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Academic Appointments

TRINITY COLLEGE

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Aug. 2020-present

Education

Brown University, Ph.D., Political Science (Expected)

Oct. 21, 2020

Dissertation: *Trust, Cues, and Cash: The Causes and Consequences of Outsider Success in Congressional Primaries*

Committee: Wendy Schiller (chair), Paul Testa, and Susan Moffitt

Summary: The dissertation seeks to explain why outsider congressional candidates are increasingly able to compete with party-backed candidates in primary elections. Using a combination of methods, including both a traditional and a conjoint survey experiment, case studies, and quantitative analysis using original longitudinal campaign finance data, the dissertation demonstrates that growing voter distrust of parties and political institutions combined with significant changes to the campaign finance system have benefited candidates who, in previous eras, have been blocked or impeded from running for office by party leaders.

Brown University, M.A., Political Science

2017

Central Connecticut State University, B.A., Political Science

2014

Research Interests

American Politics, Political Parties, Congress, Congressional Primary Elections, Methodology, Gender and Politics, Voting Behavior

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Manento, Cory and Marie Schenk. Forthcoming. "Role Models or Partisan Models? The Effect of Prominent Women Officeholders." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

Manento, Cory. 2019. "Party Crashers: Interest Groups as a Latent Threat to Party Networks in Congressional Primaries." *Party Politics* 1-12, March 19, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068819834528>

BOOK CHAPTERS

Schiller, Wendy J. and **Cory Manento**. 2018. "Howard Baker and the Conditional Use of Parliamentary Procedure in the U.S. Senate," in *Leadership in the U.S. Senate: Herding Cats in the Modern Era*. Eds. Colton Campbell and Steven S. Smith. New York: Routledge Press, 41-67.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Manento, Cory. 2019. "[Interest Groups are Out-Performing the Parties in Congressional Primaries.](#)" *LegBranch*, April 29, 2019.

Manento, Cory. 2018. "[Citizens United is Fueling Outsider Candidates.](#)" *Vox, Mischiefs of Faction*, October 8, 2018.

Manento, Cory. 2016. "Measuring the Ideological Shift of the Supreme Court in Fourth Amendment Exclusionary Rule Cases," in *Writing up Quantitative Research in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Fallon, Marianne. Boston: Sense Publishers, 123-34.

Manento, Cory. 2016. "[Pennsylvania Senate Election 2016: Pragmatism and Intraparty Conflict.](#)" *Princeton University Press Blog* (now archived).

Manento, Cory. 2016. "[Nevada Senate Election 2016: Money and the Shadows of Party.](#)" *Princeton University Press Blog* (now archived).

Works in Progress

Manento, Cory and Paul F. Testa. "In Party We Trust? Voter Support for Party-Backed Candidates in Primary Elections." (Revise and resubmit)

Manento, Cory. "Out of Sight but in Mind: The Impact of Negative Partisanship in Congressional Primary Elections." (Working paper)

Schenk, Marie, **Cory Manento**, and Kristen Essel. "From Enraged to Engaged: Negative Political Events and Women Candidates." (Working paper)

Manento, Cory. "Which Cues Matter? Group Endorsements and Congressional Candidate Evaluations." (Working paper)

Barton, Richard, **Cory Manento**, Rebeka Johnson, and Joshua Meyer-Gutbrod. "Party Competition and Policy Adoption in the American States." (Working paper)

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2019, 2020*

New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2020*

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018

* Paper accepted for presentation but conference canceled due to COVID-19.

Invited Talks

Brown University, Watson Institute Research Workshop, *Fall 2019*

Teaching Experience

INSTRUCTOR

Visiting Assistant Professor, Trinity College

Aug. 2020 - present

Adjunct Professor, Stonehill College

Fall 2017 - Fall 2019

Courses Taught:

American Government and Politics
Congress and Public Policy
American Political Parties and Elections

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Brown University

Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant, Brown University

Fall 2016 - Spring 2020

Courses:

Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (Ph.D. Sequence)
Campaigns and Elections
Introduction to the American Political Process
Polarized Politics
Public Opinion and American Democracy
Ethics and International Affairs
The U.S. in World Politics

Grants and Fellowships

Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant, 2020

Brown University Dissertation Fellowship, 2018-2019

Conference Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Brown University, 2017, 2018, 2019

Service and Research Experience

REVIEWER

State Politics and Policy Quarterly

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

RA for Margaret Weir, 2019-2020

Loomis, Burdett A., and Wendy J. Schiller. 2018. *The Contemporary Congress*, Seventh Edition. New York: Rowman and Littlefield.

COORDINATOR

Graduate American Political Workshop, Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2017-2018

LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS SPECIALIST AND BILL CLERK

Connecticut State Senate, 2015 legislative session

Computing Skills

PROGRAMMING

R, Rmarkdown, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX

SURVEY DESIGN

Qualtrics

References

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