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## Education

- Ph.D. Government, Georgetown University. 2017  
Dissertation: *Three Articles on Proportional Representation in American Cities (with an Introduction)*.  
Committee: Hans Noel (chair), Josep Colomer, Dan Hopkins, Kent Weaver.
- M.A. Government (distinction), Georgetown University. 2009  
Concentration in Democracy & Governance Studies.
- B.A. Political Science (honours), McGill University. 2005

## Languages

French & Italian (both passable), Spanish (elementary).

## Peer-reviewed articles

- Santucci, Jack. 2017. [“Evidence of a Winning-cohesion Tradeoff under Multi-winner Ranked-choice Voting.](#) Forthcoming in *Electoral Studies*.
- Santucci, Jack. 2017. [“Party Splits, not Progressives: The Origins of Proportional Representation in American Local Government.”](#) *American Politics Research* 45(3): 494-526.

## Edited articles & chapters

- Santucci, Jack. 2010. [“What is the Future for Democracy Promotion?”](#) *Democracy & Society* 7(1): 5-7.
- 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.
- Santucci, Jack. 2006. [“The Missing Half: Ensuring Fair Representation in Post-merger Essex, Vermont.”](#) *National Civic Review* 95(3): 42-50.

## Under review

[Party and cleavage in the 2016 election](#)

[Why Maine took two decades to adopt ranked-choice voting: See the expectations of the second-largest party](#)

[Bad for party discipline: Why unions attacked the single transferable vote in Cincinnati](#)

## Selected blog posts

Santucci, Jack. 2017. [“Maine’s citizens passed ‘ranked-choice voting.’ Why did Republicans shoot it down?”](#) *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, May 31.

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.

Santucci, Jack. 2016. [“Will ranked-choice voting succeed in Maine? That depends on the Democrats.”](#) *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, October 13.

Santucci, Jack. 2012. [«Le scrutin proportionnel aux États-Unis est-il envisageable?»](#) *Blogue génératrice/Radio-Canada*, May 17.

## Working papers

Analyzing a three-dimensional policy space with little prior knowledge: The Council of the City of New York, 1938-47.

Legislator replacement and party position change in American single transferable vote elections.

The other side of urban reform: Insurgents and issues under city STV, 1930-61.

Optimization & objectivity in Weber’s sociology of knowledge (under review since 2015).

## Book project

*Proportional Representation in American Cities*

Ranked-choice voting is a popular idea, and its multi-winner form makes winning office easy. Americans once called this “proportional representation via the single transferable vote” – “PR” for short. I analyze its rise and fall in 24 American cities, 1915-62. Two demands structured these episodes: for minority-party representation, then to bypass elite control of primary elections. To reconcile those demands, reformers compromised on a form of PR that foreclosed on disciplined, multi-party politics. This eased adoption prospects but did not bolster coalition cohesion. When party disunity hurt the second-largest party, it colluded with the largest in repealing PR.

I offer new data covering the American experience with PR: three most-similar charter reform episodes, then 52 city-years of roll-call voting in three most-different cases (Cincinnati, 1929-57; New York City, 1938-47; Worcester, MA, 1950-60). My methods include structured focused comparison, classical regression, ecological inference, and ideal point estimation. An in-progress chapter uses automated text analysis.

## Grants & awards

Tom Carsey Award (\$200), State Politics & Policy Section (Division 22), American Political Science Association.	2017
“Analyzing Legislative Voting in Small Councils” (\$4,400), Massive Data Institute, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown.	2015-6
Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship (self-taught seminar & service-free term), Department of Government, Georgetown.	2015-6
Travel Grant (\$210), American Political Science Association.	2015
Prestage-Cook Travel Award (\$125), Southern Political Science Association.	2013

## Courses taught

U.S. Political Systems (undergrad, mean evaluation 4.7/5).	2016-7
Urban Politics (undergrad, mean evaluation 4.3/5).	2016
American Economics & Business (high school enrichment, no evaluation).	2012-5
Policy Change in American Politics (post-grad Chinese visitors, no evaluation).	2015
American Economics (undergrad Chinese visitors, no evaluation).	2014
Comparative Political Systems (undergrad, mean evaluation 4.3/5).	2013

