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EDUCATION

- Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University 2000-2001
- PH.D. Political Science, University of North Texas 1999
*Fields of Specialization: Quantitative Research Methods
American Politics
Comparative Politics*
- M.A. Political Science, University of Toronto 1995
- B.A. Political Science and Economics, University of Toronto 1994

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Voting Behavior, Public Opinion, and Elections – United States and Great Britain
- Political Methodology and Time Series Methods
- Congressional Parties

PUBLICATIONS

Matthew Lebo and Everett Young. [“The Comparative Dynamics of Party Support in Great Britain.”](#) Forthcoming at *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*. Accepted 04/08.

Matthew Lebo and Janet Box-Steffensmeier. 2008. [“Dynamic Conditional Correlations in Political Science.”](#) *American Journal of Political Science* 52:3.

Andrew Sidman, Maxwell Mak, and Matthew Lebo. 2008. [“Forecasting Non-Incumbent Presidential Elections: Lessons Learner from the 2000 Election.”](#) *International Journal of Forecasting* 24:2.

Matthew Lebo. [“Divided Government, United Approval: Long Memory and the Dynamics of Congressional and Presidential Approval.”](#) Forthcoming at *Congress and the Presidency*. Accepted 11/07.

Matthew Lebo and Daniel Cassino. 2007. [“The Aggregated Consequences of Motivated Reasoning.”](#) *Political Psychology* 28:6.

Matthew Lebo, Adam McGlynn and Greg Koger. 2007. [“Strategic Party Government – Party Influence in Congress, 1789-2001.”](#) *American Journal of Political Science* 51:3.

Matthew Dickinson and Matthew Lebo. 2007. [“Reexamining the Growth of the Institutional Presidency, 1940-2000.”](#) *Journal of Politics* 69:1.

Matthew Lebo and Helmut Norpoth. 2006. [“The PM and the Pendulum: Dynamic Forecasting of British Elections.”](#) *British Journal of Political Science* 37:1.

Richard Eichenberg, Richard Stoll, and Matthew Lebo. 2006. [“War President: The Approval Ratings of George W. Bush.”](#) *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50:6.

Sean Carey and Matthew Lebo. 2006. "Election Cycles and the Economic Voter." *Political Research Quarterly* 59:4.

Ben Bishin, Robert Barr and Matthew Lebo. 2006. "The Impact of Economic vs. Institutional Factors in Elite Evaluations of Presidential Progress Toward Democracy in Latin America." *Comparative Political Studies* 39:10.

Matthew Lebo and Will Moore. 2003. "Dynamic Foreign Policy Behavior." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 47:1.

Harold D. Clarke and Matthew Lebo. 2003. "Fractional (Co)integration and Governing Party Support in Britain." *British Journal of Political Science* 33:2.

Matthew Lebo and Harold D. Clarke. 2000. "Modelling Memory and Volatility: Recent Advances in the Analysis of Political Time Series." *Electoral Studies* 19:1.

Matthew Lebo, Robert Walker, and Harold D. Clarke. 2000. "You Must Remember This: Dealing with Long Memory in Political Analyses." *Electoral Studies* 19:1.

Guest Editor, special issue of *Electoral Studies* 19:1, 2000, "Recent Advances in the Analyses of Political Time Series."

RESEARCH GRANTS

The Dirksen Center – Congressional Research Award. With Greg Koger. 2006. "Strategic Party Government." \$3200.

The National Annenberg Election Study. 2007-2008. "Online Automated Text Analysis Using LYDIA." With Steve Skiena and Leonie Huddy. \$130,000.

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

"The Electoral Consequences of Party Unity in Congress." With Greg Koger and Jamie Carson. We look at the electoral effects of partisan voting and find them to be much stronger than ideological factors and also dependent upon constituency factors. Higher levels of party unity endanger members of Congress chances of being re-elected, most especially when the candidate's district leans towards the other party.

