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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Irvine, expected June 2017  
Dissertation: *Why Can't We Be (More Than) Friends?: Variation in Minority Rights Protections in Welfare States*  
Committee: Charles Anthony Smith (chair), Graeme T. Boushey, Anthony J. McGann, and Christopher Whytock
- M.A. Political Science, University of California, Irvine, 2014
- B.A. Political Science, California State University, Long Beach, 2010

### WORKS UNDER REVIEW

- “When Can We Say ‘I Do’?: Evaluating the Role of the Welfare State in Minority Rights Policy Outputs.”
- “Governed by Experience: Political Careers and Party Loyalty in the U.S. Senate, 1983-2012.” with Alex Keena.

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Austerity and Minority Rights: Explaining the Implementation Patterns of Non-discrimination Protections in the European Union.”
- “Refugees, Asylum Determination, and the European Welfare States.” with Patricia Rodda
- “Same-Sex, Differential Diffusion: The Role of Federalism and Supranational Governance in LGBT Family Law Patterns in the United States and Europe.”

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2017 James Harvey Scholar, University of California
- 2017 Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association

- 2016 School of Social Science Outstanding Teaching Recognition (Introduction to Public Policy)
- 2016 Department of Political Science Research Grant, University of California, Irvine
- 2016 School of Social Science Travel Grant, University of California, Irvine
- 2016 Department of Political Science Travel Grant, University of California, Irvine
- 2015 Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant, University of California, Irvine
- 2015 Department of Political Science Travel Grant, University of California, Irvine
- 2014 Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant, University of California, Irvine
- 2013 Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant, University of California, Irvine
- 2012 Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant, University of California, Irvine
- 2011 Social Science Merit Award, University of California, Irvine

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2017 “Refugees, Asylum Determination, and the European Welfare States” with Patricia C. Rodda. SPSA. January 12.
- 2016 “When Can We Say ‘I Do’?: Evaluating the Role of the Welfare State in Minority Rights Policy Outputs.” MPSA. April 7
- 2016 “Where There’s Smoke There’s Vapor?: Policy Winnowing and the Diffusion of Electronic Cigarette Legislation in the American States.” with Graeme Boushey. MPSA. April 9
- 2015 “Political Career Histories and Maverick Voting in the U.S. Senate, 1983-2012” with Alex Keena. APSA. September 4
- 2015 “Convergence and Variation in Same-Sex Relationship Recognition Policies.” APSA. September 4
- 2015 “Experience Matters: Political Careers and Party Loyalty in the Senate, 1983- 2012” with Alex Keena. MPSA. April 18
- 2014 “Where Have All the Mavericks Gone?: Party Polarization and the Maverick Effect of Past Political Experience” with Alex Keena. Center for the Study of Democracy’s Annual Graduate Student Conference. May 10

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Irvine Valley College**, *Part-time Faculty*  
Introduction to Political Science

Introduction to Global Issues

**Chapman University**, *Instructor*  
Introduction to Political Science

**University of California, Irvine**, *Instructor*  
Introduction to Political Science

**Long Beach City College**, *Part-time Faculty*  
Introduction to Political Science

**University of California, Irvine**, *Teaching Assistant* (selected)  
Introduction to Political Science  
Introduction to Law  
Introduction to American Politics  
Introduction to Public Policy  
International Studies Public Forum  
Sex, Drugs, Rock and the Law

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant to Society.com, 2016  
Research Assistant to Graeme Boushey, 2013-2016  
Summer Research Assistant to Anthony McGann and Charles Anthony Smith, 2012-2013

## **SERVICE**

Graduate Student Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California, Irvine, affiliate

## **REFERENCES**

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