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### **Education**

Ph. D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, 2005

Dissertation: *Multiple Choice: Policy Substitution and Complementarity with Heterogeneity* Committee: Ronald W. Jones, Curtis S. Signorino, Alan C. Stockman, Randall W. Stone (Advisor)

M. A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, 2002

Examinations: International relations, political methodology, comparative political economy.

B. A. WITH HONORS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, 1995

Major: Post-Soviet and East European Studies

Exchange: Maurice Thorez Institute of Foreign Languages<sup>1</sup>, Moscow, Russia, 1994

Thesis: Grand Failure or World Savior: The Nazi-Soviet Pact of 1939.

## **Academic Appointments**

**CURRENT** 

Associate Professor of Quantitative Methods Atkinson Graduate School of Management

Willamette University, 2012– Essex Summer School

Honorary Instructor Essex Summer School
University of Essex, 2010–

**PRIOR** 

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Rice University, 2011-2012

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Applied Statistics Washington University in Saint Louis

Resident Fellow, Center in Political Economy 2006–2011

Assistant Professor of Political Science Texas A&M University, 2005–2006

Research Fellow Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, 2005

Research Fellow and Visiting Instructor

Dartmouth College, 2004-05

#### **Awards**

Warren Miller Prize for best article in <i>Political Analysis</i> [with C. Signorino and M. Bas]	2009
Fellow of the British Election Study	2009–2010
Research Grant, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy	2006–2008
Research Fellowship, Department of Government, Dartmouth College	2004–2005
Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester	2000-2001
Charles E. Lanni Research Fellowship	2001, 2002, 2004
University Fellowship in Political Science, University of Rochester	2000–2004
NSF Fellow, Wallis Institute for Political Economy, University of Rochester	1999-2000

## Publications, Reviews, and Research Presentations

**ARTICLES** 

Itai Sened, Marshall W. Thompson, and Robert W. Walker. 2014 "The State, Property Rights and the Middle

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Class: Emprical Support for an Aristotelian Observation." Indiana Journal of Political Science 14:62–86.

Skip Krueger, Robert W. Walker, and Ethan Bernick. 2011. "The Intergovernmental Context of Alternative Service Delivery Choices" *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*: 41(4): 709–33.

Skip Krueger and Robert W. Walker. 2010. "Management Practices and State Bond Ratings" *Public Budgeting and Finance* 30(4): 47–70

Skip Krueger, Christopher V. Hawkins, and Robert W. Walker. 2010. "The Cost of Boosterism: Economic Development, Growth Management, and Municipal Bond Ratings" *Municipal Finance Journal* 31(2):51-75.

Itai Sened, Marshall Thompson, Robert Walker, and Ron Watson. 2010. "The Middle Class: A New Conceptual Framework and a Brief Application to the Caucasus." *The Caucasus & Globalization Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies* 4(1-2): 106–17 (in English and po-russki @).

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Robert W. Walker, and Daniel Q. Gillion. 2009. "Unpacking Civic Participation: Analyzing Trends in Black [and White] Participation over Time." *Electoral Studies*, 28(4): 550-561.

Robert W. Walker and Skip Krueger. 2009. "Now You See It, Now You Don't: The Mysterious Case of the Vanishing Split Bond Ratings in the U. S. States" *Public Budgeting and Finance* 29(1): 84–101.

Robert W. Walker and Skip Krueger. 2008. "Divided Government, Political Turnover, and State Bond Ratings." *Public Finance Review* 36(3): 259–86.

Muhammet A. Bas, Curtis S. Signorino, and Robert W. Walker. 2008. "Statistical Backwards Induction: A Simple Method for Estimating Recursive Strategic Models." *Political Analysis* 16(1): 21–40.

Received the 2009 Warren Miller Prize for best article in Political Analysis: ISI Impact Factor: 4.780

Matthew J. Lebo, Robert W. Walker, and Harold D. Clarke. 2000. "You Must Remember This: Dealing with Long Memory in Political Analyses." *Electoral Studies* 19(1):31-48.

#### **PRACTITIONER**

G. Frederick Thompson, and Robert W. Walker. 2014 (Solicited) "Special Report: A Tale of Two Cities: Learning from Oregon's Property Tax Administration" *State Tax Notes* Nov. 3, 2014:273–84.

