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EDUCATION

- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Cohort of 2013
- Ph.D. candidate in Political Science
 - *Major* – American Politics (exam passage: 05/2015, with honors); *First Minor* – Methodology (exam passage 03/2016, with honors); *Second Minor* – Political Theory (no exam required)
 - Primary Areas of Interest: Policy change, Congress, interest groups and lobbying, legislative professionalism, polarization, coalition activity.
 - **Dissertation Project:** “*Waiting to Win, Choosing to Lose: How Electoral Uncertainty Stymies Policy Change.*” Committee: Charles Shipan (Chair), Richard Hall, George Tsebelis, Rocío Titunik.
- Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY Class of 2013
- Major: Political Science; Minors: Philosophy, Mathematics
 - Graduated *Summa cum laude*, Honors with distinction. GPA: 4.0.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant** (2018-2019; \$15,000 + indirect costs)
- **Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship** (2018-2019; \$32,640, plus tuition and benefits)
- **Gerald R. Ford Fellowship** (2017-2018; \$23,000, plus tuition and benefits)
- **Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Grant** (2017; \$3,600)
- **National Science Foundation EITM Summer Institute** (2017; Berkeley, CA)
- **Rackham Pre-Doctoral Graduate Research Grant** (2016; \$3,000)
- **University of Michigan Library Data Grant** (2016; \$6,000)
- **Rackham Summer Graduate Student Research Assistantship** (2015, \$9,000)
- **University of Michigan Office of Research Grant** (2015; \$15,000)
- **National Science Foundation Travel Fellowship** (2014, 2017; \$1,700 total)
- **Rackham Graduate School Conference Fellowship** (2014-2018; ~\$5,000 total)
- **University of Michigan Summer Research Grant** (2014; \$1,500)
- **American Enterprise Institute Summer Fellowship** (2012; \$700)
- **Hofstra University Democracy Fellowship** (2012-2013)
- **Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress Presidential Fellowship** (2011-2012)

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Publications and Work Under Review**
 - Crosson, Jesse. “Stalemate in the States: Negative Agenda Control, Veto Players, and Legislative Gridlock in the American States.” *Forthcoming at Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
 - Crosson, Jesse, Zander Furnas, and Geoffrey Lorenz. “Estimating Interest Group Ideal Points Using Public Position-Taking Data.” *Under review*.
 - Crosson, Jesse M., Geoff Lorenz, Craig Volden, and Alan Wiseman. “Legislative Effectiveness and Member Investment in Staff.” *Accepted as chapter in edited volume*.
 - Crosson, Jesse M. “The Politics of Compassion: George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and the Faith-Based Initiative.” *The Fellows Review* (Washington, D.C.: Center for the Study of Presidency and Congress), nos. 2011-2012 (2012): 207-45.

○ Conference Presentations

- *Waiting to Win, Choosing to Lose: How Electoral Uncertainty Influences Policy Change.*
2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018 Midwestern Political Science Annual Meeting.
- *Estimating Interest Group Ideal Points Using Bill Positions.*
2017 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018 MPSA Meeting, Polmeth XXXV (2018) – with Alexander Furnas and Geoffrey Lorenz.
- *Legislative Effectiveness and Member Investment in Staff.*
2018 APSA Annual Meeting – with Geoff Lorenz, Craig Volden, and Alan Wiseman.
- *Legislative Cohorts and Strategic Divestment in Legislative Capacity in Congress.*
2018 APSA Annual Meeting – with Casey Burgat, Alexander Furnas, Lee Drutman, and Tim LaPira.
- *Extreme Districts, Moderate Winners: Same-Party Competition in Top-Two Primaries.*
2018 State Politics and Policy Conference, 2017 MPSA Annual Meeting.
- *Testing the ‘Trump Effect:’ Hate Crime in New York City.*
2017 SPSA Annual Meeting – with Kiela Crabtree and Scott Tyson.
- *Multiple Vote Systems: Toxin or Tonic for Political Polarization?*
2017 APSA Annual Meeting – with George Tsebelis.
- *Constructing Interest Group Coalitions.*
2017 Political Networks Annual Meeting and 2016 APSA Annual meeting – with Michael T. Heaney.
- *K Street on Main: How Political Institutions Cultivate a Professional Lobbying Elite.*
2016 APSA, SPSA and MPSA Annual Meetings – with James Strickland.
- *Stalemate in the States: Negative Agenda Control, Veto Players, and Gridlock in the American States.*
2015 MPSA, APSA Annual Meetings; 2015 NYU Hamilton Center Conference.
- *Producing the Agenda: Bill Sponsorship, Lobbying, and the Legislative Enterprise.*
2014 APSA Annual Meeting and 2015 MPSA Annual Meeting.

○ Invited and Guest Talks

- *Estimating Interest Group Ideal Points Using Bill Positions.*
Political Economy Workshop, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.
June 2018.
- *Legislative Effectiveness and Member Investment in Staff*
Conference on Congressional Capacity, Sponsored by R Street Institute and New American Foundation. March 2018, Washington, DC.

○ Research Assistantships

- Hall, Richard. “Lobbying on Subordinate Policies.” March 2016 - present
- Tsebelis, George. Assorted projects on constitutions/constitution length, party and electoral systems, and policy change/stasis. May 2016 – August 2017.
- Lupia, Arthur. *Uninformed* (book project now published by Oxford University Press) and DA-RT (Data Access and Research Transparency) outreach. 2014 - 2015.
- Wilson, James Q., John DiIulio, Jr., and Meena Bose. *American Government*. 14th ed. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2014. Advisors: John DiIulio, Jr. and Meena Bose.
- National Issues Forum Institute Deliberation Project, Center for Civic Engagement, Hofstra University (2012 - 2013). Advisor: Michael D’Innocenzo.
- Long Island News 12 Political Poll (executed at Frank Zarb School of Business, Hofstra University) (2010 – 2013). Advisor: Elaine Sherman.

