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Academic Appointments

Pennsylvania State University

Professor, Department of Political Science (2017–).
Director of Undergraduate Studies (2017–).
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science (2010–2017).

University of Mannheim, Germany

Visiting Researcher, Collaborative Research Center (Fall 2012).

Florida State University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2005–2010).

University of Iowa

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2004–2005).

Education

New York University

Ph.D. Politics (2004), M.A. French Studies (1999).

Oxford University

M.Phil. European Politics and Society (1997), B.A. Hons. Politics, Philosophy and Economics (1995).

Publications

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Books

3. William Clark & Matt Golder. *Interaction Models*. Under contract with Cambridge University Press for the Methodological Tools in the Social Sciences Series.
2. William Clark, Matt Golder, & Sona Golder. *Comparative Politics*. Under contract with Sage/CQ Press.
1. William Clark, Matt Golder, & Sona Golder. 3rd Edition 2017; 2nd Edition 2012; 1st Edition 2009. *Principles of Comparative Politics*. Washington D. C.: Sage/CQ Press.
Translated into Italian as *Principi di Scienza Politica*, 2011.
Translation into Spanish in preparation.

Articles

23. William Clark, Matt Golder, & Sona Golder. Forthcoming. “An Exit, Voice, and Loyalty Model of Politics.” *British Journal of Political Science*.
 - Winner of the 2016 Brian Barry Prize from the British Academy (GB £2,500).
22. Matt Golder. 2016. “Far Right Parties in Europe.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 19: 477-497.
21. Charles Crabtree & Matt Golder. 2016. “Party System Volatility in Post-Communist Europe.” *British Journal of Political Science*. [responses]
20. William Clark & Matt Golder. 2015. “Big Data, Causal Inference, and Formal Theory: Contradictory Trends in Political Science?” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 48: 65-70.
19. Matt Golder, Sona Golder, & David Siegel. 2014. “Evaluating a Stochastic Model of Government Formation.” *Journal of Politics* 76: 880-886.
18. Matt Golder & Gabriella Lloyd. 2014. “Re-Evaluating the Relationship between Electoral Rules and Ideological Congruence.” *European Journal of Political Research* 53: 200-212.
17. Ben Gaskins, Matt Golder, & David Siegel. 2013. “Religious Participation, Social Conservatism, and Human Development.” *Journal of Politics* 75: 1125-1141.
16. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Matt Golder. 2013. “Democratic Electoral Systems around the World, 1946-2011.” *Electoral Studies* 32: 360-369. [webpage]
15. Ben Gaksins, Matt Golder, & David Siegel. 2013. “Religious Participation and Economic Conservatism.” *American Journal of Political Science* 57: 823-840.
14. William Berry, Matt Golder, & Daniel Milton. 2012. “Improving Tests of Theories Positing Interaction.” *Journal of Politics* 74: 653-671. [webpage]
13. Garrett Glasgow, Matt Golder, & Sona Golder. 2012. “New Empirical Strategies for the Study of Parliamentary Government Formation.” *Political Analysis* 20: 248-270.
12. Matt Golder, Sona Golder, & David Siegel. 2012. “Modeling the Institutional Foundation of Parliamentary Government Formation.” *Journal of Politics* 74: 427-445.
11. Garrett Glasgow, Matt Golder & Sona Golder. 2011. “Who Wins? Determining the Party of the Prime Minister.” *American Journal of Political Science* 55: 937-954.
10. Matt Golder & Jacek Stramski. 2010. “Ideological Congruence and Electoral Institutions.” *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 90-106.
 - Winner of the 2011 GESIS Klingemann Prize for the Best CSES Scholarship (€1,000).
9. Thomas Brambor, William Clark, & Matt Golder. 2007. “Are African Party Systems Different?” *Electoral Studies* 26: 315-323.
8. Matt Golder. 2006. “Presidential Coattails and Legislative Fragmentation.” *American Journal of Political Science* 50: 34-48.
7. Thomas Brambor, William Clark, & Matt Golder. 2006. “Understanding Interaction Models: Improving Empirical Analyses.” *Political Analysis* 14: 63-82. [webpage]
 - Reprinted in Salvatore Babones. 2014. *Fundamentals of Regression Modeling*. London: Sage Publications.
 - Reprinted in Salvatore Babones. 2013. *Applied Statistical Modeling*. London: Sage Publications.
 - Reprinted in W. Paul Vogt. 2008. *Selecting Research Methods*. London: Sage Publications.

