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Education:

Ph.D. in Political Science, 1991. University of Illinois-Urbana.

B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy, 1984 (*magna cum laude*). University of Illinois-Urbana.

Academic Positions:

Assistant Professor: University of Notre Dame, Department of Government, 1991-1995.

Associate Professor: University of Notre Dame, Department of Government, 1995-2001.

Associate Professor: Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science, 2001-2003.

Professor: University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science, 2003-present.

Refereed Books:

2013. *The Political Economy of Human Happiness: How Voters' Choices Determine the Quality of Life*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Major reviews thus far at: *The Journal of Politics* (July, 2014); *The Journal of Economic Literature* (March 2014); *The Labor Studies Journal* (December, 2013); *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* (January 2014); *The American Economist* (Fall, 2014), *The Journal of Happiness* (October, 2014), *Contemporary Sociology* (January, 2015), and *Challenge* (December, 2015). The book was the subject of a review symposium at *European Political Science* (September, 2015). Reviews are forthcoming at *New Political Science* and *Perspectives on Politics*. Received "Outstanding Title" designation by *Choice* (May 2014).

In the popular press, the book has been reviewed or otherwise extensively discussed in the *Los Angeles Times*, on *National Public Radio*, *Wisconsin Public Radio*, at CNN.com, in *The American Prospect*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *Aeon*, the *Washington Post*, *Psychology Today*,

Talking Points Memo, and *Sistema* (Spain) and *Internazionale* (Italy), among several other outlets. Briefer discussions of the book have appeared in *The Nation*, *Boston Review*, and *El País*, among many others.

Note: A Chinese language edition of the book is being published (February 2018) by Peking University Press.

Forthcoming. *Happiness and Politics*, under contract with Tibidabo Ediciones (Barcelona). Book will be published in Spanish in Spain, Latin America, and the US, and also simultaneously published in English in the UK and US.

Academic Volumes Edited:

2009. *Happiness, Economics, and Politics: Toward a Multi-Disciplinary Approach*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar. Co-edited with Amitava Dutt. (Note: A Chinese language translation of this book is forthcoming). Reviewed in the *Journal of Economics* (March, 2011) and *The Journal of Philosophical Economics* (May, 2012).

2005. *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Greenwood Publishing. Co-edited with Samuel Best. This reference book was listed as “Highly Recommended” by *Library Journal* and “Recommended” by *Choice*. A revised *second edition* of this book is forthcoming (2018).

Articles Published in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

2017. “Democratic Institutions and Subjective Well-Being.” *Political Studies* 65 (3): 685-704 (with David Altman and Patrick Flavin).

2015. “Direct Democracy and Subjective Well-Being: The Initiative and Life Satisfaction in the American States.” *Social Indicators Research* 128(3): 1405-1423 (with Gregory Shufeldt). This article was discussed in *US News & World Report*, *Psychology Today*, on Wisconsin Public Radio, on the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation, at TheConversation.com, and elsewhere.

2014. “Assessing the Impact of the Size and Scope of Government on Human Well-Being,” *Social Forces* 92(4): 1241-1258 (with Patrick Flavin and Alexander Pacek).

2012. “Organized Labor, Democracy, and Life Satisfaction.” *Labor Studies Journal* 37(3): 253-27 (with Lauren Keane).

2011. “Labor Union Membership and Voting Across Nations.” *Electoral Studies* 30(4): 633- 41 (with Patrick Flavin).

2011. “State Intervention and Subjective Well-Being in the Advanced Industrial Democracies,” *Politics & Policy* 39 (2): 251-269 (with Alexander Pacek and Patrick Flavin).

This article is reprinted in Janet Johnson and H.T Reynolds, *Political Science Research Methods*, 2012 (7th edition), Washington, DC: CQ Press.

