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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS **George Mason University** – Fairfax, Virginia

Assistant Professor, School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs **2014 - present**

Assistant Professor, Department of Public and International Affairs **2011 - 2014**

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, Michigan

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research **2013 - 2015**

EDUCATION Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Iowa, July 2011
Dissertation: *Strategic Oversight and the Institutional Determinants of Legislative Policy Control*
Committee: Frederick J. Boehmke (Chair), Douglas Dion, Christian B. Jensen, Raymond G. Riezman, and Charles R. Shipan (University of Michigan)

B.A., Political Science & Philosophy, Saint Peter's College, 2004

ARTICLES Graeme Boushey and **Robert J. McGrath**. N.d. (forthcoming). "Experts, Amateurs, and Bureaucratic Influence in the American States." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

- Winner of the 2015 *State Politics and Policy Quarterly Award* for best paper on state politics and policy presented at any professional meeting.

Robert J. McGrath and James A. Rydberg. N.d. (forthcoming). "The Marginality Hypothesis and Supreme Court Confirmation Votes in the Senate." *Congress & the Presidency*.

Denise F. Lillvis and **Robert J. McGrath**. N.d. (forthcoming). "Directing Discipline: State Medical Board Responsiveness to State Legislatures." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*.

Jason A. MacDonald and **Robert J. McGrath**. N.d. (forthcoming). "Retrospective Congressional Oversight and the Dynamics of Legislative Influence over the Bureaucracy." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

John D. Marvel and **Robert J. McGrath**. N.d. (forthcoming). "Congress as Manager: Oversight Hearings and Agency Morale." *Journal of Public Policy*.

Robert J. McGrath, Jon C. Rogowski, and Josh M. Ryan. 2016 (forthcoming). "Veto Override Requirements and Executive Success." *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Note: Author order alphabetical and equal authorship on publications and papers, unless otherwise noted

Jeeyang Rhee Baum, Christian B. Jensen, and **Robert J. McGrath**. 2016. "Constraining a Shadowy Future: Enacting APAs in Parliamentary Systems." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 41(2): 471-499.

Robert J. McGrath, Jon C. Rogowski, and Josh M. Ryan. 2015. "Gubernatorial Veto Powers and the Size of Legislative Coalitions." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 40(4): 571-598.

Robert J. McGrath. 2013. "Legislatures, Courts, and Statutory Control of the Bureaucracy across the U.S. States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 13(3): 373-397.

Robert J. McGrath. 2013. "Congressional Oversight Hearings and Policy Control." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 38(3): 353-380.

Robert J. McGrath. 2013. "The Rise and Fall of Radical Civil Service Reform in the U.S. States." *Public Administration Review* 73(4): 638-649.

Christian B. Jensen and **Robert J. McGrath**. 2011. "Making Rules About Rulemaking: A Comparison of Presidential and Parliamentary Systems." *Political Research Quarterly* 64(3): 656-667.

Robert J. McGrath. 2011. "Electoral Competition and the Frequency of Initiative Use in the U.S. States." *American Politics Research* 39(3): 611-638.

BOOK CHAPTER **Robert J. McGrath**, Jon C. Rogowski, and Josh M. Ryan. 2015. "The Power of Institutional Design: Governors, Vetoes, and Legislative Outcomes." In *The American Governor: Power, Constraint, and Leadership in the States*, ed. David P. Redlawsk. New York, NY: Palgrave MacMillan.

BOOK REVIEW Review of James M. Curry, *Legislating in the Dark: Information and Power in the House of Representatives* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2015), for the *Journal of Politics*, Volume 78, No. 2 (April 2016).

MANUSCRIPTS "A Race for the Regs: Unified Government, Statutory Deadlines, and Federal Agency Rule-
UNDER REVIEW making," with Jason A. MacDonald — *under review*

AWARDS *State Politics and Policy Quarterly Award* (State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association) for best paper on state politics and policy presented at any professional meeting for "Experts, Amateurs, and Bureaucratic Influence in the American States," with Graeme Boushey, 2015.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Fellowship (University of Michigan site), 2013-2015

"The American Governor: Politics, Policy, Power and Leadership" Research Grant, Center on the American Governor—Eagleton Institute of Politics (Rutgers University), 2012

Graduate College Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2009

National Science Foundation award to attend Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) summer institute, University of Michigan, 2009.

National Science Foundation award to attend Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) summer institute, Washington University in St. Louis, 2008.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship for intensive course in Yucatec Maya, The Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of North Carolina-Duke University, 2005.

Political Science Graduate Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2004–2010.

WORKING
PAPERS

“The Gift of Gridlock: Divided Government, Bureaucratic Autonomy, and the Politics of Rulemaking in the American States,” with Graeme Boushey — *working paper*

“Tied Chambers and Party Effects on State Legislative Committees,” with Josh M. Ryan — *working paper*

“The Value of State Legislative Committees,” with Josh M. Ryan — *working paper*

“Participation Bias and Health Inequalities in the States” with William W. Franko — *working paper*

CONFERENCE &
SEMINAR
PARTICIPATION

- University of Virginia, American Politics Seminar, Charlottesville, VA (2016)
- American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (2015); Washington, DC (2014); Chicago, IL (2013); Washington, DC (2010); Boston, MA (2008)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meeting, Coronado, CA (2015); Indianapolis, IN (2014); Princeton, NJ (2013)
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2015); (2014); (2013); (2012); (2011); (2010); (2009); (2008); (2007)
- Southern California Law and Social Science Forum, “Regulation, Law and Social Science,” University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (2015)
- “Lawmaking and Oversight in an Era of Polarization” symposium, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV (2014)
- “New Frontiers in Policy Diffusion” conference, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (2014)
- Rutgers University, Eagleton Institute of Politics, New Brunswick, NJ (2013); (2012)
- State Politics and Policy Conference, Iowa City, IA (2013); Houston, TX (2012); Springfield, IL (2010)
- Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL (2013)
- Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR (2012)

ADDITIONAL
TRAINING

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute
University of Michigan, June-July 2009
Washington University in St. Louis, June 2008

The University of Iowa College of Law
Course in Administrative Law, Fall 2007

COURSES
TAUGHT

Graduate

Seminar in American Government and Politics: Spring 2016, Fall 2015
Seminar in the Presidency: Fall 2015, Fall 2012
Seminar in Politics and Bureaucracy: Spring 2012
Seminar in Theories of Public Administration: Fall 2011

Undergraduate

Introduction to American Government: Spring 2016
The American Presidency: Summer 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011
Legislative Behavior: Spring 2012, Summer 2011

Internship Coordination

Summer 2012

STUDENTS
SUPERVISED

Dissertation Committees:

Brian Alexander, Ph.D (2015), George Mason University, Committee Member
Scott Atherley, Ph.D Candidate (ABD), George Mason University, Committee Member
Matthew Sommerfeld, Ph.D. Student (pre-proposal), George Mason University, Chair

SERVICE

George Mason University, School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs:
2016 – Member, Public Policy PhD Admissions Committee
2015-2016 – Coordinator, Workshop for Research in Political Science
2015-2016 – Member, Curriculum Committee
2015-2016 – Member, American Politics Qualifying Exam Committee

George Mason University, Department of Public and International Affairs:
2012-2013 – Member, Public Administration Faculty Search Committee
2012-2013 – Member, American Politics Qualifying Exam Committee
2012 – Summer Internship Coordinator
2011-2012 – Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
2011-2012 – Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee

Manuscript Review — Occasional reviewer for the following journals and publishers:

The American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, Canadian Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Policy Studies Journal, Public Administration Review, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, and for Oxford University Press

REFERENCES

Available on request.

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