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Education

Ph.D. Student (2nd year), Political Science. University of Washington.

B.A. Political Science & Psychology, University of Washington, 2006.

Thesis Title: "Shifting Outlooks: The Presidency and National Education Reform"

Research & Teaching Interests

Policy processes and political institutions, intersections between public policy and public administration, intergovernmental dimensions of policy change.

Publications

"Agenda Setting, Decision Theory, and American Bureaucracy." With Bryan D. Jones & Samuel Workman. (forthcoming 2008). In R.F. Durant (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of American Bureaucracy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

"Political Perspectives on School Choice" with P. Hill. (2008). In M. Berends, M.G. Springer, D. Ballou, & H.J. Walberg (Eds.), *Handbook of Research on School Choice*. Lawrence Erlbaum.

Research Reports

"Mayoral Control: An Option for Seattle Schools?" With Paul T. Hill. (2008). Seattle: Center on Reinventing Public Education.

"Quality Improvement and Performance Management in Schools: Lessons from Abroad." With Katharine Destler. NCSRP Working Paper #2008-6. Seattle: Center on Reinventing Public Education.

Papers under Review

"Information Processing and Policy Dynamics." With Bryan D. Jones and Samuel Workman. Revised for inclusion in a *Policy Studies Journal* Symposium on the *Next Generation of Policy Theories*. University of Oklahoma. Norman, Oklahoma. February 27-29, 2008.

Working Papers

"The Dimensionality of Roll Call Votes: Public Prioritization and Attribute Expansion." With Bryan D. Jones.

“Attention Shifts, Policy Regimes, and Intergovernmental Policymaking: Lessons from Federal Education Reform.”

“Satellite Oversight: Congressional Attention and the Macro Bureaucracy.” With Samuel Workman and Michelle Wolfe.

“Continuous Improvement: Using Private Sector Ideas to Improve Public Education.” With Paul T. Hill.

Grants, Awards, & Fellowships

Graduate Fellow in American Politics and Public Policy, 2006-Present
Center for American Politics and Public Policy
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Donald R. Matthews Fellow, 2008-2009
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Research Fellow, 2005-2006
Center for the Study of the Presidency, Washington, D.C.

ESM of Seattle Scholarship, 2005
Employee Services Management Association, Seattle, WA

Research Fellow, 2004-2005
Mary Gates Endowment
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Undergraduate Fellow, 2003-2004
Center for American Politics & Public Policy
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Conferences

“Building Capacity for Change: Collaborative Planning and Networks as Policy Tools.” With Katharine Destler. (2008). Paper presented at the Consortium on Collaborative Governance Mini-Conference. Santa Monica, California. April 10-12.

“Issue Evolution, Policy Regimes, and Intergovernmental Policymaking: Lessons from Federal Education Reform.” (2008). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois. April 3-6.

“Shifting Outlooks: The Presidency and National Education Reform.” (2006). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois. April 20-23.

“Increasing Income Inequality: Its Impact on Elite Support for Social Programs.” Paper presented at the 2005 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, Washington. May 18.

Research Experience

Research Assistant, September 2006 – August 2008

Center on Reinventing Public Education
Faculty Supervisor: Paul T. Hill
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
www.crpe.org

Research Assistant, September 2004 – September 2008

Policy Agendas Project
Faculty Supervisor: Bryan D. Jones
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
www.policyagendas.org

Research Assistant, September 2003 – 2004

Faculty Supervisor: Illana Horn
College of Education
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Professional Experience

Research Analyst, June 2004 – September 2006

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Office for Civil Rights

- Assessed Head Start grantees' compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Investigated civil rights and privacy complaints
- Performed intake call duties with potential complainants
- Reviewed the civil rights portion of health organization's Medicare application

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Political Science 499, Undergraduate Fellows Program (2006-2007, 2007-2008)
Faculty Supervisor: Bryan D. Jones, Political Science Department

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Psychology 317, Introduction to Statistics (Fall 2005)
Faculty Supervisor: Laura Little, Psychology Department

Psychology 318, Statistical Inference (Winter 2006)
Faculty Supervisor: Laura Little, Psychology Department

Psychology 206, Development Psychology (Winter 2006)
Faculty Supervisor: Dana Nelson, Psychology Department

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Public Policy Section

Public Administration Section

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Software Packages

Microsoft Word, Excel, and Access database files (Proficient)
SPSS (Intermediate)
STATA (Intermediate)
R (Basic)
SAS (Basic)
Dreamweaver (Intermediate)

References

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