perceptions of Competitive Threat in a Multi-Racial Context.” Article manuscript (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, Ronald Brown, and Katherine Drake).

Citizenship and Service. A project exploring the relationships between citizenship, duties, and national identity.

- “Patriotism, Civic Duty, and Perceptions of National Identity.” Article manuscript (with Vincent Hutchings and Katie Drake).

National Study of Ethnic Pluralism and Politics (with James Jackson, Vincent Hutchings, and Ronald Brown). NSF and Carnegie-funded national survey of African Americans, Afro-Caribbeans, non-Hispanic Whites, Latinos, and Asians in 2004-5, focusing on issues of identity, group cooperation and conflict, and political participation.

- “Whose Side Are You On? Environmental Determinants of Inter-Group Conflict.” Article manuscript (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, Ronald Brown, and Katie Drake).

Muslim Communities in Europe (with Ken Kollman, Joachim Bruess, James Jackson, Berta Alvarez-Miranda Navarro, James Nazroo, and Mark Tessler). Project to study the identities (political, ethnic, national, and religious) and political attitudes and actions of Muslims in Europe. Pilot survey and in-depth interviews in London, Madrid, and Berlin conducted in Summer & Fall 2004.

- “Transnationalism and Civic Engagement.” Article manuscript (with Laura Potter).

Sociopolitical Consequences of Genetic Research (with Nicholas Valentino). Project to understand the social and political effects of news about genetic research. Do different frames (e.g. emphasizing human commonality or difference) and stories (e.g. the discovery of a “gay gene”) affect (1) attitudes about different groups in society, (2) policy preferences, and (3) learning of genetic information?

- Pilot experiments conducted in March/April 2004 and March/April 2005.

Social Capital and Multiculturalism. Advisory board member of the “Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy” Study. The research team is headquartered at the Center for Democracy and the Third Sector (CDATS) at Georgetown University. The national survey was conducted in Summer 2005. Advisory Board meeting in December 2005 to discuss preliminary results.

Papers and Invited Talks

“The Future—Multiculturalism, Integration, or Assimilation.” Invited paper presented at the international conference “Nations of Immigrants: United States and Australia,” organized by the University of Texas and Monash University, Prato, Italy, October 19-21, 2008.

Papers and Invited Talks (continued)

Invited participant/presenter at “Models of Immigrant Incorporation,” a research workshop organized by Cornell University and Harvard University, Ithaca, NY, May 15-16, 2008.

“Racism, Group Position, and Attitudes about Immigration among Blacks and Whites.” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, and Ronald Brown). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2008. Chicago.

“You’ve Flown the Flag. Now What?: Patriotism, Civic Duty, and Perceptions of National Identity.” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, Ronald Brown, and Katherine Drake). Invited paper presented at the international conference “Multiculturalism and Its Discontents,” organized by the Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 23-24, 2007.

“Transnationalism and Immigrant Civic Engagement in London, Madrid, and Berlin.” (with Laura Potter). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2007. Chicago.

“Whose Side Are You On? Environmental Determinants of Inter-Group Conflict.” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, Ronald Brown, and Katherine Drake). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2007. Chicago.

“Whose Side Are You On?” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, and Ronald Brown). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 2006. Philadelphia.

“Place and Politics: Understanding the Effects of Racial Context.” Invited talk at Harvard’s Center for American Political Studies. March 2006.

“Patriotism, Civic Duty, and Perceptions of National Identity.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 2005. Washington, D.C.

“The National Ethnic Politics Study (NEPS): Ethnic Pluralism & Politics in the 21st Century.” (with Vincent L. Hutchings, Ronald E. Brown, James S. Jackson, and Nakesha Faison). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research. May 2005. Miami Beach.

“Overlapping Communities: The Political Effects of Racial Context and Identity for Whites, Blacks, Latinos, and Asians” (with Katherine W. Drake). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2005. Chicago.

“Maps and ‘Pictures in Our Heads’: Testing the Assumptions of Power Threat Theory” (with Jake Bowers and Katherine W. Drake). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2005. Chicago.

“Testing Power Threat Theory.” Presentation to the National Election Studies Seminar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan. March 30, 2005.

Papers and Invited Talks (continued)

“Measurement of Racial Identity: A Comparison of Whites and Blacks.” Presentation to the National Election Studies Seminar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan. October 20, 2004.