## Teaching assistantships

Political Parties (Hans Noel).	2015 & 2017
U.S. Political Systems (James Lingle, Mark Rom).	2014-6
Comparative Political Systems (Eusebio Mujal-Leon, Charles King, Eric Langenbacher)	2011-4

## Conference presentations

Analyzing a three-dimensional policy space with little prior knowledge: The Council of the City of New York, 1938-47 (poster), APSA, San Francisco.	2017
Estimating dynamic, common-space public opinion: Why Maine took two decades to adopt ranked-choice voting APSA, San Francisco.	2017
Estimating dynamic, common-space public opinion: An application to Maine's adoption of ranked-choice voting, State Politics & Policy Conference, St. Louis.	2017
Exit from PR & implications for ranked-choice voting in American government, SPSA, New Orleans.	2017
To party or to faction? The end of proportional representation in American cities, APSA, Philadelphia.	2016
The other side of urban reform: Insurgents & issues under city STV, 1930-61, MPSA, Chicago.	2016
Party discipline & the repeal of PR-STV in three American cities, 1930-61, MPSA, Chicago.	2016
Ends against the middle: Revisiting the repeal of PR in Cincinnati, SPSA, San Juan.	2016
Party splits & the choice of proportional representation: Evidence from American cities, APSA, San Francisco.	2015
Land use, party politics, & the repeal of PR-STV in Cincinnati (poster), APSA, San Francisco.	2015
Irreconcilable policy demands & the repeal of proportional representation (poster), POLMETH, Rochester.	2015
Municipal STV choice as an electoral roll (poster), MPSA, Chicago.	2015
Who needs a majority? The adoption of PR by American cities, SPSA, New Orleans.	2014
Ethnic appeals & the personal vote, SPSA, Orlando.	2013

## Invited talks

Why does America have only two parties? International Republican Institute, November 3.	2017
<a href="#">History of ranked choice voting</a> (webinar). RCV Resource Center, September 8.	2017
To party or to faction? The end of PR in American cities. Georgetown American Government Seminar, October 21.	2016

Long coalitions in local politics. Georgetown American Government Seminar, May 18.	2016
The coalition politics of ranked-choice voting at mid-century. APSA short course, September 2.	2015
Election assistance in international development. Colorado College, October 8.	2010

## External service

Reviewer, <i>Election Law Journal</i> .	2017-present
Reviewer, <i>American Politics Research</i> .	2015-present
Discussant, "Re-Election in Different Electoral Systems" (Division 36), APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco.	2017
Chair & Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Conference.	2014-7

## Internal service

Vice President of Advocacy, Georgetown Graduate Student Organization.	2014
Department Representative, Georgetown Graduate Student Organization.	2012-3
Election Commissioner, Georgetown Graduate Political Science Association.	2011-3

## Volunteering

Member, Ranked-choice Voting Advisory Committee, FairVote, Takoma Park, MD.	2015-present
Contributor, ACE Electoral Knowledge Network, <a href="http://aceproject.org">aceproject.org</a> .	2011-present
Precinct Captain, Board of Elections & Ethics, Washington, DC.	2010-4

## Consulting

Varieties of Democracy Project (V-Dem), Gothenburg & Notre Dame.	2014
IFES (repeatedly), Washington, DC.	2010-14
International IDEA, Stockholm.	2012
Flattau Associates, Washington, DC.	2011
Democracy International, Washington, DC.	2010

## Non-scholarly employment

Research Fellow, Democracy Fund, Washington, DC.	June 2017-present
Research Associate & <a href="http://ElectionGuide.org">ElectionGuide.org</a> editor, IFES, Washington, DC.	2008-10
Front Desk Assistant, Campaign Finance Institute, Washington, DC.	Summer 2008
Analyst, FairVote, Takoma Park, MD.	2005-7
Intern, U.S. Representative James H. Maloney, Waterbury, CT.	Summer 1999

## Technical skills

Statistics (R & Stata)	HTML, CSS, & PHP	Text & network analysis
Regular expressions	Web scraping, OCR	Some Python

## References

Omitted to protect privacy & available on request.

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