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EDUCATION

B.A.	Tufts University	1967
M.A.	University of Wisconsin	1968
Ph.D.	University of Wisconsin	1973

CURRENT POSITION

Professor of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 1993-

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Acting Chair, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2009-10.

Guest Scholar, The Brookings Institution, Spring 1997

Professor of Political Science, University of Houston,
1986-93

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Houston, 1977-86

Assistant Professor of Politics, Brandeis University, 1971-77

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Graduate Mentoring Award, College of Arts and Science, Vanderbilt University, 2005.

Robert H. Birkby Award for Teaching Excellence in Political Science 2002

D.B. Hardeman Award for best book on a Congress topic published in 1999 for *Sizing Up the Senate*. Awarded by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, 2000.

Recipient, Research Award, Everett McKinley Dirksen Congressional Research Center, 1983, 2001.

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, 1974-75.

Brookings Institution Fellow in Governmental Studies, 1970-71.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

U.S. Senate Exceptionalism, Ohio State University Press, 2002 (editor)

With Frances Lee, Sizing Up the Senate: The Unequal Consequences of Equal Representation, University of Chicago Press, 1999.

With Lawrence Dodd (Editors), Congress Reconsidered (2nd-9th Editions) Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1981, 1985, 1989, 1993, 1997, 2001, 2005, and 2009 (forthcoming), respectively.

With Lawrence Dodd (Editors), Congress Reconsidered, Praeger Publishers, 1977.

History of the Committee on Rules, Government Printing Office, 1983. (primary author)

Oil and the Congressional Process: The Limits of Symbolic Politics, Lexington

Book Division, D. C. Heath, 1974 (2nd Printing, 1975).

Articles

“Domestic Policy: The Politics of Energy” in *From Delay to Dysfunction? The U.S. Senate, 1960-2010*, edited by Burdett A. Loomis (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, forthcoming 2011).

“Behavioral Approaches to the Study of Congress,” in Frances Lee and Eric Schickler, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Congress* (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2010).

In *Congress Reconsidered* (9th edition)

with Lawrence Dodd, “The Politics of the Contemporary House: From Gingrich to Pelosi,” 23-52.

“The Process Hurdles: Energy Legislation from the OPEC Embargo to 2008,” 285-310.

with Lawrence Dodd, “Congressional Politics in a Time of Crisis: The 2008 Elections and Their Implications,” 419-442.

“Catch-22: Cloture, Energy Policy, and the Limits of Conditional Party Government,” in *Why Not Parties: Party Effects In the United States Senate*, Nathan Monroe, Jason Roberts, and David Rohde, eds. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008), 198-228 (with Marc Hetherington)..

“The Iraq War, Partisanship, and Candidate Attributes: Variation in Partisan Swing in the 2006 House Elections, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 32 (November 2007): 531-58 (with Christian Grose).

In *Congress Reconsidered* (8th edition)

with Lawrence Dodd, “Perspectives on the 2004 Congressional Elections,” pp.xxi-xxx.

with Lawrence Dodd, “A Decade of Republican Control: The House of Representatives, 1995-2005,” pp.23-54.

“Deep Red and Blue Congressional Districts: The Causes and Consequences of Declining Party Competitiveness,” pp.135-158.

“Delayed Republican Revolution? Testing the Limits of Institutional Constraints on the Senate Majority Party,” *Extensions*, Spring 2005: 10-15.

“Electoral College Reform at the State Level: Options and tradeoffs,” in Robert P. Watson (ed.), *Counting Votes: Lessons from the 2000 Presidential Election in Florida*, University Press of Florida, 2004 (with Paul Schumaker).

“From Concept to Context: Representation in the Twentieth Century,” (with George Connor) in Sunil Ahuja and Robert E. Dewhirst, eds., Congress Responds to the Twentieth Century (Columbus: Ohio State University Press, 2003).

“Let’s Begin with the Senate: An Introduction to Senate Exceptionalism” in U.S. Senate Exceptionalism, 3-12.

“Electoral College Reform, the Presidency, and Congress” in Paul D. Schumaker and Burdett A. Loomis, eds., Choosing a President (New York: Chatham House, 2002, 74-87 (with Burdett Loomis, Jeffrey Cohen, and James Pfiffner).

