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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Northwestern University, Department of Political Science (expected May, 2010)

Major Field: American Politics
Minor Field: Political Methodology.

Dissertation title: *Private Behaviors for the Public Good: Citizens' Actions and U.S. Energy Consumption*

Dissertation Committee: James N. Druckman (Advisor), Dennis Chong, Fay Lomax Cook

M.A., Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, 2006

M.A., Southern Illinois University, Department of Political Science, 2004

B. A., Eastern Illinois University, Social Science Education, 1998 (summa cum laude)

PUBLICATIONS

“How Scientific Evidence Links Attitudes to Behaviors,” with James N. Druckman, in David Dana ed., *The Nanotechnology Challenge: Creating Law and Legal Institutions for Uncertain Risks*. New York: NY: Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming.

“Framing, Motivated Reasoning, and Opinions about Emergent Technologies.” *Journal of Communication*. Forthcoming. Co-authored with James N. Druckman.

“Framing Effects and Political Behavior.” 2009. In *From the Mind to the Feet: Assessing the Intent-to-Action Dynamic*. Larry Kuznar (Ed). Office of the Secretary of Defense, Directorate of Defense Research and Engineering, and The U.S. Global Innovation and Strategy Center, Washington, D.C.

“Public Opinion on Energy Policy, 1974-2006.” 2008. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 72 (2): 364-388. Co-authored with Fay Cook.

“Citizens, Knowledge, and the Information Environment.” 2006. *American Journal of Political Science*, 50 (2): 266-282. Co-authored with Jennifer Jerit and Jason Barabas.

RESEARCH GRANTS

National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2009 – 2010.

Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, Spring 2008

Experimental Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Spring 2008

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

“The Construction of News: Energy Crises, Advocacy Messages, and Frames toward Conservation.”
Revise and resubmit at the International Journal of Press/Politics.

“A Light Bulb Goes On: Values, Attitudes, Social Norms, and Personal Energy Consumption.”

WORKING PAPERS

“Social Norms and the Conditional Impact of Appeals to Take Action for the Public Good.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.

“Motivating Sources of Political Awareness: Do Personal Stakes Matter?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 2007.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2006-2010, Graduate Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University

2007-2008, Editorial Assistant, *Public Opinion Quarterly*

Spring 2007, Research Assistant, Professor Fay Lomax Cook, Director of the Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University

2005 - 2007, Research Assistant, Professor James N. Druckman, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

2002-2003, Research Assistant, Professor Jason Barabas, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University

2002-2003, Research Assistant, Professor Jennifer Jerit, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Research on Public Opinion, Professor James N. Druckman, Winter 2010

Teaching Assistant, Global History 1914 – Present, Professor Georgi Derlugian, Spring 2009

Lecturer, American Government and Politics, Professor Jerry Goldman, Fall 2008 & 2009

Teaching Assistant, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior, Professor Dennis Chong, Spring 2008

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Law in the Political Arena, Professor Wes Skogan, Winter 2008

Sullivan High School, Sullivan, Illinois, 1998-2001

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Conference Presentations

“Social Norms and the Conditional Impact of Appeals to Take Action for the Public Good.” Prepared for delivery at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 68th Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 22-25, 2010.

“Framing, Motivated Reasoning, and Emergent Technologies.” Prepared for delivery at the American Political Science Association’s 105th Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009.

“A Light Bulb Goes On: Values, Attitudes, Social Norms, and Personal Energy Consumption.” Prepared for delivery at the American Political Science Association’s 105th Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009.

“Framing, Motivated Reasoning, and Emergent Technologies.” Prepared for delivery at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 67th Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2-5, 2009.

“Motivating Sources of Political Awareness: Do Personal Stakes Matter?” Prepared for delivery at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 66th Annual Meeting in, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008.

“Media Discourse on Energy Consumption, 1973-2007.” Prepared for delivery at the International Society of Political Psychology’s 31st Annual Scientific Meeting in Paris, France, July 9-12, 2008

“Public Opinion on Energy Policy, 1974-2006.” Prepared for delivery at the American Political Science Association’s 103rd Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, August 30 – September 2, 2007.

“Motivating Sources of Political Awareness: Do Personal Stakes Matter?” Prepared for delivery at the International Society of Political Psychology’s 30th Annual Scientific Meeting in Portland, OR, July 4-7, 2007.

“Motivating Sources of Political Awareness: Do Personal Stakes Matter?” Prepared for delivery at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 65th Annual Meeting in, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.

“Citizens, Knowledge, and the Information Environment”. Prepared for delivery at the American Political Science Association’s 100th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 2-5, 2004.

Conference Discussant.

Discussant on “Political Communication Experiments” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 68th Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. April 22-25, 2010.

Discussant on “Entertainment Television and Political Communication” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 67th Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2-5, 2009.

Discussant on “Trust and Cynicism” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 66th Annual Meeting in, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008.

Discussant on “Political Identity in Action” panel at the International Society of Political Psychology’s 30th Annual Scientific Meeting in Portland, OR, July 4-7, 2007.

Discussant on “Heuristics: How “Good” Are They” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 65th Annual Meeting in, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.

Conference Panel Chair.

Chair on “The Psychology of Political Mobilization” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 67th Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2-5, 2009.

Chair on “Trust and Cynicism” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s 66th Annual Meeting in, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008.

Chair on “Political Identity in Action” panel at the International Society of Political Psychology’s 30th Annual Scientific Meeting in Portland, OR, July 4-7, 2007.

JOURNAL REFEREE

I have served as an anonymous peer reviewer for:

The Journal of Politics

Public Opinion Quarterly

Political Behavior

American Review of Politics

Political Communication

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

2007-2008, Energy Legislation Consultant, Coskata Inc. (cellulosic ethanol producer, Warrenville, IL)

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