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### **Education**

#### The Ohio State University

Ph.D., Political Science expected 2010; M.A., 2006.

Major field: American Politics; Minor Field: Political Psychology

Dissertation: *The New Voter: Peripheral Voter by Another Name?*

- In this dissertation, I examine the demography, political attitudes, and political behavior of new voters in the 2004, 2006, and 2008 elections using several data sources, one of which is a two-wave panel study of Ohioans registered to vote, stratified by length of registration (new v. established voters), that I designed and conducted. It is replete with variables allowing me to test just how new voters differ from experienced electors. A particular focus of my dissertation is the critical role electoral mobilization plays in stimulating turnout among new voters, many of whom lack the political interest and motivation to remain active in electoral politics, absent a supportive nudge from others. I conclude that the mobilization of new voters has great potential to sustain and reinvigorate our political system.

Committee: Dr. Paul Allen Beck (chair), Dr. Herbert Weisberg, Dr. Kathleen McGraw

#### Boise State University

M.P.A., Public Administration, 2004; B.A. (Magna Cum Laude), Political Science, 2001.

Major Field (M.P.A.): Environmental Resources Policy and Administration

Major Field (B.A.): American Politics

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

American Politics—Political parties, elections, electoral mobilization, voting behavior, public opinion

Quantitative Methods—Undergraduate political research methods, structural equation modeling, survey research

### **Teaching Experience**

Instructor, Ohio State University. PS485, Quantitative Methods of Political Analysis. Spring and Autumn, 2009.

Instructor, Ohio State University. PS574, Elections and Voting Behavior. Summer and Autumn, 2008; Winter, 2009.

Instructor, Ohio State University. PS201, Introduction to Political Behavior. Spring, 2008.

Instructor, Ohio State University. PS575, American Political Parties. Summer and Autumn, 2007; Winter, 2008.

### **Conference Presentations (Papers)**

- Erik Heidemann, 2009. "Who Gets Contacted to Vote? Why, Voters, of Course."  
Midwest Political Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- Erik Heidemann, 2009. "Political Mobilization and Turnout: It's Not as Simple as it Seems." Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- Erik Heidemann, 2009. "The Newly Registered Voter and the Political System."  
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- Erik Heidemann, 2008. "To Contract or Not to Contract: The Limits of Political Knowledge and Party Government." Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum.  
The Ohio State University, 13 April 2008.
- Erik Heidemann, 2008. "Electoral Mobilization and the Newly-registered Voter."  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- Erik Heidemann, 2003. Co-authored with Marilyn Allen, Brett Ingles, and Janet Mills.  
"Putting Organizational Theories to the Test: An Explication of William Langewiesche's *American Ground: Unbuilding the World Trade Center*."  
Teaching Public Administration Conference, Madison, Wisconsin.

### **Research Grants**

- The Timing of Superdelegate Decisions: Constituency Attitudes and Elite Behavior (with Dino Christenson), *Harvey Walker Senior Research Grant*, 2009: \$800.
- The Ohio Survey of Politics, 2<sup>nd</sup> wave (doctoral dissertation research): *Ohio State Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship*, 2008: \$1,992.

### **Professional Memberships**

- American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association

### **Selected Professional Service**

- Invited Lecture, Associated Students of Baker Hall East: "Is Obama Changing Washington, or is Washington Changing Obama?" Spring, 2009.
- Invited Lecture, Associated Students of Stradley Hall: Election Post-mortem. Winter, 2008.
- Manuscript Referee, *Journal of Politics*, 2008.

### **Other Professional Duties & Activities**

- Teaching Assistant, Ohio State University. PS575, American Political Parties. Dean Paul Allen Beck, Professor. Spring, 2006
- Research Assistant, Ohio State University. Professor Lawrence Baum (built a large judicial database of federal judges and their appointment data). Winter, 2006.
- Teaching Assistant, Ohio State University. PS502, Campaign Politics. Professor Herb Asher. Fall, 2005.
- Teaching Assistant, Ohio State University. PS506, Ohio Politics. Professor Herb Asher. Spring, 2005.
- Teaching Assistant, Ohio State University. PS517, Legislative Politics. Assistant Professor Craig Volden. Winter, 2005.

Teaching Assistant, Ohio State University. PS501, American Presidency. Associate Professor Dean Lacy. Fall, 2004.

Research Assistant, Boise State University. Associate Professor James Weatherby (analyzed data from the Idaho Public Policy Survey). Fall 2003 and Spring 2004.

Paid Field Researcher (Idaho Historical Society Archives), Professor Samuel Kernell, University of California, San Diego. Spring, 2003.

**Undergraduate Academic Honors**

Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honorary)

Pi Alpha Alpha (public administration and public affairs honorary)

**Internships**

Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Spring, 2004. Assistant to Steve Bartlett, Legislative Affairs Director.

Idaho State Senate. Spring, 2001. Legislative Assistant to Sen. Laird Noh, Chair, Natural Resources Committee.