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## **EDUCATION**

**University of California, Berkeley**, Department of Political Science,  
Ph.D., May 2004.

**University of California, Berkeley**, Department of Political Science  
M.A., 1997.

**Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH**  
B.A. with High Honors in Politics, Phi Beta Kappa, 1994.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Rhodes College**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2004 –  
present.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Interest Group Advocacy and the Power of ‘Magic Words.’” With D. E. Apollonio.  
2005. *Election Law Journal* (July) 178-190.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Independent Expenditures in the 2004 Presidential Election.” Paper presented  
at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.  
April 2007.

“Cannon Fodder: The Targets of Advocacy Group Independent Expenditures.”  
Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science  
Association, Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2005.

“Interest Group Advocacy and the Power of ‘Magic Words.’” Paper co-authored  
with D. E. Apollonio presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political  
Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 15-18, 2004.

“Loose Cannons or Laser Beams?: Interest Group Independent Spending in Congressional Elections.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 28-31, 2003.

“Independent Expenditures and Interest Group Strategy.” Paper co-authored with D. E. Apollonio presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2003.

“Why Independent Expenditures?” Paper presented at Annual Berkeley-Stanford American Political Science Conference June 3, 2002.

“Why Bother With Independent Expenditures?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 25-28, 2002.

“Spending Independently.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 19-22, 2001.

“Spending Independently.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. August 30-September 2, 2001.

“Southern Culture on the Skids: The Influence of Culture on Political Corruption in the American States.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 15-18, 1999.

#### **ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS**

##### **Rhodes College**

**Faculty Development Endowment Grant, 2007.**

##### **University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science**

**Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award  
Continuing Student Fellowship, 2003.**

##### **Oberlin College**

**Adelia A. F. Johnston Fellowship, 2003.**

**Aelioian Fellowship, 2003.**

##### **Soroptimist International**

**Founder Region Fellowship, 2003.**

#### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

American Politics  
Campaigns and Elections

Political Parties and Interest Groups  
Undergraduate Research Methods

**RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

**University of California, Berkeley**, Department of Political Science, 1996 – 2003.

**Program Administrator, John Gardner Fellowship Program**, 2000 –2003. Administrator for a competitive fellowship program for outstanding graduating seniors from the University of California, Berkeley interested in careers in public service.

**Graduate Student Researcher**, Professor Bruce Cain, Fall 1996 - Spring 1997, Summer 1999.

**Graduate Student Researcher**, Professor Eric Schickler, Spring 1999.

**Graduate Student Researcher**, Professor Nelson Polsby, Summer 1997, Summer 1998.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
American Association of University Women