

Charles R. Hunt

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & EDUCATION

Assistant Professor (Fall 2019 - present), **Boise State University** (*Political Science Program - School of Public Service*)

B.A. Political Science (2011), **Brown University** (*Department of Political Science*)

Ph.D. Government & Politics (2019), **University of Maryland, College Park** (*Department of Government & Politics*)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics (*Congressional Representation, Congressional Elections, Political Geography*)

Political Methodology (*Research Methods/Design, Multilevel Modeling, Geographic Information Systems*)

BOOKS

Congress Explained: Policy and Representation in the First Branch. 2022. Forthcoming textbook at CQ Press. (with Casey Burgat)

Home Field Advantage: Roots, Reelection, and Representation in the Modern Congress. 2021. Forthcoming at University of Michigan Press.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

“Growing Tea With Subnational Roots: Predicting Tea Party Affiliation in State Legislatures.” 2021. Forthcoming in *American Politics Research*. (with Stella Rouse and Kristen Essel)

“Campaign Finance Trends and Developments in the 2020 Elections.” Chapter in *The Elections of 2020*. 2021. Ed., Michael Nelson. *University of Virginia Press*.

“Beyond Partisanship: Outperforming the Party Label With Local Roots in Congressional Elections.” 2021. Forthcoming in *Congress and the Presidency*.

“Expanding Constituency Support Through Shared Local Roots in U.S. House Primaries.” 2021. Forthcoming in *American Politics Research*.

“Assessing Group Incentives, Independent Spending, and Campaign Finance Law by Comparing the States.” 2020. *Election Law Journal* 19(3), 374-391. (with Jaclyn Kettler, Brendan Glavin, Michael J. Malbin, and Keith E. Hamm)

“Team Players: How Committee Staffers Clear the Runway for Legislative Action in Congress.” 2020. Book chapter from *Congress Overwhelmed*. Eds., Tim LaPira, Kevin R. Kosar and Lee Drutman. *University of Chicago Press*. (with Casey Burgat)

“When Does Redistricting Matter? Changing Conditions and Their Effect on Voter Turnout.” 2018. *Electoral Studies* 54, 128-138

WORKING PAPERS

“In the Interests of Millennials? Exploring Generational Representation in U.S. State Legislatures.” Under Review. (with Stella Rouse and Jay Barth)

“Gender Dynamics and Modern Spending Patterns in Congressional Campaigns.” Under Review. (with Jaelyn Kettler and Paul S. Herrnson)

“Won’t You Be My Senator? Revisiting ‘Friends and Neighbors’ Voting in Congressional Elections”

“Elections, Local Roots, and Place-Based Identity in the U.S. Senate” (with David Fontana)

“The COVID Campaign: Congressional Spending and Strategy During a Pandemic.” (with Paul S. Herrnson)

“Communication Style’ With Substance: How Legislators Advertise Their Effectiveness to Constituents” (with Kristina Miler)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (Boise State University)

POLS 101: Introduction to American Government (Summer 2020)

POLS 300: American Political Institutions and Behavior (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

POLS 405: American Chief Executive (Fall 2020)

POLS 406: American Legislatures (Spring 2021)

POLS 415: Representation in American Politics (Fall 2019)

Adjunct Professor (University of Maryland, College Park)

GVPT 388W: Maryland Public Policy and Beyond (Summer 2019)

Adjunct Instructor (Union College, Schenectady, NY)

PSC 280T: Changing Federal Institutions in Washington, DC (Winter/Spring 2019)

Primary Instructor (University of Maryland, College Park)

GVPT 388W: Maryland Public Policy and Beyond (Fall 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018)

GVPT 388P: Topical Investigations: Maryland Internship Program (Summer 2016)

GUEST LECTURES/PANELS

Young Scholars Book Series (Virtual Presentation, 2021—University of Maryland, College Park)

Communicating Research to the Public (Virtual Panel Discussion, 2020 Midwest Political Science Association)

Money in Politics APSA Workshop Lecture: Practical Applications of Campaign Finance Data (2018 American Political Science Association Annual Conference)

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Committee Member, Boise State University’s School of Public Service Research Committee

Research Assistant

Dr. Stella Rouse (August 2016 - December 2016; August 2017 - May 2019)

National Institute of Money in Politics (July 2018 - May 2019)

Campaign Finance Institute (August 2016 - July 2018)

University of Maryland, Department of Government & Politics Experimental Laboratory (Spring 2016)

