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Employment

Croft Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science and Croft Institute, University of Mississippi (2011–present)

Post-Doctoral Fellow
Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University (2010–2011)

Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University (2009–2010)

Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University (2008–2009)

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2010)

M.A. Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2007)

A.B. Political Science (with Honors), Washington University in St. Louis (2002)

B.S. Applied Science (Computer Science), Washington University in St. Louis (2002)

Research

Publications

Pemstein, D., K. M. Quinn, and A. D. Martin. 2011. The Scythe Statistical Library: An Open Source C++ Library for Statistical Computation. *Journal of Statistical Software* 42(12), 1–26.

Pemstein, D., S. A. Meserve, and J. Melton. 2010. Democratic Compromise: A Latent Variable Analysis of Ten Measures of Regime Type. *Political Analysis* 18(4), 426–449.

Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2009. Political Ambition and Legislative Behavior in the European Parliament. *Journal of Politics* 71(2), 1015–1032.

Software

Pemstein, D., K. M. Quinn, and A. D. Martin. 2007. Scythe Statistical Library v1.0.2. <http://scythe.wustl.edu>.

Recent Conference Presentations

Imai, K., J. D. Clinton, and D. Pemstein. 2011. Measuring Party Influence on Legislative Agendas with “Noisy” Data: The Case of the U.S. House, 1789-2010. Presented at *The 69th Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago.

Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2011. The Determinants of European Parliament Candidate Selection. Presented at *The 69th Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago.

Pemstein, D.. 2011. The Power of Suggestion: Coordinating Compromise in the European Parliament. Presented at *The 82nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans.

Imai, K., J. D. Clinton, and D. Pemstein. 2010. Measuring Party Influence on Legislative Agendas: The Case of the United States Congress, 1789-2010. Presented at *The 68th Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago.

Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2010. The Determinants of European Parliament Candidate Selection. Presented at *The 68th Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago.

Pemstein, D.. 2009. Predicting Roll Calls with Legislative Text. Presented at *The 67th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago.

Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2009. Who Goes to Europe: Strategic Candidate Nomination to the European Parliament. Presented at *The 67th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago.

Pemstein, D. and W. T. Bernhard. 2008. Political Ambition and Legislative Effort in the European Parliament. Presented at *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Boston.

Pemstein, D.. 2008. Predicting Roll Calls with Legislative Text. Presented at *The 25th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology*, University of Michigan.

Bernhard, W. T., D. Leblang, and D. Pemstein. 2008. Election Timing and Financial Market Behavior. Presented at *The 66th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago.

Melton, J., S. A. Meserve, and D. Pemstein. 2007. Democratic Compromise: A Latent Variable Analysis of Ten Measures of Regime Type. Presented at *The 24th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology*, Pennsylvania State University.

Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2007. Political Ambition and Legislative Behavior in the European Parliament. Presented at *The 65th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago.

Other Talks

Pemstein, D., S. A. Meserve, and W. T. Bernhard. 2011. Brussels Bound: Candidate Selection in European Elections. Presented at *Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Seminar Series*, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

Pemstein, D.. 2010. The Power of Suggestion: Coordinating Compromise in the European Parliament. Presented at *Department of Political Science and Croft Institute, University of Mississippi*, Oxford.

Pemstein, D.. 2010. The Power of Suggestion: Coordinating Compromise in the European Parliament. Presented at *Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Seminar Series, Vanderbilt University*, Nashville.

Pemstein, D.. 2009. Predicting Roll Calls with Legislative Text. Presented at *Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Seminar Series, Vanderbilt University*, Nashville.

Pemstein, D. and W. T. Bernhard. 2009. Political Ambition and Legislative Effort in the European Parliament. Presented at *European Union Center Lecture Series, University of Illinois*, Urbana.

Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2008. Political Ambition and Legislative Behavior in the European Parliament. Presented at *Graduate Student Political Economy Workshop, Harvard University*, Cambridge.

Melton, J., S. A. Meserve, and D. Pemstein. 2006. Comparing Measures of Democracy: An Empirical Look at the Scaling and Reliability of Eight Common Democratic Measures. Presented at *UIUC Department of Political Science Summer Seminar Series*, Urbana.

Teaching

Interests

Comparative Politics (Democratic Institutions, European Union Politics, Political Economy)

International Relations (International Organizations, Political Economy)

Methodology (Research Design, Regression and Generalized Linear Models, Bayesian Statistics, Statistical Computing, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models)

Courses Taught

University of Mississippi

INST 381: Research Methods for International Studies Majors, Fall 2011

POL 382: Comparative Legislative Behavior, Fall 2011

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

PS 240: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer 2007

Honors and Awards

Burkholder Prize for the best dissertation defended in 2009 or 2010
Department of Political Science, University of Illinois

Graduate Student Research Travel Grant (\$1,500 to fund fieldwork in Brussels, Belgium)
European Union Center, University of Illinois, 2007

Graduate Student Travel Award
The 24th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, July 2007

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute (Travel Award)
Washington University in St. Louis, June 2005

Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention
National Science Foundation, 2005

James Wilford Garner Fellowship
Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2003—2006, Spring 2008

NSF Integrative Graduate and Education and Research Traineeship (Declined)
Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2003

Service

Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, Climatic Change, International Interactions,
Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Analysis, Political Behavior

Panel Chair and Discussant
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: August 2008, September 2009

Graduate Student Faculty Search Committee Member
Comparative Politics (2003), Formal Theory (2004), American Institutions (2005)
Department of Political Science, University of Illinois

Skills

Language: German (Advanced), French (Basic)

Computing: R, Stata, Mathematica, Matlab, Perl, Lisp, C/C++, Java, L^AT_EX