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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2002 to present.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, Ph.D. 2001.

Fields: American Politics, Public Administration, and Political Behavior.

Dissertation: American Political Parties in the Era of Soft Money.

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, M.P.P. 1992.

Harvard University, History and Literature, A.B. 1987.

Honors Thesis. Educating France's Teachers: Les Ecoles Normales Primaires d'Instituteurs et d'Institutrices.

RESEARCH

EXTRAMURAL FUNDING

- 2006 Candidate Emergence in the Connecticut Legislature
Principal Investigator.
JEHT Foundation: October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007; \$154,168
- 2006 Elections, Policy and Influence in Connecticut Before and After Clean Elections
Co-Principal Investigator (with Vincent G. Moscardelli).
JEHT Foundation: October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007; \$57,185

INTERNAL FUNDING

- 2005 College of Social & Behavioral Science, Travel Grant, 2005: \$600
- 2003 Healey Endowment Grant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: \$10,000
- 2000 Continuing Student Dissertation Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 1999 Vice Chancellor for Research Fund Grant Award, UC Berkeley
- 1986 Center for European Studies Research Grant, Harvard University

BOOK

La Raja, Raymond J. Forthcoming 2008 (February release). *Small Change: Money, Political Parties and Campaign Finance Reform* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press).

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

La Raja, Raymond J. 2007. "Sunshine Laws and the Press: The Effect of Campaign Disclosure on News Reporting in the American States," *Election Law Journal* 6(3).

Apollonio, D. E. and Raymond J. La Raja. 2006. "Term Limits, Campaign Contributions, and the Distribution of Power in State Legislatures." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 31(2): 259-281.

La Raja, Raymond J. 2005. "Will the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act Strengthen the Political System? Negative: BCRA is Not Improving the Political System," (Point/Counterpoint), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 24 (3): 604-610.

Apollonio, D. E. and Raymond J. La Raja. 2004. "Who Gave Soft Money? The Effect of Interest Group Resources on Political Contributions." *The Journal of Politics* 66(4): 1159-1179.

La Raja, Raymond J. 2004. "Breaking Up the Party: How *McConnell* Downsizes Partisan Campaigns," *Election Law Journal* 3(2): 271-76.

Pending

Apollonio, D. E. and Raymond J. La Raja. "Public Financing of Campaigns: How State Legislators Fare under U.S. Clean Election Laws," under review.

McGhee, Eric and Raymond J. La Raja. "Party Contributions to US House Challengers: Timing and its Torments," under review.

La Raja, Raymond J. and Kate Longley. "Redistricting: Reading Between the Lines," revise and resubmit at the *Annual Review of Political Science*.

OTHER JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

La Raja, Raymond J. and Sidney M. Milkis. 2004. "For the Plaintiffs: The Honor and Humility of Defending Political Parties in Court." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 37: 771-776.

Doherty, Joseph, Diana Dwyre, Bruce Cain and Raymond J. La Raja. 2002. "Outside Money in the California 2000 Presidential Primary." *PS: Political Science and Politics*, (E-symposium).

La Raja, Raymond J. and Dorie Apollonio. 1999. "Term Limits Affect Legislators' Fund Raising Prowess." *Public Affairs Report* 40(5), Institute of Governmental Studies, Berkeley, CA.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Holbrook, Thomas M. and Raymond J. La Raja. Forthcoming. "Parties and Elections" in *Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis*, 9th edition, eds. Virginia Gray and Russell L. Hanson (Washington: CQ Press).
- La Raja, Raymond J. 2006. "State and Local Political Parties" in *One Election Later: Money & Politics after BCRA*, ed. Michael Malbin (New York: Rowman and Littlefield), pp.57-78.
- La Raja, Raymond J., Susan E. Orr and Daniel A. Smith. 2006. "Surviving BCRA: State Party Finance in 2004" in *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, ed. John C. Green and Daniel Coffey (New York: Rowman and Littlefield), pp.113-134.
- La Raja, Raymond J. 2005. "Political Parties," in *Guide to Political Campaigns in America*, edited by Paul S. Herrnsen (Washington, DC: CQ Press), pp. 176-198.
- La Raja, Raymond J. 2003. "State Political Parties after BCRA" in *Life After Reform: When the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act Meets Politics*, ed. Michael J. Malbin (New York: Rowman and Littlefield), pp. 101-120.
- La Raja, Raymond J. 2003. "Why Soft Money Has Strengthened Parties" in *Inside the Campaign Finance Battle: Court Testimony on the New Reforms*, eds. Anthony Corrado, Thomas Mann, and Trevor Potter (Washington, DC: Brookings), pp. 69-96.
- La Raja, Raymond J. 2003. "State Parties and Soft Money: How Much Party Building?" in *The State of the Parties: 2000 and Beyond*, ed. John C. Green (New York: Rowman and Littlefield), pp. 132-150.
- La Raja, Raymond J. 2002. "Political Parties and Campaign Finance" in *The Parties Respond*, ed. L. Sandy Maisel (Boulder, CO: Westview Press), pp. 163-188.
- La Raja, Raymond J. 2001. "Sources and Uses of Soft Money: What Do We Know? In *Campaign Finance Reform: A User Guide*, ed. Gerald C. Lubenow (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), pp. 83-108.
- Polsby, Nelson and Raymond J. La Raja. 2001. "Foreword" in *Financing the 2000 Elections*, ed. David Magleby (New York: Rowman and Littlefield), pp. ix-xiii.

