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## Education

- Ph.D. Government, Georgetown University, 2017.
- M.A. Government (with distinction), Georgetown University, 2009.
- B.A. Political Science (with honors), McGill University, 2005.

## Employment

- Research Fellow, Democracy Fund, 2017–present.
- Teaching Associate and Graduate Assistant, Georgetown University, 2011–2017.
- Research Associate, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, 2008–2010.
- Graduate Intern, Campaign Finance Institute, Summer 2008.
- Program Associate, FairVote, 2005–2007.

## Teaching and research interests

Political parties, electoral systems, state and local politics, American democracy in comparative perspective, working with data in R.

## Peer-reviewed articles

1. Santucci, Jack. 2018. "Evidence of a Winning-cohesion Tradeoff under Multi-winner Ranked-choice Voting." *Electoral Studies*, online. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2017.11.003>  
Coverage: Scholars Strategy Network.
2. Santucci, Jack. 2017. "Party Splits, not Progressives: The Origins of Proportional Representation in American Local Government." *American Politics Research* 45(3), 494-526. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X16674774>.  
Coverage: *CityLab*, *Journalist's Resource*, *Monkey Cage*, Sightline Institute, *USAPP*.

## Articles and chapters not peer-reviewed

1. Santucci, Jack. 2010. "What is the Future for Democracy Promotion?" *Democracy & Society* 7(1): 5-7. <http://bit.ly/2E3GP0D>.
2. Santucci, Jack and Magnus Öhman. 2009. "Practical Solutions for the Disclosure of Campaign & Political Party Finance." In *Political Finance Regulation: The Global Experience*, edited by Magnus Öhman & Hani Zainulbhai, 25-42. Washington, DC: IFES. <http://bit.ly/2BGj55M>.
3. Santucci, Jack. 2006. "The Missing Half: Ensuring Fair Representation in Post-merger Essex, Vermont." *National Civic Review* 95(3): 42-50. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ncr.148>.

## Under review

1. "Using Mixed Methods to Recover Electoral History: The American Path to Proportional Voting."
2. "Why Maine Took Two Decades to Adopt Ranked-choice Voting: See the Expectations of the Second-largest Party" (R&R).

## Working papers

1. "Was 2016 a Realigning Election?" (with Hans Noel).
2. "Confidence in the Electoral Process: A Machine-learning Approach."
3. "Why Unions Attacked the Single Transferable Vote in Cincinnati."

## Book project

*The American Politics of Proportional Voting.* I analyze the politics of the single transferable vote in 24 American cities, 1893-1962. Conventional wisdom treats this as a Progressive revolt against political parties. With several new sets of roll-call and electoral data, I find order where others saw chaos. Whether a party faction constitutes the majority of the majority explains (a) its position on electoral reform and (b) the inclusiveness of its nominating strategy.

## Other publications

1. Santucci, Jack and Larry Diamond. 2018. "How ranked-choice voting could empower independents and make American elections more inclusive." Scholars Strategy Network Brief, February 9. <http://bit.ly/2F1rC21>.
2. Santucci, Jack. 2017. "Competent Poll Workers Bolstered Voters' Confidence in 2016." Democracy Fund blog, November 1. <http://bit.ly/2GQIvN7>.
3. Santucci, Jack. 2017. "Maine's citizens passed 'ranked-choice voting.' Why did Republicans shoot it down?" *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, May 31. <http://wapo.st/2BcksrJ>.
4. Santucci, Jack. 2016. "Past experience shows that proportional representation is possible in the US, but there are tradeoffs." LSE's *American Politics & Policy*, December 20. <http://bit.ly/2hzDaBE>.
5. Santucci, Jack. 2016. "Will ranked-choice voting succeed in Maine? That depends on the Democrats." *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, October 13. <http://wapo.st/2ejA3vG>.

6. Santucci, Jack. 2012. «Le scrutin proportionnel aux États-Unis est-il envisageable?» *Blogue génératrice/Radio-Canada*, May 17. <http://bit.ly/2EkNd7v>.

## Grants and awards

1. Tom Carsey Award (\$200), State Politics & Policy Section (Division 22), American Political Science Association, 2017.
2. “Analyzing Legislative Voting in Small Councils” (\$4,400), Massive Data Institute, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, 2015–2016.
3. Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship, Department of Government, Georgetown University, 2015–2016.
4. Travel Grant (\$210), American Political Science Association, 2015.
5. Prestage-Cook Travel Award (\$125), Southern Political Science Association, 2013.

