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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**University of Chicago**, Harris School of Public Policy, Dept. of Political Science, and the College  
Sydney Stein Professor in American Politics: 2009-present  
Associate Professor (with tenure): 2006-2009

**Harvard University**, Government Department  
Associate Professor: 2005-2006  
Assistant Professor: 2002-2005

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Political Science Department  
Assistant Professor: 2000-2002

## EDUCATION

**Stanford University**. Ph.D., Political Science, 2000. Concentrations in American Politics and Political Institutions.

**Wesleyan University**. B.A., College of Social Studies, 1993. Graduated with high honors.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

- Board member, University of Chicago Board of Publications (2010-present).
- Book Series Co-Editor (with Jon Pevehouse), “Chicago Series on International and Domestic Institutions,” University of Chicago Press (2008-present).
- Director, Program on Political Institutions, Harris School of Public Policy (2007-present).
- Editorial Board, *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (2006-present).
- Board member, technical advisors to federally financed evaluation of the Washington, D.C. school voucher program (2004-2009).
- Deputy Director, Program on Education Policy and Governance, Harvard University (2003-2008; faculty affiliate 2000-present).
- Member, National Advisory Committee for the Black Alliance for Educational Options’ “The Black Parent After-School Care Study” (2006).
- Member, Department of Education’s Institute of Education Sciences grant review panel (2004-2005).

## SELECTED AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- Recipient, Richard E. Neustadt Award for the best reference book on the American Presidency published in the previous four years (2010), by the American Political Science Association.
- P.I., National Science Foundation, “War and Presidential Power.” 2010-12. \$149,603.

- Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, 2009-2010.
- Recipient, D.B. Hardeman Prize for the best book on a congressional topic published in the previous year (2008), by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library.
- Recipient, Richard E. Neustadt Award for the best book on the American Presidency published in the previous year (2008), by the American Political Science Association.
- P.I., Smith Richardson Foundation, 2008-10. "War, Domestic Policymaking, and Presidential Power." \$50,000.
- Recipient, Patrick J. Fett Award for the best paper on the scientific study of Congress and the presidency (2005), by the Midwest Political Science Association.
- P.I., Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2004-05. \$10,000.
- Distinguished Research Faculty Associate and C. Douglas Dillon Scholar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2004-2005.
- Co-P.I., Federal Department of Education, 2004. Major grant, to be disbursed over 5 years, to run center on school choice and accountability.
- Co-P.I., Smith Richardson Foundation, 2003-04. "School Board Politics." \$85,000.
- Co-P.I., Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2003-04. "School Board Politics." \$24,000.
- P.I., Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research, 2003. "Parental Choices under NCLB." \$50,000.
- Recipient, E.E. Schattschneider Award for the best dissertation in American politics (2001), by the American Political Science Association.
- Recipient, Best dissertation on the presidency (2001), by the Center for Presidential Studies at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University.
- Vilas Young Scholar, University of Wisconsin, 2000-2002.
- P.I., University of Wisconsin Graduate School. Competitive research support, 2001 and 2002.
- Hawkins Junior Professional Development Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 2000.
- Humanities/Sciences Graduate Alumni Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford University, 1999.

## **MONOGRAPHS**

Howell, W. and J. Pevehouse. 2007. While Dangers Gather: Congressional Checks on Presidential War Powers. Princeton University Press. (Simultaneous paperback).

Howell, W. 2003. Power without Persuasion: The Politics of Direct Presidential Action. Princeton University Press. (Simultaneous paperback).

Howell, W. and P. Peterson. 2002. The Education Gap: Vouchers and Urban Schools. Brookings Institution Press. (Revised paperback edition 2006).

## **OTHER BOOK PROJECTS AND SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS**

Edwards, G. and W. Howell (editors). 2009. The Oxford Handbook of the U.S. Presidency. Oxford University Press.

Coleman, J., K. Goldstein, and W. Howell. 2008. Understanding American Politics and Government. Pearson Longman. Second edition published in 2010.

Howell, W. (editor). 2005. Special edition of *Presidential Studies Quarterly* on unilateral powers. Volume 35, Number 3.

Howell, W. (editor). 2005. Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics. Brookings Institution Press. (Simultaneous paperback).

**PAPERS AND CHAPTERS (peer reviewed articles marked with \*)**

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\* Berry, C., B. Burden, and W. Howell. 2010. "The President and the Distribution of Federal Spending." *American Political Science Review*. 104(4): 783-99.

\* Berry, C., B. Burden, and W. Howell. 2010. "After Enactment: The Lives and Deaths of Discretionary Programs." *American Journal of Political Science*. 54(1): 1-17. Reprinted in J. Jenkins and E. Patashnik (Eds.), *Living Legislation: Political Development and Contemporary American Politics*. University of Chicago Press (Forthcoming).

Howell, W. 2009. "Wartime Judgments on Presidential Power: Striking Down but Not Back." *Minnesota Law Review*. 93(5): 1778-1819.