BOOK REVIEW

- La Raja, Raymond J. 2005. "Running for Office? Get a Lawyer," review of *Law and Election Politics: The Rules of the Game*, edited by Matthew J Streb (Boulder: Lynne Reinner, 2005). *Election Law Journal* 4(3): 223-229.

REPORTS AND POLICY BRIEFS

- La Raja, Raymond J. 2004. *Clean Elections: An Evaluation of Public Funding for Maine Legislative Election Contests*, report sponsored by the Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Massachusetts. See http://www.masspolicy.org/pdf/WP2004_2.pdf.
- Kousser, Thad and Raymond J. La Raja. 2002. "Will a Soft Money Ban Stifle Political Competition?" *Cato Policy Analysis* No. 426, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C. See <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa-426es.html>.
- La Raja, Raymond J. and Alana Hoffman. 2000. "Who Benefits from Soft Money Contributions?" Citizens' Research Foundation, University of California, Berkeley.
- La Raja, Raymond J. and Karen Pogoda. 2000. "Soft Money Spending by State Parties: Where does it really go?" Citizens' Research Foundation, University of California, Berkeley.
- La Raja, Raymond J. and Renée Dall. 1998. "Enforcing California's Campaign Finance Laws: How Much Bark, How Much Bite for the Political Watchdog?" report sponsored by the Institute of Governmental Studies, Travers Series on Ethics and Government, University of California, Berkeley.
- La Raja, Raymond J. Jonathan Koppell and Christine Trost. 1997. "Cashing in on the Campaign: Personal Use of Campaign Funds in California," report sponsored by the Institute of Governmental Studies, Travers Series on Ethics and Government, University of California, Berkeley.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS (2002-PRESENT)

- "Candidate Emergence in State Legislative Elections: Does Public Funding Make a Difference?" American Political Science Association, August 29-September 2, 2007.
- "The Role of Competitive Districts in State Legislative Fundraising" (with D.E. Apollonio). American Political Science Association, August 31-September 3, 2006.
- "Early Giving: Do Ideological PACs Strategize to Select Legislative Candidates?" (with D.E. Apollonio). Midwest Political Science Association, April 20-23, 2006.
- "Changes in Party Contributions to Candidates for the U.S. House, 1980-2004" (with Eric McGhee). Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2006.
- "State and Local Parties in the 2004 Elections." Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2006.
- "Incumbent Spending under Clean Election Laws" (with D. E. Apollonio). Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2005.

“Early Giving: Do Ideological PACs Strategize to Select Legislative Candidates?” (with D.E. Apollonio). Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2005.

“Term Limits, Campaign Contributions, and the Distribution of Power in State Legislatures” (with D.E. Apollonio). Invited presentation at the “Life With Term Limits” conference in Akron, Ohio, April 2004.

“Party Soft Money Spending in the 2002 Elections.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2004.

“The Effect of Public Funds on Legislative Elections in Maine.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2003

“Interest Group Contribution Strategies with Soft Money” (with D.E. Apollonio). Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2002.

“Do Party Organizations Matter? The Electoral Consequences of Party Resurgence” (with Justin Buchler). Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2002.

AWARDS FOR PAPERS

Finalist, *Pi Sigma Alpha* award for the best paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (one of three finalists), 2002.

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

Political Science 101, American Politics (undergraduate lecture)

Political Science 208, Political Parties and Elections (undergraduate lecture)

Political Science 391H, Public Opinion and Political Behavior (undergraduate honors seminar)

Political Science 394/399, Voting and Citizen Participation (undergraduate writing seminar)

Political Science 708, American Party Systems (graduate seminar)

Political Science 797, Political Party Systems (comparative party politics graduate seminar)

DOCTORAL STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Chair of dissertation committee: David Wiltse, “Creating a Culture of Political Giving,” Ph.D. awarded September 2006.

