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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

- Using mixed methods to recover electoral history: The American path to proportional voting
- [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Articles not peer-reviewed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 how does it affect representation? 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 bring in new groups and positions. 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

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

GOVT-020: U.S. Political Systems (undergrad, mean evaluation 4.7/5).	2016-7
GOVT-303: Urban Politics (undergrad, mean evaluation 4.3/5).	2016
XSP-02: American Economics & Business (high school, no evaluation).	2012-5
GOVT-121: Comparative Political Systems (undergrad, mean evaluation 4.3/5).	2013

Teaching assistantships

GOVT-233: Political Parties (for Hans Noel).	2015 & 2017
GOVT-008/020: U.S. Political Systems (for James Lengle, Mark Rom).	2014-6
GOVT-121: Comparative Political Systems (for Eusebio Mujal-Leon, Charles King, Eric Langenbacher)	2011-4

Other teaching

- Policy Change in American Politics (post-grad Chinese visitors, Triway International). 2015
- American Economics (undergrad Chinese visitors, Triway International). 2014

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, November 3.	2017
History of ranked choice voting (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>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

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

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

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-academic employment

Research Fellow, Democracy Fund, Washington, DC.	June 2017-present
Research Associate & ElectionGuide.org editor, IFES, Washington, DC.	2008-10
Graduate Intern, Campaign Finance Institute, Washington, DC.	Summer 2008
Program Associate, FairVote, Takoma Park, MD.	2005-7
District Office Intern, U.S. Rep. 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

Languages

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

References

Omitted from online version to protect privacy. Available on request.

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