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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 (honors), McGill University. 2005

Subfields

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| Political Organizations & Parties | State Politics & Policy |
| Representation & Electoral Systems | Politics & History |

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.
Coverage: [CityLab](#), [Journalist’s Resource](#), [Monkey Cage](#), [Sightline Institute](#), [USAPP](#).

Under review

- [Why Maine took two decades to adopt ranked-choice voting: See the expectations of the second-largest party \(revise & resubmit\).](#)
- [Party and cleavage in the 2016 election.](#)
- [Bad for party discipline: Why unions attacked the single transferable vote in Cincinnati.](#)

Articles not peer-reviewed

- 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.

Other publications

- 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

Working title: *The American Politics of Proportional Voting*

The proportional representation form of ranked-choice voting (PR-RCV) has seen much interest in the past year. How is this enacted, and what does it do to a party system? This book looks to America's past, when 24 cities held PR elections, 1893-1962. Reform found traction where (a) districting shut out the minority party and (b) nominating practices shut

out majority-party factions. Once in place, PR forced majority-seeking parties to onboard new groups and ideas. Finally, the rule was stable as long as the second-largest party was both cohesive and pivotal in government. I draw on a range of data including (but not limited to) three most-similar charter reform episodes and 52 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.

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 & Policy Conference, St. Louis, 2017

Exit from PR & 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 & 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 & the choice of proportional representation: Evidence from American cities.

APSA, San Francisco, 2015.

MPSA (as poster), Chicago, 2015.

SPSA, New Orleans, 2014.

Ethnic appeals & the personal vote.

SPSA, Orlando, 2013.

Invited talks

Why does America have only two parties? International Republican Institute, 2017
November 3.

[History of ranked choice voting](#) (webinar). RCV Resource Center, September 8. 2017

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| 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

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| Reviewer, <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> . | 2017-present |
| 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

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

Volunteering

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| Member, Ranked-choice Voting Advisory Committee, FairVote, Takoma Park, MD. | 2015-present |
| Contributor, ACE Electoral Knowledge Network, aceproject.org . | 2011-present |
| Precinct Captain, Board of Elections & Ethics, Washington, DC. | 2010-4 |

Consulting

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| 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

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| Research Fellow, Democracy Fund, Washington, DC. | June 2017-present |
| Research Associate & ElectionGuide.org 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

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

Languages

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

References

Omitted to protect their privacy. Available on request.

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