

# Curriculum Vita

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### Personal

Date of Birth: January 18, 1973.  
Married to Lori Biederman; one son.

### Current Position

*Associate Professor of Political Science*, Texas A&M University, September 2006-.

### Education

Ph.D. 2000 University of Minnesota, Political Science.  
B.A. 1995 Gustavus Adolphus College, Magna Cum Laude.

### Books

Lawrence J. Grossback, David A. M. Peterson, and James A. Stimson. 2007. *Mandate Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Christopher P. Gilbert, David A. M. Peterson, Timothy R. Johnson. 1999. *Religious Institutions and Minor Parties in the United States*. Westport, CT: Praeger Press.

### Journal Articles

Lawrence J. Grossback, David A.M. Peterson, and James A. Stimson. Forthcoming. "Electoral Mandates in American Politics." *British Journal of Political Science*

Danette Brickman and David A. M. Peterson. 2006. "Public Opinion Reaction to Repeated Events: Citizen Response to Multiple Supreme Court Abortion Decisions." *Political Behavior* 28(1):87-112.

Lawrence J. Grossback, David A. M. Peterson, and James A. Stimson. 2005. "Comparing Competing Theories on the Causes of Mandate Perceptions." *American Journal of Political Science* 49(2): 406-419.

- David A. M. Peterson. 2005. "Heterogeneity and Certainty in Candidate Evaluations." *Political Behavior* 27(1): 1-24.
- David A. M. Peterson and Paul A. Djupe. 2005. "When Primary Campaigns Go Negative: The Determinants of Campaign Negativity." *Political Research Quarterly* 58(1): 45-54.
- Joanne Miller and David A. M. Peterson. 2004. "Theoretical and Empirical Implications of Attitude Strength." *Journal of Politics* 66(3): 847-867.
- David A. M. Peterson. 2004. "Certainty or Accessibility: Attitude Strength in Candidate Evaluations." *American Journal of Political Science* 48(3): 513-520.
- Lawrence J. Grossback, Sean Nicholson-Crotty and David A. M. Peterson. 2004. "Ideology and Learning in Policy Diffusion." *American Politics Research* 32(5): 521-545.
- Lawrence J. Grossback and David A. M. Peterson. 2004. "Understanding Institutional Change: Legislative Staff Development and the State Policymaking Environment" *American Politics Research* 32(1): 26-51.
- David A. M. Peterson, Lawrence J. Grossback, James A. Stimson, and Amy Gangl. 2003. "Congressional Response to Mandate Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 47(3): 411-426.
- Paul A. Djupe and David A. M. Peterson. 2002. "The impact of negative campaigning: Evidence from the 1998 Senatorial primaries." *Political Research Quarterly* 55(4): 845-860.
- Christopher P. Gilbert, Timothy R. Johnson, and David A. M. Peterson. 1995. "The Religious Roots of Third Candidate Voting: A Comparison of Anderson, Perot, and Wallace Voters." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 34 (4): 470-484.

## Book Chapters

- Christopher P. Gilbert and David A. M. Peterson. 2003. "Strong Bark, Weak Bite: The Strengths and Liabilities of the Christian Right in Minnesota Politics." In *Marching Toward the Millennium: The Christian Right in the 2000 Elections*, ed. John C. Green, Mark J. Rozell, and Clyde Wilcox. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press. p. 167-186.
- Christopher P. Gilbert, Timothy R. Johnson, David A. M. Peterson and Paul A. Djupe. 2001. "The Structural Implications of Religious Adherence: Independent Presidential Candidacies, 1912-1992." In *Ross for Boss: The Perot Phenomenon and Beyond*, ed. Ted Jelen. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. p. 119-142.
- Christopher P. Gilbert and David A. M. Peterson. 2001. "From Ross the Boss to Jesse the Body: Did the Perot Phenomenon Spawn the Ventura Victory?" In *Ross for Boss: The Perot Phenomenon and Beyond*, ed. Ted Jelen. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. p. 143-162.
- Christopher P. Gilbert and David A. M. Peterson. 2000. "Minnesota 1998: Christian Conservatives and the Body Politic." In *Prayers in the Precincts: The Christian Right in the 1998 Elections*, ed. John C. Green, Mark J. Rozell, and Clyde Wilcox. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press. p. 207-226.
- Christopher P. Gilbert and David A. M. Peterson. 1997. "Minnesota: Christian Conservatives Confront Their Limitations." In *God at the Grass Roots: The Christian Right in the 1996 Elections*, ed. Mark Rozell and Clyde Wilcox. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. p. 187-206.
- Christopher P. Gilbert and David A. M. Peterson. 1995. "Minnesota: Christians and Quistians in the GOP." In *God at the Grass Roots: The Christian Right in the 1994 Elections*, ed. Mark Rozell and Clyde Wilcox. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. p. 169-190.

