

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

- Ph.D. University of California, San Diego, 2007
- M.A. University of California, San Diego, 2005
- A.B. Washington University in St. Louis (summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa), 2003
Majors: Political Science and Psychology

Publications:

- Boudreau, Cheryl, Mathew D. McCubbins, Daniel B. Rodriguez, and Nicholas Weller. "Making Talk Cheap (and Problems Easy): How Political and Legal Institutions Can Facilitate Consensus." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* (forthcoming).
- Boudreau, Cheryl, Seana Coulson, and Mathew D. McCubbins. "Pathways to Persuasion: How Neuroscience Can Inform the Study and Practice of Law." In Michael Freeman (ed.), *Law and Neuroscience*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- Boudreau, Cheryl and Arthur Lupia. "Political Knowledge." In James N. Druckman, Donald P. Green, James H. Kuklinski, and Arthur Lupia (eds.), *Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Political Science*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).
- Boudreau, Cheryl and Mathew D. McCubbins. 2010. "The Blind Leading the Blind: Who Gets Polling Information and Does It Improve Decisions?" *Journal of Politics*, 72(2): 513-527.
- Boudreau, Cheryl and Mathew D. McCubbins. 2009. "Competition in the Courtroom: When Does Expert Testimony Improve Jurors' Decisions?" *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 6(4): 793-817.
- Boudreau, Cheryl. 2009. "Closing the Gap: When Do Cues Eliminate Differences between Sophisticated and Unsophisticated Citizens?" *Journal of Politics*, 71(3): 964-976.

- Boudreau, Cheryl. 2009. "Making Citizens Smart: When Do Institutions Improve Unsophisticated Citizens' Decisions?" *Political Behavior*, 31(2): 287-306.
- Boudreau, Cheryl. 2009. "Cues in the Courtroom: When Do They Improve Jurors' Decisions?" In Michael Freeman and Oliver R. Goodenough (eds.), *Law, Mind and Brain* (pp. 373-389). Surrey: Ashgate Publishing.
- Boudreau, Cheryl, Mathew D. McCubbins, and Seana Coulson. 2009. "Knowing When to Trust Others: An ERP Study of Decision Making After Receiving Information from Unknown People." *Social, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience*, 4(1): 23-34.
- Boudreau, Cheryl and Mathew D. McCubbins. 2008. "Nothing But the Truth? Experiments on Adversarial Competition, Expert Testimony, and Decision Making." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 5(4): 751-789.
- Boudreau, Cheryl, Arthur Lupia, Mathew D. McCubbins, and Daniel B. Rodriguez. 2007. "What Statutes Mean: Interpretive Lessons from Positive Theories of Communication and Legislation." *San Diego Law Review*, 44(4): 957-992.
- Excerpts reprinted in Strauss, Peter L. 2008. *Legal Methods: Understanding and Using Cases and Statutes*. Foundation Press.
- Boudreau, Cheryl. 2006. "Jurors are Competent Cue-Takers: How Institutions Substitute for Legal Sophistication." *International Journal of Law in Context*, 2(3): 293-304.
- Boudreau, Cheryl, Mathew D. McCubbins, and Daniel B. Rodriguez. 2005. "Statutory Interpretation and the Intentional(ist) Stance." *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*, 38(5): 2131-2146.

Working Papers:

- "Gresham's Law of Cue-Taking: How Citizens Respond to Conflicting Information." Under review.
- "The Market for Political Information: How the Consumption of Information Affects Citizens' Decisions." Under review.
- "Greater than the Sum of Their Parts? When Combinations of Institutions Improve Citizens' Decisions." Working paper, University of California, Davis.
- "Conflicting Cues, Consistent Opinions? How Party Cues and Endorsements Affect Public Opinion." Working paper, University of California, Davis.

