

CURRICULUM VITA

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CONTACT

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge MA

Ph.D. candidate in Government and Social Policy (exp. June 2008)

Dissertation Articles: “Identity in state legislatures: A new approach”; “Rape and the psychology of taboo”; “Toward a general theory of defendant class actions”; “Rape and Situationism”; “Race, Gender, and Victim Compensation in the United States”

Research: Rape / sexual assault, U.S. war casualties and inequality, Religion & politics, Education politics and policy, State/local politics

Harvard Law School, Cambridge MA

J.D., cum laude (June 2006)

Research: Prosecution of sexual assault, Class actions, Law & religion

Clinical: District Attorney’s Office, Middlesex County, MA, Newton Court

University of Chicago, Chicago IL

B.A. in Economics & in English (June 2000)

Highest Honors & Dean’s List

Economics thesis: “Does Title I money matter? Federal compensatory funding and student achievement”

English thesis: “Doc and the Doctor: A Dual Biographical Narrative of John L. ‘Doc’ Lawler and Dr. Jerome Y. T. Shen”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Section Leader, Government Senior Thesis Workshop

Leading two sections for American politics theses (Fall 2007, Spring 2008)

Teaching Fellow, Harvard Government Department

SA66: Race Politics, Prof. Jennifer Hochschild (Fall 2007)

Gov 97b: Soph. Tutorial, Profs. Jens Meierhenrich & Stanley Hoffman (Spring 2007)

** Awarded Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching

Statistical Consultant

U.S. Dept. of Education Center on School Choice, Competition and Achievement, 2004 – Present

Directed by Prof. Ken Wong at Brown Univ., Providence, RI

Senior Honors Thesis Advisor

Harvard University, Government Department, 2003 – Present

- Work one-on-one with senior thesis writers as their advisor (1-2 per year)

Resident Tutor in Government and Public Service

Kirkland House, Harvard University, 2004 – 2006

House Masters: Drs. Tom and Verena Conley, Dept. of Romance Languages

- Live in residence with undergrads, providing academic & personal advising

Undergraduate Concentration Advisor

Harvard University, Government Department, 2003 – 2006

Head Tutor: Prof. Andrea Campbell, Government Dept.

- Advise undergraduates on course selection, departmental requirements

Research Associate

Brown University Research Project on Mayors and Urban School

Governance, 2003 – 2006

Directed by Prof. Ken Wong at Brown Univ., Providence, RI

- Research on the effectiveness of mayoral-appointed school boards

BOOKS

- [1] *The Education Mayor: Improving America's Schools*, with Kenneth K. Wong, Dorothea Anagnostopoulos, & Stacey Rutledge. (2007). Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- [1] *The Casualty Gap: The Causes and Consequences of American Wartime Inequalities*. with Douglas Kriner. Book manuscript. Submitted to publisher for review: January, 2008.

ARTICLES

- [1] "Iraq Casualties and the 2006 Senate Elections," with Douglas L. Kriner. 2007. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 32 (4): 507-530.
- [2] "Measuring the Effectiveness of City and State Takeover as a School Reform Strategy," with Kenneth K. Wong. (2003). *Peabody Journal of Education*, 78 (4): 89-119.
- [3] "Big City Mayors and School Governance Reform: The Case of School District Takeover," with Kenneth K. Wong. (2003). *Peabody Journal of Education*, 78 (1), 5-32.

- [4] “Politics of State-led Reform in Education: Market Competition and Electoral Dynamics,” with Kenneth K. Wong. (2002). in *Educational Policy*, 16 (1), March 2002.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [1] “Charter law and charter operation: Re-examining the charter school marketplace,” with Kenneth K. Wong, in Berends, Mark, ed. (2007). *Charter School Outcomes*. New York: Taylor and Francis.
- [2] “Politics and Religion,” with Russell Muirhead, Nancy L. Rosenblum, and Daniel Schlozman, in Sabato, Larry, ed. (2005). *Divided States of America - The Slash and Burn Politics of the 2004 Presidential Election*. Longman.
- [3] “When mayors lead urban schools: Assessing the effects of mayoral takeover,” with Kenneth K. Wong, in Howell, W.G., ed. (2005). *Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings.
- [4] “Political Economy of Charter School Funding Formulas: Exploring state-to-state variation in charter school funding formulas,” with Kenneth K. Wong. (2004). *2004 Yearbook of the American Education Finance Association*. Sage Publications.
- [5] “Does Title I money matter? Federal compensatory funding and student achievement” in *Efficiency, Accountability, and Equity Issues in Title I Schoolwide Program Implementation*, edited by Kenneth K. Wong (2002). Greenwich, CT: Information Age Press.

