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Academic employment

Teaching Associate, School of Continuing Studies, Georgetown University. 2012-present
Graduate Assistant, Department of Government, Georgetown University. 2011-16

Education

Ph.D. Government (pending format review), Georgetown University. 2017
Dissertation: *Proportional Representation in American Cities*.
Committee: Hans Noel (chair), Josep Colomer, Dan Hopkins, Kent Weaver.
M.A. Government (distinction), Georgetown University. 2009
B.A. Political Science (honors), McGill University. 2005

Interests

Alternative voting rules, state & local parties, APD, ideal point estimation.

Peer-reviewed articles

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.

Research-based 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 *USA 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.

Under review

Would the single transferable vote depress party discipline? A "no" from American experience.

How and why the unions ended proportional voting in Cincinnati.

Sent for review

Optimization & objectivity in Weber's sociology of knowledge.

Articles in progress

Estimating dynamic, common-space public opinion: An application to Maine's adoption of ranked-choice voting.

What's the best way to scale roll calls? Learning from the New York City Council, 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.

Book project

Could We Have a Multi-party System?

Yes, but it is hard to do. Choosing a form of proportional representation (PR) requires compromise with fans of nonpartisanship. Incumbent-party support would be needed without a ballot-initiative path. Coalition commitments are hard to enforce. One method is the pre-election coalition. Even then, the largest partner seeks PR repeal when it begins to lose on policy.

New data covering experience with PR in the United States: 24 urban PR adoptions, 3 most-similar charter reform episodes, and 52 city-years of roll-call voting in three most-different cases (Cincinnati, 1929-57; New York City, 1938-47; Worcester, MA, 1950-60).

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

What’s the best way to scale roll calls? Learning from the NYC Council, 1938-47 (poster), APSA, San Francisco.	Coming 2017
Voter choice or party interest? Maine’s 2016 adoption of ranked-choice voting, APSA, San Francisco.	Coming 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
The coalition politics of RCV at mid-century (short course), 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

External service

Discussant, "Re-Election in Different Electoral Systems" (Division 36), APSA Annual Meeting.	Coming 2017
Reviewer, <i>American Politics Research</i> .	2015-present
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, 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 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

Skills

Statistics	HTML, CSS, & PHP	Microsoft Office & equivalent
R, some Python	Web scraping, OCR	French, Italian, & Spanish
Regular expressions	ℒ _A T _E X	Archival research

References

Omitted for privacy & available on request.

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