

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2006-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
University of Wisconsin-Madison

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2006.

Dissertation: “*Policy-Preference Formation in Legislative Politics: Structures, Agents, and Focal Points.*” Chair: Alberta Sbragia.

M.A. Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2003.

B.A. Department of Political Science, Brandeis University, 2001.

B.A. Department of History, Brandeis University, 2001.

BOOKS

“Who Decides, And How? Preferences, Uncertainty, and Policy Choice in the European Parliament,” in production (expected publication: October 2009), *Oxford University Press*.

ARTICLES

“The Social Utility of Informal Institutions: Caucuses as Networks in the 110th U.S. House of Representatives,” with Jennifer N. Victor, *American Politics Research*, Volume 37, Issue 5 (peer-reviewed special issue on ‘Social Networks and American Politics’), 742-766.

“The Second-Order Election Model in an Enlarged Europe,” with Jason R. Koepke, *European Union Politics*, Volume 7, Issue 3, September 2006, 321-46.

“Policy Preference Formation in Legislative Politics: Structures, Actors, and Focal Points,” *American Journal of Political Science*, Volume 49, Issue 4, October 2005, 731-45.

“Government-Opposition Dynamics in the European Union: The Santer Commission Resignation Crisis,” *European Journal of Political Research*, Volume 44, Issue 5, August 2005, 671-696.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

“Keeping Your Friends Close and Your Enemies Closer: Information Networks in Legislative Politics,” with Jennifer N. Victor (University of Pittsburgh) and Justin H. Gross (Carnegie Mellon University).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Beyond Formal Institutions: Legislative Member Organizations in a Comparative Perspective,” book manuscript with Christopher Carman (University of Strathclyde) and Jennifer N. Victor (University of Pittsburgh).

“Party Cohesion through Perceived Preference Coherence: An Analysis of Voting Networks in the European Parliament,” article.

“Determinants of Legislative Success: Inter-Institutional Conflict in the European Union,” article with Ewa Mahr (Secretariat of the European Parliament).

BOOK REVIEWS

“Democratic Politics in the European Parliament,” by Simon Hix, Abdul G. Noury and Gérard Roland, Cambridge University Press, 2007; *West European Politics* 31(3), May 2008, pp. 626 - 627.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2008 University of Wisconsin Graduate School Fall Competition, Research Funding.

2007 University of Wisconsin Graduate School Fall Competition, Research Funding.

2006 University of Wisconsin Graduate School Fall Competition, Research Funding.

National Science Foundation, Dissertation Research Improvement Grant #0518047 (2005-2006).

Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship (2005-2006).

Doctoral Research Fellowship, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne/Germany (2004-2005).

Dean’s Tuition Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (2004-2005)

European Union Center Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (06-08/04; 06-07/03; 06-07/02).

Umberger Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2003-2004).

Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2002-2003).

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (2001-2002).

AWARDS

Best Dissertation in EU Studies, Honorable Mention, European Union Studies Association, 2007.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Party Cohesion through Perceived Preference Coherence: An Analysis of Voting Networks in the European Parliament,” delivered at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 3-6, 2009.

“Legislative Caucuses as Social Networks in the 110th U.S. House of Representatives,” delivered at the Networks in Political Science Conference, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, June 12-14, 2008 (with Jennifer N. Victor).

“How Legislators’ Social Networks Affect Legislators’ Votes,” delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 3-6, 2008 (with Jennifer N. Victor).

“Staffing the Network: The Social Networks of European Parliament Assistants,” delivered at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 30-September 1, 2007 (with Jennifer N. Victor).

“The Politics of Personality: Individual Policy-Makers and Legislative Decision-Making,” delivered at the European Union Studies Association’s Tenth Biennial International Conference, Montreal, Canada, May 17-19, 2007.

“Refining and Redefining the Second-Order Election Model: Protest or Pure Preference Voting in Central and Eastern Europe?” delivered at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 3-6, 2007 (with Jason R. Koepke).

