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Interests

- Research: electoral systems, voting behavior, American political reform.
- Teaching: American political institutions, comparative political institutions, political parties, state politics, urban politics, undergraduate methodology.

Academic positions

- Adjunct Professor, Political Science, Western New England University, Spring 2024–present.
- Substitute Lecturer, Political Science, Queens College, City University of New York, Fall 2023.
- Assistant Teaching Professor, Politics, Drexel University, 2018-23.
- Adjunct Professor, Political Science, Washington Semester Program, James Madison University, Fall 2018.

Education

- Ph.D., Government, Georgetown University, 2010-17.
- M.A., Democracy & Governance Studies, Georgetown University, 2007-9.
- B.A., Political Science, McGill University, 2001-5.

Book

- Santucci, Jack. 2022. *More Parties or No Parties: The Politics of Electoral Reform in America*. New York: Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780197630655.001.0001>.

Journal articles

- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, Eli McKown-Dawson, Jack Santucci, and Kyle L. Saunders. 2024. “The Impact of Voter Confusion in Ranked Choice Voting.” *Social Science Quarterly*, early version. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13366>.

- Anthony, Joseph, David C. Kimball, Jack Santucci, and Jamil Scott. 2023. "Support for Ranked Choice Voting across Party and Race: Results from a National Survey Experiment." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, early version. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2023.2248715>.
- Santucci, Jack and Joshua J. Dyck. 2022. "The Structure of American Political Discontent" (research note). *Public Opinion Quarterly* 86 (2): 381-92. <https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfac009>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2021. "Variants of Ranked-choice Voting from a Strategic Perspective." *Politics and Governance* 9 (2): 344-353. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v9i2.3955>.
- McCarthy, Devin and Jack Santucci. 2021. "Ranked-choice Voting as a Generational Issue in Modern American Politics." *Politics & Policy* 49 (1): 33-60. <https://doi.org/10.1111/polp.12390>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2020. "Did the Party System Change from 2012-16?" (research note). *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, early version. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2020.1794884>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2019. "Using Mixed Methods to Recover Electoral History: The American Path to Proportional Voting." *SAGE Research Methods Cases, Part 2*. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781526462695>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2018. "Maine Ranked-choice Voting as a Case of Electoral-system Change." *Representation* 54 (3): 297-311. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00344893.2018.1502208>.
- 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>.
- 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>.
- 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>.

Book reviews

- Santucci, Jack. 2021. "Electoral Capitalism: The Party System in New York's Gilded Age. By Jeffrey D. Broxmeyer. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020. 240p. \$55.00 cloth." *Perspectives on Politics* 19 (3): 1013-4. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592721001298>.

- Santucci, Jack. 2021. “The politics industry: How political innovation can break partisan gridlock and save our democracy. Gehl, Katherine M. and Porter, Michael E. Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA, 2020. 316 pp. \$30.00 (cloth).” *Governance* 34: 596-9. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12587>.
- Santucci, Jack. 2020. “Multiparty America?” *The Journal of Politics* 82 (4): e35-e39. <https://doi.org/10.1086/708937>.

Other writing (selected)

- “Avoiding the PR Mistakes of the Past.” *Democracy Journal*, Fall 2023. <https://bit.ly/partylist2023>.
- “Toward a Different Type of Party Government: Proportional Representation for Federal Elections” in *More than Red and Blue: Political Parties and American Democracy*. American Political Science Association/Protect Democracy, July 2023. With Matthew Shugart and Michael S. Latner. <https://apsanet.org/political-parties-report>.
- “There’s a better way to run city elections — and it’s native to Philadelphia.” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, October 6, 2021. <https://bit.ly/47v4Xqh>.
- “Utah’s new kind of ranked-choice voting could hurt political minorities — and sometimes even the majority.” LSE’s *American Politics & Policy*, January 23, 2020. With Benjamin Reilly. <http://bit.ly/37I3tAR>.

Grants (selected)

- “East-coast and National Experimental Tests of Candidate Entry under Single-seat Ranked-choice Voting, with Measurement of Attitudes toward Descriptive Representation” (\$23,000, with Jamil Scott), New America, 2020.
- “Single Transferable Vote Municipal Analysis” (\$25,000, with Michael Latner and Matthew Shugart), New America, 2020.
- “Analyzing Legislative Voting in Small Councils” (\$4,400), Massive Data Institute, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, 2015.

