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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 & 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 & research interests

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

Peer-reviewed articles

- Santucci, Jack. 2019 (forthcoming). "Using Mixed Methods to Recover Electoral History: The American Path to Proportional Voting." *SAGE Research Methods Cases*.
- Santucci, Jack. 2018. "Evidence of a Winning-cohesion Tradeoff under Multi-winner Ranked-choice Voting." *Electoral Studies* 52: 128-138. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2017.11.003>
Coverage: Scholars Strategy Network.
- 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Articles & chapters not peer-reviewed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 & 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

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Working papers

1. "The Salience of Race Across all 50 States."
2. "A Populist-elite Dimension in the U.S. Public? Evidence from Two Surveys in 2016."
3. "Why Unions Attacked the Single Transferable Vote in Cincinnati."

Book project

The Price of Proportional Voting. In view of recent reform debates, this book analyzes the politics of the single transferable vote in 24 American cities, 1893-1962. One way to inform the current debate is to consult the use of that system abroad. My approach is to consult its use in our own country. I ask why reformers advanced this system and not some party-based rule, how it came to be adopted on the ground, how parties adapted to it, and why it was repealed. In America, winning proportional voting requires attacking political parties, but keeping proportional voting requires party discipline in government.

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

Conference presentations

- “The Salience of Race Across All Fifty States.”
Forthcoming, State Politics & Policy Conference, 2018.
- “A Populist-elite Dimension in the U.S. Public? Evidence from Two Surveys in 2016.”
MPSA, Chicago, 2018.
- “In America, Why Does Proportional Voting Have to Attack Political Parties?”
MPSA, Chicago, 2018.

“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.

External service

Reviewer

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

Panel chair or discussant

MPSA Annual Meeting (2018); 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 & 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 & 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 & 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 & Special Programs, Georgetown University, caitlin.cochran@georgetown.edu.

Dr. Mark C. Rom, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Associate Professor of Government, Georgetown University, romm@georgetown.edu.

Research

Dr. Josep Colomer, Senior Fellow in Democracy & Governance, Georgetown University, josep.colomer@gmail.com.

Dr. Daniel J. Hopkins, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, danhop@sas.upenn.edu.

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