2010. "The Politics of Happiness: On the Political Determinants of Quality of Life in the American States," *The Journal of Politics* 72 (3): 894-905 (with A. Alvarez-Diaz and L. Gonzalez).
2010. "Labor Unions and Life Satisfaction: Evidence from New Data." *Social Indicators Research* 98(3): 435-49 (with Pat Flavin and Alex Pacek).
2009. "Public Policies and Suicide Rates in the American States." *Social Indicators Research* 90(2): 195-209 (with Pat Flavin).
2008. "Assessing the Welfare State: the Politics of Happiness," in *Perspectives on Politics*. 6: 267-277 (with Alexander Pacek). Reprinted in: Pierson, Christopher, and Francis Castles (eds). 2013. *The Welfare State Reader*, 3rd Edition. Bristol, UK: Polity Press.
2007. "Welfare Policy and Subjective Well-Being Across Nations: An Individual-Level Analysis," in *Social Indicators Research*. 89: 179-191 (with Alexander Pacek).
2005. "Class Organization and Subjective Well-Being in the Industrial Democracies." *Social Forces*. 84: 512-530.
2004. "Civic Engagement" (with Matt Loveland, David Sikkink, and Daniel Myers). *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 44: 1-14.
2003. "Voter Participation and Party-Group Fortunes" (with Alex Pacek). *Political Research Quarterly* 56: 98-114.
2001. "Politics, Markets, and Life Satisfaction: The Political Economy of Human Happiness." *American Political Science Review* 95: 939-952.
2001. "Organized Labor and Electoral Participation in American National Elections." *Journal of Labor Research* 22: 405-414.
2000. "Preference Aggregation, Functional Pathologies, and Participation: A Social Choice Defense of Participatory Democracy" (with Ed Wingenbach). *Journal of Politics* 62: 977-998. This article won the award from the Southern Political Science Association for Best Paper published in *JOP* in 2000.
2000. "Electoral Participation, Ideology, and Party Politics" (with Robert Bohrer and Alex Pacek). *Journal of Politics* 62: 1161-1172
2000. "Labor Organization and Electoral Participation" (with Patricia Davis). *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 132-141.

1999. "Economics and the Left-Party Vote in Scandinavia: A Cross-National Analysis" (with Alex Pacek). *Scandinavian Political Studies* 22: 295-306.
1998. "Labor Organization and Public Policy in American States" (with Martin Saiz). *Journal of Politics* 60: 111-132.
1997. "On the Success of Economic Sanctions: An Empirical Analysis" (with Jaleh Dashti-Gibson and Patricia Davis). *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 608-21.
1995. "Race, Turnout, and Public Policy in the American States" (with Martin Saiz). *Political Research Quarterly* 44: 775-94.
1995. "The Political Economy of Competitive Elections in the Developing World" (with Alex Pacek). *American Journal of Political Science* 57: 44-61. This paper is reprinted in Pippa Norris, ed. *Elections and Voting Behavior* (2000), Brookfield, Vermont: Dartmouth/Ashgate.
1995. "Economic Voting and the Welfare State" (with Alex Pacek). *Journal of Politics* 57: 44-61.
1995. "Condorcet Winners and the Paradox of Voting" (with Bradford Jones, Charles Taber, and Richard Timpone). *American Political Science Review* 89: 137-46.
1995. "Turnout and the Left-Party Vote: A Cross-National Analysis" (with Alex Pacek). *British Journal of Political Science* 25: 137-53.
1995. "Turnout and the Vote Revisited: A Reply." *American Politics Quarterly* 23: 397-403.
1994. "Reward Without Punishment: Economic Conditions and the Vote." *Political Research Quarterly* 47: 721-732.
1994. "Turnout and the Democratic Vote." *American Politics Quarterly*. 22: 259-76.
1994. "Preference Cycles in American Presidential Elections." *Electoral Studies* 13: 50-57.
1993. "The Structure of Voter Preferences." *Journal of Politics* 55: 714-719.
1993. "Liberalism, Populism, and Collective Choice." *Political Research Quarterly* 46: 127-42.
1993. "Rejoinder to Riker." *Political Research Quarterly* 46: 151-5.
1992. "The Welfare State, Turnout, and the Economy." *American Political Science Review* 86: 444-456.

1992. "Majority Rule and Impossibility Theorems." *Social Science Quarterly* 73: 511-522.
1992. "The General Will and Social Choice Theory." *Review of Politics* 54: 34-49.
1988. "Solving a Puzzle: Aggregate Analysis and Economic Voting Revisited." *Journal of Politics* 50: 440-458.
1988. "Computers and the Law" (with Michael Frank, Michael Krassa, and Alex Pacek). *Social Science Computer Review* 6: 341-352.
1986. "Computer Assisted Approaches to Multi-Attribute Decision Making." *Evaluation Review* 10: 578-593.
1986. "Multi-Criteria Decision Making: A View from A Social Science Perspective." *Social Science Micro-Computer Review* 4: 38-55.