6. William Clark, Michael Gilligan, & Matt Golder. 2006. "A Simple Multivariate Test for Asymmetric Hypotheses." *Political Analysis* 14: 311–331. [webpage]
5. William Clark & Matt Golder. 2006. "Rehabilitating Duverger's Theory: Testing the Mechanical and Strategic Modifying Effects of Electoral Laws." *Comparative Political Studies* 39: 679–708.
4. Matt Golder. 2005. "Democratic Electoral Systems around the World, 1946-2000." *Electoral Studies* 24: 103–121. [webpage]
 - Reprinted in Matt Golder. 2015 "Sistemas electorales democráticos alrededor del mundo, 1946-2000." *Revista Mexicana de Cultura Política* 2: 11-42.
3. Matt Golder. 2003. "Explaining Variation in the Electoral Success of Extreme Right Parties in Western Europe." *Comparative Political Studies* 36: 432–466.
2. Matt Golder. 2003. "Electoral Institutions, Unemployment, and Extreme Right Parties." *British Journal of Political Science* 33: 525–534.
1. William Clark, Matt Golder, & Sona Golder. 2002. "Fiscal Policy and the Democratic Process in the European Union." *European Union Politics* 3: 205–230.

Edited Symposia

6. Matt Golder & Sona Golder (eds). 2017. "Women/Gender and Comparative Politics." *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 27(1): 1-109.
5. Matt Golder & Sona Golder (eds). 2016. "Populism in Comparative Perspective." *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 26(2): 1-131.
4. Matt Golder & Sona Golder (eds). 2016. "Data Access and Research Transparency (DA-RT) / The Politics of Space." *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 26(1): 1-108.
3. Matt Golder & Sona Golder (eds). 2015. "Training the Next Generation of Comparative Politics Scholars." *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 25(2): 1-49.
2. William Clark & Matt Golder (eds.) 2015. "Big Data, Causal Inference, and Formal Theory: Contradictory Trends in Political Science?" *PS: Political Science and Politics* 48: 65-106.
1. Matt Golder & Sona Golder (eds). 2015. "Studying Sensitive Political Phenomena." *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 25(1): 1-50.

Book Chapters

3. Matt Golder & Ben Ferland. 2017. "Electoral Systems and Citizen-Elite Ideological Congruence." In Erik Herron, Robert Pekkanen & Matthew Shugart (eds). *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Systems*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Matt Golder & Jacek Stramski. 2009. "Congruência Ideológica e Instituições Eleitorais: Conceptualização e Medida." In Andre Freire & Jose Viegas (eds.) *Representação Política: O caso Português em Perspectiva Comparada*. Sextante: Lisboa.
1. Matt Golder & Leonard Wantchekon. 2003. "Africa Dictatorial and Democratic Electoral Systems since 1946." In Josep Colomer (ed.) *Handbook of Electoral System Choice*. London: Palgrave.

Other Publications

2. Nils-Christian Bormmann & Matt Golder. 2013. “Democratic Electoral Systems around the World, 1946-2011.” *Newsletter of the Representation and Electoral Systems Section of the American Political Science Association*.
1. Matt Golder. 2009. “Ideological Congruence.” *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association*.

Unpublished Manuscripts

Under Review

1. Charles Crabtree, Matt Golder, Thomas Gschwend, & Indriði Indriðason. “Campaign Sentiment in European Party Manifestos.”

Working Papers

2. Charles Crabtree, Matt Golder, Thomas Gschwend, & Indriði Indriðason. “Negative Campaigning in Multi-Candidate Contests.”
1. Kostanca Dhima & Matt Golder. “Religious Attendance, Religious Belief, and Human Development.”

Work in Progress

5. Charles Crabtree, Matt Golder, Thomas Gschwend, & Indriði Indriðason. “Emotion in European Party Manifestos.”
4. Charles Crabtree, Kostanca Dhima, Matt Golder, & Sona Golder. “Gender and Race Consciousness: Conceptualization and Measurement.”
3. Matt Golder & David Siegel. *Religious Participation and Political Attitudes*. [Book manuscript]
2. Matt Golder, Thomas Gschwend, & Indriði Indriðason. *Negative Campaigning*. [Book manuscript]
1. Matt Golder, Sona Golder, & David Siegel. “Electoral Institutions, Government Formation, and Ideological Congruence.”

