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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

University of Rochester

- Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, Sept. 2008 - Present
- Associate Professor of Business Administration (by courtesy), Simon Graduate School of Business, July 2011 - Present
- Other appointments: W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, Rochester Center for Economic Research
- Previous appointment: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, July 2002 - Aug. 2008

Stanford University

- Acting Instructor, Department of Public Policy, April 2002 - June 2002

**EDUCATION**

Stanford University

- Ph.D., Political Science, June 2002
- M.A., Economics, January 2001

Brown University

- M.A., Political Science, May 1998
- B.A. with highest degree distinction, Economics and Honors Political Science, May 1998

**HONORS (2003-Present)**

Alan Rosenthal Prize for *Rules and Restraint* (best publication in legislative studies by a young scholar during 2007 of importance to legislators and legislative staff and of merit in strengthening the practice of representative democracy), Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association, 2008

Goergen Award for Distinguished Achievement and Artistry in Undergraduate Education, University of Rochester, 2005

Undergraduate Professor of the Year, University of Rochester Students' Association Award, 2005

**BOOKS**

Clarke, Kevin A., and David M. Primo. 2012. *A Model Discipline: Political Science and the Logic of Representations*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Primo, David M. 2007. *Rules and Restraint: Government Spending and the Design of Institutions*. American Politics and Political Economy Series. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Cobb, Roger W., and David M. Primo. 2003. *The Plane Truth: Airline Crashes, the Media, and Transportation Policy*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

**JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

Primo, David M., and Wm Scott Green. 2011. "Bankruptcy Law and Entrepreneurship." *Entrepreneurship Research Journal*. 1(2): Art. 5.

Primo, David M., and James M. Snyder, Jr. 2010. "Party Strength, the Personal Vote, and Government Spending." *American Journal of Political Science* 54(2):354-370.

## **JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (cont.)**

- Primo, David M. 2010. "The Effect of Initiatives on Local Government Spending." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 22(1):6-25.
- Primo, David M., Sarah A. Binder, and Forrest Maltzman. 2008. "Who Consents? Competing Pivots in Federal Judicial Selection." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(3):471-489.
- Primo, David M., and James M. Snyder, Jr. 2008. "Distributive Politics and the Law of 1/n." *Journal of Politics* 70(2):477-486.
- Clarke, Kevin A., and David M. Primo. 2007. "Modernizing Political Science: A Model-Based Approach" *Perspectives on Politics* 5(4):741-753.
- Primo, David M., Matthew L. Jacobsmeier, and Jeffrey Milyo. 2007. "Estimating the Impact of State Policies and Institutions with Mixed-Level Data." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 7(4):446-459.
- Primo, David M. 2007. "A Comment on Baron and Ferejohn (1989): The Open Rule Equilibrium and Coalition Formation." *Public Choice* 130(1):129-135.
- Primo, David M. 2006. "Stop Us Before We Spend Again: Institutional Constraints on Government Spending." *Economics & Politics* 18(3):269-312.
- Primo, David M., and Jeffrey Milyo. 2006. "Campaign Finance Laws and Political Efficacy: Evidence From the States." *Election Law Journal* 5(1):23-39.
- Primo, David M. 2002. "Rethinking Political Bargaining: Policymaking with a Single Proposer." *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 18(2):411-427.
- Primo, David M. 2002. "Public Opinion and Campaign Finance: Reformers Versus Reality." *The Independent Review* 7(2):207-219.
- Primo, David M. 2002. "Budgetary Reform and Formal Modeling: A Comment on Gabel and Hager." *Public Choice* 113(1-2):225-230.
- Milyo, Jeffrey, David Primo, and Timothy Groseclose. 2000. "Corporate PAC Campaign Contributions in Perspective." *Business and Politics* 2(1):75-88.