## Manuscripts Under Review

David A.M. Peterson. "Campaign Learning and Vote Determinants."

"Cognition, Affect and the Conditional Nature of Race-Related Policy Attitudes," with Christina, Suthammanont, Jan E. Leighley, and Chris Owens.

## Work in Progress

"Resistance and Specific Ignorance," with Chris Owens. Article manuscript in progress.

"Issue Evolutions and the Decline and Return of Party Voting." Article manuscript in progress.

"Dynamic Representations: Policy Response to the Multiple Dimensions of Public Mood," with Sean Nicholson-Crotty and Mark Ramirez. Article manuscript in progress.

"Uncovering the Psychological Mechanism: How Campaigns Matter and Why." Article manuscript in progress.

"Policy Mood and the Gender Gap" with Paul Kellstedt and Mark Ramirez. Article manuscript in progress.

## Grants, Honors, and Awards

**2007-2008** Stipendiary Faculty Fellow, The Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University.

**2007** Incentive Grant, Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M University.

**2003** Faculty Mini-Grant, Race and Ethnic Studies Institute, Texas A&M University. "Cognitive and Affective Distinctions and Citizens' Attitudes Toward Racial and Ethnic Minorities" (with Jan Leighley, Co-Principal Investigator).

**2002** Patrick Fett Award for the best paper on the scientific study of Congress and the Presidency, Midwest Political Science Association (with Amy E. Gangl and Lawrence J. Grossback).

**2002** New Proposal Development Award. "Voters in Elections in American Politics" Vice-President of Research and Research Foundation, Texas A&M University.

**2001** Faculty Research Enhancement Award. College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University.

**1999-2000** National Science Foundation Grant (SES-9905317) for "Doctoral Dissertation Research in Political Science: Policy Uncertainty and Attitude Strength in Candidate Evaluations" (Co-Principal Investigator).

**1996-1999** National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

**1996** Hubert H. Humphrey Departmental Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota.

**1995** Phi Beta Kappa, Gustavus Adolphus College.

**1993** V.O. Key Award for Statistical Excellence in Political Science, Gustavus Adolphus College.

**1991-1995** Gustavus Adolphus College Partners in Scholarship award.

## Invited Talks

- “Issue Evolutions and the Decline and Return of Party Voting.” Invited talk to the Department of Politics, Princeton University. April 2, 2002.
- “Campaign Effects and Vote Determinants.” Invited talk to the American Politics Research Group, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. November 5, 1999.

## Conference Papers

- “Uncovering the Mechanism: How Campaigns Matter and Why.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA 2006.
- “Policy Mood and the Gender Gap” (with Paul Kellstedt and Mark Ramirez). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL 2006.
- “Uncovering the Mechanism: How Campaigns Matter and Why.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL 2006.
- “Dynamic Representations: Policy Response to the Multiple Dimensions of Public Mood” (with Sean Nicholson-Crotty). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL 2005.
- “Voters’ Response to Changes in American Politics, 1952-2000.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL 2004.
- “Cognition, Affect and the Conditional Nature of Race-Related Policy Attitudes.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL 2004. (Co-authored with Christina, Suthammanont, Jan E. Leighley, and Chris Owens).
- “Cognition, Affect and the Conditional Nature of Race-Related Policy Attitudes.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR 2004. (Co-authored with Christina, Suthammanont, Jan E. Leighley, and Chris Owens).
- “Resistance and Specific Ignorance.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA 2003. (Co-authored with Chris Owens).
- “Issue Evolutions and the Decline and Return of Party Voting.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Political Methodology, Minneapolis, MN. July 2003.
- “What is Attitude Strength? Theoretical and Empirical Implications of Various Measures of Attitude Strength.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL 2003. (Co-authored with Joanne Miller).
- “The First 100 Days: Redefining Presidential Mandates and the Impact on Policymaking.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. September 2002. (Co-authored with Lawrence Grossback and Amy Gangl)
- “A Unified Theory of Policy Diffusion.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. September 2002. (Co-authored with Sean Nicholson-Crotty).
- “Mandate Elections and Congressional Response.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2002. (Co-authored with Lawrence Grossback and Amy Gangl). Awarded the Patrick J. Fett Award for best paper on the scientific study of Congress and the Presidency.

