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RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Research: Political Economy, Contract Theory, Economics of Organizations
Teaching: Microeconomics, Political Economy, Economics of Organizations

DOCTORAL STUDIES

Visiting Fellow, Program on Political Institutions
Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
September 2009- Present

Ph.D., Managerial Economics and Strategy, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Kellogg School of Management

Dissertation: Essays on Voting and Collection Decision Making

Committee Co-Chairpersons: Professors David Austen-Smith and Tim Feddersen

Date of Completion: July 2010 (expected)

PREDOCTORAL STUDIES

B.A with High Honors: Economics, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, 2002.

M.A.: Economics, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, 2005.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Doctoral Fellowship, 2005-2009

Northwestern University Tuition Fellowship, 2005-present

Kellogg School of Management Fellowship, 2005-present

Merv Shalowitz Fellowship, Doctoral Fellowship, 2009

Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University, 2008, 2009

Swarthmore College, McCabe Graduate Fellowship, 2005-2007

SSHRC, Canadian Graduate Doctoral Scholarship, 3 years (Declined)

University of Toronto, Doctoral Stream Masters Fellowship, 2004-2005

SSHRC, Canadian Graduate Masters Scholarship, 2004-2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Kellogg School of Management, 2007-2009

PhD Level

Game Theory, Prof. Christoph Kuzmics, Spring 2007

Positive Political Theory, Prof. Bard Harstad, Fall 2007

MBA Level

Values-Based Leadership, Prof. Timothy Feddersen, Fall 2008

Values and Crisis Decision Making, Prof. David Austen-Smith, Summer 2008

Managerial Economics, Prof. Rakesh Vohra, Spring 2009

Grading Coordinator, Values and Crisis Decision Making, Fall 2008 to Present

• Write exam and coordinate grading for class, which is mandatory for all MBAs

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED CONFERENCES

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 2009
The Econometric Society, North American Summer Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2009
The American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, September 2009
PIER Conference on Political Economy, University of Pennsylvania, Penn., September 2009
Wallis Conference on Political Economy, University of Rochester, New York, October 2009
The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Annual Meeting, 2009

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Party Labels and Information: The Implications of Contagion in Coelection Environments” with fellow graduate student, Yosh Halberstam.

In related empirical work, we demonstrate that, relative to midterm elections, in presidential elections a more ideologically moderate electorate produces a more extreme and polarized senate. In particular, we find that senators first elected during presidential election years are relatively more extreme than their counterparts first elected during midterms; conversely, we find that incumbents who leave office in presidential elections are relatively more moderate than those who leave in midterms. In this paper we propose a model in which the presence of party labels in an environment of incomplete information produces a contagion effect across contemporaneous races for office—a coattail effect. In the aggregate, this contagion generates electoral outcomes that are consistent with our empirical findings and other well-known phenomena from the literature, such as midterm attrition.

OTHER PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“Persistent Bias in Elections” with Yosh Halberstam

In this paper, we compare senators first elected in midterms with those first elected in presidential elections and find them strikingly different: the cohort of senators first elected in presidential elections is consistently more ideologically extreme and party disciplined than the cohort first elected in midterms. This result is surprising in light of empirical evidence suggesting that the electorate in presidential elections is more ideologically moderate and less partisan than the electorate in midterm elections. Furthermore, we find that senators who are ousted or retire from office during the time period around presidential elections are significantly more ideologically moderate and vote more independently than those who exit around midterms. Together, these two empirical regularities suggest that the relatively more moderate electorate in presidential elections generates a more extreme and polarized Senate. These findings suggest that holding concurrent races for office is not outcome neutral and raise policy questions about the timing of elections and ballot initiatives. Our empirical approach is robust to econometric specification and outliers and can be extended to examining models of electoral competition and voting behavior.

“Voting in Contracts”, in progress

“Incentives in Teams”, with Mallesh Pai, in progress

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Assistant, The Brookings Institution, 2002-2005

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Age: 30

Marital status: Married

Citizenship: Canadian

REFERENCES

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