“Ethnic Consciousness and Participation.” Invited roundtable participant at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2003. Philadelphia.

“Citizenship and Service in the U.S.” Invited Presentation at the conference, “Nation of Immigrants: Identity and Incorporation,” at the University of California, Berkeley. May 2003.

“Whites’ Notions of Identity and Community.” Invited presentation at the Political Psychology Conference of the Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota. April 2003.

“Pragmatic Sample Design for Detecting Contextual Effects: Assessing the Power Threat Theory of Race Relations” (with Jake Bowers). Presentation to the Quantitative Methodology Program of the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. March 18, 2003.

“Citizenship and Service.” Invited talk at the Fawley Lunch Series. University of Michigan Law School. March 2003.

“‘Go for Broke’: Military Service and Citizenship in the U.S.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2002. Boston.

“‘Pictures in Our Heads’ as Maps: How do Perceptions of Racial Context Relate to Identity, Attitudes, and Objective Context?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2002. Chicago.

“Citizenship and Public Responsibility.” Invited presentation at the annual conference of the Gerst Program in Political, Economic, and Humanistic Studies, Duke University. March 2001.

“The Missing Latino Voice: Language of Interview and Bias in Measuring Hispanic Attitudes and Voting Behavior” (with Adam Berinsky). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research. May 2000. Portland, Oregon.

“Blurring the Color Line: The Effects of Ingroup Identity and Outgroup Affinity on Redrawing Community Boundaries.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 1999. Atlanta.

“American Identity and Conflict among American Ethnic Groups” (with Jack Citrin and Brian Duff). Invited paper presented at the Third Rutgers Symposium on Self and Social Identity. April 1999. Piscataway, NJ.

“Who is This ‘We’ We Keep Talking About: Conceptualization and Measurement of Community.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 1998. Boston.

“Competing Conceptions of Community and Identity in the American Mass Public.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. July 1998. Montreal, Canada.

Papers and Invited Talks (continued)

“‘Racial Threat’ and Direct Democracy: Contextual Effects in Two California Initiatives” (with Andrea Campbell and Jack Citrin). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 1998. Chicago.

“Ethnic Context, Group Conflict, and Racial Attitudes: California Votes on Affirmative Action and Immigration” (with Jack Citrin, Bruce Cain and Andrea Campbell). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 1997. Washington, D.C.

“How Affect and Value Interact: A Validity Test of the Theory of Symbolic Racism” (with Jake Bowers). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 1997. Chicago.

“Protecting Ourselves from the First Amendment? Public Opinion and Tolerance of Pornography and Hate Speech” (with Samantha Luks). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 1996. Chicago.

“On the Trail of the Angry White Male” (with Christopher Muste and Jack Citrin). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. July 1996. Vancouver.

“Liberalism and Multiculturalism: The New Ethnic Agenda in Mass Opinion” (with Jack Citrin, David Sears, and Christopher Muste). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 1995. Chicago.

“The Economy, the Personal Economy, and Public Opinion Toward Immigration” (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. March 1995. Portland. (Awarded the Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper).

“Group Identity, Group Affect, and Opinions on ‘Ethnic Issues.’” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. March 1995. Portland. (Nominated for the Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper).

Teaching Interests

Citizenship in the U.S., Comparative Ethnic Politics, Immigration Politics, Political and Social Identities in the U.S., Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Public Opinion, Racial and Ethnic Politics in the U.S., Research Design: Concepts & Measurement, Voting Behavior and Elections.

Service

Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2008-2009.

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2001-4.

Rackham Merit Fellowship Review Committee, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, 2002, 2004.

Liaison for Racial/ Sexual Harassment, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2003-5.

Additional Education

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan

Multi-City Study of Urban Inequality, 1999; Hierarchical Linear Models, 1998;

Time Series Analysis, Categorical Data Analysis, 1995

Professional Activities

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Westview Press Paper Award Committee, 2009-2010.

Reviewer/ Referee:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Review, American Statistical Association Proceedings, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Politics, Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, International Migration Review, International Organization, Journal of Politics, National Science Foundation, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Perspectives on Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Social Forces, Social Science Quarterly, Temple University Press, University of Michigan Press.

Member: American Association for Public Opinion Research, American Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology, Midwestern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association.

Languages and Other Skills

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (fluent); Spanish (fair)
Experience with: SPSS, Stata, LISREL, R/Splus

References

References Available Upon Request