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CURRENT POSITION

- Assistant Professor, The University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, July 2004 to present

EDUCATION

- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Department of Government
Program on Education Policy and Governance, Sep. 2002 to July 2004
- Ph.D., The University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, 2002
Dissertation Committee: Mark Hansen (chair), Sven Feldmann, Sam Peltzman,
Richard Posner
- M.R.P. (Master of Regional Planning), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 1995
- B.A., Political Science, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, 1992

BOOK

- *Imperfect Union: Representation and Taxation in Multilevel Governments*. 2009.
Cambridge University Press, Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series.
 - Winner of the Best Book Award from the Urban Politics section of the American Political Science Association

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

- “The President and the Distribution of Federal Spending,” with Barry Burden and William Howell. Forthcoming. *American Political Science Review*.
- “A Bridge to Somewhere: Mapping State and Congressional Ideology on a Cross-institutional Common Space,” with Nolan McCarty and Boris Shor. 2010. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 35(3): 1-32.
- “The Timing of Elections,” with Jacob Gersen. 2010. *The University of Chicago Law Review* 77 (Winter): 37-64.

- “After Enactment: The Lives and Deaths of Federal Programs,” with Barry Burden and William Howell. 2010. *American Journal of Political Science* 54(1): 1-17.
 - Reprinted in Jeffery Jenkins and Eric Patashnik (Eds.), *Living Legislation: Political Development and Contemporary American Politics*. University of Chicago Press (Forthcoming).
- “Growing Pains: The School Consolidation Movement and Student Outcomes,” with Martin West. 2010. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 26(1): 1-29.
- “Fiscal Consequences of Electoral Institutions,” with Jacob Gersen. 2009. *Journal of Law and Economics* 52 (August): 469-495.
- “Piling On: Multilevel Government and the Fiscal Common-Pool.” 2008. *American Journal of Political Science* 52(4): 802-820.
 - Winner of the American Political Science Association’s 2008 Alan Rosenthal Prize.
- “The Unbundled Executive,” with Jacob Gersen. 2008. *The University of Chicago Law Review* 75 (Fall): 1385-1434.
- “Accountability and Local Elections: Rethinking Retrospective Voting,” with William Howell. 2007. *Journal of Politics* 69(3): 844-858.
 - Portions reprinted as, “Accountability Lost.” 2008. *Education Next: A Journal of Opinion and Research* 8(1): 66-72.
- “School Consolidation and Inequality.” 2007. In Tom Loveless and Frederick Hess (Eds.), *Brookings Papers on Education Policy 2006/2007*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.
- “The Impact of School Finance Judgments on State Fiscal Policy.” 2007. In Martin West and Paul Peterson (Eds.), *The School Money Trials: The Legal Pursuit of Educational Adequacy*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
- “The Divergence in Human Capital Levels across Cities,” with Edward Glaeser. 2005. *Papers in Regional Science* 84(3): 407-444.
- “To Bank or Not to Bank: A Survey of Low-Income Households.” 2005. In Nicolas Retsinas and Eric Belsky (Eds.), *Building Assets, Building Credit: Financial Services in Low-Income Communities*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
- “School District Consolidation and Student Outcomes: Does Size Matter?” 2005. In William Howell (Ed.), *Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
 - Portions reprinted as, “School Inflation.” 2004. *Education Next: A Journal of Opinion and Research* 4(4): 56-62.

- “Retrospective Voting in Single-Dimension Elections: School Boards, Test Scores, and Incumbents’ Electoral Fortunes,” with William Howell. 2005. In William Howell (Ed.), *Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
- “Land Use Regulation and Social Segregation: Does Zoning Matter?” 2001. *American Law and Economics Review* 2(2): 251-274.

UNDER REVIEW

- “Direct Democracy and Redistribution.” (Revise and resubmit, *American Political Science Review*.)
- “The Community Reinvestment Act after 30 Years: A Regression Discontinuity Analysis,” with Sarah Lee. (Revise and resubmit, *Review of Economics and Statistics*.)
- “The Jackie (and Jill) Robinson Effect: Why Do Congresswomen Outperform Congressmen?” with Sarah Anzia. (Revise and resubmit, *American Journal of Political Science*.)
- “Making Courts Matter: Politics and the Implementation of State Supreme Court Decisions,” with Charles Wysesong.
 - Portions reprinted as, “School Finance Reform in Red and Blue.” 2010. *Education Next: A Journal of Opinion and Research* 10(3): 62-68.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Agency Politicization and Distributive Politics,” with Jacob Gersen.
- “Election Timing and Interest Group Influence: Evidence from a Natural Experiment,” with Jacob Gersen.
- “Governing Tiebout’s Commons: Political Parties, Commitment, and Coordination in the Local Public Economy.”

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2009 Best Book Award from the Urban Politics section of the American Political Science Association
- 2008 Alan Rosenthal Prize for the best book or article in legislative studies written by a junior scholar, awarded by the American Political Science Association
- 2007-08 Domestic Public Policy Fellow, Smith Richardson Foundation
- 2006-07 Harris School Teaching Award, Best Professor in a Core Course
- 2005-06 Levin Fellow in Urban Policy, The Harris School of Public Policy
- 2004 William Anderson Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association, for the best doctoral dissertation completed and accepted in 2002 or 2003 in the general field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, or state and local politics.

- Charles E. Merriam Fellow, University of Chicago, 1996-2001
- Patricia Lynn Baker M.A. Thesis Prize, The University of Chicago, Social Sciences Division, 1997
- Peter B. Andrews Memorial Thesis Prize, M.R.P. Thesis, Cornell University, 1994

TEACHING

- Political Institutions and Public Policy
- The Political Economy of Cities and Metropolitan Areas
- Federalism and Decentralization
- Causal Inference for the Study of Politics

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES

Brookings Institution; Business for Social Responsibility; CEOs for Cities, Annual Meeting; The Cleveland Foundation; Duke University, Department of Political Science; The Ford Foundation; Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University; Program on Education Policy and Governance, Harvard University; Indiana University-Bloomington, Political Economy Workshop; New York University, Political Economy Workshop; Stanford University, Graduate School of Business; University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Economics; University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, Railroad Engineering Workshop; University of Rochester; University of Southern California, Law School; University of Virginia; Washington University, Political Economy Workshop.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Director, Shorebank Corporation, Metro Edge Division (1998 – 2003). Shorebank is America's oldest and largest community development financial institution.
- Senior Analyst, Reuters, Loan Pricing Corporation (1994-1996)