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## Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Utah, 2019 -

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of California Santa Barbara, 2018 - 2019

## Education

Ph.D. and M.A. Political Science, University of California Santa Barbara.

Title: Presence and Impotence: The perils of guaranteed descriptive representation

Committee Members: Heather Stoll, Amit Ahuja, Neil Narang

B.A. Political Science/Russian Studies (Magna Cum Laude), University of Arizona, 2011.

## Research Interests

Elections, Representation, Minority Politics, Democratic Institutions, Political Parties

## Publications and Working Papers

### *Peer Reviewed Journal Articles*

Geoff Allen. 2017. The resilience of ethnic minority parties in the face of strategic voting incentives. *Party Politics* 23(5), 560–565. DOI: 10.1177/1354068815610967

### *Book Projects*

Present, but Impotent: Representation in Ethnically Reserved Electoral Districts

### *Articles Under Review*

A number most convenient? The representational consequences of legislature size (with Heather Stoll)

Towards Harmony: Quantifying the relationship between SMD seat share and disproportionality in mixed member systems (with Matthew David Jenkins)

### *Working Papers*

Delivering women's representation: Comparable institutional effectiveness (with Heather Stoll)

Compensatory vs. parallel: Strategic impacts of system choice (with Matthew David Jenkins)

Changing European party systems: nationalism, populism, and selective abstention (with Tzu-Ping Liu)

Turnout in Reserved Ethnic Constituencies: A research note

## Conference Presentations

- "Does Presence Improve Participation? Turnout in Reserved Minority Constituencies," American Political Science Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC, 2019
- "Too Small to Win, Too Big to Fail," (with Matthew Jenkins), Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, 2019
- "Delivering women's representation: The relative effect of political institutions," (with Heather Stoll), American Political Science Association Annual Convention, Boston, 2018.
- "Minority party inclusion in European governments," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2018
- "Compensatory vs parallel: Comparative strategic impacts of system choice," (with Matthew Jenkins), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2017.
- "Compensatory vs parallel: Comparative strategic impacts of system choice," (with Matthew Jenkins), Southern California Comparative Political Institutions Conference, Pomona, 2017.
- "The impact of communally reserved seats: A new theory with evidence from Croatia," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2016.
- "Ethnic minority parties and coalition participation in Europe," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2016.
- "The cross-national measurement of minority inclusion: A survey of means and methods," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, 2016.
- "Delivering women's representation: Comparable institutional effectiveness," (with Heather Stoll), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2015.
- "When defection is not an option: Strategic defection and small ethnic minority parties," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2015.
- "When defection is not an option: Strategic defection and small ethnic minority parties," Southern California Comparative Political Institutions Conference, Riverside, 2015
- "The impact of domestic political and institutional factors on formal asylum decisions," (with Joshua Dean and Michael J. Eschenburg), Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2015.
- "The case for minority quotas: A skeptical look at the theoretical argument," International Political Science Association 23rd World Congress, Montreal, 2014.
- "Representation as a numbers game: The link between legislative size and the representation of women and minorities," (with Heather Stoll), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 2014.
- "When defection is not an option: Strategic defection and small ethnic minority parties," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, 2014.
- "Representation, electoral systems and stranded minority parties: How electoral system choices affect representation provided by small but influential ethnic minority parties," European Consortium for Political Research Summer School on Political Parties and Democracy, Luneburg, 2013.

## Teaching Experience

### *University of Utah*

Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (Graduate/Undergraduate), Introduction to Comparative Politics, Comparative Institutions, The State: Past, Present and Future, Global Populism, Theories of International Relations, Global Populism (Honors), American Institutions (Honors)

### *University of California Santa Barbara*

Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to Comparative Politics, The Political Consequences of Electoral Laws, Political Parties and Democracy, Theories of the State, Theories of International Politics

## Grants, Fellowships and Awards

### *Competitive Grants*

University of California Santa Barbara Graduate Division Humanities and Social Sciences  
Research Grant, 2015 – \$2980

Department of Political Science Research Grant, 2015 – \$1500

### *Research Fellowships*

Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship, 2016

UCSB Affiliates Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, 2015

Department of Political Science Louis G Lancaster Fellowship, 2014, 2013, 2012

### *Awards*

Department of Political Science Manzer-Wesson Award, Best Published Paper, 2017

Department of Political Science Distinguished Teaching Award, 2017

Department of Political Science Manzer-Wesson Award, Best Dissertation Prospectus, 2015

## Student Research Supervision

Dissertation Committee Member, Ryan Kor-Sins, Department of Communication, University of Utah (in progress)

Honors Thesis Supervisor, Grant Boyden, Honors College, University of Utah (in progress)

## Service

New Student Mentor, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2014-15

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Political Science Faculty Search Committee, 2014

## Related Higher Education Experience

Resident Assistant, Residence Life, University of Arizona, 2009-2011

Teaching Preceptor, Blue Chip Leadership Program, University of Arizona, 2010

Teaching Assistant, Honors Program Area Studies Course, University of Arizona, 2010

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