

# Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions

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## **The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Welcomes New Colleagues**

The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions is pleased to announce the addition of three new colleagues.

**Alan Wiseman** is the newest Co-Director of CSDI, joining Joshua Clinton, John Geer and David Lewis on the executive committee of the research center. Professor Wiseman's research addresses the impact of political institutions on political actors' behavior and strategies, focusing substantively on legislative, electoral, and regulatory politics in the United States. He is the author of *The Internet Economy: Access, Taxes, and Market Structure* (Brookings Institution Press, 2000), and has published research in numerous journals including the *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, and *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. His current scholarship examines the impact of executive oversight of bureaucratic rulemaking in the United States and other developed democracies. He is also writing a book on the causes and consequences of legislative effectiveness in the United States Congress and studying the emergence and consequences of industry self-regulation in different product and service markets. Prior to joining the faculty of Vanderbilt University, Professor Wiseman served on the faculty of The Ohio State University, where he directed the undergraduate public policy minor in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. He has also been a visiting associate professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management; and before entering the academy he served as a visiting economic scholar with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

**Adam Levine** is a 2010-2011 CSDI Postdoctoral Fellow. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Michigan in 2010. He also holds a master's in economics from the University of Michigan. Adam's research specializations are in political behavior, formal modeling, public policy, quantitative methodology, experimental design, and state and local politics. His dissertation seeks to explain the relationships between political donations, political rhetoric and people's decisions to participate in politics. Adam has received grants from the National Science Foundation and Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences. His work has been published in the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Communication* and *Political Analysis*.

**Jennifer Anderson** is the new program director for CSDI. While Jennifer has been part of the CSDI family since 2009 as a graduate fellow, in her new role she will serve as the CSDI office administrator and liaison with the political science

department. Jennifer is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at Vanderbilt. Her research interests concentrate on the intersection of political communication, foreign policy and public opinion. Her dissertation examines how televised images of violent conflict affect public support for war. Recently, the project was awarded a dissertation enhancement grant by the National Science Foundation. Before coming to Vanderbilt, Jennifer worked for the Tennessee State Legislature and studied at the University of Orleans in France.

CSDI supports systematic theoretical and empirical research on questions central to the survival and flourishing of democratic institutions in the United States and abroad. The Center also supports the production of research and public commentary on the connection between democratic values and actual practice. For more information about the Center for Study of Democratic Institutions, including information on upcoming events, please visit the CSDI website at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/political-science/csdi>.



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