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American Politics and Political Methodology  
**Colorado State University**  
M.A. Political Science, 2006  
American Politics and Public Policy  
**University of Colorado, Boulder**  
B.A. Political Science, 2003
- INTERESTS American Politics (Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Campaigns and Elections, Congress)  
Political Methodology (Survey Research, Multilevel Models, Bayesian Inference, Computational Modeling/Simulation)
- DISSERTATION **Candidates and Voters in Congressional Elections**  
Abstract: I demonstrate that previous research underestimates the effect of negative campaigning on individual voting choice because it ignores variation in the responsiveness of voters to campaigns in general. I also show that candidates' relative issues positions affect voters, even in elections characterized by low candidate visibility and large resource asymmetries. Because this research relies on expert informants to measure key candidate characteristics, I present an approach for collecting and applying informant data that minimizes the effects of error and bias.  
Committee: Walter J. Stone, Benjamin Highton, Robert Huckfeldt, and Bradford S. Jones
- PUBLICATIONS Buttice, Matthew K. and Caitlin C. Milazzo. In Press. "Candidate Positioning in Britain." *Electoral Studies*.  
Stone, Walter J. and Matthew K. Buttice. 2010. "Voters in Context: The Politics of Citizen Behavior." *The Oxford Handbook of American Elections and Political Behavior*, ed. Jan E. Leighley. Oxford University Press.  
Buttice, Matthew K., Robert Huckfeldt, and John Barry Ryan. 2009. "Polarization, Attribution, and Communication Networks in 2006 Congressional Elections." *Fault Lines: Why the Republicans Lost Congress*, ed. Jeffrey Mondak and Dona-Gene Mitchell. New York: Routledge.

- WORKING PAPERS
- Buttice, Matthew K. and Walter J. Stone. "Candidates Matter: Policy and Quality Differences in 2006." Revise and Resubmit.
- Buttice, Matthew K. "The Puzzle of Negative Campaigning: Competition, Response, and Opponent Quality." Under review.
- Buttice, Matthew K. and Walter J. Stone. "Spatial Voting in Congressional Elections."
- Buttice, Matthew K. and Benjamin Highton. "Assessing the Reliability and Validity of MRP Estimates of Aggregate Opinion."
- INVITED TALKS
- New Faces in Political Methodology, Penn State University. 2010. "A Bayesian Approach to Measuring Candidate Characteristics with Expert Data."
- American Politics Workshop, University of California, Berkeley. 2010. "Candidates Matter: Policy and Quality Differences in 2006" (with Walter J. Stone).
- CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS
- Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting. 2011. "Testing Models of Spatial Voting in Congressional Elections using Expert Data" (poster presentation).
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2010. "Negative Campaigning and Vote Choice in Congressional Elections."
- American Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2008. "Ideological Polarization, Issue Emphasis, and Vote Choice."
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2008. "The Puzzle of Negative Campaigning: Competition, Response, and Opponent Quality."
- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS
- Research Assistant, UC Davis*
- Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Walter J. Stone (Winter 2007, Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011)
- Teaching Assistant, UC Davis, Undergraduate Courses*
- Introduction to American Politics (Winter 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Winter 2007)
  - Internship in Public Affairs (Fall 2009, Winter 2010, Spring 2010)
  - Public Opinion (Winter 2011)
- Teaching Assistant, UC Davis, Graduate Courses*
- Research Methods I (Fall 2008)
  - Research Methods II (Winter 2009)
  - Research Methods III (Spring 2009)
  - Math Camp (Fall 2009, Fall 2010)
- HONORS AND AWARDS
- UC-Davis Social Sciences Dean's Doctoral Fellowship for Excellence (2011)
- Hewitt Graduate Fellowship (2008)

Faculty-Student Summer Collaborative Research Fellowship (2007 and 2008)

TRAINING AND SKILLS Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, ICPSR (2008)  
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