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## EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Expected Completion: Spring 2019

- Ph.D. candidate in Political Science
- *Major* – American Politics (exam passage: 05/2015, with honors); *First Minor* – Methodology (exam passage 03/2016, with honors); *Second Minor* – Political Theory (no exam required)
- **Dissertation Project:** “*Waiting to Win, Choosing to Lose: Essays on Partisan Agenda-Setting, Competition, and Policy Change.*” Committee: Charles Shipan (Chair), Richard Hall, George Tsebelis, Rocío Titiunik.

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY Class of 2013

- Major: Political Science; Minors: Philosophy, Mathematics
- Graduated *Summa cum laude*, Honors with distinction. GPA: 4.0.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS PREPARED FOR REVIEW

Crosson, Jesse M. “Stalemate in the States: Negative Agenda Control, Veto Players, and Legislative Gridlock in the American States.” *Forthcoming at Legislative Studies Quarterly.*

Crosson, Jesse M., Geoff Lorenz, Craig Volden, and Alan Wiseman. “Legislative Effectiveness and Member Investment in Staff.” *Congressional Capacity*, eds. Lee Drutman, Kevin Kosar, and Timothy LaPira. *Volume under review.*

Crosson, Jesse M., Alexander C. Furnas, and Geoffrey Lorenz. “Estimating Interest Group Ideal Points Using Public Position-Taking Data.” *In preparation for review.*

Crosson, Jesse M. “Extreme Districts, Moderate Winners: Same-Party Competition in California and Washington’s Top-Two Primaries”. *Under review.*

Crosson, Jesse M., Alexander C. Furnas, Timothy LaPira, and Casey Burgat. “Ideological Sabotage, Party Competition, and the Decline in Congressional Capacity.” *Under review.*

Crosson, Jesse M. “The Politics of Compassion: George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and the Faith-Based Initiative.” *The Fellows Review* (Washington, D.C.: Center for the Study of Presidency and Congress), nos. 2011–2012 (2012): 207–45.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	(2018–2019; \$23,335)
Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship	(2018–2019; \$32,640, plus tuition and benefits)
Gerald R. Ford Fellowship	(2017–2018; \$23,000, plus tuition and benefits)
Center for Effective Lawmaking Research Grant	(2018; \$2,000)
Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Grant	(2017; \$3,600)
National Science Foundation EITM Summer Institute	(2017; Berkeley, CA)
Rackham Pre-Doctoral Graduate Research Grant	(2016; \$3,000)

University of Michigan Library Data Grant	(2016; \$6,000)
Rackham Summer Graduate Student Research Assistantship	(2015, \$9,000)
University of Michigan Office of Research Grant	(2015; \$15,000)
National Science Foundation Travel Fellowship	(2014, 2017; \$1,700 total)
Rackham Graduate School Conference Fellowship	(2014–2018; ~\$5,000 total)
University of Michigan Summer Research Grant	(2014; \$1,500)
American Enterprise Institute Summer Fellowship	(2012; \$700)
Hofstra University Democracy Fellowship	(2012–2013)
Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress Presidential Fellowship	(2011–2012)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Best APSA Paper Award, Political Organizations and Parties Section (2016; awarded 2017)  
 APSA Dissertation Workshop Program (2017)  
 Eldersveld Prize (best University of Michigan graduate student paper presented in 2016-2017)  
 Rackham Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (2016; one of 20 best instructors at UM)  
 John Kingdon Award (2016; excellence in instruction in UM Political Science Department)

## PRESENTATIONS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Conference Presentations

- Waiting to Win, Choosing to Lose: How Electoral Uncertainty Influences Policy Change*  
 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018 Midwestern Political Science Annual Meeting.
- Estimating Interest Group Ideal Points Using Bill Positions.*  
 2017 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018 MPSA, Polmeth XXXV (2018) – with Alexander Furnas and Geoffrey Lorenz.
- Legislative Effectiveness and Member Investment in Staff*  
 2018 APSA, 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting – with Geoff Lorenz, Craig Volden (presenter), and Alan Wiseman.
- 'US Congressman as Enterprise Revisited': Ideological Sabotage and Party Competition in Congress.*  
 2018 APSA – with Casey Burgat, Alexander Furnas, and Tim LaPira.
- Extreme Districts, Moderate Winners: Same-Party Competition in Top-Two Primaries.*  
 2018 State Politics and Policy Conference, 2017 MPSA.
- Testing the 'Trump Effect': Hate Crime in New York City.*  
 2017 SPSA – with Kiela Crabtree and Scott Tyson.
- Multiple Vote Systems: Toxin or Tonic for Political Polarization?*  
 2017 APSA – with George Tsebelis.
- Constructing Interest Group Coalitions.*  
 2017 Political Networks Annual Meeting and 2016 APSA – with Michael T. Heaney.
- K Street on Main: How Political Institutions Cultivate a Professional Lobbying Elite.*  
 2016 APSA, SPSA and MPSA – with James Strickland.

*Stalemate in the States: Negative Agenda Control, Veto Players, and Gridlock in the American States.*  
2015 MPSA, APSA; 2015 NYU Hamilton Center Conference.