- “Issue Evolutions and the Decline and Return of Party Voting.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2002.
- “What Causes a Mandate? Congressional Response to Mandate Elections.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. September 2001. (Co-authored with Lawrence Grossback and Amy Gangl).
- “The Causes and Consequences of the Changing Patterns of State Legislative Staff: A Study in Time and Space.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2001. (Co-authored with Lawrence Grossback).
- “Looking for Heterogeneity in All the Wrong Places: Issues, Traits, and Attitude Strength in Candidate Evaluations.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV. March 2001
- “The Causes and Consequences of Staffing Patterns in State Legislatures: A Study Across Time and Space.” Presented at the Texas A&M 2001 State Politics Conference, College Station, TX. March 2001. (Co-authored with Lawrence Grossback).
- “Campaign Effects and Vote Determinants.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. September 1999.
- “The Timing and Impact of Negative Campaigning: Evidence from the 1998 Senatorial and Gubernatorial Primaries.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. September 1999. (Co-authored with Paul A. Djupe).
- “Campaign Dynamics and Determinants of Candidate Evaluations.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Political Methodology, College Station, TX. July 1999.
- “The Political is Personal: Policy Positions, Personal Characteristics, and Candidate Evaluations.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual meeting, Chicago, IL. April 1999.
- “A Bayesian Hierarchical Model for Campaign Effects in Rolling Cross Section Data: Issues, Candidates, and Party Across the 1984 Campaign.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual meeting, Chicago, IL. April 1999.
- “The Political is Personal: Policy Positions, Personal Traits, and Candidate Evaluations.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Political Methodology, San Diego, CA. July 1998.
- “Getting the Message: Policy Mandates and Roll-Call Voting in Congress.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 1998. (Co-authored with Lawrence J. Grossback, Amy E. Gangl, and James A. Stimson).
- “The Participatory Implications of Social Integration: A Longitudinal Examination of 1970-1994 County Level Data.” Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. September 1997.
- “American Two-Party Systems: Religious Competition and Political Outcomes.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. September 1997. (Co-authored with Paul A. Djupe, Christopher P. Gilbert, and Timothy R. Johnson). Nominated for best paper, Religion and Politics Section.
- “The Causes and Duration of a Mandated Congress.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Political Methodology, Columbus, OH. July 1997. (Co-authored with Lawrence J. Grossback and Amy E. Gangl).

- “Independent Candidacies in 1994 Senate and Gubernatorial Elections: A Test of the Social Connectedness Hypothesis.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 1997. (Co-authored with Christopher P. Gilbert, Paul A. Djupe, and Timothy R. Johnson).
- “Religious Adherence and Southern Third Party Candidacies: A Macro-Micro Level Comparison of Thurmond and Wallace.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 1996. (Co-authored with Christopher P. Gilbert, Paul A. Djupe, and Timothy R. Johnson).
- “Structural Implications of Religious Adherence: Independent Presidential Candidacies, 1912-1992.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 1996. (Co-authored with Christopher P. Gilbert and Timothy R. Johnson).
- “And They Shall Know You by Your Coverage: Media Definition of Religious Candidates in Minnesota’s 1994 State Wide Elections.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. September 1995.
- “Voter Preference Conversions in American Presidential Elections: A Comparison of Two-Candidate and Three-Candidate Races.” Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 1995. (Co-authored with Christopher P. Gilbert and Timothy R. Johnson).
- “The Religious Roots of Third Party Voting: A Comparison of Perot, Anderson, and Wallace Voters.” Presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. September 1994. (Co-authored with Christopher P. Gilbert, and Timothy R. Johnson).
- “Patterns of Support and Defection for Third Party Presidential Candidates: A Comparison of Anderson, Perot, and Wallace Voters.” Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. April 1994. (Co-authored with Christopher P. Gilbert and Timothy R. Johnson).

## Academic Experience

- Associate Professor Department of Political Science (2006- ) Texas A&M University
- Assistant Professor Department of Political Science (2000-2006) Texas A&M University
- Instructor (1999-2000) Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota.
- Teaching Assistant (2000) Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Event History Analysis.
- Research Assistant (1998-99) Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota.
- Research Assistant (1995-97) Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota.

## Professional Service

Co-editor *The Political Methodologist* 2007-

Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Analysis*, National Science Foundation, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Communication*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Encyclopedia of Social Measurement*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Social Science Quarterly*, Congressional Quarterly Press, University of Michigan Press.

Discussant at Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (1998, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2006), American Political Science Association annual meeting (2003, 2006), Western Political Science Association annual meeting (2001).

Chair and panel organizer Midwest Political Science annual meeting (2003).

Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Committee, Southwest Political Science Association (2003).

