

## Jordan Michael Ragusa

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

*University of Florida*, expected Spring, 2011

Ph.D., Political Science

Major Field: American Government

Minor Fields: Political Methodology and Political Behavior

Dissertation: *Contemptible Cooperation? Polarization, Partisanship and Bicameral Reconciliation, 1975-2009* (Lawrence C. Dodd, Chair)

*University of Florida*, 2008

M.A., Political Science

*Bowling Green State University*, 2005

B.S., Secondary Education (with minors in Political Science and American History)

### Additional Education

Program Scholar, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, Summer 2006 & Summer 2007. Time Series Analysis, Categorical Data Analysis, Regression II and Introduction to Matrix Algebra.

### Research and Teaching Interests

American Political Institutions

Legislative Process and Procedure

Bicameral Politics

Research Methodology

Empirical Theory

State and Local Politics

### Academic Awards

Best Graduate Student Paper 2010, *Florida Political Science Association*, for “‘Chamber Hopping’ in the US Congress: Structure-Induced Learning and the Development of a Partisan Senate.”

Finalist for the *American Political Science Association’s* Congressional Fellowship, 2010.

Best Graduate Student Paper 2007-2008, Florida Department of Political Science, for “Contextual and Institutional Explanations of Macro-Level Policy Change: 1951-2002.”

High Pass, Political Methodology Ph.D. Qualifying Examination, 2007.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Ragusa, Jordan M. In press. “The Lifecycle of Public Policy: An Event History Analysis of Repeals to Landmark Legislative Enactments, 1951-2006.” *American Politics Research*.

Huder, Joshua, Jordan M. Ragusa, and Daniel A. Smith. In press. “The Initiative to Shirke? The Effects of Statewide Ballot Measures on Congressional Roll-Call Behavior.” *American Politics Research*.

## Articles Currently Under Review

“‘Chamber Hopping’ in the US Congress: Structure-Induced Learning and the Development of a Partisan Senate.” Under review at *Journal of Politics*.

“The Importance of Deservedness: Are Policy Preferences Rooted in Schematic Stereotypes of Potentially Impacted groups?” (with Derek Reiners). Under review at *Journal of Politics*.

## Invited Presentation

“Coordination and Partisanship in Modern Conference Committees.” Invited presentation at the *Conference on Bicameralism*, organized by Profs. David Rohde and Bruce Oppenheimer and sponsored by the Political Institutions and Public Choice Program at Duke University, March 27-28, 2009.

## Conference Papers and Presentations

“‘Chamber Hopping’ in the US Congress: Structure-Induced Learning and the Development of a Partisan Senate.” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

“Bicameral Reconciliation Procedures: Facilitator or Impediment to Majority Party Agenda Setting?” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

“The Importance of Deservedness: Are Policy Preferences Rooted in Schematic Stereotypes of Potentially Impacted groups?” Presented by Derek Reiners at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

“‘Chamber Hopping’ in the US Congress: Structure-Induced Learning and the Development of a Partisan Senate.” Presented at the *Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Jacksonville, FL, March 2010.

“Coordination and Partisanship in Modern Conference Committees.” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2009.

“The Institutionalization of Cooperation: Bicameral Politics in a Partisan Era.” Presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, January 2009.

“The Initiative to Shirk? The Effects of Ballot Measures on Congressional Voting Behavior.” Presented by Joshua Huder and Daniel A. Smith at the *Annual State Politics and Policy Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, May 2008.

“Contextual and Institutional Explanations of Macro-Level Policy Change: 1951-2002.” Presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, January 2008.

“Divided Government and the Durability of Public Law.” Presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, January 2007.

## Conference Service

Discussant, “Determinants of Legislative Vote Choice.” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

Discussant, "Parties, People, and Polarization in Congress." *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2009.

### **Courses Taught**

*Research Methods in Political Science* (POS-4734), University of Florida (Spring, 2010 & Fall, 2010). Instructor Rating: 4.51/5.0; Political Science Average: 4.49/5.0

This course, required of students in the *Honors Program*, covers the theory and method of contemporary political analysis. Lectures emphasize the tenets of scientific research, variables and measurement, research design, data analysis and empirical theory.

*Politics and Public Opinion* (POS-3233), University of Florida (Spring, 2009). Instructor Rating: 4.66/5.0; Political Science Average: 4.48/5.0

This upper division course surveys the field of public opinion in the United States. Students study of the definition and measurement of political opinions by surveys, the developmental character of opinions and the relation of opinions to public policy.

### **Supervisory Experience**

*Supervised Research* (POS-4905), University of Florida (Summer, 2010).

Collaboration with an undergraduate student produced a conference paper intended for delivery in 2011.

### **Teaching and Research Assistantships**

Manning J. Dauer Research Assistantship, Prof. Lawrence C. Dodd, Manning J. Dauer Eminent Scholar, University of Florida, Fall 2009.

Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate Level), Prof. Daniel A. Smith, *American State and Local Government* (POS-2112), University of Florida, Fall 2008.

Teaching Assistant (Graduate Level), Prof. Badredine Arfi, *Seminar in Political Data Analysis* (POS-6933), University of Florida, Spring 2008.

Teaching Assistant (Graduate Level), Prof. Won-ho Park, *Seminar in Linear Models* (POS-6737), University of Florida, Fall 2007.

Data Laboratory Instructor, University of Florida, Fall 2007 & Spring 2008.

Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate Level), Prof. Ryan Hurl, *American Federal Government* (POS-2041), University of Florida, Spring 2007.

Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate Level), Prof. Richard Conley, *American Federal Government* (POS-2041), University of Florida, Fall 2006.

### **Fellowships and Grants**

University of Florida Department of Political Science Summer Research Scholarship (\$1038), Summer 2010.

H. Douglas Price American Government Research Fellowship (\$500), Summer 2010.

University of Florida Department of Political Science Summer Research Scholarship (\$1500), Summer 2009.

University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Award (\$250), April 2009.

University of Florida Department of Political Science Travel Award (\$250), January 2009 & January 2008.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award (\$250), for travel to the Southern Political Science Association's Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2008.

University of Florida Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Travel Award (\$500), Summer 2007.

University of Florida Dauer Research Fellowship (\$500), Summer 2007.

University of Florida Department of Political Science Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Academic Scholarship (\$1000), Summer 2006.

University of Florida Grinter Fellowship (\$2,000 annually).

### **University Service**

ICPSR Data Archive Assistant 2007-2008.

Department of Political Science Data Laboratory Assistant 2007-2008.

Political Science Graduate Student Council, University of Florida, Vice President (2007-2008), Social Chair (2006-2007), First Year Graduate Student Body Representative (2005-2006).

### **Professional Service and Memberships**

Manuscript Reviewer: *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*.

Memberships: *American Political Science Association*, *Southern Political Science Association*, *Midwest Political Science Association*.

### **References**

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