Grants

External Grants

2. 2009-2017 “Making Electoral Democracy Work: Voters, Parties, and the Rules of the Game.” Co-PI on an eight year grant with André Blais et al. from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada. (Canadian \$2.5 million). Awarded 2008.
1. 2007. “Making Electoral Democracy Work: Voters, Parties, and the Rules of the Game.” Preliminary grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada. (Canadian \$20,000).

Internal Grants

4. 2014-2018. “*Comparative Politics Newsletter – APSA*.” Pennsylvania State University (U. S. \$121,200).
3. 2007. “Research Improvement Grant.” Florida State University (U. S. \$5,000).
2. 2006. “Evaluating Democratic Performance.” Co-PI on a grant from the Council on Research and Creativity at Florida State University (U. S. \$125,000).
1. 2006. “Research Improvement Grant.” Florida State University (U. S. \$15,000).

In Progress

1. Charles Crabtree, Volha Chykina, Matt Golder & Sona Golder. “Economic Scarcity, Immigrant Electoral Power, and Populist Parties.”

Professional Activity and Presentations

Editorial Positions

Co-Editor, *Comparative Politics Newsletter – APSA* (2014-2018).

Editorial Board, *Comparative Political Studies* (2013-2016).

Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics* (2011-2015).

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science* (2012-2014).

Executive Positions

Section President, APSA Section on Representation and Electoral Systems (2011-2013).

Executive Committee Member, APSA Section on Representation and Electoral Systems (2008-2011).

Executive Board Member, [Making Electoral Democracy Work](#), University of Montréal, Canada (2008-2017).

Advisory Board Member, [The Electoral Integrity Project](#), John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2013-).

Macro Variables Committee, Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (2005-2007).

Invited Presentations

2017. Carlos III-Juan March Institute of Social Sciences, Spain.

2016. University of Pittsburgh.

2015. Rice University; Stanford University.

2012. University of Mannheim, Germany; University of Konstanz, Germany; Hertie School of Governance, Germany; Duke University.

2011. European Consortium for Political Research, Iceland.

2010. Purdue University.

2009. Pennsylvania State University; Texas A&M University.

2008. University of Florida; University of Essex, England.

2005. University of South Carolina.

2004. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Florida State University; University of Iowa.

2003. Emory University; University of Montreal, Canada.

Invited Workshop Participation

- 2016. Duke University; University of Montreal, Canada.
- 2015. Sciences Po, France.
- 2014. McGill University, Canada; Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2013. John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
- 2012. Social Science Research Center, Germany.
- 2009. Portuguese Parliament, Portugal; Duke University.
- 2002. Santa Fe Institute.

Conference Organizer

- Citizen Preferences, Political Institutions, and Democratic Performance, Florida State University (2009).

Conference Program Chair

- Midwest Political Science Association, Political Science in Review Section (2014).
- American Political Science Association, Representation and Electoral Systems Section (2008).

Conference Presentations

- American Political Science Association (2001-2003, 2006-2010, 2013-2014, 2016).
- Midwest Political Science Association (2002-2004, 2007-2011, 2015-2017).
- European Political Science Association (2011-2014).
- Southern Political Science Association (2010-2011).
- Southwest Political Science Association (2002-2003).
- Society for Political Methodology (2002, 2004, 2008, 2010).
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (2007).
- European Consortium for Political Research (2011).
- European Community Studies Association (2001).

Conference Roundtable Chair

- Midwest Political Science Association (2014).
- American Political Science Association (2014).

Conference Panel Chair

- American Political Science Association (2008, 2014, 2016).
- Midwest Political Science Association (2003, 2007, 2009, 2017).
- Southwest Political Science Association (2002).
- International Symposium on the Fifth Republic at Fifty, Florida State University (2008).

Conference Panel Discussant

American Political Science Association (2009, 2014, 2016).

Midwest Political Science Association (2003, 2005, 2017).

European Political Science Association (2011-2013).

Florida State University Constitution Day (2005).

Award Committee Chair

Best Paper published on Representation and Electoral Systems, APSA Section on Representation and Electoral Systems (2011).

Award Committee

Best Paper published in the *American Journal of Political Science*, Midwest Political Science Association (2015).

Pruet Committee for Best Graduate Student Paper in Political Science, Florida State University (2005-2006).

Promotion Reviewer

University of Essex, England.

