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CURRENT POSITION

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. Department of Political Science. Assistant Professor. 2012-Present

EDUCATION

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE CENTER. Ph.D. in Political Science. 2007-2011

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK-BROOKLYN COLLEGE. M.A. in Political Science. 2001-2005

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON. B.S. in Secondary Education. *With distinction.* 1996-2001

ADDITIONAL:

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. June 2009

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. July 2004

DISSERTATION

TITLE: The Revolution Will Not Be Televised Anymore: New Technology, Political Choice, and Changes in Political Communication from the Newspaper to the Internet

COMMITTEE: Andrew Polsky (Chair), Joe Rollins, and Charles Tien

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE CENTER. Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship. Five-year fellowship including full tuition scholarship and funding of \$18,000-\$20,000 per year. 2007-2011

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY SECTION OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION. Selected Subject of the "Student Spotlight." Published in *STEP Ahead*, September 2011, 9:5. 2011

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE CENTER. Full tuition scholarship for ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at the University of Michigan. One of two granted to the entire City University of New York system. 2009

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE CENTER. Travel grants. 2008-2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. Assistant Professor.	2012-Present
The American Political System, Fall 2012, Winter 2013, Fall 2013	
Mass Media and American Politics, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014	
Internet, Technology and Politics, Winter 2013, Winter 2014 (hybrid online course)	
American Political Culture, Spring 2013, Spring 2014	
Seminar on Multiculturalism in the U.S.: Racial and Ethnic Politics, Winter 2014	
YESHIVA UNIVERSITY. Visiting Assistant Professor.	2011-2012
The American Presidency, Fall 2011	
Introduction to American Public Policy, Fall 2011	
Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2012	
Racial and Ethnic Politics, Spring 2012	
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK-BROOKLYN COLLEGE. Graduate Teaching Fellow	2008-2011
Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2008-Fall 2010	
Racial and Ethnic Politics in the United States, Fall 2009	
Introduction to Research Methodology, Spring 2010-2011	
Analytic Approaches to Political Problems (Public Policy), Spring 2011	
HELIX CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL. La Mesa, CA. History/Political Science Teacher.	2005-2007
EDWARD R. MURROW HIGH SCHOOL. Brooklyn, NY. History Teacher.	2001-2005
NEW YORK CITY TEACHING FELLOWS. Brooklyn, NY. Teaching Fellow Instructor.	2003

TEACHING INTERESTS

American Politics	American Political Development
Internet and Politics	Racial and Ethnic Politics
Political Communication/Media	

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL:

“APSA Teaching and Learning Conference Track Summary: Integrating Technology into the Classroom” (with Maureen Feeley). 2011. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44 (July).

EDITED VOLUME:

“Introduction to Multiculturalism: Battleground or Meeting Ground by Ronald Takaki,” in *People, Power and Politics 11th edition*, ed. Gaston Alonso Donate, Corey Robin, Roberta Satow, Alex Vitale, Boston: Pearson, 2010.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

“Multiple Leveraging” in *Encyclopedia of Social Media and Politics*, ed. Kerric Harvey, Washington D.C.: CQ Press, 2014.

“U.S. Presidents” in *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*, ed. Carlos E. Cortes, Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2013.

“Criminology,” “Criminologist,” and “Crime Scene” in *Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*, ed. David Schultz, New York: Facts on File, 2011.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Only Constant is Change: The Ongoing Cycle of Political Communication Change. (Book manuscript in preparation. Prospectus Under Review)

"Does More Klout Lead to Victory? Measuring Online Influence During the 2012 Election."
Submitted to the *Journal of Information Technology and Politics* 3/2014. Co-Authored with Leticia Bode. (Revise and Resubmit)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The E-Gov Epidemic: The Diffusion of E-Government Services Among American Cities."
Paper Accepted to be presented at the Political Communication Section Pre-Conference of the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., August 2014.

"From the Fireside Chats to the First Political Tweet: The Origin and Diffusion of Political Communication Innovations from the Radio to the Internet." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, September 2013.

"Candidate Klout in the 2012 Elections: Testing a New Measure of Political Influence."
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2013. With Leticia Bode.

"#UncertainFuture: The Impending Regulation of Online Political Communication." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2013.

"Does More Klout Lead to Victory? Measuring Online Influence During the 2012 Election."
Accepted for the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 2012. With Leticia Bode.

"Political Choice: Determining If and When Political Actors Incorporate New Communication Technologies." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2012.

"The Technology Imperative: How and When New ICTs Become Politically Viable." Accepted for the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, January 2012.

"Political Choice: Determining If and When Political Actors Incorporate New ICTs." Accepted for the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, January 2012.

"Controlling the Political Surf: The Decentralization of Online Political Communication Activity." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, September 2011.

"The Internet Revolution in Historical Context." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, September 2011.

"Controlling the Political Surf: Evaluating the Interactivity and Decentralization of Online Political Communication Activity." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March 2011.

- “Why We Must Weave with the Web: The Growing Need for Internet-Focused Political Education.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Teaching and Learning Conference, Albuquerque, NM, February 2011.
- “Controlling the Political Surf: The Effect of Decentralization on the Political Activities of Internet Users.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, January 2011.
- “The Development of Information Communication Technology and Political Communication Activity: a Historical Perspective.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2010.
- “The Democratizing Power of the Internet in Historical Context.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, January 2010.
- “Why Less is Doing More: The Political Uses, Influence, and Potential of Twitter.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, January 2010. With Rachel Kraft.
- “Putting Down New Roots: Grassroots, Netroots, and African American Political Engagement.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2009.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

- Research Presentation. “The Only Constant is Change,” Social Science Research Center Mess Hall, DePaul University, February 2014.
- Moderator. Debate between the DePaul Republicans and the DePaul Democrats, DePaul University, February, 2014.
- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Accountability Group Member, DePaul University, September 2013 – Present.
- Political Science Department Assessment Committee, DePaul University, September 2013 – present.
- DePaul Online Teaching Series (DOTS), DePaul University, Spring 2013.
- New Faculty Seminar, College of Liberal Studies and Social Sciences, DePaul University, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013.
- Guest Speaker. “Media in the 2012 Election.” DePaul University, October 2012.
- Panelist. “Braving the Academic Job Market.” City University of New York Graduate Center Political Science Department, May 2012.
- Speaker. “Super Tuesday: Explained.” Yeshiva University, Stern College, March 2012.
- Panelist. “Experiences on the Academic Job Market.” City University of New York Graduate Center Political Science Department, May 2011.
- Panelist. “Experiences at ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.” City University of New York Graduate Center, Political Science Department, April 2011.
- Panelist. “Change or Maverick? A Post Election Forum on the Outcome of the November 4th

Election.” City University of New York, Brooklyn College, November 2008.

SERVICE ON BEHALF OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Information, Technology, and Politics Section Dissertation Award Committee, American Politics Science Association (APSA), Spring 2014 – Present.

Political Communication Section Nominating Committee, American Politics Science Association (APSA), Spring 2012 – Present.

Chair of Information Technology and Politics Section Panel, Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2014.

Discussant of Information Technology and Politics Section Panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, September 2013.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Personal Democracy Forum Conference 2010. New York, June 2010.

Team Leader. American History Course Level. Helix Charter High School, La Mesa, CA. Fall 2006-Spring 2007.

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

Political Communication Section of APSA

Information, Technology, and Politics Section of APSA

REFERENCES

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