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Appointment

Syracuse University

Assistant Teaching Professor, Public Administration and Policy Studies
August 2022 – present

Unite America Institute

Democracy Fellow
February 2022 – present

Education

Phd Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Government (Expected June 2022, currently ABD)
Major: American Politics (with Distinction), Minor: Quantitative Methods

MA Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

Political Science, May 2016

BA Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Major: Political Science; Minor: Mathematics, December 2008

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Barton, Richard and David A. Bateman. 2023. "Gilded Age Doughfaces: Northern Democrats and Black Civil Rights", *Journal of Historical Political Economy*: Vol. 3: No. 3, pp 363-390.

Barton, Richard. 2022. "Upending the New Deal Regulatory Regime: Democratic Party Position Change on Financial Regulation." *Perspective on Politics*.

Barton, Richard. 2022. "A Primary Threat: How Ideological Primary Challengers Exacerbate Polarization." *Party Politics*.

Barton, Richard and Spencer Piston. 2021. “Undeserving Rich or Untrustworthy Government? How Elite Rhetoric Erodes Support for Soaking the Rich.” *Politics, Groups and Identities*.

Working Papers

Barton, Richard & Jesse Crosson. 2023. “Party Power in Nonpartisan Primaries.” doi:10.13140/RG.2.2.27322.16328

Barton, Richard. “The Influence of Ideological PACs in Congressional Primaries.”

White Paper Reports

Barton, Richard. *Unite America Institute* (2023, June). California’s top-two primary: The effects on electoral politics and governance.

Barton, Richard. *Unite America Institute* (2022, November) Louisiana's Long-Term Election Experiment: How Eliminating Partisan Primaries Improved Governance and Reduced Polarization.

Public Talks and Media Appearances

Barton, Richard. (2023, September 29). The case for top two open primaries at American Democracy Summit 2023 [Public talk]. American Democracy Summit, Los Angeles, CA.

Veterans for All Voters. (2023, August 8). Reformation series - Cover down: A conversation with Dr. Richard Barton - Unite America [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0R39eWVPoA>

Evans, M.R. (2023, August 10). Richard Barton – assistant teaching professor of policy – Syracuse University [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ147CwSFh8>

Armoudian, M. (Host). (2022, September 25). Gerrymandering districts based on census data and inclusive politics of rank choice voting [Audio podcast episode]. In Scholars' Circle. Retrieved from <https://www.armoudian.com/scholars-circle-gerrymandering-districts-based-on-census-data-and-inclusive-politics-of-rank-choice-voting-september-25-2022/>

Other Publications

October 25, 2023. [Does Alaska have a solution for our national political dysfunction?](#) *Governing*.

July 24, 2023. [No election system is an island: Why more states must eliminate partisan primaries.](#) *The Fulcrum*.

June 30, 2023. [The good things California's 'top two' elections have wrought.](#) *Governing*.

Jan 4, 2023. ["The Problem with Primaries: To Free Political Parties from Fringe Candidates, We Need to Eliminate Primaries that Favor Extremes."](#) *The American Purpose*.

June 10, 2022. ["Congress is Polarized. Fear of Being 'Primaried' is One Reason."](#) *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*.

April 27, 2022. ["Le Pen Could've Won Here: France Provides an Example of How American Electoral Institutions Distort Voter Representation."](#) *The Bulwark*.

August 3, 2021. ["How Campaigns and Distrust Undermine Efforts to 'Soak the Rich.'"](#) *Medium: 3Streams*.

September 11, 2020. ["Science Says Reopen Syracuse City Schools."](#) *Syracuse Post Standard*.

October 28, 2019. ["How Challenges in Primaries Shift the Policy Agendas of Political Parties."](#) *Scholars Strategy Network*.

March 24, 2018. ["Want Gun Reform? Republicans Who Support Gun Reform Need to Run in the Primaries."](#) *CNN Online*.

Research Grants and Fellowships

Unite America, Democracy Fellow (2022-present)

Dirksen Congressional Center, Congressional Research Grant (2020)

Grant for "From New Deal to Neoliberalism: Why Democrats Championed Financial Deregulation."

Cornell University Graduate School, Research Travel Grant (2019-2020)
Grant for archival dissertation research

American Studies Program, Cornell University, Graduate Research Grant (2018)
Grant for research assistants for dissertation research

Scholars Strategy Network, Graduate Fellowship (2017-2020)

Sage Fellowship, Cornell University (2020-2021 & 2016-2017)

Conference Presentations

Roundtable Chair on Primaries Elections on Prospects of Reform

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023

“Party Power in Nonpartisan Primaries.”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023

“Systematic Pro-Market Position Change on Financial Regulation”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022

Discussant for Book Panel on *Hijacking the Agenda: Economic Power and Political Influence* by Christopher Witko, Jana Morgan, Nathan Kelly and Peter Enns

- American Political Economy Conference, 2021 (Organized by Jacob Hacker, Paul Pierson, Kathleen Thelen and Alexander Herterl-Fernandez)

“From New Deal to Neoliberalism: Why Democrats Championed Financial Deregulation.”

- American Political Economy Summer Workshop, 2021 (Organized by Jacob Hacker, Paul Pierson, Kathleen Thelen and Alexander Herterl-Fernandez)
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021

“Gilded Age Doughfaces and Reluctant Reformers: Northern Democrats and Civil Rights in the Late-Nineteenth Century”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018

Discussant for presentation on “Prejudice, Priming and Presidential Voting: Panel Evidence from the 2016 Election” by Daniel Hopkins

- Cornell University, Department of Government, Spring of 2018

“The Party Reacts: How Primary Threats Exacerbate Polarization”

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017
“Taxes, Trust and the Undeserving Rich: How Campaigns Depress Support for ‘Soaking’ the Wealthy”
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019
"What's the Matter with Washington (State)?: How Political Distrust Prevents Americans from Soaking the Rich"
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017
“Policy to Preserve the Status Quo: Explaining the Emergence of State-Level Excellence Reform Coalitions ”
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2015

Teaching Experience

Professor, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

- Introduction to Public Policy Analysis (Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2024)
- Policy Design and Implementation, MPA course (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
- Policy Studies Internship, undergraduate course (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

Instructor, Department of Government, Saint Lawrence University, American Political Parties (Spring 2021)

Skills

Stata, R, Excel

Services

Graduate Fellow for the Scholars Strategy Network (Central New York Chapter)

Board of Directors, Syracuse Cooperative Market

Editorial Board of Yale State and Local Policy Review

Reviewer for American Politics Research

References

Suzanne Mettler, John L. Senior Professor of American Institutions in the Government Department at Cornell University

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David Bateman, Associate Professor of Government at Cornell University

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Richard Bensel, Gary S. Davis Professor of Government at Cornell University
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Kenneth Roberts, Richard J. Schwartz Professor of Government at Cornell University
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