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\* Canes-Wrone, B., W. Howell, and D. Lewis. 2008. "Executive Influence in Foreign versus Domestic Policy Making: Toward a Broader Understanding of Presidential Power." *Journal of Politics*. 70(1): 1-16.

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\* Berry, C. and W. Howell. 2007. "Accountability and Local Elections: Rethinking Retrospective Voting." *Journal of Politics*. 69(3): 844-858.

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Howell, W. and D. Kriner. 2007. "Power without Persuasion: Identifying Executive Influence." In B. Rockman and R. Waterman (eds), Presidential Leadership: The Vortex of Power. Oxford University Press.

Howell, W. 2006. "Executives—The American Presidency." In S. Binder, R. Rhodes, and B. Rockman (eds), Handbook of Political Institutions. Oxford University Press. An updated version of this essay appeared as: Howell, W. 2009. "Quantitative Approaches to Studying the Presidency." In G. Edwards and W. Howell (eds), Handbook of the American Presidency. Oxford University Press.

Howell, W. 2006. "Switching Schools? A Closer Look at Parents' Initial Interest in and Knowledge about the Choice Provisions of No Child Left Behind." *Peabody Journal of Education*. 81(1): 140-179. Modified version also published as Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research White Paper No. 22, November 2004.

\* Howell, W. and J. Pevehouse. 2005. "Presidents, Congress, and the Use of Force." *International Organization*. 59(1): 209-232.

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Berry, C. and W. Howell. 2005. "Accountability in Public Education." In W. Howell (editor), Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics. Brookings Institution Press.

\* Howell, W. 2004. "Dynamic Selection Effects in Urban, Means-Tested School Voucher Programs." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. 22(3): 225-250.

Howell, W. and P. Peterson. 2004. "The Use of Theory in Randomized Field Trials: Lessons from School Voucher Research on Disaggregation, Missing Data, and the Generalization of Findings." *The American Behavioral Scientist*. 47(5): 634-657.

Peterson, P. and W. Howell. 2004. "Efficiency, Bias, and Classification Schemes: Estimating Private-School Impacts on Test Scores in the New York City Voucher Experiment." *The American Behavioral Scientist*. 47(5): 699-717.

Howell, W. 2004. "Thunderous Clouds, No Rain: NCLB in Worcester, Massachusetts." In F. Hess and C. Finn (eds.), Leaving No Child Behind? Options for Kids in Failing Schools. Palgrave Macmillan.

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Greene, J., W. Howell, and P. Peterson. 1998. "Lessons from the Cleveland Scholarship Program." In P. Peterson and B. Hassel (eds.), Learning from School Choice, Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.

\* Porat, H., G. Marshall, and W. Howell. 1997. "The Career Beliefs of Homeless Veterans: Vocational Attitudes as Indicators of Employability." *Journal of Career Assessment*. 5(1): 47-59.

## **SELECTED ESSAYS AND EDITORIALS**

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Howell, W. and M. West. 2009. "Educating the Public." *Education Next*. 9(3): 40-47.

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Peterson, P. and W. Howell. 2004. "Voucher Research Controversy: New Looks at the New York City Evaluation." *Education Next*. 4(2): 73-78.

Howell, W. Review: J. Huber and C. Shipan (2003), Deliberate Discretion? Congress and the Presidency. 20(1): 103-105.

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Peterson, P., J. Greene, and W. Howell. "Good Motives Are Not Enough." *Education Week*. October 20, 1998.

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J. Yoo. Crisis and Command: A History of Executive Power from George Washington to George W. Bush. *San Francisco Chronicle*. January 31, 2010, p. FE-4.

D. Lewis, The Politics of Presidential Appointments: Political Control and Bureaucratic Performance. *Political Science Quarterly*, 2010. 125(1): 183-85.

M. Berkman and E. Plutzer, ten thousand Democracies: Politics and Public Opinion in America's School Districts. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. 2006. 16(4): 636-39.

P. Cooper, By Order of the President: the Use and Abuse of Executive Direct Action. *Political Science Quarterly*, 2003. 118(1): 133-34.

H. Brighthouse, School Choice and Social Justice. *Constitutional Political Economy*, 2001. 12(4): 375-378.

J. Aberbach and B. Rockman, In the Web of Politics: Three Decades of the U.S. Federal Executive. *Congress and the Presidency*, 2001. 28(2): 221-223.

#### **SELECTED MANUSCRIPTS/PAPERS IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW**

The Wartime President. Book manuscript in progress. With S. Jackman and J. Rogowski.

“Political Elites and Public Support for War.” With D. Kriner. (under review)

“War, the Presidency, and Legislative Voting Behavior.” With J. Rogowski. (under review)

“Voting for the President: The Supreme Court during War.” With F. Ahmed. (under review)

“A Restoration of Balance? A Critical Examination of the Proposed War Powers Consultation Act.”