Chair of dissertation committee: Todd Audyatis, “Behavior of Soft Money Contributors since Campaign Finance Reform,” expected Ph.D. completion, September 2008.

MENTORING

Internship Coordinator, Political Science Department, 2002-2007
Chair of five Undergraduate Honors Theses, 2005-2007
Faculty Sponsor for 38 internships or independent studies, 2003-2007

TEACHING AWARDS

College Outstanding Teaching Award, Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2005-2006
Nominated for Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Massachusetts, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006
Distinguished Teacher of the Year, Delta Lambda Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, University of Massachusetts, 2003-2004
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley, 1998

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

Co-Editor, *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*, a quarterly electronic journal for scholarly analysis and commentary on public issues, co-edited with Byron Shafer and published by the Berkeley Electronic Press, 2003 to present
Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*, *Election Law Journal*, *Polity*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*

DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE

Dean's Research Council, *College of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, University of Massachusetts, 2004-present.
Departmental Committees: Personnel (2002-03, 2003-04), Graduate Admissions (2003-04, 2004-05), Undergraduate Studies (2007-08; ex-officio 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2006-07), External Chair Search (2004-05), Search Committee Faculty Hiring Initiative (2006-07, co-chair 2007-08), Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2007-08).
Center for Public Policy and Administration Committees: Curriculum and Student Affairs (2003-04, 2004-05, 2006-07, 2007-08), Search Committee (2004-05).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

PRS (Personal Response System) Best Practices Fellow to review and recommend the use of technology in the classroom, 2007-2008.
Invited Speaker, "Beyond Outreach to Scholarly Engagement," symposium sponsored by UMass Outreach, October 22, 2007.
Academic Advisor, *The Civics Initiative*, Donahue Institute, University of Massachusetts, measures and reports on the civic health of the Commonwealth, 2004-present.

Furcolo Scholarship Committee to select undergraduate Public Service Internship Award, 2004-2005.

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC SERVICE

Academic Advisory Board, *Campaign Finance Institute*, a non-partisan think tank for evaluating and recommending policies in the field of campaign finance, 2003 to present.

Expert witness, *McConnell v. Federal Election Commission* (2003), Supreme Court case challenging the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.

Peer Reviewer of grants, Smith-Richardson Foundation.

INVITED LECTURES AND SEMINARS

International

Conference Panelist, "All Eyes on the Hill: The 2006 U.S. Elections and the Road Ahead for American Politics and Canada-U.S. Relations," October 5, 2006, Center for United States Studies, University of Quebec, Montreal.

National

Workshop Panelist, "Practicing Democracy: How Political Arrangements Promote Equal Citizenship...or Not," April 27, 2007, Ash Institute, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Conference Panelist, "Campaigns, Elections, and the Voting Experience," June 22-23, 2006, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy, Brigham Young University, Sundance, Utah.

Symposium Panelist, "Influencing Congress: Scandals, Rules, Ethics, Politics," April 28, 2006, University of California, Washington DC.

Conference Panelist, "Does Public Election Funding Change Public Policy? Evaluating the State of Knowledge," January 28-29, 2006, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Conference Panelist, "The State of the Parties: 2004 and Beyond," October 5-7, 2005, University of Akron.

Conference Panelist, "Life with Term Limits," April 29-30, 2004, University of Akron.

Symposium Panelist, "Campaign Finance Law: *McConnell v. Federal Election Commission*, Understanding the Decision and Its Implications," May 15, 2003, University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

Symposium Panelist, "Reconsidering Campaign Finance Reform," September 30, 2003, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia.

Lecturer, "How Party Soft money was Spent in 2000," January 11, 2001, National Press Club, Washington DC, sponsored by the Campaign Finance Institute.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Training for Public Affairs, *Coro Foundation*, New York, NY, 1993-1995

Supervisor of Leadership Program, *Prep for Prep*, New York, NY, 1994-1995
Policy Analyst, *Progressive Policy Institute*, Washington, D.C., 1992-1993
Resident Tutor and Student Advisor, *Harvard University*, 1990-1992
Chief of Budget Office, *Department of Transportation*, Bureau of Bridges, City of New York,
1989-1990
Management Analyst, *Office of the Mayor*, City of New York, 1988-1989
Coro Foundation Fellowship in Public Affairs, 1987-88

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Campaign Finance Institute, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, New England Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association