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## EDUCATION

**The Ohio State University**, Columbus, OH

Ph.D., Political Science, Expected April 2017

- Dissertation: Crafting a Broad Appeal: Congressional Audiences and Policy Collaboration in the Modern Legislature
- Committee: Janet Box-Steffensmeier (chair), Skyler Cranmer, Michael Neblo, and Herb Weisberg

M.A., Political Science, 2014

- Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology

**University of Oregon**, Eugene, OR

B.S., Political Science, 2001

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics

Political Institutions, Legislative Politics, Policy Process, Interest Groups  
Political Methodology

Network Analysis, Experimental Design, Time Series, Event History

## WORKING PAPERS

“Governing Through Gridlock: Bill Composition under Divided Government”  
*Under review at Legislative Studies Quarterly.*

“Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson)  
*Under review at American Political Science Review.*

“The Role of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Congressional Cosponsorship Network” (with Skyler J. Cranmer, Bruce A. Desmarais, Christopher J. Clark, and Vincent G. Moscardelli)

“The Room Where it Happens: Compromise and Collaboration in the U.S. House of Representatives.”

“The Secret to Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Ross Butters)

## GRANTS

National Science Foundation Political Science Program, \$306,515 for “Legislative Audiences and Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson), 2016-2018.

Center for the Study of Democracy Research Award, \$11,827 for “Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with

Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson), 2013.

The Dirksen Center Congressional Research Award, \$3,500 for “Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson), 2013.

AWARDS

**Fellowships:**

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2014-2017.

The Ohio State University Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, 2013-2017.

Society for Political Methodology Janet Box-Steffensmeier Scholarship, 2013.

The Ohio State University Fellowship, 2012-2013.

University of Oregon Presidential Scholarship, 1997-1999.

**Recognitions:**

Graduate Associateship, The Ohio State University, 2013-2017.

Francis R. Aumann Award for Best Conference Paper, 2015.

Dissertation Research Award, The Ohio State University, 2015.

Dreher Research Award, The Ohio State University, 2013.

National Merit Scholar, 1997-2001.

**Travel Grants:**

Visions in Methodology Conference Grant, 2016

Political Networks Conference Grant, National Science Foundation, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2016.

Political Methodology Conference Grant, National Science Foundation, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Field Representative**

2009-2012

Office of Congressman Kurt Schrader, Oregon City, OR

- Worked with local government and opinion leaders to provide policy recommendations and develop implementation strategies

**Field Representative**

2007-2008

Office of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, West Linn, OR

- Promoted the Congresswoman’s health care and veterans affairs work and oversaw the archiving of her congressional papers

**Legislative Assistant**

2001-2006

Office of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, Washington, DC

- Implemented the Congresswoman’s legislative agenda for health care, education, immigration, judiciary, labor, budget, and veterans affairs

**Congressional Intern**

2000

Office of Congressman Peter DeFazio, Washington, DC

- Wrote constituent mail, prepared policy reports for legislative staff, and provided tours of the U.S. Capitol

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Research Assistant**

- Professor Skyler Cranmer 2015-2016
- The Role of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Congressional Cosponsorship Network
- Professor Janet Box-Steffensmeier 2013-2016
- Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters
  - The Secret to Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods**

- Teaching Assistant: *Regression II* 2014, 2015
- Professor Brian Pollins

**Ohio State University**

- Instructor: *Introduction to Python for Text Analysis Workshop* 2015
- Political Research in Statistics and Methodology (PRISM)
- Teaching Assistant: *Voters and Elections* 2014
- Professor Zac Peskowitz

PRESENTATIONS

- University of Michigan Conference on Special Interests in American Politics (by invitation)*
- 2015: “Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson)
- Visions in Methodology Conference (by invitation)*
- 2016: “Crafting a Broad Appeal: Audiences and Collaborators in the U.S. House of Representatives”
- Legislative Studies Virtual Workshop (by invitation)*
- 2015: “Lone Wolves and Team Players: Policy Collaboration Networks and Legislative Effectiveness in the House of Representatives”
- Political Methodology Summer Meeting (by invitation)*
- 2014: “Policy Collaboration Networks in the House of Representatives” (poster)
- Political Networks Conference (by invitation)*
- 2016: “The Room Where it Happens: Collaborative Strategies in the U.S. House of Representatives”
- 2015: “Strategy, Relationships and Shared Constituencies: Policy Collaboration in the U.S. House of Representatives”
- 2015: “The Role of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Congressional Cosponsorship Network” (with Skyler Cranmer, Bruce Desmarais, Christopher Clark, and Vincent Moscardelli)

2014: “Lone Wolves and Team Players: Policy Collaboration Networks and Legislative Effectiveness in the House of Representatives”

*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

2016: “The Room Where it Happens: Compromise and Collaboration in the U.S. House of Representatives”

2014: “Collaboration in Congress: Assessing its Impact on Legislative Productivity”

2013: “Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson)

*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

2016: “Legislative Collaboration and Congressional Audiences in the U.S. House of Representatives”

2015: “Finding Common Ground: Bipartisan Collaboration in a Polarized Congress”

2014: “Lone Wolves and Team Players: Policy Collaboration Networks and Legislative Effectiveness in the House of Representatives”

2014: “Cue-Taking in Congress: Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters” (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Dino P. Christenson)

*Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

2016: “Legislative Collaboration and Congressional Audiences in the U.S. House of Representatives”

OTHER TRAINING	American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Annual Conference, Core Curriculum Track	2016
	University Center for the Advancement of Teaching	2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitating Classroom Discussion</li><li>• Designing Assignments, Quizzes, and Tests</li><li>• Responding to Student Writing</li></ul>	
	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods	2013, 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences</li><li>• Introduction to Game Theory</li><li>• Advanced Topics in Network Analysis</li></ul>	
	Political Networks Conference NSF-Sponsored Workshops	2013, 2014
SKILLS	$\LaTeX$ , Python, R, Stata, UCINET	
REFEREE SERVICE	<i>American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, University of Michigan Press</i>	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Political Networks Conference, Co-Organizer	2016-2017
	<i>2017 Host Institution: Ohio State University</i>	
	Graduate Studies Committee, Representative	2013-2015
	Workshop in American Politics, Coordinator	2014-2015

PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association  
*Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior, Legislative Politics, Political  
Organizations and Parties, Public Policy, State Politics and Policy  
Experimental Research, Political Methodology and Political Networks*  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Association of Political Theory

REFERENCES

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Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
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