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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Representation, American Politics, Congress, Public Opinion, Methodology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of California - Los Angeles

Associate Professor, Political Science, 2019-
Vice Chair for Undergraduate Studies, 2019-
Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2012 to 2019

EDUCATION

Stanford University, PhD, Political Science 2013

New York University, Bachelors of Arts, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

1. Tausanovitch, Chris. 2019. "Why are Subnational Governments Responsive?" *The Journal of Politics*, 81(1), p. 334-342, Subnational Policy Making Symposium.
2. Hill, Seth and Chris Tausanovitch. 2018. "Southern Realignment, Party Sorting, and the Polarization of American Primary Electorates, 1958-2012" *Public Choice*, 176(1), p. 107-132.
3. Sides, John, Lynn Vavreck, Chris Tausanovitch and Christopher Warshaw. 2018. "On the Representativeness of Primary Electorates" *British Journal of Political Science*, Forthcoming.
4. McCarty, Nolan, Jonathan Rodden, Boris Shor, Chris Tausanovitch and Christopher Warshaw. 2018. "Geography, Uncertainty, and Polarization" *Political Science Research and Methods*, Forthcoming.
5. Tausanovitch, Chris, and Christopher Warshaw. 2018. "Does the Ideological Proximity Between Congressional Candidates and Voters Affect Voting Decisions in Recent U.S. House Elections?" *Political Behavior*, 40:223-245.
6. Caughey, Devin, Christopher Warshaw and Chris Tausanovitch. 2017. "Partisan Gerrymandering and the Political Process: Effects on Roll-Call Voting and State Policies." *Election Law Journal*, 16(4):453-469.
7. Tausanovitch, Chris and Christopher Warshaw. 2017. "Estimating Candidates' Political Orientation in a Polarized Congress." *Political Analysis*, 25(2).
8. Tausanovitch, Chris. 2016. "Income, Ideology, and Representation." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 2(7).
9. Oh, Jason S. and Chris Tausanovitch. 2016. "Quantifying Legislative Uncertainty: A Case Study in Tax Policy." *Tax Law Review*, 69(4).
10. Hill, Seth, and Chris Tausanovitch. 2015. "A Disconnect in Representation? Comparison of Trends in Congressional and Public Polarization" *The Journal of Politics*, 77(4).

11. Tausanovitch, Chris, and Christopher Warshaw. 2014. "Representation in Municipal Government." *The American Political Science Review*, 108(3).
12. Tausanovitch, Chris and Christopher Warshaw. 2013. "Measuring Constituent Policy Preferences in Congress, State Legislatures, and Cities." *The Journal of Politics*, 75(2).

UNPUBLISHED
WORK

Lewis, Jeffrey B., and Chris Tausanovitch. "When Does Joint Scaling Allow For Direct Comparisons of Preferences?"

Tausanovitch, Chris. "Measuring Preference Intensity."

SOFTWARE

Lewis, Jeffrey B., and Chris Tausanovitch. **gptideal**: Fast Fully Bayesian Estimation of Ideal Points with Massive Data. <https://github.com/JeffreyBLewis/gptideal>

GRANTS AND
AWARDS

UCLA Faculty Research Grant, 2017-2018.

UCLA Hellman Fellowship, 2015-2016.

UCLA Faculty Career Development Award, 2015-2016.

UCLA Center for American Politics and Public Policy Kenneth L. Sokoloff Fellowship, 2013-2014.

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, 2011-2012.

DATASETS

The American Ideology Project, www.americanideologyproject.com, with Christopher Warshaw

State-level Public Preference Estimates

State-level Public Preference Estimates by political party

Congressional District-level Public Preference Estimates

City-level Public Preference Estimates

State Assembly District-level Public Preference Estimates

State Senate District-level Public Preference Estimates

State Public Preference Heterogeneity Estimates

Congressional District Public Preference Heterogeneity Estimates

INVITED TALKS

University of California-San Diego , 2019.

Stanford University, 2019.

Political Institutions and Political Economy Symposium on Studying Subnational Policy Making, University of Southern California, 2018.

Political Institutions and Political Economy Collaborative Workshop, University of Southern California, 2017.

Conference on Electoral Reform, Harris School of Public Policy, 2017.

