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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

University of Rochester, July 2002 - Present

- Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Political Science
- Junior Research Associate, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy

Stanford University, April-June 2002

- Acting Instructor, Department of Public Policy

**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

**GRANTS (2003-Present)**

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.

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

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

**HONORS (2003-Present)**

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**

Primo, David M. 2007. *Rules and Restraint: Government Spending and the Design of Institutions*. American Politics and Political Economy Series. Chicago: 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., Sarah A. Binder, and Forrest Maltzman. Forthcoming 2008. "Who Consents? Competing Pivots in Federal Judicial Selection." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(3).

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

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.

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.

## **PUBLISHED BUSINESS SCHOOL 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. (Originally a Stanford Graduate School of Business Case)

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. (Originally a Stanford Graduate School of Business Case)

## **PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**

*Models with Meaning: Reimagining the Science of Politics* (Book project, with Kevin Clarke, under contract with Oxford University Press)

"Party Strength, the Personal Vote, and Government Spending" (with Jim Snyder)

"The Effect of Initiatives on Local Government Spending"

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

"Bankruptcy Law, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Performance" (with Bill Green)  
Previous Title: "Tolerance for Failure, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Performance"

"Do Presidential Public Appeals Affect Policy?" (with Stu Jordan)

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS (2003-Present)**

"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.

"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.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS (cont.)**

“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.

“Campaign Finance and Political Efficacy: Evidence From the States.” Co-authored with Jeff Milyo. Presented by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2003.

“Stop Us Before We Spend Again: Institutional Constraints on U.S. State Spending.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2003. Earlier version presented at the Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, March 3-6, 2003, and at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6, 2003.

“Campaign Finance Regulation and Citizen Trust: Evidence From the States.” Co-authored with Jeff Milyo. Presented by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6, 2003.

“The Effects of State Campaign Finance Regulation on Turnout, Electoral Competition, and Partisan Advantage in Gubernatorial Elections, 1949-1998.” Co-authored with Tim Groseclose and Jeff Milyo. Presented by Milyo at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 25-28, 2002, by Primo at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 29-September 2, 2002, by Milyo at the Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, January 3-5, 2003, and by Milyo at the Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, March 3-6, 2003.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS (2003-Present)**

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

George Mason University, Workshop in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, November 14, 2003

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

### **Honors**

Brown University Prize in American Politics, 1998

Phi Beta Kappa, Inducted as a Junior, 1997

Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honor Society), Inducted 1997

### **Fellowships**

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 2007, Fall 2003

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

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

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

Money in Politics, Fall 2004, Fall 2003

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

### **Stanford University**

Business and Public Policy, Spring 2002

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Conference Participation (2003-Present, also see Conference Papers section)**

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

Discussant, Campaign Finance Regulation and Campaign Finance Panels, Public Choice Meeting, 2003

Roundtable Participant, The Effects of Campaign Finance Reform on State and Local Elections, Midwest Meeting, 2003

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

### **Reviewer**

*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, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Public Choice, SAGE Publications, Social Choice and Welfare, State Politics & Policy Quarterly*

### **Professional and University Service (2003-Present)**

Organizer, American Politics Working Group, 2007-2008

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

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

### **Professional and University Service (2003-Present, cont.)**

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

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

University of Rochester Applied Political Economy Search Committee, 2006-2007

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

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

University of Rochester American Politics and Open Faculty Search Committee, 2002-2003

### **Consulting**

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

### **Media Appearances and Quotations (National and International)**

NBC's Today Show, Bloomberg Radio, National Public Radio, *CQ Weekly Report*, *The Hill*, *Roll Call*, *USA Today*, Bloomberg News, Bloomberg Brazil, News Italia Press

### **Media Appearances and Quotations (Local and Regional)**

Associated Press, *Las Vegas Sun*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Rochester Business Journal*, *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, NBC 10 TV (Rochester), R News (Rochester), KPSI Radio (Palm Springs, CA), WHAM Radio (Rochester), WXXI Radio (Rochester)

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