Lydia: A System for Large-Scale News Analysis. With Steve Skiena and Leonie Huddy. This paper introduces our online natural language processing program (<http://www.textmap.com/>) to political scientists. The program monitors over 500 daily online news sources and seeks to build a relational model of people, places and things as well as create useful data on spatial distributions and daily time series of media sentiments.

"The Impact of Electoral Competitiveness and Partisan Control on Net State Benefits from Federal Spending." With Marshall H. Medoff and Christopher Dennis. For submission at *Social Science Quarterly*, September 2007. We investigate the hypothesis that presidents target battleground states in their distribution of federal projects as a means of helping their chances of reelection.

OTHER WORKING PROJECTS

Book Project – Strategic Party Government. With Greg Koger. We extend the arguments and analyses of our AJPS article. We integrate our theory with the wider literature on Congressional parties and study the effects of strategy on Congressional voting and elections.

Automated News Analysis using LYDIA. With Steve Skiena and Leonie Huddy. Several papers will be developed from our data collection. The contract we have with the National Annenberg Election Study has us collecting data for the 2008 presidential election. In addition to the paper described above, we are also collecting data that we will match with the 2004 Annenberg data for one paper and are monitoring over 50 British newspapers for a study of the media and British elections in a third paper.

“Dynamic Error Correction.” Engle’s dynamic conditional correlation model is applied to the process of error correction. Examples are given using presidential approval in economic and foreign affairs.

“Strategic Party Leadership: Party Leader Tenure in Congress, 1899-1994.” With Greg Koger. Historical data on the election of congressional leaders is used to understand the evolution of the leadership election process.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY 2002-

POL 600 Research Methods and Design (Ph.D.)
Fall 2007, Spring 2008

POL 602 Introductory Statistics and Probability Theory (Ph.D.)
Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2007

POL 606 Time Series Methods (Ph.D.)
Spring 2004, Spring 2006, Spring 2008

POL 616 Political Parties and Interest Groups (Ph.D.)
Spring 2003, Spring 2005, Spring 2007

POL 502 Intermediate Statistics for Public Policy (M.A.)
Spring 2003, Spring 2004, Spring 2005

POL 501 Introductory Statistics for Public Policy (M.A.)
Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Fall 2006, Spring 2007

POL 462 Congress by Comparison (Undergraduate)
Fall 2002

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE 2001-2002

Spring, 2002: GOV 10: Research Methods

Spring 2002: GOV 34: Congress by Comparison

Winter, 2002: GOV 10: Research Methods

Winter, 2002: GOV 37: Congress and the Presidency

Fall, 2001: GOV 10: Research Methods

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY 1999-2000

Spring, 2000: POLS 101 American National Government

Spring, 2000: POLS 314 The Politics of the (European Union)

Spring, 2000: POLS 503 Graduate Seminar in Quantitative Research Methods
Fall, 1999: POLS 101 American National Government
Fall, 1999: POLS 432 Public Policy
Fall, 1999: POLS 472 Politics of Postindustrialized Nations

TEACHING FELLOW, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS 1997-1998
Summer I, 1998: PSCI 1040 American Government
Summer II, 1998: PSCI 1040 American Government
Fall, 1997: PSCI 1040 American Government
Spring, 1997: PSCI 1040 American Government

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

My dissertation was concerned with, first, investigating new methods for studying political dynamics over time and, second, applying these new methods to models of party and leadership support. Empirical studies of partisanship over time have failed to properly account for the wide range of behaviour that individual voters exhibit. I explain why new ways of conceptualizing aggregate variables more accurately reflect the behaviour of individuals. Monte Carlo experiments were used to establish the validity of the new methods I develop. My empirical findings demonstrate that the traditional belief that partisanship is stable in the United States and Great Britain has been overstated and that short-term economic factors and political events are hugely important in determining the allegiances of individual voters. The findings demonstrate the decline of class as an important determinant of party allegiance in Britain. In the United States, dealignment is evident in the possibility of huge shifts in presidential approval and the dominance of national events is highlighted.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“Strategic Party Leadership.” With Greg Koger. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association April, 2007.

“Dynamic Error Correction.” With Greg Koger. Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2006.