## **PUBLICATIONS IN EDITED VOLUMES AND NON-REFEREED JOURNALS**

- Milyo, Jeffrey, David M. Primo, and Matthew L. Jacobsmeier. 2011. "Does Public Financing of State Election Campaigns Increase Voter Turnout?" In *Public Financing in American Elections*, ed. Costas Panagopoulos. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 225-237.
- Primo, David M., and Jeffrey Milyo. 2007. "Public Financing of Campaigns: A Statistical Analysis." *Engage* 8:96-100.
- Primo, David M., Jeffrey Milyo, and Tim Groseclose. 2006. "State Campaign Finance Reform, Competitiveness, and Party Advantage in Gubernatorial Elections." In *The Marketplace of Democracy: Electoral Competition and American Politics*, eds. Michael P. McDonald and John Samples. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 268-285.
- Milyo, Jeffrey, and David Primo. 2005. "Reform without Reason? The Scientific Method and Campaign Finance." In *Welfare for Politicians? Taxpayer Financing of Campaigns*, ed. John Samples. Washington, DC: Cato, 197-211.

## **PUBLICATIONS IN EDITED VOLUMES AND NON-REFEREED JOURNALS (cont.)**

Primo, David M. 2004. "Campaign Finance Reform." *Public Opinion and Polling Around the World: A Historical Encyclopedia*, ed. John G. Geer. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 165-171.

Primo, David M. 2003. "Campaign Contributions, the Appearance of Corruption, and Trust in Government." In *Inside the Campaign Finance Battle: Court Testimony on the New Reforms*, ed. Anthony Corrado, Thomas E. Mann, and Trevor Potter. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 285-296.

## **POLICY PAPERS, REPORTS, AMICUS BRIEFS, AND TESTIMONY**

Primo, David M., and Jeffrey D. Milyo. 2012. Amicus Brief in *U.S. v. Danielczyk*.

Primo, David M. 2011. "Full Disclosure: How Campaign Finance Disclosure Laws Fail to Inform Voters and Stifle Public Debate." Research Report, Institute for Justice.

Primo, David M. 2011. "Should the Constitution Be Amended to Address the Federal Deficit?" Testimony prepared for a hearing of the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, May 13.

Primo, David M. 2010. "Making Budget Rules Work." Working Paper No. 10-62, Mercatus Center at GMU.

Primo, David M. 2010. "What Does Research Say About Public Funding for Political Campaigns?" Institute for Justice Research Brief, published online at <http://www.ij.org/about/3466>. Reprinted in *Opposing Viewpoints: Election Spending*, ed. Nancy Dziedzic, Greenhaven Press, 74-83.

Primo, David M. 2010. "Making Budget Rules Bite." Mercatus on Policy No. 72, Mercatus Center at GMU.

Primo, David M. 2001. "Public Opinion and Campaign Finance: A Skeptical Look at Senator McCain's Claims." Briefing Paper No. 60, Cato Institute.

## **PUBLISHED BUSINESS SCHOOL CASES (ORIGINALLY STANFORD GSB CASES)**

Primo, David, and Romain Wacziarg. 2002. "CSN and Steel Antidumping (A)." In *Business and Its Environment*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., by David P. Baron. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 215-217.

Primo, David, and Romain Wacziarg. 2002. "CSN and Steel Antidumping (B)." In *Business and Its Environment Instructor's Manual with Test Item File*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., by David P. Baron and Anne Cowden. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 138-139.

## **GRANTS**

Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, Guest Speakers Grant, Spring and Fall 2010, \$9,000.

University of Rochester, Kauffman Course Development Grant, "Politics and Markets: Innovation and the Global Business Environment," Summer 2009.

National Science Foundation, Award SES-0314786, "The Design and Enforcement of Legislative Budget Rules," July 2003-June 2007, \$71,594.

University of Rochester Center for Entrepreneurship, Research Grant, "Tolerance for Failure, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Performance," 2006-2007, approx. \$20,000.

Initiative and Referendum Institute at USC and USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics, Research Stipend, "The Effect of Local Initiatives on State and Local Finance," 2006-2007, \$5,000.

Earhart Foundation, Fellowship Research Grant, "Rules and Restraint: Government Spending and the Design of Institutions," Summer 2006, \$12,000.

## **GRANTS (cont.)**

Smith Richardson Foundation, Domestic Public Policy Research Fellowship, “Rules and Restraint: Government Budgets and the Enforcement Problem,” June 2005-June 2006, \$60,000.