Redistricting Reform: Mapping Our Future Conference, Duke University, 2017.

Research Workshop in American Politics, University of California-Berkeley, 2017.

Pacific Coast American Politics Conference, University of Arizona, 2017.

Goldwater Conference: Campaigns, Elections and Representation, Arizona State University, 2016.

Harvard Meeting on Political Geography, Harvard, 2015.

Society for Political Methodology Conference on Ideal Point Models, MIT, 2015.

Russell Sage Foundation Conference on Big Data in Political Economy, New York, NY, 2014.

University of California-San Diego, 2014.

University of California-Los Angeles Law School, 2014.

Political Representation: Fifty Years After Miller and Stokes, Vanderbilt University, 2013.

University of California-Berkeley, 2013.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology American Politics Conference, 2013.

OTHER WRITINGS

Lewis, Jeffrey B and Chris Tausanovitch. 2018. *gguideal: Fast Fully Bayesian Estimation of Ideal Points with Massive Data*. White paper. In preparation.

Jason Oh and Tausanovitch, Chris. 2017. "How Will the Taxation of Individuals Change Under Trump?" *Tax Notes*, February 27, p. 1123-1129.

Hill, Seth J. and Chris Tausanovitch. 2015. "No, Americans have not become more ideologically polarized." *Washington Post* Monkey Cage, October 13.

Chris Tausanovitch. 2013. "By bridging political surveys, we can measure levels of representation in American politics." *London School of Economics USApp Blog*, September 18.

PRESS

Coverage of "Southern Realignment, Party Sorting, and the Polarization of American Primary Electorates, 1958-2012"

"Should Democrats Embrace the Center or Abandon It?," *The New York Times*, March 22, 2018.

Selected coverage of "Representation in Municipal Government"

"Urbane Development," *The Economist*, August 1st, 2014.

"CHART: Liberals Live in Cities and That's Bad for Liberalism," *The New Republic*, August 11, 2014.

"Mesa, Ariz., is to conservatism what San Francisco is to liberalism," *The Washington Post* GovBeat, August 5, 2014.

"These are America's most conservative cities," *USA Today*, August 6, 2014.

"Study: Boston One Of The Most Liberal US Cities In A Country Of Liberal Cities," *Boston Globe*, August 11, 2014.

"The Most Conservative And Most Liberal Cities In America," *Forbes*, August 11, 2014.

"The most liberal and conservative big cities in America, in one chart," *Vox.com*, February 12, 2015.

“Report: Research shows America’s most conservative, liberal cities,” *Houston Chronicle*, August 5, 2014.

Interviews

“California’s open primaries are a cautionary tale about political reform,” *Washington Post*, June 2, 2018.

“Social issues to return to the forefront on GOP campaign trail,” *Boston Globe*, April 27, 2016.

“How Will District Elections Change Seattle?” KUOW Seattle, February 25, 2015.

“Chart gone viral puts Buffalo among 10 least conservative U.S. cities,” *Buffalo News*, August 16, 2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Latin American Political Methodology Meeting, Bogota, Columbia, 2018.

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, Provo UT, 2018.

American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, 2017.

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, 2017.

American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, 2015.

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, 2015.

Cooperative Congressional Election Survey Conference, Sundance, UT, 2013.

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, 2013.

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, 2011.

Cooperative Congressional Election Survey Conference, Sundance, UT, 2011.

American Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2011.

Harvard-Manchester Social Change Initiative, Crewe, UK, 2010.

TEACHING

Introduction to American Politics: Political Behavior, Graduate

Introduction to American Politics: Institutions, Graduate

Legislative Behavior, Graduate

Representation in Congress and State Legislatures, Graduate

Data Analysis, Graduate

Introductions to American Politics, Undergraduate

American Political Institutions: Congress, Undergraduate

SERVICE

Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 2019-

PEER REVIEW

The American Political Science Review, The American Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Political Behavior, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Statistics Politics and Policy, Social Forces, The Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, American Politics Research, Political Science Research and Methods, British Journal of Political Science, Party Politics, PLOS One, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, The National Science Foundation, Electoral Studies, Election Law Journal, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Public Opinion Quarterly, Public Choice