In Congress Reconsidered (7th edition)

with Lawrence Dodd, “A House Divided: The Struggle for Partisan Control,” pp.21-44.

with Lawrence Dodd, “Congress and the Emerging Order: Assessing the 2000 Elections,” pp.367-388.

with Rosalyn Cooperman, “The Gender Gap in the House of Representatives,” pp.125-140.

“Constituency Size and the Strategic Behavior of Senators,” in Burdett Loomis, ed., Civility and Deliberation in the U.S. Senate,(Washington, D.C.: Brookings, 2000), pp. 137-63.

"The Effects of Senate Apportionment on Senate Elections: Competitiveness and Partisan Advantage," Legislative Studies Quarterly, Vol. 22, No. 1, February 1997, pp. 3-24 (with Frances Lee).

In Congress Reconsidered (6th Edition)

with Lawrence Dodd, "Revolution in the House: Testing the Limits of Party Government," pp. 29-60.

"Abdicating Congressional Power: The Paradox of Republican Control," pp. 371-389.

with Lawrence Dodd, "Congress and the Emerging Order: Conditional Party Government or Constructive Partisanship?" pp. 390-414.

"The Representational Experience: The Effect of State Population on Senator-Constituency Linkages," American Journal of Political Science, Vol. 40, No. 4, November 1996, pp. 1280-99.

"The Importance of Elections in a Strong Congressional Party Era: The Effect of Unified v. Divided Government," in Benjamin Ginsberg and Alan Stone (eds.), Do Elections Matter?, M.E. Sharpe, 1996.

"House Term Limits: A Distorted Picture" Social Science Quarterly, Vol. 76, No. 4, December 1995, pp. 725-29.

"Candidate Experience in a Majority Hispanic District: The 29th District in Texas," in Thomas A. Kazee (ed.), Who Runs for Congress?, Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1994, pp. 45-66 (with Douglas Abel).

"The House Traffic Cop: The Rules Committee," in Joel Silbey (ed.), Encyclopedia of the American Legislative System, Scribners, 1994, pp. 1049-1066.

In Congress Reconsidered (5th Edition)

with Lawrence Dodd, "Perspectives on the 1992 Congressional Elections," pp. 1-10.

with Lawrence Dodd, "Maintaining Order in the House: The Struggle for Institutional Equilibrium," pp. 41-66.

With George Connor, "Deliberation: An Untimed Value in a Timed Game," pp. 315-332.

"Declining Presidential Success with Congress," in Richard W. Waterman (ed.) The Presidency Reconsidered, F.E. Peacock, 1993, pp. 75-92.

"The Growing Strength of Party in Congress," in Kent L. Tedin and Donald F. Lutz (eds.), Perspectives on American and Texas Politics (3rd edition), Kendall/Hunt, 1992, pp. 309-325.

"Sequence and Equilibrium in Congressional Elections: An Integrated Approach" Journal of Politics May, 1991, pp. 372-393 (with James Stimson and Richard Waterman).

"Explaining Split Party Control of Congress 1981 - 86" American Journal of Political Science, Aug. 1989, pp. 653-669.

In Congress Reconsidered (4th Edition)

with Lawrence Dodd, "Perspectives on the 1988 Congressional Elections," pp. 1-10.

with Lawrence Dodd, "Consolidating Power in the House: The Rise of a New Oligarchy," pp. 39-64.

with Lawrence Dodd, "The New Congress: Fluidity and Oscillation," pp. 443-449.

"Institutional Change in Congress" in Donald S. Lutz and Kent L. Tedin (eds.), Perspectives on American and Texas Politics (Dubuque: Kendall) pp. 81-91.

"Interpreting U. S. Congressional Elections: The Exposure Thesis," Legislative Studies Quarterly, May 1986, pp. 227-248 (with James Stimson and Richard Waterman).

In Congress Reconsidered (3rd Edition)

"Changing Time Constraints in the Senate: Historical Perspectives on the Use of Cloture," pp. 393-413.

with Lawrence Dodd, "The House in Transition: Partisanship and Opposition," pp. 34-64.

with Lawrence Dodd, "The Elusive Congressional Mandate: The 1984 Election and Its Aftermath," pp. 1-10.