## **PROJECTS IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW**

“Information at the Margin: Campaign Finance Disclosure Laws, Ballot Issues, and Voter Knowledge”

“Voter ID Laws and Turnout” (with Jeff Milyo and Jonathan Klingler)

“A Dynamic Model of Judicial Appointments” (with Jinhee Jo and Yoji Sekiya)

“The Electoral Returns to Federal Aid” (with Chris Berry and Jim Snyder)

“Earmarks and Representation” (with Gary Hollibaugh, Larry Rothenberg, and Kristin Rulison)

“The Bad News About ‘Going Public’” (with Stu Jordan)

“The Effects of Campaign Finance Laws on Turnout, 1950-2000” (with Jeff Milyo)

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS (2004-Present)**

“Distributive Politics and Primary Elections.” Presented by Berry at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2012.

“Voter ID Laws and Turnout.” Co-authored with Jonathan Klingler and Jeff Milyo. Presented by Klingler and Primo at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 31-April 3, 2011.

“A Dynamic Model of Judicial Appointments.” Co-authored with Yoji Sekiya. Presented by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2-5, 2009, and by Primo and Sekiya at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, 2009.

“The Bad News About ‘Going Public.’” Co-authored with Stu Jordan. Presented by Jordan and Primo at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008.

“The Effect of Initiatives on Local Government Spending.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2007, and at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30 - September 2, 2007.

“Tolerance for Failure, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Performance.” Co-authored with Bill Green. Presented by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2007.

“The Effects of Campaign Finance Laws on Turnout, 1950-2000.” Co-authored with Jeff Milyo. Presented by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31-September 3, 2006.

“Party Strength, the Personal Vote, and Government Spending.” Co-authored with Jim Snyder. Presented by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 20-23, 2006.

“Party Strength and State Government Spending.” Co-authored with Jim Snyder. Presented by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4, 2005.

“Modernizing Political Science: A Model-Based Approach.” Co-authored with Kevin Clarke. Presented by Clarke at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10, 2005, and by Clarke and Primo at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Political Science Association, June 2-4, 2005.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS (2004-Present, cont.)**

“Public Goods and the Law of 1/n.” Co-authored with Jim Snyder. Presented by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10, 2005.

“Restrictive Rules, Restrained Spending: The Endogenous Enforcement of Budget Rules in Legislatures.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 2004.

“The Theoretical Implications of the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models.” Co-authored with Kevin Clarke. Presented by Clarke at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 2004.

“Open vs. Closed Rules in Budget Legislation: A Result and an Application.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, March 11-14, 2004, and at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 15-18, 2004.

“State Campaign Finance Laws and the Turnout Decision.” Co-authored with Jeff Milyo. Presented by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, March 11-14, 2004, and by Milyo at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 15-18, 2004.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS (2004-Present)**

Washington University in St. Louis, Federal Budget and Tax Policy for a Sound Fiscal Future Conference, March 20-21, 2009 (Discussant)

Washington University in St. Louis, Political Science Department Seminar, March 19, 2009

George Mason University, Economics Department Seminar, November 6, 2008

Kauffman Foundation, Summer Legal Institute, July 10-13, 2008

London School of Economics, PSPE Conference on Designing Democratic Institutions, May 13-14, 2008

University of Maryland, Economics Department Seminar, May 5, 2008

University of Chicago, The Harris School’s American Politics Workshop, May 14, 2007

University of Southern California Conference, When Voters Make Laws: How Direct Democracy is Reshaping American Cities, April 6-7, 2007

University of Miami, Joint Political Science and Economic Seminar, February 22, 2007

Brookings Institution and Cato Institute Conference, The Marketplace of Democracy, March 9, 2006

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Conference on Public Election Funding, January 28-29, 2006

Cornell University, Joint Government and Economics Workshop, November 4, 2004

### **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS (1997-2002)**

Brown University Prize in American Politics, 1998

Phi Beta Kappa, Inducted as a Junior, 1997

Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honor Society), Inducted 1997

Humane Studies Fellow, 1999-2002

Brown University Harvey A. Baker Graduate Fellowship, 1998-99

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **University of Rochester**

American Politics Field Seminar (grad), Fall 2009, Fall 2007, Fall 2003

Business and Politics, Fall 2009, Spring 2009, Spring 2008, Spring 2007, Spring 2005, Spring 2004, Fall 2002

Introduction to Positive Political Theory, Fall 2008, Fall 2007, Fall 2004, Spring 2004, Fall 2002

Models in American Politics: Theory & Data (grad), Fall 2010, Fall 2008, Fall 2006

