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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. in Government and Politics (in progress)
University of Maryland, College Park (expected defense March 2012)

M.A. in Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2009
B.A. in Political Science, Drew University, 2006 (Summa cum Laude)

Research Interests

American Politics (Major Exam Passed August 2008)
Quantitative Research Methods (Minor Exam Passed with Distinction January 2009)
Public Policy

Journal Articles

Biggers, Daniel R. *Forthcoming*. "Can a Social Issue Proposition Increase Political Knowledge? Campaign Learning and the Educative Effects of Direct Democracy." *American Politics Research*.

Biggers, Daniel R. 2011. "When Ballot Issues Matter: Social Issue Ballot Measures and Their Impact on Turnout." *Political Behavior* 33(1): 3-25.

Current Projects

Biggers, Daniel R., and Michael J. Hanmer. "When Voting Gets Harder: Understanding the Adoption of Voter Identification Laws in the American States." *Presented at the 2011 APSA Conference*.

Biggers, Daniel R., and Antonio Rodriguez. "News You Can Understand: The Effect of Local Spanish News on Latino Voter Participation." *Presented at the 2011 MPSA Conference*.

Biggers, Daniel R., and Michael J. Hanmer. “Who Makes Voting Easier? Understanding the Adoption of Election Reform in the American States.”

Biggers, Daniel R. “Why Do Propositions Pass? Explaining the Determinants of Ballot Measure Success.”

Awards & Grants

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences’ Excellence in Teaching Award (2011)

Conley H. Dillon Award (2010)
(Best Dissertation Work-in-Progress in American Politics, University of Maryland)

Roger H. Davidson Award (2010)
(Best Graduate Student Paper in American Politics, University of Maryland)

Society for Political Methodology Conference Travel Grant (2010)

UMD American Politics Dissertation Award Grant (2010, 2011)

UMD Methods Field Training Award Grant (2009, 2010, 2011)

Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant (2010)

State Legislature Fellowship (2006-2007, 2007-2008)

Conference Papers & Presentations

“When Voting Gets Harder: Understanding the Adoption of Voter Identification Laws in the American States” (with Michael J. Hanmer). *Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, September 1-4, 2011.

“Ecological Inference with the Thomsen Estimator Under Sub-Optimal Conditions: Estimating Voter Transition Rates Across Heterogeneous Settings and Small Samples.” *Poster presented at The Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Conference*, July 28-30, 2011.

“News You Can Understand: The Effect of Local Spanish News on Latino Voter Participation.” *Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association National Conference*, March 30-April 3, 2011.

“Social Issue Propositions and Turnout at the Local Level: A Matching Analysis.” *Poster presented at The Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Conference*, July 22-24, 2010.

“The Mobilizing Effect of Social Issue Ballot Measures: A Synthetic Case Control

Approach.” *Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, April 22-25, 2010.*

“Can a Same-Sex Marriage Ban Make you Smarter? Reexamining the Educative Effect of Direct Democracy.” *Poster presented at Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, January 7-9, 2010.*

“Direct Democracy and Turnout: An Alternative Approach Using Generalized Hierarchical Linear Modeling.” *Poster presented at The Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Conference, July 23-25, 2009.*

“When Ballot Issues Matter: Social Issue Ballot Measures and Their Impact on Turnout.” *Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, April 2-5, 2009.*

Teaching & Research Experience

Voting and Participation (Winter 2010 – online)
State and Local Government (Summer 2009, 2010 – online)

Teaching Assistant:

Advanced Quantitative Methods for Political Science (Graduate Level Course)
Quantitative Methods for Political Science (Graduate Level Course)
The Craft of Political Science Research
Introduction to American Government

Research Assistant:

Karen Kaufmann (Summer 2010 – Spring 2012)

Professional Service & Memberships

Manuscript Reviewer:

American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly

Service:

APSA Panel Chair (2011)

Member:

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Society for Political Methodology
Southern Political Science Association

Dissertation Committee & References

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