External Search Reviewer

Methodology Search, University of Essex, England (2014).

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative European Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Dutch Organization for Scientific Research* (Netherlands), *Economic and Social Research Council* (United Kingdom), *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Union Politics*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *L'Actualité économique*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *National Science Foundation*, *Party Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Public Choice*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada* (Canada), *West European Politics*, *World Politics*.

Mentoring

Information about the CP Group can be found at <http://comparativepoliticsgroup.org/>.

Post-Doctoral Student Advisor

Ben Ferland. 2015-2016. University of McGill, Canada.

- Tenure track Assistant Professor, University of Ottawa, Canada.

Graduate Student Advisor/Co-Advisor

Marius Radean. 2013. *Party Politics and Legislative Party Switching*. Florida State University.

- Associate Professor (permanent lecturer), University of Essex, UK.

Kostanca Dhima. Expected 2019. *Women's Political Representation*. Texas A&M University.

Charles Crabtree. Expected 2019. *Strategies of Information Manipulation Across Regime Types*. University of Michigan.

Yaoyao Dai, Political Science/Asian Studies. Expected 2019. *Propaganda and Authoritarian Rule*.

Graduate Student Committee Member

Christopher Boylan. 2017. *Speaking on our Behalf: Essays on Political Representation*.

- Analytic Scientist, Verisk Analytics.

Molly Ariotti. Expected 2018. *Parties and Coalitions: Executive-Legislative Relations in African Democracies*.

Volha Chykina, Education. Expected 2019. *Anti-Immigrant Sentiment and the Educational Experiences of Immigrant Students: Evidence from Europe and the United States*.

Fridolin Linder. Expected 2018. *Diffusion of Anti-Immigrant Ideas from Social Media into the Political Realm*.

Xu Xu. Expected 2019. *Surveillance, Cooptation and Repression: Authoritarian Survival in the Digital Age*.

Graduate Student External Examiner

Roni Lehrer. 2014. *The Effects of Intra-Party Competition on Party Competition*. University of Essex, UK.

- Post-Doc, University of Mannheim, Germany, 2015-2017.

M.A. Chair

Yaoyao Dai. 2016. "Anti-Corruption Campaigns and Regime Support in China."

Charles Crabtree. 2015. "Campaign Sentiment in European Party Manifestos." Winner of the Best M.A. Paper Award, Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University.

Kostanca Dhima. 2015. "Religious Attendance, Religious Belief, and Human Development."

M.A. Committee Member

Qing, Deng. 2017. "Institutions and Environmental Degradation: Does State Ownership Matter?"

Xu Xu. 2016. "Corruption and Career Advancement: Do Promotions Reduce Corruption in China?"

Andrew Martinez. 2016. "Stationary Bandits, Caudillos, and Bureaucrats: Political Survival of Autonomous Subnational Leaders in the Rio de la Plata, 1820-1880."

Fridolin Linder. 2015. "Misreporting of Ideological Placement through Consistency Bias."

Christopher Boylan. 2014. "Reliable Service: The Legislative Behavior of Dynastic Politicians."

Molly Ariotti. 2013. "Partisan Portfolio Allocation in African Democracies." Published in *Comparative Political Studies* (with Sona N. Golder, 2017).

Hyungsang Ha. 2010. “Bargaining, Networks, and Management of Municipal Development Subsidies.” Published in the *American Review of Public Administration* (with Richard Feiock, 2012).

Jun Koga. 2009. “Where Do Third Parties Intervene? Third Parties’ Domestic Institutions and Military Intervention in Civil Conflicts.” Published in *International Studies Quarterly* (2011).

First Year Graduate Student Candidacy Advisor

Charles Crabtree.

First Year Graduate Student Candidacy Committee Member

Boyoon Lee, Christopher Boylan, Brian Childers, Qing Deng, Molly Ariotti, Xu Xu, Fridolin Linder, Muhammed Idriss.

Graduate Research Collaborators

Charles Crabtree, Daniel Milton, Ben Gaskins, Jacek Stramski, Nils-Christian Bormann, Kostanca Dhima.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor

Jennifer Heckman. Expected 2018. “Women’s Legislative Representation in Africa.”

Max Albone. Expected 2018. “Voter Turnout in New Democracies.”

Samuel Settle. 2012. “Electoral Rules and Party System Dispersion.”

Gabriella Lloyd. 2011. “Re-Evaluating the Relationship between Electoral Rules and Ideological Congruence.” Published in the *European Journal of Political Research* (with Matt Golder, 2014).