“The Dynamics of Second and Third Party Support in Great Britain.” Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2006.

“The Electoral Consequences of Party Unity.” With Jamie Carson and Gregory Koger. Presented at Midwest Political Science Association April, 2006.

“Dynamic Conditional Correlations and Political Science.” With Janet Box-Steffensmeier. Presented at Midwest Political Science Association April, 2006.

“Strategic Party Government.” With Adam McGlynn and Greg Koger. Presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting. June, 2005. Also presented at APSA, 2005.

“Partisan Presidential Approval.” With Daniel Cassino. Presented at Midwest Political Science Association April, 2005.

“The Dynamic of Party Unity – Action-Reaction Models of Congressional Behavior 1789-2001.” With Adam McGlynn. Presented at Midwest Political Science Association April, 2004.

“Retrospective Evaluations and the Election Cycle.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia 2003. A similar version of the paper was also presented at the European Consortium of Political Research annual conference in Marburg, Germany, September 2003.

"Leaders or Lunch? Influences on Elites' Views of Presidents in Fragile Democracies." The International Studies Association – West, October 2003.

"The Functional Presidency: Dynamic Models of White House Staffing." The Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2003.

"Foreign Policy Behavior and Fractional Integration." Peace Science Society Atlanta, October, 2001.

"Panel Studies of Partisanship." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2001.

"Partisan Instability in the British Household Panel Survey." Conference on the British Household Panel Survey. Colchester, England, July 2001.

"The Dynamics of Congressional and Presidential Approval." Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, April, 2001.

"The Effects of Conceptions of Identity and the Terminal Community: Why Economics isn't All that Matters in Support for the European Union." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2001.

"In Europe, but not Europeans - The Impact of National Identity on Public Support for the European Union." European Consortium of Political Research, Joint Sessions of Workshops. Grenoble, France April 2001.

"New Models of Party Support in Great Britain." Public Choice Society and Economic Science Association. San Antonio, Texas, March 2001.

"The Long Memory of the British Electorate." International Conference on Social Science Methodology, Cologne, Germany, October 2000.

"Statistical Inference and the Use of Aggregated Time Series." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2000.

"Intervention Analysis and ARFIMA Modelling." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 1999.

"Long Memory, Fractional Cointegration, and Political Modelling." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 1999.

"Who Votes Green: A Comparative Analysis of Green Party Supporters in Germany, France, and Great Britain." Conference of the South-Western Political Science Association, 1999.

"Long Memory Processes in the Supreme Court: A Dynamic Analysis 1888-1989." Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, 1998.

"You Must Remember This: Dealing with Long Memory in Political Analyses." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 1998.

"The Long and the Short of It: Long Memory Processes in Political Analysis." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 1998.

"Party Organization and Voter Turnout in the Industrialized Democracies." Midwest Political Science

Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 1998.

“Comparing Competing Explanation of Voter Turnout in Industrialized Democracies.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 1997.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE – STONY BROOK

Member of Graduate Committee 2004-present
Member of Lee Koppelman Scholarship Committee 2003-present
Member of Methodology Qualifying Exam Committee 2003-2006
Chair of Methodology Qualifying Exam Committee 2007
Member of American Politics Qualifying Exam Committee 2003-2006
Member of 9 Dissertation Committees
Senator-at-large University Senate 2005-present
Senator Arts and Sciences Senate 2005-present
Supervisor of 2 MA Theses.

DISCIPLINE SERVICE

Editorial Board, *Electoral Studies*, 2007-
Gosnell Committee – Best Conference Paper in Political Methodology 2007-2008.
Best Poster Award Committee 2006, Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting.

REVIEWS

Journal reviews:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Political Research, American Review of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, The International Journal of Forecasting, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Applied Statistics, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Polity, The Sociological Quarterly, and the University of Toronto Law Journal.

Other reviews:

University of Toronto Press.

INVITED LECTURES

Ohio State University (spring 2006) with ITV presentation to time series classes at OSU, University of Minnesota, University of Illinois, and University of Wisconsin.
Columbia University (2007).

REFERENCES

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