"Outputs of Legislatures: How Legislatures Shape Policy and Budgets," Legislative Studies Quarterly, November 1983, pp. 551-597. (Reprinted in Patterson et al, eds. Handbook of Legislative Research, Harvard University Press, 1985.)

"Resolving the Oil Pricing Issue: A Key to National Energy Policy," in Allan P. Sindler (ed.), American Politics and Public Policy, Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 1982, pp. 191-222.

"The Changing Relationship Between House Leadership and the Committee on Rules," in Frank Mackaman (ed.), Understanding Congressional Leadership, Congressional Quarterly, Inc., pp. 207-225.

"Policy Effects on U. S. House Reform: Decentralization and the Capacity to Resolve Energy Issues," Legislative Studies Quarterly, Feb. 1980, pp. 5-30. (Reprinted in James Anderson, Cases in Public Policy, Holt, Rinehart and

Winston, 1981. Reprinted U. S. Department of Energy, 1983.)

In Congress Reconsidered (2nd Edition)

"Congress and the New Obstructionism: Developing an Energy Program," pp. 275-295.

with Lawrence Dodd, "The House in Transition: Change and Consolidation," pp. 31-61.

with Lawrence Dodd, "Electoral Upheaval and Congressional Change: A Prologue to the 1980s," pp. 1-10.

"Policy Implications of Rules Committee Reforms, " in Leroy Rieselbach (ed.), Legislative Reform, The Policy Impact, Lexington Books, 1978, pp. 91-104.

"How the Race for House Majority Leader Was Won--By One Vote," The Washington Monthly, November 1977, pp. 46-56, with Robert L. Peabody.

In Congress Reconsidered (1st Edition)

"The Rules Committee: New Arm of Leadership in a Decentralized House," pp. 96-116.

with Lawrence Dodd, "The House Transition," pp. 21-53.

"Capacities for Integrative Policy Analysis in the House of Representatives: Problems and Prescriptions," in Report of the Advisory Committee on National Growth Policy Processes to the National Commission on Supplies and Shortages, 1977.

"Updating Courses on Congress," DEA News Supplement, American Political Science Association, Summer, 1976.

"Interest Groups in the Political Process," Current History, August, 1974.

In Progress

Research on the changing strategies in enacting energy legislation comparing the 1970s to the present.

Project examining why African-American House members rarely run for the Senate.

PAPERS

“Congress and Energy Policy 1960-2010: A Long Term Evaluation,” Paper prepared for the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics Symposium: Changing the ‘Slow’ Institution: The U.S. Senate, 1960-2010,” University of Kansas, March 25-26, 2010.

“The House as a Stepping Stone to the Senate: Why Do So Few African-American House Members Run?” paper presented at conference on Legislative Elections, Process, and Policy: The Influence of Bicameralism, Vanderbilt University, October 2009 (with Gbemende Johnson and Jennifer Selin).

“Why Evenly Matched Parties Ignore the Median Voter: Mass Party Differences at the Congressional District Level,” paper presented at University of Wisconsin conference in memory of Leon Epstein, April 2007 (with Marc Hetherington).

“Catch 22: Cloture, Energy Policy, and the Limits of Conditional Party Government,” (with Marc Hetherington) paper presented at Conference on Party Effects in the United States Senate II, University of Minnesota, September 2006.

“Running on Empty: Coalition Building in the U.S. Senate, 1970s and 2000s,” (with Marc Hetherington) paper presented at Conference on Party Effects in the United States Senate, Duke University, April 2006

“The Struggle for Energy Legislation in the 109th Congress: Are There Lessons to Be Learned from the 1970s?,” paper presented at the Congress Project Seminar on “Congress and the Politics of Energy Policy,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Monday, May 16, 2005.

“Congressional Party Switchers, 1876-2003: Party or Constituency Effects on Strategic Behavior,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, April 2003 (With Andrea Hatcher).

“The Decline in Party Competitiveness at the Congressional District Level,” paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Savannah, November 7-9, 2002.

“The Changing Role of Parties in Congress: From the Era of Committee Government to Conditional Party Government,” paper presented at the Jim Wright Symposium: Texas Congressional Leaders, Texas Christian University, Forth Worth, April 19, 2002

“The Roll Call Behavior of Members Who Switch Parties, 1900-99: The Effect of Variations in Party Strength,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, April 27-30, 2000.