Book Chapters:

2013. "Public Policy and Human Happiness: The Welfare State and the Market" in *Human Happiness and the Pursuit of Maximization* (with Alexander Pacek), edited by Hilke Brockmann and Jan Delhey, Amsterdam: Springer. (Note: also to be published in German as *Das Glück der Menschen und die Grenzen der Maximierung*.)
2009. "Happiness, Economics, and Politics?" (with Amitava Dutt), in *Happiness, Economics, and Politics: Toward a Multi-Disciplinary Approach*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.
2009. "Labor Organization and the Quality of Life in the American States" (with Suzanne Coshov), in 2009. *Happiness, Economics, and Politics: Toward a Multi-Disciplinary Approach*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.
2009. "What is to be Done? Toward a Happier World" (with Amitava Dutt), in 2009. *Happiness, Economics, and Politics: Toward a Multi-Disciplinary Approach*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.
2007. "The Political Economy of Happiness" in John Sullivan, et al., eds. *Cooperation: The Political Psychology of Effective Human Interaction*. New York: Wiley.
2000. "The Political Economy of Human Happiness" in Keith Dowding, James Hughes, and Helen Margetts, eds., *Challenges to Democracy: Ideas, Involvement, and Institutions*. Houndsmills, UK: Palgrave.

Selected Other Publications:

Forthcoming (solicited). “Science, Praxis, or Ideology? The New Science of Happiness” at *Jacobin*.

Opinion article “Why Tax Cuts Make us Less Happy” originally published at the Conversation.com, then picked up by the Associated Press, appeared in various publications including (1 Nov 2017) *The Los Angeles Times* and *The Chicago Tribune* (and on various blogs, e.g. Tax Policy Center at Brookings).

“A More Tolerant India Would be a Happier India,” *The Asian Age*, 6 November 2017 (with Amitava Dutt, solicited).

I regularly blog on [*The Political Economy of Happiness*](#) at *Psychology Today*.

“Toward a Political Science of Happiness?” in *Perspectives* (London: King’s College), Issue 5, Fall 2016. (solicited).

Feature Article (solicited). “A Happy State: What Political System Does Happiness Economics Support?” *Aeon* (17 September 2015). [This article was translated into Italian and published as a feature (long form) article by the political weekly *Internazionale*]

Opinion Article. “What Makes Us Happier: Government or the Free Market?” (with Michael Krassa), *Newsweek* (September 11, 2015). [Also appeared at TheConversation.com and other sources.]

Opinion article. “New Research Suggests that Workplace Organizing is Key to Overall Well-Being” (with Sean McElwee), *The American Prospect* (July 16, 2015).

Opinion article (solicited) “Unhappy Pursuit: Right-to-Work Laws Imperil All” (with Patrick Flavin and Greg Shufledt), *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* (May 15, 2015).

Opinion article “The Middle Class Benefit when Low-Wage Workers Get a Fair Share” (with Michael Krassa), *USA Today* (April 15, 2015). [syndicated column.]

Opinion article. “Higher Minimum Wages Are Associated with Greater Financial Well-Being” (with Michael Krassa), London School of Economics *American Politics and Policy* (USAPP) blog (March 21, 2015).

Opinion article (solicited) “Higher Minimum Wages Improve Economic Well-Being” (with Michael Krassa), Oklahoma Policy Institute blog.

Opinion article for *Talking Points Memo* (with Michael Krassa), “What Are We Really Buying With a Minimum Wage Hike?” (21 October, 2014).

Opinion article (solicited) “On balance, minimum wage hike good for most,” (with Michael Krassa), *Peoria Journal Star* (November 6, 2014).

Opinion article at AFL-CIO NOW: “Striking for the Common Good” (January 26, 2014).

Opinion article at the *Washington Post*’s Monkey Cage (with Michael Krassa): “Does a higher minimum wage make people happier?” (May 14, 2014).

Policy Briefing for Scholar’s Strategy Network (with Michael Krassa) “Evidence that Higher Minimum Wages Improve Economic Well-Being (November, 2014).

Policy Briefing for Scholar’s Strategy Network (with Patrick Flavin): “What Kinds of Public Policies Promote Human Happiness?” (August 1, 2014).

Opinion article for the London School of Economics *European Politics* (with Patrick Flavin and Alexander Pacek): “Citizens are happier in countries where the government intervenes more frequently in the economy” (August 20, 2014). [Reposted on the *Campaign for Social Science* blog (August 24, 2014)].

Opinion article at CNN.com: “Western nations with social safety net happier” (Sept. 23, 2013).