Awards

- Hall of Honor for Education, Amity Regional School District No. 5, Connecticut, 2019.
- Best Paper, “Maine Ranked-choice Voting as a Case of Electoral-system Change,” *Representation*, 2018.
- Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship (to teach Urban Politics), Department of Government, Georgetown University, 2015-16.

Teaching

Western New England University

- POSC 102 American National Government (2 sections synchronous, 1 asynchronous forthcoming)

Queens College, City University of New York

- PSCI 101 Introduction to Political Science (1 section)
- PSCI 210 American State & Local Government (1 section online synchronous)

Drexel University

- PSCI 100 Introduction to Political Science (4 sections synchronous, 2 asynchronous)
- PSCI 110 American Government (10 sections synchronous, 15 asynchronous)
- PSCI 131 Research Design for Political Science (2 sections)
- PSCI 231 Qualitative & Mixed-method Research in Political Science (2 sections)
- PSCI 232 Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science (1 section)
- PSCI 240 Comparative Politics II: Political Institutions (4 sections)
- PSCI 260 Social Movements in Comparative Perspective (1 section)
- PSCI T280 Data Analysis for Activists (1 section)
- PSCI 313 State & Local Government (1 section)
- PSCI 320 The United States Congress (1 section)
- PSCI 372 The City in American Political Development (1 section)
- PSCI T380 Parties & Elections (2 sections)

James Madison University

- POSC 351W The Current Crisis in American Party Politics (1 section)

Georgetown University

- XSPP 02 American Economics & Business (3 sections, high school)
- GOVT 020 United States Political Systems (3 sections)
- GOVT 121 Comparative Political Systems (1 section)
- GOVT 303-2 Urban Politics (1 section)

Undergraduate mentoring

- Ciara Richards, Drexel University, AY 2022-23. Thesis, electoral reform in devolved nations of the United Kingdom.
- Steven White, Drexel University, Fall 2021. Research co-op, ranked-choice voting adoption/repeal.
- Medina Talebi, Drexel University, Spring 2021. Research co-op, descriptive representation in global cities, joint supervision with Michael Latner.
- Devon Rutledge, Drexel University, Summer 2020. Research co-op, survey sampling from voter file, joint supervision with Jamil Scott.
- Andrew Rosenthal, Drexel University, Summer 2020. Research co-op, archival research on state and local electoral reform.
- Lev Boonin, Drexel University, Fall 2019. Independent study, U.S. Congressional apportionment.

Service to the university

- Organizer and moderator, Panel discussion on election integrity, Queens College, November 15, 2023.
- Member, Communications Committee, Political Science Department, Queens College, 2023-24.
- Member, Strategic Staffing Initiative Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Drexel University, 2023.
- Coordinator, Collaborative Pennsylvania Exit Poll, Drexel University, 2022.
- Faculty Marshal, College of Arts and Sciences Commencement, Drexel University, 2022.
- Member, Awards Committee, Politics Department, Drexel University, 2022.
- Member, Search Committee in American Politics (non-tenure-track), Drexel University, 2021.
- Member, Truman Scholarship Selection Committee, Drexel University, 2020.
- Member; Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Politics Department; Drexel University; 2020-21.
- Moderator, Panel discussion on the Electoral College, Pennoni Honors College, Drexel University, October 29, 2020.
- Coordinator, Pennsylvania Statewide Redistricting Town Hall, Drexel University, February 21, 2019.