#### **COMMENTS**

Walker, Robert W. 2010. "Proportionality, Dimensionality, and Scientific Validity in Ordered Regression Models" Peer-reviewed comment accepted for publication by *Sociological Methods and Research* on the SMR blog.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Takezawa, Kunio. 2006. *Introduction to Nonparametric Regression.* Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons. *The Political Methodologist* 16(1): 15-17.

Brown, Nathan J. 1997. *The Rule of Law in the Arab World: Courts in Egypt and the Gulf.* Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. *Law and Politics Book Review* 8(11): 409-11.

#### RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

"Veterans' Preference and Educational Qualifications": with Tim Johnson. Submitted: Public Administration Review.

- "Valuing the MPA for City Managers: A Counterfactual Approach": Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), 2013, Washington, DC.
- "Oregon's Property Tax System': Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), 2013, Washington, DC.
- "On the Timing of Credit Ratings Changes: Of Competing Risks and Thresholds for Movement": Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), 2011, Washington, DC.
- "The Between and Within of State Savings and State Credit Quality: Do Short-Run Changes in Savings Behavior Matter?": ABFM 2010, Omaha, NE.
- "A Simple Approach to Between and Within Variance Characterization in TSCS Data: Separating the Short- and Long-Run in Panel Data": APSA 2010
- "The Intergovernmental Context of Alternative Service Delivery Choices": MPSA 2010; FSU Conference on States as Facilitators or Obstructionists of Local Governments; Published
- "On Generalizing Cumulative Ordered Regression Models" Submitted, Journal of Modern Applied Statistical Methods.

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"Path/Phat/State Dependence in Observation-Driven Markov Models": Methods, 2007; Department of Psychology, Washington University; Conference on Path Dependence, Minneapolis, MN, June 2010.

- "Models and Measures in the Study of Nominal Exchange Rate Regimes": MPSA, APSA, 2007; Texas A&M University, 2008.
- "Fiscal Institutions and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA, 2007.
- "Working Group on Measuring the Middle Class" [with I. Sened, S. Fazzari, R. Moore, M. Medina, R. Watson]: Center for New Institutional Social Science, Washington University.
- "The State, Property Rights and the Role of the Middle Class: A Fresh Start." [with I. Sened and M. W. Thompson]: St. Louis Initiative Conference, Washington University in Saint Louis. Forthcoming.
- "Some Unpleasant Reduced Form Arithmetic": MPSA, 2006.
- "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States" [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States [with E. L. Krueger]: MPSA; Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States [with E. L. Krueger]: Watson Center, Uni "Political Turnover and Bond Risk in the U.S. States [with E. L. Krueger]: Watson Center [with E. L. Krueger]: Watson

# **Research and Teaching Interests**

POLITICAL METHODOLOGY

Panel data; categorical data analysis; simultaneous discrete choice; time series econometrics; Markov pro-

## **Associations and Service**

PAST/PRESENT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS American Political Science Association The Econometric Society Public Choice Society Association for Budgeting & Financial Management

Midwest Political Science Association Society for Political Methodology American Statistical Association

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ph. D. Committees (and placements):

Marshall W. Thompson (2007, Political Science, Washington University in Saint Louis; *Northeastern Illinois University*)

Laron Williams (2008; Texas A&M University; Texas Tech University)

Stephen Haptonstahl (2009, Political Science, Washington University in Saint Louis: *UC-Davis*)

Guido Cataife (Outside Reader: 2008, Economics; University of Louisville)

Mariana Medina (2010; Washington University in Saint Louis; *Iowa State University*)

Jin Huang (2011; Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in Saint Louis, *St. Louis University*).

#### **Discipline**

Discussant: Summer Methods Meetings, 2008.

Chair and/or Discussant: APSA, 2009; MPSA, 2004; 2005; 2007; 2008; 2009; 2010.

Participant: Saint Louis Initiative, Center for New Institutional Social Science, November, 2006; May 2007.

Participant: Political Economy of International Finance, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2005.

Participant: International Political Economy Society, November 2009.

Manuscript Referee: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Journal of Political Research, Electoral Studies, European Union Politics, International Journal of Public Management, International Interactions, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Journal of Empirical Finance, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Method, Sociological Methods and Research, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, National Science Foundation (ad hoc), Oxford University Press.