University of Maryland, Center for American Politics & Citizenship (August 2014 – December 2015)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Won’t You Be My Senator? Revisiting “Friends and Neighbors” Voting in Congressional Elections.” *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2021.*

“Local Roots in Historical Perspective: The House of Representatives, 1960-2020.” *Congress and History Conference, 2020*

“In the Interests of Millennials? Exploring Generational Representation in U.S. State Legislatures.” *Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2020.* (with Stella Rouse and Jay Barth)

“Whose Politics is Local? New Empirical Perspectives on the Modern U.S. House.” *Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Boise, ID, 2019.*

“Higher-Quality Controls: What Types of Challengers Really Succeed?” *Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2019.*

“Growing Tea at the Grassroots: Predicting Tea Party Affiliation in State Legislatures.” *Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, 2019.* (with Stella Rouse and Kristen Essel)

“Independent Spending in State Elections after Citizens United by Business, Ideological and Issue Groups.” *American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2018.* (with Keith E. Hamm, Jaclyn Kettler, and Michael J. Malbin).

“Team Players: How Committee Staffers Pave the Way for Legislative Action in Congress.” *Conference on Congressional Capacity, Sponsored by R Street Institute and New America Foundation. Washington, DC., 2018.* (with Casey Burgat)

“Nationalized Party Networks in State Elections, 2006-2016.” *American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2017.* (with Keith E. Hamm, Jaclyn Kettler, Michael J. Malbin and Brendan Glavin)

“Paying to Play: Dual Candidacy Laws and the Potential Costs of Running for Office.” *Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2017.*

“Recruiting the Best Candidate for the Job: Candidate Dyads and Congressional Election Outcomes.” *Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2016* (with James Gimpel and Kristina Miler)

OTHER SELECTED MEDIA & RESEARCH REPORTS

“[6 months from the election, where does the race for control of Congress stand?](#)” *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; May 3, 2020*

“[Bernie talks about a revolution. Does he act on it?](#)” *Brookings Institution; April 11, 2020* (with Casey Burgat and Trey Billing)

“[Congressional representation may be nationalizing, but some politics is still local.](#)” *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; March 13, 2019*

“[The 116th freshman class will be the 2nd most educated—and least politically experienced—in the history of the House.](#)” *Brookings Institution; December 28th, 2018.* (with Casey Burgat)

“[Freshman class of Congress is looking younger, more female.](#)” *USA Today; November 12, 2018* (with Casey Burgat and Trey Billing)

“[The who, what, when, where, and why of congressional campaign spending.](#)” *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; September 25, 2018* (with Casey Burgat)

“[Why was the Peter Strzok hearing such a circus? Because Congress wanted it that way.](#)” *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage Blog); July 17, 2018* (with Casey Burgat)

[“Members of Congress may not look like their constituents, but they do look like their parties.”](#) *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; February 28, 2018*

[“No, gerrymandering is not THE cause for non-competitive congressional elections and legislative polarization.”](#) *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; January 5, 2018*

[“Are Long Weekends Reducing Congress’ Productivity?”](#) *Policy short published by the R Street Institute; July 30, 2017; re-published as op-ed in Inside Sources (with Casey Burgat)*

[“Party Contribution Limits and Polarization.”](#) *Report published by the Campaign Finance Institute; June 27, 2017 (with Michael J. Malbin)*

[“Campaign Finance and Public Opinion: Analysis from the Washington Post/University of Maryland Poll.”](#) *Report published by the Center for American Politics and Citizenship; December 18, 2015*

SERVICE

Reviewer

American Political Science Review

Political Behavior

Legislative Studies Quarterly

American Politics Research

Election Law Journal

Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, & Parties

Discussant

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2018, 2019, 2020)

Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2019)

University of Maryland’s American Politics Workshop (2014-2019)

Co-organizer

State Politics and Policy Conference 2019 (hosted at University of Maryland, College Park)

Public Service Research

Co-host, The Big Tent (Radio Boise, KRBX 89.9)

SKILLS & PROGRAMMING

R, Stata, Geographic information systems (ArcGIS and QGIS), Microsoft Access

GRANTS & AWARDS

School of Public Service Research Committee Grant (Boise State University) 2020

Conley H. Dillon Award for best dissertation in the American Politics Subfield (College of Behavioral and Social Science, University of Maryland) 2019

Hewlett Foundation Grant (via R Street Institute with Casey Burgat & Trey Billing) 2019

Dean’s Fellowship (College of Behavioral and Social Science, University of Maryland) 2015, 2016, 2017