Awards and Grants:

Academic Senate Research Travel Grant, University of California, Davis (\$800), 2010

Summer Salary Research Grant, University of California, Davis (\$4,000), 2010

Small Grant in Aid of Research, University of California, Davis (\$1,800), 2010

Faculty Development Award, University of California, Davis (one course release, one quarter service release, and \$1,000), 2010-2011

IGA Junior Faculty Research Grant, University of California, Davis (\$3,000), 2009

Hellman Fellowship, University of California, Davis (\$20,000), 2009

Small Grant in Aid of Research, University of California, Davis (\$2,000), 2009

Academic Senate Research Travel Grant, University of California, Davis (\$800), 2009

IGA Junior Faculty Research Grant, University of California, Davis (\$5,000), 2008

Academic Senate Research Travel Grant, University of California, Davis (\$800), 2008

Small Grant in Aid of Research, University of California, Davis (\$2,000), 2008

IGA Junior Faculty Research Grant, University of California, Davis (\$6,000), 2007

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$12,000), 2006

Peggy Quon Prize, University of California, San Diego. Awarded to “the Ph.D. student most likely to contribute to the scientific study of politics,” 2006

Dean’s Travel Grant, University of California, San Diego (\$700), 2006

Phi Beta Kappa, Washington University in St. Louis (early selection), 2002

Presentations:

“What were Voters Thinking? Party Cues and Policy Information in the 2010 California Election” (co-authored with Scott MacKenzie)

- Paper presented at the Institute of Governmental Affairs (IGA), University of California, Davis, November 3, 2010.

“Conflicting Cues, Consistent Opinions? How Party Cues and Endorsements Affect Public Opinion”

- Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 3, 2010.

“The Market for Political Information: How Does Sophistication Affect Citizen Decision Making?”

- Paper presented at the Institute of Governmental Affairs (IGA), University of California, Davis, June 2, 2010.
- Paper presented at the “NSF Conference on Politics Experiments: New Perspectives from the Lab, the Field, and the Classroom,” University of Virginia, May 19-20, 2010.
- Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 24, 2010.

“Making Talk Cheap (and Problems Easy): How Legal and Political Institutions Can Facilitate Consensus” (co-authored with Mathew D. McCubbins, Daniel B. Rodriguez, and Nicholas Weller)

- Paper presented at the University of Minnesota School of Law, February 25, 2010.

“Gresham’s Law of Cue Taking: How Citizens Respond to Conflicting Information”

- Paper presented at the University of Minnesota, Department of Political Science, February 25, 2010.
- Paper presented at the University of Texas at Dallas, Department of Economics and Department of Political Science, February 5, 2010.

“Opting In or Opting Out: The Conditions for Developing Consensus” (co-authored with Mathew D. McCubbins, Daniel B. Rodriguez, and Nicholas Weller).

- Paper presented at the annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Southern California School of Law, November 20, 2009.

“Greater than the Sum of Their Parts? When Combinations of Institutions Improve Citizens’ Decisions”

- Paper presented at the Southern California Political Psychology Workshop, University of California, Irvine, November 7, 2009.

“Competition in the Courtroom: Experiments on Adversarial Competition, Juror Sophistication, and Decision Difficulty” (co-authored with Mathew D. McCubbins)

- Paper presented at the University College London conference on “Law and Neuroscience,” July 6-7, 2009.
- Paper presented at the annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell University School of Law, September 12, 2008.

“Political Knowledge” (co-authored with Arthur Lupia)

- Paper presented at the Conference on Experimental Political Science, Northwestern University, May 28-29, 2009.

“Gresham’s Law of Cue Taking: How Bad Cues Drive Out Good Ones”

- Paper presented at the West Coast Experimental Political Science Conference, University of California, San Diego, May 15, 2009.
- Paper presented at the Workshop on Experimental Studies of Conflict, University of California, Davis, March 6, 2009.
- Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28, 2008.
- Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 31, 2007.

“Are Two Cues Better Than One? An Analysis of When Multiple Cues Improve Decisions”

- Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2, 2009.

“The Effect of Institutions on Behavior and Brain Activity: Insights from EEG and Timed-Response Experiments” (co-authored with Seana Coulson and Mathew D. McCubbins)

- Paper presented at the University of California, Riverside conference on experiments, May 2, 2008.
- Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5, 2008.

“Knowing When to Trust Others: An ERP Study of Decision Making After Receiving Information from Unknown People” (co-authored with Seana Coulson and Mathew D. McCubbins)

- Paper presented at the Symposium on Neuroscience, Law, Economics, and Politics, University of Southern California School of Law, November 27, 2007.

