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CONTACT INFORMATION George Mason University

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL George Mason University – Fairfax, Virginia

Associate Professor, Schar School of Policy and Government 2017 - present

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Assistant Professor, Schar School of Policy and Government 2014 - 2017

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

**Robert J. McGrath**, Jon C. Rogowski, and Josh M. Ryan. 2018. "Veto Override Requirements and Executive Success." *Political Science Research and Methods* 6(1): 153-179.

Denise F. Lillvis and **Robert J. McGrath**. 2017. "Directing Discipline: State Medical Board Responsiveness to State Legislatures." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 42(1): 123-165.

Graeme Boushey and **Robert J. McGrath**. 2017. "Experts, Amateurs, and Bureaucratic Influence in the American States." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 27(1): 85-103.

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

Jason A. MacDonald and **Robert J. McGrath**. 2016. "Retrospective Congressional Oversight and the Dynamics of Legislative Influence over the Bureaucracy." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 41(4): 899-934.

**Robert J. McGrath** and James A. Rydberg. 2016. "The Marginality Hypothesis and Supreme Court Confirmation Votes in the Senate." *Congress & the Presidency* 43(3): 324-351.

John D. Marvel and **Robert J. McGrath**. 2016. "Congress as Manager: Oversight Hearings and Agency Morale." *Journal of Public Policy*. 36(3): 489-520.

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 — *Invited to revise and resubmit* 

"Party Effects in State Legislative Committees," with Josh M. Ryan — under review

"The Gift of Gridlock: Divided Government, Bureaucratic Autonomy, and the Politics of Rulemaking in the American States," with Graeme Boushey — *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 & Collaborative Research: Resource Implementations for Data Intensive Research in the Social FELLOWSHIPS

Behavioral and Economic Sciences (RIDIR), National Science Foundation, "DAPPR: Diffusion Analytics for Public Policy Research," with Frederick J. Boehmke, Bruce A. Desmarais, William W. Franko, Jeffrey J. Harden, Yu-Ru Lin, and Jason Windett, October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2019 [Total funding awarded: \$808,128]

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), with Jon C. Rogowski and Josh M. Ryan, 2012 [\$4,980 awarded]

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**

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

"The Value of State Legislative Committees," with Josh M. Ryan — working paper

"A Voice Where it Matters: Substantive Representation of Women in State Legislatures," with Josh M. Ryan and Jatia Wrighten — working paper

"Rulemaking Speed in the U.S. States," with Graeme Boushey — working paper

# **SEMINAR**

CONFERENCE/ • State Politics and Policy Conference, State College, PA (2018); St. Louis, MO (2017); Iowa City, IA (2013); Houston, TX (2012); Springfield, IL (2010)

- PARTICIPATION o "New Developments in the Study of Executive Politics" conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (2018)
  - Introduction to R Programming for Statistical Inference (10-day course), Georgian Institute for Public Affairs, Tbilisi, Georgia. Invited instructor on US State Department Grant (PIs: Priscilla Regan and Eric McGlinchey), July 25 - August 6, 2016; July 23 - August 4, 2017
  - o Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC (2017); Portland, OR (2012)
  - o American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (2016); San Francisco, CA (2015); Washington, DC (2014); Chicago, IL (2013); Washington, DC (2010); Boston, MA (2008)
  - o Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2016); (2015); (2014); (2013); (2012);

(2011); (2010); (2009); (2008); (2007)

- o University of Virginia, American Politics Seminar, Charlottesville, VA (2016)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meeting, Coronado, CA (2015); Indianapolis, IN (2014); Princeton, NJ (2013)
- 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)
- o "New Frontiers in Policy Diffusion" conference, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (2014)
- o Rutgers University, Eagleton Institute of Politics, New Brunswick, NJ (2013); (2012)
- o Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL (2013)

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute

- o University of Michigan, June-July 2009
- o Washington University in St. Louis, June 2008

The University of Iowa College of Law

o Course in Administrative Law, Fall 2007

## Courses

#### Graduate

**TAUGHT** 

- o U.S. Policy-Making Processes: Fall 2017
- o Multivariate Statistical Analysis in Public Policy: Spring 2016
- o Seminar in American Government and Politics: Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015
- o Seminar in Congress and Legislative Behavior: Fall 2016
- o Seminar in the Presidency: Fall 2015, Fall 2012
- Seminar in Politics and Bureaucracy: Spring 2012
- o Seminar in Theories of Public Administration: Fall 2011

## Undergraduate

- o Legislative Behavior: Fall 2017; Spring 2012, Summer 2011
- Introduction to American Government: Summer 2017; Spring 2017, 2016
- Political Parties and Campaigns: Summer 2016
- o The American Presidency: Summer 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011

#### Internship Coordination

o Summer 2012

## STUDENTS SUPERVISED

#### Dissertation Committees:

- Brian Alexander, Ph.D (Political Science, 2015), George Mason University, Committee
  Member (current position: Assistant Professor, Washington and Lee University)
- Scott Atherley, Ph.D Candidate (Political Science, ABD), George Mason University, Chair
- o Tia Wrighten, Ph.D Student (Political Science, ABD), George Mason University, Chair
- o Adam Bernbaum, Ph.D Student (Political Science, ABD), George Mason University, Chair
- $\circ$  Kirk Heffelmire, Ph.D Student (Public Policy, ABD), George Mason University, Committee Member
- $\circ$  Brian Janssen, Ph.D Candidate (Political Science, ABD), University of Iowa, Committee Member

- o Phil Pedlikin, Ph.D Candidate (Public Policy, ABD), George Mason University, Committee Member
- o Jihye Lim, Ph.D Student (Political Science, ABD), George Mason University, Committee Member
- Ashley Hess, Ph.D Student (Biodefense, ABD), George Mason University, Committee Member

#### **Undergraduate Honors Theses:**

o Amanda Patarino, BA (2016), George Mason University, Thesis Supervisor

#### SERVICE

George Mason University, Schar School of Policy and Government:

- o 2017 Member, Political Methodology Search Committee
- o 2016 Member, Public Policy PhD Admissions Committee
- o 2015-2016 Coordinator, Workshop for Research in Political Science
- o 2015-2017 Member, Curriculum Committee
- o 2015-2016 Member, American Politics Qualifying Exam Committee

## George Mason University, Department of Public and International Affairs:

- o 2012-2013 Member, Public Administration Faculty Search Committee
- o 2012-2013 Member, American Politics Qualifying Exam Committee
- o 2012 Summer Internship Coordinator
- o 2011-2012 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
- o 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, W.W. Norton & Company

#### REFERENCES

Available on request.

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