- Interviewed by: *Democracy Works* (Penn State); *Fox News*; *Go Green 2026* (Andy Ellis); *Gray TV* (DC); *KYW In Depth* (WKYW-FM); *NBC 4 Washington* (WRC-TV); *On the Ballot* (Ballotpedia); *Politics in Question* (New America/R Street); *Rules of the Game* (Stephan Kyburz); *Studio2* (WHYY-FM); *The Science of Politics* (Niskanen Center); *The Tally Room* (Ben Raue); *Tatter* (Michael Sargent); *Top of Mind* (KBYU-FM).
- Quoted by: *Alaska Public Media*; *Billy Penn*; *Bolts*; *City & State NY*; *Crosscut* (KCTS-TV); *Denver7 360* (KMGH-TV); *Governing* (1, 2); *Puck News*; *Rose City Reform*; *The Christian Science Monitor*; *The Boston Globe*; *The Economist*; *The New York Times*; *The Philadelphia Citizen*; *The Portland Press Herald* (1, 2, 3); *The Triangle* (Drexel); *The Washington Post*; *Times West Virginian*; *U.S. News & World Report*; *Vox*; *Willamette Week*.

Service to the discipline

- Division co-chair (with Heather Stoll), Section on Representation & Electoral Systems, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021.
- Co-organizer (with Mara Suttman-Lea), Election Sciences Conference Within a Conference, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021.
- Panel chair/discussant: American Political Science Association (2017, 2020, 2022-23); Midwest Political Science Association (2018-19, 2023); Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Conference (2014-17); Southern Political Science Association (2020-21).
- Reviewer (journals): *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *Asian Journal of Political Science*; *Cogent Social Sciences*; *Commonwealth: A Journal of Pennsylvania Politics and Policy*; *Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation*; *Election Law Journal*; *Electoral Studies*; *Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: An International Journal*; *IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems*; *Illinois Municipal Policy Journal*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Journal of Theoretical Politics*; *Network Science*; *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*; *Party Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *PLOS One*; *PNAS Nexus*; *Political Analysis*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Politics & Policy*; *Politics and Governance*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Representation*; *Research & Politics*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*; *The Forum*; *The Journal of Politics*.
More information: <https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/rid/O-6338-2017>.
- Reviewer (books/proposals): CQ Press; Oxford University Press; Palgrave Macmillan.
- Reference list on ranked-choice voting, 2018-present. <https://bit.ly/rcvacademic>.

Conference presentations

- American Political Science Association (2015-23).

- Midwest Political Science Association (2015-16, 2018-19, 2022-23).
- Society for Political Methodology (2015).
- Southern Political Science Association (2013-14, 2016-17, 2019-20).
- State Politics and Policy Conference (2017-18).

Other presentations

- “Third Party Possibilities in the American Political Landscape: Conversations on Controversial Issues” (with Andy Craig, moderated by Clay Jenkinson), Vail Symposium, June 18, 2024.
- “Why Party-list?” Race and Electoral Systems Reform Conference, Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard University, September 22, 2023.
- “How and Why Electoral Reforms Get Adopted and Repealed,” Electoral Innovation Lab, Princeton University, June 19, 2023.
- “Learning From the Repeal of the Single Transferable Vote in U.S. Cities,” Beyond Winner-take-all Conference, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard University, February 8, 2023.
- “More Parties or No Parties: The Politics of Electoral Reform in America,” Inequality and Policy Research Center, Claremont Graduate University, February 16, 2022.
- “Block-preferential and ‘Final Five’ Voting,” Ranked Choice Voting for Colorado, August 19 and 26, 2021.
- “Getting Rid of the Parties vs. Having More Parties,” Independent Pennsylvanians, June 13, 2021.
- “Is Ranked Choice Voting Good for DC?” District of Columbia Democratic Party, January 7, 2021.
- “Breaking Polarization: The Promise and Perils of Election Reform” (with Lee Drutman), Drexel University, October 27, 2020.
- “Long-term Issues with Voting Rights in the United States,” University of Miami (POL 401, Prof. Joe Uscinski), October 12, 2020.
- “Communicating Research to the Public,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2020.
- Panel discussion on charter reform, City Club of Portland (OR), July 18, 2019.
- “What History Can Teach Us About the Prospects for Ranked-choice and Proportional Voting,” The College of New Jersey, March 8, 2019.

- “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=2ljZB7V84kU>.

Non-academic employment

- Research Fellow, Democracy Fund, 2017-18.
- Research Associate, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, 2008-10.
- Intern (paid), Campaign Finance Institute, Summer 2008.
- Program Associate, FairVote, 2005-7.
- District Office Intern, U.S. Representative James H. Maloney (CT-05), Summer 1999.