○ Computer Proficiencies

- R, STATA, JAGS; Python (basic)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Dissertation Project

- **Crosson, Jesse M. “Waiting to Win, Choosing to Lose: How Electoral Uncertainty Influences Policy Change.”**
 - Funding: NSF DDRIG, Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, Rackham Doctoral Fellowship
 - Selected for 2017 American Political Science Association Dissertation Workshop.

Legislatures and Policy Change

- **Crosson, Jesse M. “Representational Demand in the U.S. House of Representatives.”** Ongoing research project.
 - Funding: University of Michigan Library Data Grant
- **Crosson, Jesse M., Geoff Lorenz, Craig Volden, and Alan Wiseman. “Legislative Effectiveness and Member Investment in Staff.”** Working Paper.
- **Burgat, Casey, Jesse M. Crosson, Alexander C. Furnas, and Timothy LaPira. “Legislative Cohorts and Strategic Divestment in Legislative Capacity in Congress.”** Work in progress.

Interest Group Politics

- **Crosson, Jesse M., and Michael T. Heaney. “Working Together in Washington: Assessing Collaboration within Interest Group Coalitions.”** Ongoing Book Project.
 - Funding: University of Michigan Office of Research (2015), University of Michigan Organizational Studies Program Research Grant (2015), University of Michigan Political Science Summer Research Grant (2014),
- **Hall, Richard L. and Jesse M. Crosson. “Lobbyist Access and Gender in Congress.”** Work in progress.
- **Strickland, James and Jesse M. Crosson. “K Street on Main: How Political Institutions Cultivate a Professional Lobbying Elite.”** Working paper, under revision.
 - Awarded 2017 Eldersveld Prize at University of Michigan.

Polarization and Electoral Systems

- **Crosson, Jesse M.. “Extreme Districts, Moderate Winners: Same-Party Competition in California and Washington’s Top-Two Primaries.”** Working Paper.
 - Funding: Rackham Graduate School Research Grant
- **Tsebelis, George and Jesse M. Crosson. Multiple Vote System: Moving Parties to the Center in Multidimensional Spaces.** Working Paper.

Methodology and Measurement

- **Crosson, Jesse M., Zander Furnas, and Geoffrey Lorenz. “Estimating Bill Proposal Point Estimates Using Position-Taking Data.”** Work in progress.
- **Zander Furnas, Jesse M. Crosson, and Geoffrey Lorenz. “Preference Outliers and Ideological (In)consistency Across Committee Jurisdictions among Interest Groups and Members of Congress.”** Work in progress.
- **Dayaratna, Kevin, Benjamin Kedem, and Jesse Crosson. “Bayesian Inferences for Binary Logistic Regression Using Polynomial Expansions.”** Working paper, under revision.

TEACHING/LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

- **Instructor: University of Michigan Political Science Department**
 - “American Political Processes.” Spring 2018.
- **Graduate Student Instructor: University of Michigan Political Science Department**
 - “Introduction to American Politics.” Instructors: Arthur Lupia, Vince Hutchings. Fall 2014.

- Lead GSI, “Introduction to American Politics.” Instructor: Rob Mickey. Fall 2015.
- “The Politics of Persuasion.” Instructor: Arthur Lupia. Winter 2015, 2016.
- **American Government Short Course Instructor: Gerald Ford School of Public Policy**
 - Designed and led course on American government for incoming MPP students (2015).
- **Research Team Leader: UM Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)**
 - Supervise/mentor students in research labs.
 - 2015-present: “Congress and Its Experts.”
 - 2014-present: “Working Together in Washington,” *with Michael Heaney*.
- **Peer Lecturer: Hofstra University Political Science Department**
 - Class: “The American Presidency.” Instructors: Meena Bose, Ed Rollins. Spring 2013.
- **Peer Lecturer: Hofstra University Philosophy Department**
 - Class: “Modern Political Philosophy.” Instructor: Amy Baehr. Fall 2011.
 - Selected lecture topics: John Rawls (primarily *Political Liberalism*), free-market conservatism (primarily Milton Friedman), traditionalism (Edmund Burke, John Kekes).

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

- **Discussant Service**
 - 2017, 2018 MPSA Annual Meeting, Section on Political Parties and Interest Groups.
 - 2015 Conference on Special Interests, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
 - 2014 APSA Annual Meeting, Congressional Networks Poster Session
 - 2013 - present: Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Politics, University of Michigan
- **Committee Service**
 - 2017 APSA Political Organizations and Parties Best Paper Award Selection Committee.
- **Reviewer Service**
 - Periodic reviewer, *Electoral Studies*

CAMPUS SERVICE

- **Co-Coordinator: Michigan Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Politics (2016-17)**
 - Coordinate weekly workshop on student research
- **Co-President: University of Michigan Graduate Association of Political Scientists (2015-16)**
 - Co-leader of department’s primary representative body for graduate students
 - Aided in improvement of graduate mentoring program, summer funding, curriculum reform, social inclusion, and other topics.
- **Member: Michigan Political Science Department Formal Theory Job Committee (2014)**
- **Member: Michigan Political Science Dept. Professional Development Committee (2014-16)**
 - Plan, coordinate, and publicize events for political science graduate students, to encourage professional development and competitiveness in the job market.
- **University Senator: Hofstra University Senate (2012-2013)**

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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