“Civility under Stress: Constituency Size Effects on the Strategic Behavior of Senators,” paper presented at the Robert J. Dole Institute conference on Civility and Deliberation in the United States Senate, Washington, D.C., July 16, 1999.

"The Senate as a Representative Institution: Senate Apportionment in Theory and Practice," paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, November 1997 (with Frances Lee).

"Another Gender Gap: The Representation and Influence of Women House Members," paper to be presented at Women in Congress Symposium, Northern Arizona University, September 20, 1997 (with Rosalyn Cooperman-Korff).

"State Population Size and Senate Strategies," paper presented at American Political Science Association Meetings, September, 1995.

"The Effects of State Population on U.S. Senate Elections," paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 1995 (with Frances Sandstrum).

"The Representational Experience: The Effect of State Population on Senator-Constituency Linkages" American Political Science Association Meetings, September 1994.

with Douglas Abel, "Candidate Emergence in a Majority Hispanic District: The 29th District of Texas," Southern Political Science Association Meetings, November, 1991.

"The Changing Use of Time in Congress," paper prepared for the Carl Albert Center's Bicentennial Conference, Back to the Future: The U. S. Congress in the Twenty-First Century, April 1990.

"Explaining Split Party Control of Congress" paper presented at the Hendricks Symposium on the U. S. Senate, Oct. 6-8, 1988, University of Nebraska.

with Richard Waterman, "Exposure and Partisan Seat Change in House Elections," Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, March 28 - 30, 1985.

with Bruce Robeck, "Sources of Variation in the Distribution of Power Among States and Regions in the U. S. House of Representatives," Southwestern Political Science Association, Fort Worth, March 21 - 21, 1984.

"Reapportionment and the Internal Distribution of Power in the U. S. House of Representatives" Legislative Studies Group, American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 1-3, 1983.

"Outputs of Legislatures: How Legislatures Shape Policy and Budgets," presented at the Legislative Research Conference sponsored by the National Science Foundation at the University of Iowa, October, 24 - 27, 1982.

"The Changing Relationship Between House Leadership and the Committee on Rules," presented at Understanding Congressional Leadership: The State of the Art, June 10 -11, 1980, Washington D.C.

"Policy Effects of House Reform: Energy Legislation, 1975-1977," American Political Science Association, New York, September, 1978.

with Robert L. Peabody, "The House Majority Leader Race, 1976," American Political Science Association, Washington, September, 1977.

"The Rules Committee in the New House," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1977.

"Changing Roles of the House Rules Committee," Southwestern Political Science Association, Dallas, April, 1976.

"Senators' Constituencies--Suggestions for Redefinition," American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 1971.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES and RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Member, Nominating Committee, APSA, Legislative Studies Section, 2010.

Chair, CQ Prize Award Committee, APSA, Legislative Studies Section, 2008

Chair, Diane Blair Prize Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2007.

Chair, Editor Nominations Committee, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2006.

Roundtable on Forecasting the 2006 Elections, American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 2006

Member, Fenno Prize Committee, APSA, Legislative Studies Section, 2006.

Panel Participant as chair, discussant, and/or roundtable member at the APSA, MPSA, and SPSA meetings in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009.

Chair, Carl Albert Dissertation Award Committee, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association, 2003-04.

Participant, Panel on Congressional Elections Research, Public Choice Association Meetings, March 2003.

Chair and Discussant, Panel on "Causes and Consequences of Gridlock," American Political Science Association, 2002.

Participant, Roundtable on 2002 Congressional Elections, Midwest Political Science Association, 2002.

Discussant, Panel on "Representative-Constituent Linkages," Midwest Political Science Association, 2002.

Chair, Nominating Committee, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association, 2001.

Chair, Panel on "Leader Selection and the Impact of Leadership," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2001.

Discussant, Panel on Congress, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2001.

Member, Roundtable on "When Rules Matter: A Conversation with Chairman Drier," American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2000.

Discussant, Panel on "Partisanship and Representation in Legislatures," American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2000.

Member, History of the House Advisory Board, Library of Congress, 2000.

Organizer, Norman Thomas Conference on Senate Exceptionalism, Vanderbilt University, 1999.