“From Competition to Competence? Theory and Experiments Regarding Deliberation, Expertise, and Decision Making” (co-authored with Mathew D. McCubbins)

- Paper presented at the annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, New York University School of Law, November 10, 2007.

“Designed Institutions vs. Aligned Interests? An ERP Study of When Jurors Trust Statements Made at Trial” (co-authored with Seana Coulson and Mathew D. McCubbins)

- Paper presented at the annual SEAL conference, Indiana University School of Law, October 27, 2007.

“Looking for Cues in All the Wrong Places”

- Presentation at the University of California, Davis, Department of Political Science, June 6, 2007.

“When Do Citizens Trust Others? Behavioral Responses and Brain Data” (co-authored with Seana Coulson and Mathew D. McCubbins)

- Poster presented at the Annual Spring Retreat for Cognitive Neuroscience in San Diego, June 2, 2007.
- Presentation at the Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research, May 24, 2007.

“The Blind Leading the Blind: Who Gets Polling Information and Does it Lead to Improved Decisions?” (co-authored with Mathew D. McCubbins)

- Poster presented at the Annual Spring Retreat for Cognitive Neuroscience in San Diego, June, 2, 2007.
- Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2007.

“When Do Simple Cues Make Citizens Smart?”

- Paper presented at Rice University, Department of Political Science, October 11, 2006.
- Paper presented at Claremont Graduate University, School of Politics and Economics, October 4, 2006.

“The Battle for Truth: Theory and Experiments Regarding Competition and the Adversarial System” (co-authored with Mathew D. McCubbins)

- Paper presented at the University of San Diego, School of Law, October 6, 2006.
- Paper presented at the Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research, May 25, 2006.

“Theory and Experiments on Learning and Choice” (co-presented with Mathew D. McCubbins and Nick Weller)

- Presentation at the University of California, San Diego, Institute for Neural Computation, September 7, 2006.

“When Do Simple Heuristics Make Citizens Smart? Analyzing the Conditions Under Which Heuristics Improve Decisions”

- Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31, 2006.

“The Visible Hand in the Marketplace of Ideas: Theory and Experiments Regarding Competition and Citizen Learning” (co-authored with Mathew D. McCubbins)

- Paper presented at the University of San Diego, School of Law, May 12, 2006.

“Jurors are Competent Cue-Takers: How Institutions Substitute for Legal Sophistication”

- Paper presented at the University College London conference on “Law, Brain, and Mind,” February 14, 2006.

“Institutional Substitutes for Sophistication in Legal Decision-Making”

- Paper presented at the Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research, May 25, 2005.

“The Judge as a Fly on the Wall: Interpretive Lessons from the Positive Political Theory of Legislation” (co-authored with Arthur Lupia, Mathew D. McCubbins, and Daniel B. Rodriguez)

- Paper presented at the Northwestern University, School of Law conference on “Positive Political Theory,” April 30, 2005.

Teaching:

Undergraduate: Introduction to American Politics; Political Psychology

Graduate: Campaigns; Introduction to Game Theory

Ph.D. Advising: Elizabeth Simas, in progress

Service:

Departmental:

Member, Infrastructure Committee (2008-2010)

Member, Graduate Affairs Committee (2008-2009, 2010-2011)

Member, Methodology Field Examination Committee (2008-2009, 2010-2011)

Member, Strategic Planning Committee (2008)

Member, American Politics Field Examination Committee (2007-2008, 2009-2010)

Member, American Institutions Search Committee (2007-2008)

Member, Political Theory Search Committee (2010-2011)

University:

Divisional Advisory Committee (2009-2011)

Discipline:

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Public Opinion Quarterly, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS), Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience, Social Influence, National Science Foundation, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2009),

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| Section Chair | Western Political Science Association (2010), Methodology Section |
| Discussant | American Political Science Association (2008-2010), Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2008, 2009), Midwest Political Science Association (2009) |
| Committees | Best Dissertation Awards Committee (2009-2010), Political Psychology Section of the American Political Science Association |
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