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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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, Aug. 2002  
*Dissertation:* “Imperfect Union: Fiscal Externalities in Multi-level Governments”  
*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.*  
Cambridge University Press, Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series.  
Forthcoming.

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

- “After Enactment: The Lives and Deaths of Federal Programs,” with Barry Burden and William Howell. *American Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming).
- “On the Timing of Elections in the United States,” with Jacob Gersen. *The University of Chicago Law Review* (forthcoming).
- “Fiscal Consequences of Electoral Institutions,” with Jacob Gersen. *Journal of Law and Economics*, forthcoming (Summer 2009).

- “Piling On: Multilevel Government and the Fiscal Common-Pool.” *American Journal of Political Science* (October 2008).
  - Winner of the American Political Science Association’s 2008 Alan Rosenthal Prize for the best book or article on legislative studies.
- “The Unbundled Executive,” with Jacob Gersen. *The University of Chicago Law Review* (Vol. 75, 2008).
- “Growing Pains: The School Consolidation Movement and Student Outcomes,” with Martin West. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, forthcoming.
- “Accountability and Local Elections: Rethinking Retrospective Voting,” with William Howell. *Journal of Politics* (August, 2007).
- “School Consolidation and Inequality.” *Brookings Papers on Education Policy 2006/2007*.
- “The Impact of School Finance Judgments on State Fiscal Policy.” In *The School Money Trials: The Legal Pursuit of Educational Adequacy*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution (2007).
- “The Divergence in Human Capital Levels across Cities,” with Edward Glaeser. *Papers in Regional Science* 84:3 (2005), 407-444.
- “To Bank or Not to Bank: A Survey of Low-Income Households.” In *Building Assets, Building Credit: Financial Services in Low-Income Communities*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution (2005).
- “School District Consolidation and Student Outcomes: Does Size Matter?” In *Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution (2005).
- “Retrospective Voting in Single-Dimension Elections: School Boards, Test Scores, and Incumbents’ Electoral Fortunes,” with William Howell. In *Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution (2005).
- “Land Use Regulation and Social Segregation: Does Zoning Matter?” *American Law and Economics Review*, vol. 2, no. 2, 2001.

#### **UNDER REVIEW**

- “Direct Democracy and Redistribution.” (Revise and resubmit, *American Political Science Review*.)

- “The President and the Distribution of Federal Spending,” with Barry Burden and William Howell. (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*.)
- “A Bridge to Somewhere: Mapping State and Congressional Ideology on a Cross-Institutional Common Space,” with Nolan McCarty and Boris Shor. (Revise and resubmit, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.)
- “The Jackie (and Jill) Robinson Effect: Why Congresswomen Outperform Congressmen,” with Sarah Anzia.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

- “Making Courts Matter: Politics and the Implementation of State Supreme Court Decisions,” with Charles Wysong.
- “Governing Tiebout’s Commons: Political Parties, Commitment, and Coordination in the Local Public Economy.”

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2008 Alan Rosenthal Prize for best book or article in legislative studies, 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; University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Economics; University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, Railroad Engineering Workshop; Indiana University-Bloomington, Political Economy Workshop; New York University, Political Economy Workshop; University of Rochester; University of Southern California, Law School; 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)