## Teaching

### *Undergraduate*

- GOVT-020: U.S. Political Systems, Georgetown University (Summer 2016, Summer 2017).
- GOVT-303: Urban Politics, Georgetown University (Spring 2016).
- GOVT-121: Comparative Political Systems, Georgetown University (Summer 2013).

### *High school*

- XSPP-02: American Economics & Business, Georgetown University (Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Summer 2014, Summer 2015).

### *Assistantships*

- GOVT-233: Political Parties (Hans Noel, 2015 and 2017).
- GOVT-008/020: U.S. Political Systems (James Lengle, 2014; Mark Rom, 2015 and 2016).
- GOVT-121: Comparative Political Systems (Eusebio Mujal-Leon, 2011 and 2015; Charles King, 2011 and 2012; Eric Langenbacher, 2012 and 2013).

## Conference presentations

“Analyzing a Three-dimensional Policy Space with Little Prior Knowledge: The Council of the City of New York, 1938-47.”

APSA (as poster), San Francisco, 2017.

“Estimating Dynamic, Common-space Public Opinion: Why Maine Took Two Decades to Adopt Ranked-choice Voting.”

APSA, San Francisco, 2017.

State Politics and Policy Conference, St. Louis, 2017.

“Exit from PR and Implications for Ranked-choice Voting in American Government.”

SPSA, New Orleans, 2017.

APSA, Philadelphia, 2016.

MPSA, Chicago, 2016.

“The Other Side of Urban Reform: Insurgents and Issues under City STV, 1930-61.”

MPSA, Chicago, 2016.

“Ends Against the Middle: Revisiting the Repeal of PR in Cincinnati.”

SPSA, San Juan, 2016.

APSA (as poster), San Francisco, 2015.

POLMETH (as poster), University of Rochester, 2015.

“Party Splits and The Choice of Proportional Representation: Evidence from American Cities.”

APSA, San Francisco, 2015.

MPSA (as poster), Chicago, 2015.

SPSA, New Orleans, 2014.

“Ethnic Appeals and the Personal Vote.”

SPSA, Orlando, 2013.

## External service

### *Reviewer*

*American Politics Research* (1), *Election Law Journal* (2), *Perspectives on Politics* (1).

### *Panel chair or discussant*

APSA Annual Meeting (2017); Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Conference (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017).

### *Public engagement*

Member, Scholars Strategy Network, 2018–present.

Academic Advisor, FairVote, 2015–present.

Contributor, ACE Electoral Knowledge Network, 2011–present.

Precinct Captain, DC Board of Elections and Ethics, 2010–2014.

## Internal service

Vice President of Advocacy, Graduate Student Organization, Georgetown University, 2014.

Coordinator, Government Graduate Working Group, Georgetown University, 2012–2013.

Department Representative, Graduate Student Organization, Georgetown University, 2012–2013.

Election Commissioner, Graduate Political Science Association, Georgetown University, 2011–2013.

## Invited talks

“Why Does America Have Only Two Parties?” International Republican Institute, November 3, 2017.

“History of Ranked-choice Voting in the United States” (webinar). RCV Resource Center, September 8, 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IjZB7V84kU>.

“To Party or to Faction? The End of PR in American Cities. American Government Seminar, Georgetown University, October 21, 2016.

“Long Coalitions in Local Politics.” American Government Seminar, Georgetown University, May 18, 2016.

“The Coalition Politics of Ranked-choice Voting at Mid-century” (APSA short course), September 2, 2015.

“Policy Change in American Politics” (series). Triway International, Summer 2015.

“American Economics” (series). Triway International, Summer 2014.

“Election Assistance in International Development.” Colorado College, October 8, 2010.

## Contracting and consulting

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project, 2014.

International Foundation for Electoral Systems, repeatedly from 2010–2014.

International IDEA, 2012.

Flattau Associates, 2011.

Democracy International, 2010.

## Skills

Statistics (classical and Bayesian), R, regex, web scraping, HTML, CSS, PHP.

## Languages

French (working proficiency), Italian (limited working proficiency), Spanish (basic).

## References

### *Teaching*

Ms. Caitlin H. Cochran, Associate Dean for Summer and Special Programs, Georgetown University, [caitlin.cochran@georgetown.edu](mailto:caitlin.cochran@georgetown.edu).

Dr. Mark C. Rom, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Government, Georgetown University, [romm@georgetown.edu](mailto:romm@georgetown.edu).

*Research*

Dr. Josep Colomer, Senior Fellow in Democracy and Governance, Georgetown University,  
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Dr. Paul Gronke, Professor of Political Science, Reed College, gronkep@reed.edu.

Dr. Daniel J. Hopkins, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania,  
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Dr. Hans C. Noel, Associate Professor of Government, Georgetown University,  
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