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### Academic Positions

- **University of Houston, Department of Political Science**  
Associate Professor, September 2013 – present  
Assistant Professor, July 2008 – August 2013  
Research Associate, Hobby Center for Public Policy, July 2008 – present  
Director, Quantitative Social Science Minor, August 2009 – present
- **Stony Brook University (SUNY), Department of Political Science**  
Assistant Professor, August 2001 – June 2008  
Director, M.A. in Public Policy Program, January 2003 – August 2007
- **Stanford University, Department of Political Science & Social Science History Institute**  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, August 2000 – July 2001

### Education

- **University of California, San Diego**, Ph.D. in Political Science, 2001  
Exams: Formal Theory and Methodology; American Politics; Comparative Politics  
Dissertation: *Checks and Balances: Party Politics and Judicial Power*. Chair: Mathew McCubbins;  
Committee: Gary Cox, Gary Jacobson, Joel Sobel (Economics), Michael Parrish (History)
- **University of California, Los Angeles**, B.A. *cum laude* in Political Science, 1995  
Thesis: *Effects of Factor Mobility and Partisanship on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations: Tax Policy in the American States, 1966-1992*. Advisor: Ronald Rogowski [High Honors]

### Scholarly Publications – Peer-Reviewed Journals

12. Basinger, Scott J. “Scandals and Congressional Elections in the Post-Watergate Era,” *Political Research Quarterly*, (June 2013).
11. Basinger, Scott J., and Maxwell Mak. “The Changing Politics of Supreme Court Confirmations,” *American Politics Research*, 40, 4: 737-763 (July 2012).
10. Basinger, Scott J., and Brandon Rottinghaus. “Skeletons in White House Closets: A Discussion of Modern Presidential Scandals,” *Political Science Quarterly*, 127, 2: 213-239 (Summer 2012).
9. Basinger, Scott J., and Brandon Rottinghaus. “Stonewalling and Suspicion during Presidential Scandals,” *Political Research Quarterly*, 65, 2: 290-302 (June 2012).

8. Basinger, Scott J., Damon M. Cann, and Michael J. Ensley “Voter Response to Congressional Campaigns: New Techniques for Analyzing Aggregate Electoral Behavior,” *Public Choice*, 150, 3–4: 771-792 (Mar 2012).
7. Basinger, Scott J., and Maxwell Mak. “The Changing Politics of Federal Judicial Nominations,” *Congress & the Presidency*, 37, 2: 157-175 (May 2010)
6. Basinger, Scott J., and Michael J. Ensley “Candidates, Campaigns, or Partisan Conditions? Reevaluating Strategic Politicians Theory,” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 32, 3: 361-394 (Aug 2007)
5. Basinger, Scott J., and Howard Lavine. “Ambivalence, Information, and Electoral Choice,” *American Political Science Review*, 99, 2: 169-184 (May 2005).
4. Basinger, Scott J., and Mark Hallerberg. “Remodeling the Competition for Capital: How Domestic Politics Erases the Race to the Bottom,” *American Political Science Review*, 98, 2: 261-276 (May 2004)
3. Basinger, Scott J. “Regulating Slavery: Deck-Stacking and Credible Commitment in the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850,” *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, 19, 2: 307-342 (Oct 2003).
2. Hallerberg, Mark, and Scott J. Basinger. “Globalization and Tax Reform: An Updated Case for the Importance of Veto Players,” *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, 40, 4: 618-627 (Dec 1999).
1. Hallerberg, Mark, and Scott J. Basinger. “Internationalization and Changes in Tax Policy in OECD Countries: The Importance of Domestic Veto Players,” *Comparative Political Studies*, 31, 3: 321-352 (June 1998).

### Scholarly Publications – Edited Volumes

3. Basinger, Scott J. “The Electoral Effects of Congressional Scandals,” in *Scandal! An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Consequences, Outcomes, and Significance of Political Scandals*, edited by Alison Dagnes and Mark Sachleben (Bloomsbury Press, 2014).
2. Basinger, Scott J., Lara M. Brown, Girish J. Gulati, and Douglas B. Harris. “Preface: Counting and Classifying Congressional Scandals,” in *Scandal! An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Consequences, Outcomes, and Significance of Political Scandals*, edited by Alison Dagnes and Mark Sachleben (Bloomsbury Press, 2014).
1. Basinger, Scott J. “Congressional Scandals and their Electoral Consequences,” in *The People and American Government* (Pearson, 2012).

### Book Reviews

1. Basinger, Scott J. “The Affect Effect: Dynamics of Emotion in Political Thinking and Behavior – Edited by W. Russell Neuman, George E. Marcus, Ann N. Crigler and Michael MacKuen,” *Political Psychology* 29, 5: 789-791 (October 2008)

### Current Projects

Basinger, Scott J. "Scandals' Effects on Opinions of Congress and Its Members." Status: In preparation for presentation at 2014 Southern Political Science Association annual conference.

Basinger, Scott J. "Forecasting Congressional Scandal Outcomes." Status: In preparation for presentation at 2014 Southern Political Science Association annual conference.

Basinger, Scott J. "Forecasting Confirmation Votes in the U.S. Senate." Status: In preparation for conference presentation pending data acquisition.

Basinger, Scott J. "Scandals and Senate Elections." Status: Revising for Resubmission.

Basinger, Scott J. "Judging Presidential Character: Traditional Values, Authoritarianism, and Moral Politics." Status: Revising for Resubmission.

"Campaign Advertising, Credit Claiming, and 'Fenno's Paradox'" (with Andrew Sidman)

"'Ideological Integration', Knowledge and Voter Perception in a Presidential Election"

### Grants

Principal investigator for Congressional Research Award, Dirksen Congressional Center: *Congressional Scandals and Media Coverage: A Database for Researchers*. Grant awarded: \$2,250

Principal investigator for CLASS multi-departmental grant application, UH Quality Enhancement Project: *Minor in Quantitative Social Science*. Grant awarded: \$10,536

### Awards

American Political Science Association: Luebbert Prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics, 2003-04

### Departmental and University Service

Director, Minor in Quantitative Social Science, May 2009 – present

#### Department of Political Science:

Graduate Committee, Fall 2008 – Summer 2009, Fall 2010 – Summer 2012, Fall 2013

Technology Committee, Fall 2008 – Summer 2009, Fall 2012 – present

Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2009 – Summer 2010

American Politics Search Committee, Fall 2013

Latin American Politics Search Committee, Fall 2012

#### College and University Service:

Hobby School for Public Policy Working Group, Spring 2013 – present

Quantitative Reasoning Assessment Task Force, Spring 2010

QEP Assessment Task Force, STEM Team, Fall 2009

**Courses Taught at University of Houston****• Graduate**

POLS 6301 Mathematical Methods for Political Scientists (SU 09,10,11)

POLS 6389 Game Theory / Public Choice (FA 08,10,12)

POLS 6481 Quantitative Methods and Research Design II (SP 12,13,14)

**• Undergraduate**

POLS 3316 Quantitative Methods for Political Science (SP 09,10,12; FA 09,11,12,13)

POLS 3387 Congressional Elections (SP 09)

POLS 4395 Political Scandals (SP 13)