Member, E.E. Schattschneider Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 1999.

Member, Executive Committee, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association, 1997-99.

Chair and Discussant, Panel on "Candidates and Voters in Congressional Elections," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1999.

Discussant, "Panel on Research on the Senate," American Political Science Association Meeting, New York, Sept. 1998..

Roundtable Member, "Evaluating Congressional Research," Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, Corpus Christi, March 1998.

Discussant, Panel on James Campbell's Cheap Seats, Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, Corpus Christi, March 1998.

Member, Committee of Visitors, Political Science Program, Division of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research, National Science Foundation, 1997.

Chair, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association, 1995-1997.

Participant, National Elections Study, Planning Conference for congressional elections survey, Chicago, March 1996.

Member, Best Paper Award Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 1995.

Member, Fenno Prize Committee, Legislative Studies Sections, American Political Science Association, 1995.

Member, Outside Evaluating Committee of Ph.D. program in Political Science, University of New Orleans, 1994.

Member, Editorial Board, Congress and the Presidency, 1981-2008.

Member, Editorial Board, American Review of Politics, 1994- .

Member, Editorial Board, Legislative Studies Quarterly, 1986-1994. (Co-editor, 1988-91).

Chair, Nominating Committee, Midwest Political Science Association 1990

Organizer, "Electing the Senate" Conference, jointly sponsored by the University of Houston and Rice University, Dec. 1-2, 1989.

Member, Committee on Departmental Services, American Political Science Association, 1989-1992.

Program Committee, 1986 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Section Chair for Legislative Process and Politics.

Section Chair, Legislative Panels, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 1982.

Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee for the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 1980.

Member, Editorial Board, The American Journal of Political Science, 1980 - 1982.

Consultant, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Rules, July 1979.

Consultant, Special Study on Economic Change, Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress, 1978 - 79.

Consultant, Advisory Committee on National Growth Policy Processes, National Commission on Supplies and Shortages, 1976.

Consultant, Congressman Gillis W. Long, 1975 - 76.

Reviewer, NSF Grant Proposals.

Article referee and book reviewer for professional journals.

TEACHING FIELDS AND COURSES OFFERED RECENTLY

Congress and Legislative Processes*
Political Parties
American Politics Survey Course
American Politics Core Graduate Course
Seminar on Political Biographies
The 2004 Elections
Midterm Elections Seminar

*Separate courses offered at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

RECENT UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Vanderbilt University

Member, Faculty Senate, 2008-2011.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2003-05.

Member, Traffic and Parking Committee, 2000- .
Chair, 2004-

Member, Appellate Review Board, 2000-02, 2006-10.

Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Political Science, 2000-01.

Chair, Junior American Search Committee, 2000-01.

Chair, Senior American Search Committee, 1999-2000.

Chair, Junior American Search Committee, 1997.

Junior International Relations Search Committee, 1997.

Political Science Graduate Student Placement Director,
1995-2000

Senior International Relations Search Committee, 1995-96.

Junior American Search Committee, 1995.

American Studies Committee Member, 1994-98 .

Chair, Senior American Search Committee, 1993 - 1994

Subcommittee on Social Science, College Program Committee, Member, 1993-96, 1997-99, Chair 1998-99.

Representative from Social Sciences for evaluation of University Research Council applications, 1994.

Political Science Graduate Committee
Member, 1993-2000.

University of Houston

Recruitment Committee, Political Science
Chair, 1988 - 1989.

Director, Graduate Program, Political Science 1984 -1988.

Policy Committee, College of Social Sciences
Member, 1982 - 85, 1987 - 89, 1991 - 93.
Chair, 1983.

Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Social Sciences
Member, 1988 - 89, 1991 - 92.

Executive Committee, Department of Political Science
Member, 1982 - 83, 1987 - 88, 1990 - 91.
Chair, 1989 - 90.

Faculty Senate
Member, 1983 - 1988.

Undergraduate Congressional Intern Program
Director, 1980 - 1993.

Athletic Advisory Committee
Member, 1983 - 87.
Chair, 1985 - 87.

In earlier years I have served as director of the Department's undergraduate program, as a member and chair of the University's Graduate and Professional Studies Council, and as a member and Chair of the College of Social Science Curriculum Committee.