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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, [Texas A&M University](#), 2016 - present
Assistant Professor, [University of California, Merced](#), 2012 - 2016
Research Fellow, [Research Center SFB 884, Universität Mannheim](#), 2010 - 2011

Education

PhD Political Science, [Rice University](#), 2012
EITM [Universität Mannheim](#), 2010
MA Political Science, [Rice University](#), 2009
MS Education, [University of New Haven](#), 2007
BA Political Science and History, [University of Miami](#), 2004

Research Interests

Coalition, decision theory, institutions, organization, political economy

Research

Grants and Awards

German Social Science Infrastructure Services EUROLAB Grant. 2017.
Southern Political Science Association's ΠΣΑ Award for best paper given at 2016 Annual Meeting for "Government Life Expectancy and Fiscal Discipline." With Matt W. Loftis.
Hellman Fellowship: "[The Causes and Consequences of Legislative Expertise.](#)" 2014-2015.

Publications

David Fortunato and Ian R. Turner. Forthcoming. "[Legislative Capacity and Credit Risk](#)" *American Journal of Political Science*

David Fortunato. Forthcoming. "[The Electoral Implications of Coalition Policy-Making.](#)" *British Journal of Political Science*

David Fortunato, Lanny Martin, and Georg Vanberg. Forthcoming. "[Committee Chairs and Legislative Review in Parliamentary Democracies.](#)" *British Journal of Political Science*

Mathias Wessel Tromborg, Randolph T. Stevenson, and David Fortunato. Forthcoming. "[Voters, Responsibility Attribution, and Support Parties in Parliamentary Democracies.](#)" *British Journal of Political Science*

David Fortunato and Randolph T. Stevenson. Forthcoming. "[Heuristics in Context.](#)" *Political Science Research and Methods*

David Fortunato, Clinton Swift, and Laron Williams. Forthcoming. "[All Economics is Local: Spatial Aggregations of Economic Information](#)" *Political Science Research and Methods*

Nick C.N. Lin, Randolph T. Stevenson, Mathias Wessel Tromborg, and David Fortunato. 2017. “Gamson’s Law and Voters’ Perceptions of Portfolio Allocation” *European Journal of Political Research* 56: 912-940.

David Fortunato and Tessa Provins (UCM grad student). 2017. “Compensation, Opportunity, and Information: A Comparative Analysis of Legislative Nonresponse in the American States.” *Political Research Quarterly* 70: 644-656.

David Fortunato, Randolph T. Stevenson, and Greg Vonnahme. 2016. “Context, Heuristics, and Political Knowledge: Explaining Cross-National Variation in Citizens’ Left-Right Knowledge.” *Journal of Politics* 78: 1211-1228.

David Fortunato and James Adams. 2015. “How Voters’ Perceptions of Junior Coalition Partners Depend on the Prime Minister’s Position.” *European Journal of Political Research* 54: 601-621.

David Fortunato. 2015. “Can Easing Concealed-Carry Deter Crime?” *Social Science Quarterly* 96: 1071-1085.

David Fortunato and Randolph T. Stevenson. 2013. “Perceptions of Partisan Ideologies: The Effect of Coalition Participation.” *American Journal of Political Science* 57: 459-477.

David Fortunato. 2013. “Majority Status and Variation in Informational Organization.” *Journal of Politics* 75: 937-952.

David Fortunato, Thomas König, and Sven-Oliver Proksch. 2013. “Government Agenda-Setting and Bicameral Conflict Resolution.” *Political Research Quarterly* 66: 937-950.

David Fortunato and Randolph T. Stevenson. 2013. “Performance Voting and Knowledge of Cabinet Composition.” *Electoral Studies* 32: 517-523.

Revise and Resubmit

David Fortunato and Matt W. Loftis. “Government Life Expectancy and Fiscal Discipline” at *American Political Science Review*

David Fortunato, Matthew V. Hibbing, and Jeffery Mondak. “The Trump Draw: Personality Traits as Predictors of Candidate Support” at *American Politics Research*

Under Review

David Fortunato. “Legislative Review and Party Differentiation”

David Fortunato and Mariyana Angelova. “Coalition Agenda Setting”

David Fortunato and Randolph T. Stevenson. “Party Government and Political Information”

David Fortunato and Nathan W. Monroe. “Agenda Control and Electoral Success in the U.S. House”

David Fortunato, Clinton Swift, and Laron Williams. “Benchmarking, Spilling Over, and Partisan Rationalization: A Hybrid Model of Economic Evaluations”

David Fortunato, Matthew Hayes, and Matthew V. Hibbing. “Race, Sex, and Guns: The Contextual Nature of Americans’ Policy Positions”

David Fortunato, Matthew V. Hibbing, and Raman Deol (UCM grad student). “Affective Intelligence in Western Europe”

Selected Working

David Fortunato, Nick C.N. Lin, Randolph T. Stevenson. “Political Knowledge in Coalition Democracies”

David Fortunato and Akitaka Matsuo. “Erring Legislators and Roll Call Classification”

David Fortunato and Randolph T. Stevenson. “Heuristics and Coalition Expectations”

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association	2010 - 2017
European Consortium of Political Research	2009, 2013
European Political Science Association	2011 - 2016
Midwestern Political Science Association	2009 - 2017
Public Choice Society Meetings	2016
Southern California Comparative Political Institutions (SC ² PI)	2014 - 2016
Southern Political Science Association	2012, 2016, 2107
Southwestern Political Science Association	2010, 2014

Special Conferences, Colloquia, and Invited Presentations

CIDE, May, 2017

University of Strathclyde, February, 2017

Universität zu Köln, February, 2017

Universiteit van Amsterdam, February, 2017

Voters Adrift, Université de Montréal, December, 2016

Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, November, 2015

University of Essex, November, 2015

Manifesto Project User Conference (WZB), June, 2015

Aarhus Universitet, November, 2014

McGill University, November, 2014

University of California, San Diego (GPS), October, 2014

University of California, Riverside, March, 2014

Vanderbilt University, November, 2013

University of California, Davis, April, 2013

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, November, 2012

Valence Politics and the Continuing Economic Crisis, Texas A&M, March, 2012

Politics in Times of Crisis, Universität Heidelberg, December, 2010

Teaching

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Political Behavior (graduate and undergraduate)

Political Institutions (graduate and undergraduate)

Field Work

Denmark, 2009

Germany, 2011

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Contemporary Economic Policy, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Review of Economic History, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Legislative Studies, Journal of Elections and Public Opinion, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, National Science Foundation, Party Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Public Choice, Public Opinion Quarterly, Research Foundation - Flanders, West European Politics

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