“The Beer Renaissance,” *Sky* (the Delta Airlines In-Flight Magazine), 1995.

Various music reviews for *The Trouser Press*, 2008-present.

Non-Academic Books

Understanding Zen (with Amy Radcliff). Boston: Charles Tuttle Company, 1993. (This book was commissioned and edited by Peter Ackroyd during his brief tenure at Tuttle.)

Zen Denken (with Amy Radcliff). Freiburg: Herder/Spektrum, 1995 (German language edition of above book.) Note: A second edition of this book was published as *Zen Denken: Eine Einführung* (Freiburg: Herder/Spektrum, February, 2003).

Selected Recent Media Appearances and Interviews:

Interviewed by Italian daily *Il Giorno* (for a feature on my work entitled in translation “The Social Democratic Yankee’s Recipe for Joy”) (July, 2016).

Interviews about US primary elections for the Spanish daily *La Razón* (March-April, 2016).

Interview about happiness for *Metro International* (March, 2016).

Interviewed about my work on happiness with Wisconsin Public Radio (*The Kathleen Dunn Show*, February 24, 2016).

Interviewed for *The American Prospect* on “Voter Turnout and Decline and Income Inequality” (Jan, 2015).

Interview for *The South Bend Tribune*, “Did South Bend Deserve the Harvard ranking?” (September 3, 2014).

Interview, National Public Radio’s *Here and Now*: “Is a bigger government better?” (January 2, 2014).

Interview, *Washington Post*, “Do Bigger Governments lead to Happier People?” (December 12 2013).

Interview, Corus Radio Canada (January 24, 2014).

Interview, *New Books in Big Ideas*, New Books Network Podcast (May 1, 2014).

Interview for *The Atlantic*, “Can We Make Environmentalism a Centrist Issue?” (May 12, 2014).

Interview, *The Majority Report* (podcast) (November 11, 2013).

Interview for *In These Times*, “Labor Unions a Key to Happiness” (October 7, 2012).

Recent Invited Talks:

Invited lecture (and extended campus visit) on “The Political Economy of Human Happiness” at the Instituto de Ciencia Politica, Pontifica Universidad Catolica de Chile (13-17 March 2017).

Workshop on “Subjective Survey Data in Labour Market Research,” Institute for Labour Law and Industrial Relations in the European Union, in Trier, Germany (October, 2016).

Department of Philosophy, Brown University, Providence, RI (October 28, 2016).

Rountable participant on “Happiness” at The Helix Center, New York City (September 23, 2016).

Keynote address for the three-day intellectual “festival” Giornate Coesione Sociale, Reggio-Emilia, Italy (May, 2016).

Keynote address on politics and happiness for the 6th International Symposium on "Happiness: Indicator of Socio-Economic Development" at the Universidad del Turabo, Puerto Rico (April 21, 2016).

IACMR, Keynote Address, Conference on Organizations and Human Well-Being, Hangzhou, China (June, 2016).

Peking University, Guanghua School of Management, Beijing, China (June, 2016).

University of Rome To Vergata, LUMSA Univeristy, Rome, Italy (March, 2015).

Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden (December, 2014).

University College Roosevelt, Middelburg, the Netherlands (October, 2014).

Institute for Political Science, Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands (September, 2014).

German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo, Japan (July, 2014).

The Institute of Political Science and Center for the Study of Democracy, Leuphana University, Bremen, Germany (May 2014).

School of Law, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain (May 2014).

Roosevelt Study Center, Middelburg, the Netherlands (April, 2014).

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate: Introduction to American Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Campaigns and Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior, Political Parties, Democracy and Capitalism, Democratic Theory, Gender and Democracy, Politics and the Human Condition, The Empirical Analysis of Normative Questions, Applied Quantitative Methods.

Graduate: Research Design, Quantitative Methods, Political Behavior, Political Participation, Public Policy and Mass Politics, Democratic Theory, Politics and Human Well-Being.

Selected Service Activities (i.e. omitting ordinary committees and similar routine work):

Faculty Senate (and it Committee on Administrative Affairs), University of Notre Dame, 2016-present.

Associate Editor, *Review of Social Economy*, 2016-present.

Editorial Board, *International Journal of Happiness and Development*, 2012-present.

Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of Political Science, Notre Dame, 2005-2008, and 2016-2017.

