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EDUCATION

2001: Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego.

Primary Field: Comparative; Second Field: American; Focus: Western Europe.

Dissertation Title: “*Institutions with Environmental Consequences: The Politics of Agrochemical Policymaking*”. Dr. Arend Lijphart, Professor, Department of Political Science, Chair; Dr. Matthew Shugart, Professor, Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, Co-chair; Dr. Laurence Brunton, Professor, Department of Pharmacology; Dr. Gary Jacobson, Professor, Department of Political Science; Dr. Kaare Strom, Professor, Department of Political Science; Dr. Mark Thiemens, Professor and Chairman, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

PUBLICATIONS

Book review: “Environmental Politics and Policy in Industrialized Countries” Edited by Uday Desai. Cambridge: MIT Press 2002 in *Political Studies Review*, January 2004.

Book review: “Environmental Policy in the European Union: Actors, Institutions and Processes” Andrew Jordan, ed. Earthscan Publications Limited: London 2002 in *RECIEL, The Review of European Community and International Environmental Law Journal*, London, September 2002.

Book review: "Regulating Chemical Accumulation in the Environment: The Integration of Toxicology and Economics in Environmental Policy-making" in *RECIEL, The Review of European Community and International Environmental Law Journal*, London, September 2000.

UNDER REVIEW

“The Institutional Determinants of Cost Imposition: Evidence from the Environment” *Comparative Politics* (revised and resubmitted).

WORK SUBMITTED

Book manuscript: “*Institutionalized Interest Group Power*”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“*Rationalizing Ignorance: Electoral Incentives and the Information Environment*”

This project outlines a causal model of political sophistication which suggests that our ability to secure preferred policy through the vote is in part a product of institutional design. This supply-side theory linking disparate literatures on electoral institutions, party strategies, mass media, framing, and democratic deliberation questions core assumptions underlying majoritarian principles and conventional understandings of accountability.

“*A Corporatist Perspective on Consociational Theory: Origins and Implications*”

The theoretical and structural similarities of consociationalism and corporatism have long been recognized, yet under analyzed. Their juxtaposition reveals that inherent in consociational theory are two *necessary* conditions yet to be recognized explicitly: autonomous origins and singular segmental groups. This work highlights the importance of institutional incentives emanating from different historical contexts, and supports arguments for individual level analyses to complement the structural level analyses that have dominated the conflict management literature.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“*Rationalizing Ignorance: Electoral Incentives and the Free information Environment*”

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 2005

“*Politics, Policy and Agrochemical Use: A Cross-National Study*” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Conference, Tampa, FL. August, 2005

“*Parallel Games*” Presented at the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation’s Junior Colloquium Seminar, San Diego, CA, May 2005.

The Institutional Determinants Of Political Sophistication: How Voter Information Needs Shape Political Campaigns. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill., April 2005

Majority Rules for Minority Gains: The Institutional Determinants of Interest Group Power” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill., April 2005

“*Consociational Institutions: Instruments of Democracy or Demagoguery? Refinements of Consociational Theory and the Implication for Peace in Northern Ireland*”

- Presented at the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation's Junior Colloquium Seminar, San Diego, CA, February 2004.
- "CAP and Enlargement"* Presented at the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation's Conference: "Eastern Enlargement of the European Union: Confronting New Unknowns", San Diego, CA, May 2003.
- "Institutions as Instruments of Private Good Production: The Electoral Incentives for Externalities"* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, San Diego, CA, March 2002
- "The European Union: Institutional Organization and Institutionalized Interest Group Power"* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2, 2001
- "Institutions with Environmental Consequences: Theory and Evidence"* Presented at The Greening IX Conference of Southern California Environmental Researchers, University of California, Riverside, January 2000.
- "Institutions with Environmental Consequences: The European Union in Perspective"* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, September 1999.
- "Institutions with Environmental Consequences: Comparing Policies in Europe"* Presented at the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation-MacArthur Scholars Seminar, Washington, D.C., April 1999.
- "Political Parties, Institutions, and Environmental Reform"* co-authored with Kaare Strom and Steve Swindle. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill., April 1998

AWARDS AND HONORS

Fulbright Scholar to the European Union: 1998-1999.
Institute for the Study of World Politics Fellow: 1998-1999.
MacArthur Fellow- Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation: 1998-1999.
Freida Urey Endowed Fellowship: 1997-1998
Teaching Assistant Excellence Awards: 1995-1996, 1997-1998.
Earl Warren Fellowship: 1994-2000.