*Producing the Agenda: Bill Sponsorship, Lobbying, and the Legislative Enterprise.*  
2014 APSA and 2015 MPSA.

### **Invited and Guest Talks**

*Estimating Interest Group Ideal Points Using Bill Positions*

Political Economy Workshop, Harris School, University of Chicago. June 2018.

*Legislative Effectiveness and Member Investment in Staff*

Conference on Congressional Capacity, Sponsored by R Street Institute and New American Foundation. March 2018, Washington, DC.

### **Research Assistantships**

Hall, Richard. "Lobbying on Subordinate Policies." March 2016–present

Tsebelis, George. Assorted projects on constitutions/constitution length, party and electoral systems, and policy change/stasis. May 2016–August 2017.

Lupia, Arthur. *Uninformed* (book project now published by Oxford University Press) and DA-RT (Data Access and Research Transparency) outreach. 2014–2015.

Wilson, James Q., John DiIulio, Jr., and Meena Bose. *American Government*. 14th ed. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2014. Advisors: John DiIulio, Jr. and Meena Bose.

### **Computer Proficiencies**

R, Latex, STATA, JAGS; Python (basic)

## **SELECTED WORKING PAPERS**

Crosson, Jesse M. "Waiting to Win, Choosing to Lose: Essays on Agenda Control, Party Competition, and policy Change in the U.S." (Dissertation Project)

- *Paper 1*: "Stalemate in the States: Negative Agenda Control, Veto Players, and Legislative Gridlock in the American States," forthcoming at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
- *Paper 2*: "Mandate to Message: The Influence of Partisan Competition on Bill Introductions and Position-Taking in Congress"
- *Paper 3*: "Elections and (In)action: Partisan Competition and the Timing of Major Legislative Reauthorizations in Congress"
- Funding: NSF DDRIG, Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, Rackham Doctoral Fellowship
- Selected for 2017 American Political Science Association Dissertation Workshop.

Tsebelis, George and Jesse M. Crosson. "Multiple Vote System: Moving Parties to the Center in Multidimensional Spaces."

Strickland, James and Jesse M. Crosson. "K Street on Main: How Political Institutions Cultivate a Professional Lobbying Elite." (Under revision).

Crosson, Jesse M., and Michael T. Heaney. "Working Together in Washington: Assessing Collaboration within Interest Group Coalitions."

- Funding: Michigan Office of Research (2015), Michigan Organizational Studies Program Research Grant (2015), Michigan Political Science Summer Research Grant (2014).

Dayaratna, Kevin, Benjamin Kedem, and Jesse Crosson. "Bayesian Inferences for Binary Logistic Regression Using Polynomial Expansions." (Under revision).

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor of Record: University of Michigan Political Science Department**

"American Political Processes: Elections and Representation." Spring 2018.

### **Graduate Student Instructor (GSI): University of Michigan Political Science Department**

#### *Introduction to American Politics*

Fall 2015. Lead GSI. Instructor: Rob Mickey.

Fall 2014. Instructors: Arthur Lupia, Vince Hutchings.

#### *The Politics of Persuasion*

Winter 2016. Instructor: Arthur Lupia.

Winter 2015. Instructor: Arthur Lupia.

### **Short Course Instructor: Gerald Ford School of Public Policy**

#### *The American Policymaking Process*

Summer 2015. Graduate-level orientation for Master of Public Policy students.

### **Advanced Instructional Training: UM Center for Research on Learning and Teaching**

#### *Short courses completed:*

"Teaching in Tumultuous Times," "Teaching About Race & Ethnicity in Racially

Homogeneous Classrooms," "Using Digital Tools to Facilitate Student Collaboration,"

"Using Technology to Check Student Understanding and Provide Feedback,"

"Mentoring Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research"

### **Research Team Leader: UM Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)**

2015–present: "Congress and Its Experts."

2014–present: "Working Together in Washington," *with Michael Heaney*.

### **Peer Lecturer: Hofstra University Political Science Department, Philosophy Department**

#### *The American Presidency*

Spring 2013. Instructors: Meena Bose, Ed Rollins.

#### *Modern Political Philosophy*

Instructor: Amy Baehr. Fall 2011.

## **DISCIPLINARY SERVICE**

### **Discussant**

2017 – 2019 MPSA Annual Meeting (Political Parties and Interest Groups, Legislative Studies)

2015 Conference on Special Interests, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2014 APSA Annual Meeting, Congressional Networks Poster Session

2013–present: Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Politics, University of Michigan

### **Award Committee**

2017, 2018 APSA Political Organizations and Parties Best Paper Award Selection Committee.

## Reviewer

*American Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies*

## CAMPUS SERVICE

Co-Coordinator: Michigan Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Politics (2016–17)

Co-President: University of Michigan Graduate Association of Political Scientists (2015–16)

Committee Member: Michigan Political Science Department Formal Theory Job Committee (2014)

Committee Member: Michigan Political Science Dept. Professional Development Committee (2014-16)

University Senator: Hofstra University Senate (2012–2013)

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. Charles Shipan

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