Elected member, Committee on Appointments and Promotions, Department of Political Science University of Notre Dame, 1996-1997, 1999-2000, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007; Full Professor's Executive Committee, 2016-present.

Director, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, 2012-2013.

Notre Dame Graduate School Committee for selecting competitive university-wide graduate fellowships, 2013.

Convener, faculty and graduate student discussion group on Notre Dame's Mission, 2008-2009.

Associate, Higgins Labor Research Center, University of Notre Dame, 1997-2001, 2003-present.

Co-organizer (with Amitava Dutt) for the conference "New Directions in the Study of Happiness" held at Notre Dame, October 2006.

Chair, American Politics field, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, 1993-94, 1995-1997, 2003-2005, 2013.

Member, Best Paper Award Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2003.

Chair, ad hoc committee on graduate student evaluation procedures, Department of Political Science, Notre Dame, Summer 2003.

Strategic Planning Committee, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2001-2002.

Contributor/Analyst for a public opinion survey conducted by Vanderbilt University on political and social attitudes in Tennessee, fall 2001 for local newspaper.

Section Organizer for Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta, November 2001.

Affirmative Action Officer, Department of Government, University of Notre Dame, 2000-2003.

Member, ad hoc committee for revision of departmental search and promotion procedures, Department of Government, University of Notre Dame, summer 2000.

At large advisor for undergraduates writing senior honor theses, Department of Government, University of Notre Dame, 1999-2001.

Faculty Liaison, Laboratory for Social Research, University of Notre Dame, 1995-1996, 1998-1999.

Member, special committee on undergraduate advising, Department of Government, Notre Dame, 1998.

Editorial Board, *American Politics Quarterly*, 1996-1998.

Regular manuscript reviewer for the *British Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Review of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, among many other journals.

Grant proposal reviewer for the National Science Foundation (US) and several other national agencies of equivalent nature (e.g. the Hong Kong Research Grants Office, the Swiss National Science Foundation).

Advisor, various semesters, for student groups College Democrats and Democratic Socialists of America, University of Notre Dame.

Selected Fellowships, Honors, and Grants:

Distinguished Visiting Research Professor, The Roosevelt Study Center, Middelburg, The Netherlands, 2014 (fall).

Distinguished Chair in American Studies, Fulbright Fellowship, The Netherlands, 2014 (spring).

Fellow in Residence, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, 2009-2010.

Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, 2001-2002.

Henry Rutgers Research Fellowship. Rutgers University-Newark, 1989-1991.

Fellow, Merriam Lab for Analytical Political Research, University of Illinois, 1992-1995.

Kneier Fellowship. University of Illinois-Urbana. Three one year awards: 1985, 1986, 1987.

Commendation for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, University of Illinois-Urbana, 1988.

Award (cash prize) for best paper ("Preference Aggregation, Functional Pathologies, and Participation") published in the *Journal of Politics* (2000).

Award (cash prize) for best paper, "Black Voter Turnout and Policy Responsiveness," (with Martin Saiz). Western Political Science Association Meeting, 1994.

Research Grant: "Religion and Political Action."(\$75,000), Graduate College, University of Notre Dame, 2000; Co-Pi with Daniel Myers and David Sikkink.

Course Development Grant, "Applied Quantitative Methods" (undergraduate), Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 2011.

Interdisciplinary course development grant (with Amitava Dutt, Economics) for undergraduate course on "The Science of Happiness." Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 2000.

Course development grant: "Gender and Democracy." Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 1999.

Research grant: "Workers, Unions, and Quality of Life." Higgins Labor Research Center, 1999.

Research grant: "Social Organization, Social Class, and Electoral Participation." Higgins Labor Research Center, 1998.

Research grant: "The Significance of Electoral Participation for American Politics." Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 1998.

Travel grants (Kobayashi Fund, etc.) : to visit data archive at Erasmus University, the Netherlands; Bodleian Library, Oxford University, UK, 2002; to visit the Labour Study Center in Manchester, UK, 2014.

Research grant: "Labor Organization and Public Policy in the American States." Higgins Labor Research Center, 1997.

Research grant: "Is Democracy Color Blind?" Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 1996.

Research grant: "The Electoral Consequences of Welfare Spending." Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 1993.

Research grant: "Rationality, Democracy, and Collective Choice." Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 1992.

Member, Phi Beta Kappa, national academic honor society.

Research Interests:

Political Behavior
Subjective Well-Being
American Politics

American Political Thought
Comparative Politics
Political Economy
Democratic Theory
Social Choice Theory