Jacquelyn Thomas. 2010. “Portfolio Allocation and the Vote of No Confidence.” Published in the *British Journal of Political Science* (with Sona Golder, 2014).

Undergraduate Honors Advisor

11 students (2014-2015).

18 students (2015-2016).

Undergraduate Research Collaborators

Thomas Brambor, Jennifer Heckman, Gabriella Lloyd.

Teaching

Awards

Nominated for the Penn State Malvin E. and Lea P. Bank Outstanding Teaching Award (2015, 2016).

Recognized as a faculty member whose teaching has influenced first year students (2012).

Pennsylvania State University

Graduate Seminar on Comparative Politics (Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017).

Graduate Seminar on Duration Models and Research Writing (Fall 2013).

Graduate Seminar on Statistical Methods for Political Research (Fall 2011).

Government and Politics of Europe (Fall 2010; Spring 2012, 2014.)

Comparative Political Science (Spring 2012, 2015, 2016; Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017).

Honors Comparative Political Science (Spring 2011, 2013).

Strategy and Politics (Fall 2011; Spring 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015).

Independent Study on Women's Legislative Representation (Spring 2016).

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute

Lead lecturer, *Comparative Politics*, University of Michigan (Summer 2015).

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

Introduction to Duration Models (Summer 2008-2013).

Florida State University

Graduate Seminar on Advanced Quantitative Analysis (Fall 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009).

Graduate Seminar on Comparative Politics (Spring 2007, 2008).

Introduction to Comparative Political Science (Spring 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010).

Government and Politics of Europe (Fall 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010).

University of Iowa

Government and Politics of Europe (Fall 2004, Spring 2005).

Institutional Approaches to Democracy and Dictatorship (Fall 2004).

Politics of the Industrialized Democracies (Spring 2005).

University of Essex, England

Short Course on the *Challenges and Opportunities in Cross-National Electoral Research* sponsored by [ELECDEM](#), [PIREDEU](#), and [CSES](#) (2010).

American Political Science Association

Short Course on the *Comparative Study of Electoral Systems* (2008).

Service

Pennsylvania State University

- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science (2017-).
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Political Science (2013-).
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science (2015-2016).
- Speaker Series Coordinator, Department of Political Science (2013-2016).
- Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science (2011-2012).
- Graduate Recruitment Committee, Department of Political Science (2011-2012).
- American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science (2010-2011).
- Methodology Field Examiner, Department of Political Science (2011-2012, 2013-2015).
- Methodology Strategic Planning Committee, Department of Political Science (2013-2014).
- Teaching Improvement Committee, Department of Political Science (2012-2015).

Florida State University

- Executive Committee, Department of Political Science (2008-2009).
- Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science (2009, 2010).
- Methodology Field Representative, Department of Political Science (2009-2010).
- Open Search Committee, Department of Political Science (2008).

New York University

- Open Search Committee, Department of Politics (2000).
- Data Lab Assistant, Department of Politics (2002).
- President of the Political Science Graduate Student Association (1998-1999).
- Student Representative at Institute of French Studies Faculty Meetings (1998).

Community Outreach

- Ultimatum and Dictatorship Games with Kids, State College Friends School (2014).
- Group Decision Making with Kids, State College Friends School (2014).

Awards

- 2016 [Brian Barry Prize](#) from the [British Academy](#) (GB £2,500).
- 2011 [GESIS Klingemann Prize](#) for the Best CSES Scholarship (€1,000).
- NSF Grant to attend [Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models](#) workshop (2003).
- Grant to attend [Computational Modeling and Complexity](#) workshop, Santa Fe (2003).
- Research Grant, [Center for Conflict Resolution and Cooperation](#), New York University (2002, 2003).

Bradley Fellowship, Department of Politics, New York University (2001–2002).

French Legion of Honor Fellowship, Institute of French Studies, New York University (1998-1999).

Credit Lyonnais Fellowship, Institute of French Studies, New York University (1997-1998).

Economic and Social Research Council Scholarship, United Kingdom (1995-1997).

George Webb Medley Fund Award, Oxford University (1996).

Philip Williams Trust Grant, Oxford University (1996).

St. Edmund Hall Scholarship, Oxford University (1994-1995).

Languages

French – intermediate spoken, written, reading.

German – intermediate spoken, written, reading.

References

Available on request.