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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)*
M.A. Government & Politics (2017), **University of Maryland, College Park** *(Department of Government & Politics)*
Ph.D. Government & Politics (2019), **University of Maryland, College Park** *(Department of Government & Politics)*

RESEARCH INTERESTS
American Politics (*Congressional Representation, Congressional Elections, Partisan Competition*)
Political Methodology (*Research Methods/Design, Multilevel Modeling, Geographic Information Systems)*

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS
"[When Does Redistricting Matter? Changing Conditions and Their Effect on Voter Turnout.](#)" 2018. *Electoral Studies* 54 (128-138)

"Team Players: How Committee Staffers Clear the Runway for Legislative Action in Congress." Forthcoming chapter in *Congressional Capacity*. Eds., Tim LaPira and Lee Drutman. *University of Chicago Press*. (with Casey Burgat)

WORKING PAPERS
"Beyond Partisanship: District Roots and Reelection in the Modern Congress." Under Review.

"Reassessing Group Incentives, Independent Spending, and Campaign Finance Law by Comparing the States." Under Review. (with Jaclyn Kettler, Brendan Glavin, Michael J. Malbin, and Keith E. Hamm)

"Growing Tea With Subnational Roots: Predicting Tea Party Affiliation in State Legislatures." Under Review. (with Stella Rouse and Kristen Essel)

"Fake it 'Til You Make it: New Avenues for Challenger Success Through Campaign Spending." Under Review. (with Casey Burgat)

"Rediscovering Cross-Cutting, Homegrown Representation in the U.S. House." Under Review.

"Gender Dynamics and Modern Campaign Spending Patterns in the U.S. Congress." (with Paul Herrnson)

"The Growing Influence of Social Sorting on Partisan Voting Behavior." (with Analía Gómez Vidal)

"Local Roots, Incumbent Spending, and De-Nationalized Campaigns in the U.S. House."

RESEARCH POSITIONS
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)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & LECTURES
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)

Teaching Assistant (University of Maryland, College Park)
GVPT 170: Introduction to American Government (Kris Miler, Primary Instructor - Spring 2016, Spring 2017)

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

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS
"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. March 2018, Washington, DC.* (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

Contributing Author
Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group Blog (*R Street Institute* and *New America Foundation*)

"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
Legislative Studies Quarterly
American Politics Research

Discussant
MPSA 2018 (poster session; paper panel)
MPSA 2019 (paper panel: 2)
University of Maryland's American Politics Workshop (2014-2019)

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

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

GRANTS & AWARDS
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)   2017

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Dean's Fellowship (College of Behavioral and Social Science, University of Maryland)   2015

Summer Research Improvement Grant (Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland)   2015