“Uncertainty, expertise, and information: the delegation of decision-making within legislatures,” delivered at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, Atlanta, January 5-7, 2006.

“Does Maastricht Matter? The Impact of the Maastricht Convergence Criteria on Fiscal and Monetary Discipline in the European Union Member States,” delivered at the European Union Studies Association’s Ninth Biennial International Conference, Austin, Texas, March 31-April 2, 2005.

“Budgetary Constraint or Device for Collective Fiscal Retrenchment? The Maastricht Convergence Criteria & Social Spending in the EU Member States,” delivered at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, Chicago, September 1-5, 2004.

“Predictions about the 2004 European Elections: The Second-Order Election Model in an Enlarged European Union,” delivered at the Sixth Biennial Conference of European Community Studies Association – Canada, Montreal, Canada, May 28-29, 2004 (with Jason R. Koepke).

“Short-Term Preference Formation in the European Parliament: Cues do not Float Freely,” delivered at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 8-10, 2004, and at the Sixth Biennial Conference of European Community Studies Association – Canada, Montreal, Canada, May 28-29, 2004.

“Federalism, Political Representation, and the European Parliament: Who Determines MEP Policy-Positions?” delivered at the Comparative Federalism (COMFED) Conference and Summer Institute, Birmingham, United Kingdom, June 4-6, 2003.

“The Santer Commission Resignation Crisis: Government-Opposition Dynamics in Executive-Legislative Relations of the EU,” delivered at the European Union Studies Association’s Eighth Biennial International Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, March 27-29, 2003.

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Make Europe Yours: Challenges and Opportunities for the Center Left in a Globalizing World,” Conference on “Futures of the Left,” Brandeis University, March 21, 2009.

“European Democracy in the Context of the EU’s Institutional Structure,” 10th Anniversary Conference of the DAAD Center for German and European Studies: "Cultures of Democracy? Germany and the USA at Home and Abroad," University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 19, 2007.

“Die Bildung politischer Präferenzen in der Gesetzgebung: Das Zusammenspiel von Strukturen, Entscheidungsträger, und ‚Focal Points’,” University of Konstanz, Germany, June 20, 2006.

“Expertise, information, and shared outcome preferences: the delegation of decision-making within legislatures,” Conference on European Governance, Halle Institute For Global Learning, Emory University, Atlanta, February 17, 2006.

“Policy Preference Formation in Legislative Politics: Structures, Actors, and Focal Points,” Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany, February 10, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Instructor for course “Politics in the European Union: Current EU Policy Issues and Debates,” EU Studies Summer Program in Brussels, July 14 - August 8, 2008, co-administered by: the European Union Center of Excellence of the University of Washington, the European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and the Institute for European Studies of the Free University of Brussels.

Referee for American Journal of Political Science.

Referee for American Political Science Review.

Referee for American Politics Research.

Referee for European Union Politics.

Referee for Legislative Studies Quarterly.

Referee for West European Politics.

Referee for European Political Science Review.

Referee for the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies Discussion Papers series.

TEACHING

Politics of the European Union and European Integration

Comparative National European Politics

Comparative Political Institutions

Introduction to Comparative Politics

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Dissertation committees: Sarinna Areethamsirikul (2007), Renee Buhr (2008), Rajen Subramanian (2008), J. Timo Weishaupt (2008), Mark Nance (2009), Ryan Biava (in progress), Kyle Hanniman (Chair; in progress).

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association.
European Union Studies Association.
Midwest Political Science Association.

LANGUAGES

German: First Language; English: Fluent reading, writing, speaking.

REFERENCES

Melanie Manion, Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs; Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, North Hall, 1050 Bascom Mall, Madison, WI 53704; email: manion@lafollette.wisc.edu; tel: 608.263.9060 and 608.262.6278; fax: 608.265.2663

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