## College Service

- Member, committee on the mentoring of assistant professors, College of Liberal Arts, 2006.

## Department Service

- Organized and hosted (with Paul M. Kellstedt) a mini-conference at Texas A&M University, "Issue Framing, Public Opinion, and American Democracy," March 4-6, 2004. Seven invited speakers. Budget: \$12,000.
- American Exam Committee (Fall 2002, Summer 2002, Spring 2002, Summer 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004)
- Methods Exam Committee (Spring 2001, Summer 2003, Fall 2004)
- Head's Advisory Committee (2002-2004, 2005-2006)
- Political Behavior Search Committee (2002, 2003, 2005, 2006)
- Comparative Politics Search Committee (2006)
- Race and Ethnic Politics Search Committee (2006)
- American Politics Search Committee (2006)
- Computer Committee (2001)
- 207 Exam Committee (2002)
- Coordinator, Continuing Symposium on Methods in Political Science

## Courses Taught

### Texas A&M University

- Quantitative Political Analysis II (POLS 603). 7 graduate students in Summer 2006.
- Voting Behavior (POLS 435). 35 undergraduate students in Spring 2006.
- Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (POLS 209). 25 undergraduate students in Spring 2006.
- Voting Behavior (POLS 435). 35 undergraduate students in Fall 2005.
- Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (POLS 209). 25 undergraduate students in Fall 2005.

- Quantitative Political Analysis II (POLS 603). 10 graduate students in Summer 2005.
- State and Local Government (POLS 207). 60 undergraduate students in Spring 2005.
- Voting Behavior (POLS 435). 30 undergraduate students in Spring 2005.
- Quantitative Political Analysis II (POLS 603). 12 graduate students in Fall 2004.
- Campaigns and Elections (POLS 671). 8 graduate students in Fall 2004.
- Hierarchical Linear Models (POLS 606). 10 graduate students in Summer 2004.
- State and Local Government (POLS 207). 70 undergraduate students in Spring 2004.
- Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (POLS 209). 25 undergraduate students in Spring 2004.
- Voting Behavior (POLS 435). 35 undergraduate students in Spring 2003.
- State and Local Government (POLS 207). 70 undergraduate students in Spring 2003.
- Voting Behavior (POLS 435). 35 undergraduate students in Fall 2002.
- Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (POLS 209). 25 undergraduate students in Fall 2002.
- American Political Behavior (POLS 671). 11 graduate students in Spring 2002.
- State and Local Government (POLS 207). 70 undergraduate students in Spring 2002.
- State and Local Government (POLS 207). 288 undergraduate students in Fall 2001.
- Voting Behavior (POLS 435). 35 undergraduate students in Fall 2001.
- Quantitative Political Analysis II (POLS 603). 7 graduate students in Spring 2001.
- State and Local Government (POLS 207). Two sections, 600 undergraduate students in Fall 2000.

### **University of Minnesota**

- State and Local Government (POLS 4315). 35 undergraduate students in Spring 2000.
- Political Psychology (POLS 3766). 75 undergraduate students in Fall 1999.

### **Degrees Advised**

Christopher Owens, Ph.D. (completed 2006)

Christina Suthammanont, Ph.D. (completed 2006)

Clayton Flaim, MA (completed 2001).

Mark Ramirez, Ph. D.

## **Ph.D. Committees**

- Sean Nicholson-Crotty (completed 2003).
- Eric Juenke (completed 2005).
- C. Todd Kent (completed 2005).
- Dunia Andary
- Tyler Johnson
- Daniel Hawes
- Han Soo Lee

## **Independent Studies Supervised**

### **Undergraduate Students (POLS 485)**

**Fall 2006** Elizabeth Smitham

**Spring 2006** Allison McFarland

**Summer 2005** Rebekah Kratchovil

**Spring 2003** Megan Stephenson

**Summer 2002** James Spencer

### **Undergraduate Honors Thesis**

**2006-2007** Danish Moti

**2006-2007** Meagen Berry

### **Graduate Students (POLS 685)**

**Summer 2003** Ann Wilson "Voting Behavior"

**Summer 2003** Chris Owens "Political Psychology"

**Summer 2003** Katrina Mosher "Emotions and Politics"

**Summer 2002** Dunia Andary "Media and Politics"

**Summer 2001** Clay Flaim "Voting Behavior"

**Summer 2001** C. Todd Kent "Voting Behavior"

**Summer 2001** Dunia Andary "Voting Behavior"

## **Professional Membership**

American Political Science Association; Methodology, Elections and Voting Behavior, and Political Psychology sections

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association