Money in Politics, Fall 2004, Fall 2003

The Nature of Entrepreneurship, Spring 2010, Spring 2008, Spring 2007, Spring 2005

Politics and Markets: Innovation and the Global Business Environment, Fall 2010, Spring 2010

### **Stanford University**

Business and Public Policy, Spring 2002

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Additional Appointments**

Mercatus Affiliated Senior Scholar, The Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Jan. 2010-Present

Editorial Board, *American Politics Research*, 2006-Present

Board of Academic Advisors, Center for Competitive Politics, 2006-Present

### **Conference Participation (2004-Present, also see Conference Papers and Invited Presentations)**

Discussant, Campaign Finance Law and Politics after Citizens United v. FEC, APSA Meeting, 2010

Discussant, Influences on Congressional Voting, APSA Meeting, 2010

Discussant, Partisanship and Bipartisanship in the U.S. Congress, APSA Meeting, 2009

Discussant, Strategic Choices in Comparative Legislatures, APSA Meeting, 2008

Chair and Discussant, Lobbyists and Legislatures, Midwest Meeting, 2008

Chair and Discussant, The Political Economy of Legislatures, APSA Meeting, 2007

Discussant, The Effects of Institutions and Rules on State and Local Politics, Midwest Meeting, 2007

Roundtable Participant, The Marketplace of Democracy: Electoral Competition in the United States, APSA Meeting, 2006

Chair, Session III, Wallis Institute 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 2005

Chair and Discussant, Designing Legislative Organizations Panel, APSA Meeting, 2005

Judge, EITM Poster Session, Midwest Meeting, 2004

Chair, Money in Politics Panel, Public Choice Meeting, 2004

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (cont.)**

### **Selected Departmental and University Service (University of Rochester)**

Associate Department Chair and Director of Graduate Studies, July 2010-June 2011

Co-Chair, Graduate Admissions, Incoming 2010 Class

Member, Applied Political Economy Search Committee, 2006-2007, 2009-2010, 2010-2011

Co-organizer (with John Duggan and Tasos Kalandrakis), Wallis Institute 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conferences on Political Economy, 2007 and 2010

Co-organizer (with Gretchen Helmke and Stu Jordan), Wallis Institute Mini-Conference on Positive Political Theory and the Law, 2009

Organizer, American Politics Working Group, 2007-2008, 2008-2009

Advisory Board, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, 2003-Present

Chair, University of Rochester American Politics and Methodology Search Committee, 2004-2005

Chair, University of Rochester American Politics Search Committee, 2003-2004

### **Other Professional Service**

Member, Alan Rosenthal Prize Committee, APSA Legislative Studies Section, 2009 award

Member, Best Paper Prize Committee, APSA Political Economy Section, 2011 award

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Economics & Politics*, *Election Law Journal*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Management Science*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *SAGE Publications*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*

### **Consulting**

Expert Witness, *Worley v. Browning* (a.k.a. *Worley v. Roberts*), 4:10cv423-RH/WCS

Expert Witness, *McComish v. Bennett*, CV-08-1550-PHX-ROS  
(a.k.a. *Arizona Free Enterprise Club's Freedom Club PAC v. Bennett*, *McComish v. Brewer*)

Expert Witness, *McConnell v. FEC*, Civ. No. 02-0582

### **Media Appearances, Quotations, and Op-eds (National and International)**

Associated Press, Bloomberg Brazil, Bloomberg News, Christian Science Monitor, CNBC.com, CNN.com, CQ Today, CQ Weekly Report, Forbes.com, The Hill, Huffington Post, Los Angeles Times, El Nacional (Venezuela), National Public Radio, National Review, News Italia Press, New York Times, RealClearMarkets.com, Reason, Roll Call, NBC's Today Show, USA Today, U.S. News & World Report, Wall Street Journal

### **Media Appearances and Quotations, and Op-eds (Local and Regional)**

Print and Online: Boston Globe, Buffalo News, Colorado Springs Gazette, Dallas Morning News, Delaware News Journal, Las Vegas Sun, New York Daily Record, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Orlando Sentinel, Rochester Business Journal, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle

TV and Radio: KPSI Radio (Palm Springs, CA), NBC 10 TV (Rochester), R News (Rochester), WHAM Radio (Rochester), WWL Radio (New Orleans); WXXI Radio (Rochester)

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