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EDUCATION

- 2008 Ph.D., Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University
Chair: Frank Baumgartner
- 2005 Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University
- 2004 M.A., Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2003 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan
- 1999 B.A., Philosophy/Mathematics, St. John's College (Annapolis, MD & Santa Fe, NM)

PUBLICATIONS

The Decline of the Death Penalty and the Discovery of Innocence. 2008. New York: Cambridge University Press. With Frank R. Baumgartner and Suzanna L. De Boef.

Winner of the 2008 American Political Science Association Gladys Kammerer Award for best political science publication in the field of U.S. national policy

“Media Framing of Capital Punishment and Its Impact on Individuals’ Cognitive Responses.” 2008. *Mass Communication and Society* 11 (2): 115-140. With Frank E. Dardis, Frank R. Baumgartner, Suzanna De Boef and Fuyuan Shen.

“The Discovery of Innocence and the Decline of the Death Penalty in the Judicial Process.” Forthcoming. In Schaffner, Brian F. and Patrick Sellers (eds), *Winning with Words: The Origins and Impact of Framing.* New York: Routledge. With Frank R. Baumgartner and Suzanna Linn.

INVITED PRESENTATION

“The Discovery of Innocence and the Decline of the Death Penalty in the Judicial Process.” Paper presented at the Research Conference on Issue Framing, June 21, 2007 at American University, Washington DC.

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation Political Science Program, No. SES-0617492 (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007): \$10,907.
- Robert S. Friedman Award for Excellence in Teaching, Penn State Department of Political Science (2007): \$500.
- First Place, Penn State Graduate Exhibition, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division (2007): \$500.
- Graduate Studies Award, Penn State College of Liberal Arts (2006 and 2007): \$2,750 total.
- Dissertation Support, Penn State Department of Political Science (2005 and 2007): \$1,900 total.
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Penn State Department of Political Science (2004): \$2,000.
- Best Master's Essay Award, Penn State Department of Political Science (2004): \$2,000.
- Miller Graduate Research Award, Penn State Department of Political Science (2003): Providing summer stipend for collaborative research with faculty member.
- Miller Fellowship, Penn State Department of Political Science (2002-2003): Awarded to one entering graduate student, providing enhanced graduate stipend plus three semesters' release from research or teaching responsibilities.
- Southwest Scholarship, St. John's College (1995-1999): Awarded to one entering freshman, providing full tuition coverage for four years.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "Damsel-in-Distress or G.I. Jane?: Race, Gender, and the Framing of Private Lynch." With Holloway Sparks. Article manuscript being revised for submission.
- "From Spreading Freedom to WMDs and Back Again: Framing Dynamics and the War on Terror." With Rebecca Glazier. Article manuscript being revised for submission.
- "Media (Non)Conformity to Executive Framing of the War on Terror." With Rebecca Glazier. Data collection in progress.
- "An Automated Method for Measuring the Scope of Debate." Data analysis in progress.
- "Shifting Media Attention to Sustainable Energy Sources." With Frank R. Baumgartner, Trey Thomas, and Mary Gardner. Data collection in progress.

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “From Spreading Freedom to WMDs and Back Again: Framing Dynamics and the War on Terror.”
With Rebecca Glazier. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, 2008 in Chicago, IL.
- “The Marketplace of Front-Page News and the Real Cost of War.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug 30-Sept 2, 2007 in Chicago, IL.
- “Up and Down: Punctuated Equilibria and Issue-Attention Cycling in Front-Page News.”
Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 12-15, 2007 in Chicago, IL.
- “Agenda-Setting and Issue-Framing Dynamics in Front-Page News.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2006 in Philadelphia, PA.
- “An Evolutionary Factor Analysis Approach to the Study of Issue-Definition.” With Frank R. Baumgartner and Suzanna De Boef. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 15-18, 2004 in Chicago, IL.
- “Damsel-in-Distress or G.I. Jane?: Race, Gender, and the Liberation of Private Lynch.” With Holloway Sparks. Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 11-13, 2004 in Portland, OR.
- “The Consequences of State Institutions for Local Policy Responsiveness: Policy Preferences and Spending in American School Districts.” With Michael B. Berkman and Eric Plutzer. Presented at the Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, March 14-15, 2003 in Tucson, AZ.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant, Stanford University: Summer Institute in Political Psychology (2007)
- Instructor, The Pennsylvania State University: Introduction to American Politics (2006)
- Instructor, Native American Preparatory School, Rowe, NM: Mathematics and Drama (1999-2002)
- Instructor, Santa Fe Indian School Evening Program, Santa Fe, NM: Mathematics (1997-1998)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-Organizer, Political Science Women’s Discussion Forum, Penn State University (2005-2008)
- Member, Political Science Graduate Studies Committee, Penn State University (2004-2005)
- Treasurer, Graduate Association of Political Science, Penn State University (2004-2005)
- Committee Co-Chair, Alumni Development Executive Council, St. John’s College (2000-present)
- Committee Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors, St. John’s College (1999-present)

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

International Society of Political Psychology

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ancient Greek: read and write with fair ability

French: read and write with fair ability

Spanish: read and write with some ability

REFERENCES

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