OP-EDS

- [1] “Baseball’s what we need,” Op-Ed in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, (2004). October 26, 2004.
- [2] “Lessons from state's charter schools,” with Kenneth K. Wong. (2001) in *Grand Rapids Press*, Jun 22, 2001, A7.
- [3] “No clear picture of charter schools,” with Kenneth K. Wong. (2001). in *San Diego Union-Tribune*, July 8, 2001.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- [1] “Assessing Charter School Performance in Illinois: A Pilot Study using Error-Band Analysis,” with Kenneth K. Wong. National Center on School Choice, Working Paper (April 2007).
- [2] “Does School District Takeover Work? Assessing the Effectiveness of City and

- State Takeover as a School Reform Strategy,” with Kenneth K. Wong. (2002). *The State Education Standard*, Spring 2002: 19-23.
- [3] “Can School District Takeover Work? Assessing the effectiveness of city and state takeover as a school reform strategy,” with Kenneth K. Wong. (2002). *ERIC / CUE Digest*. 2002.
- [4] “An Evaluation of Intradistrict Equity in Massachusetts,” with Martin R. West. (2003). *Pioneer Institute for Public Policy*. September 2003.
- [5] “Can the states address equity and innovation? Rethinking the state’s fiscal role in public education,” with Kenneth K. Wong, in *Government Finance Review*, October 2001.

PRESENTATIONS, BY YEAR

Electronic copies of most of these papers are available upon request

2007-2008

Education Mayors & Big City School Boards: New Directions, New Evidence, with Kenneth Wong. Paper prepared for the 2007 Iowa School Boards Foundation Symposium, School Board Research: Main Lines of Inquiry. Des Moines, Iowa on Sept. 14-15, 2007.

2006-2007

Rape and the Politics of Reaction. Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 13-15, 2007 Chicago, IL.

The Casualty Gap: Inequality and U.S. Casualties from WWII to Iraq. (with Douglas Kriner). Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 13-15, 2007 Chicago, IL.

The Lingering Costs of War: Local Casualties and Political Engagement. (with Douglas Kriner). Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 13-15, 2007 Chicago, IL.

Beyond Weak Law, Strong Law: Political compromise and legal constraints on charter school laws. (with Kenneth K. Wong.) Paper prepared for the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31 – September 3, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.

2005-2006

Beyond Weak Law, Strong Law: Political compromise and legal constraints on charter school laws. (with Kenneth K. Wong.) Paper prepared for the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31 – September 3, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.

Mayors Improving Student Achievement: Evidence from a national achievement and governance database (with Kenneth Wong). Paper prepared for the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, April 20-23, 2006, Chicago IL.

When Mayors Use School Choice as a Reform Strategy, (with Kenneth K. Wong and Lauren M. Pachucki.) Paper prepared for the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, April 7- 11, 2006, San Francisco, CA.

Mayors and Urban Schools, Presentation (with Kenneth K. Wong) to the Los Angeles City Council Joint Commission on LAUSD Governance. October 2005.

2004-2005

School Finance Adequacy in the context of Educational Management Organizations (with Kenneth K. Wong). Paper prepared for the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association. Montreal, Canada, April 11-15, 2005.

When School Districts Regain Control: The Political Economy of State Takeover of Local Schools and Its Withdrawal (with Kenneth K. Wong and Warren E. Langevin). Paper presented at the 100th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL)

2003-2004

Not Only Faith-Based But Faith-Centered, Too: A Reexamination of Dry Bones Rattling and Social Capital Readings of Faith-Based Organizations. Paper presented at the 99th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA)

Should Mayors Lead Urban Schools as Well as Cities? Developing an Assessment Framework for Mayoral Takeover of Urban School Districts (with Kenneth K. Wong). Paper presented at the 99th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA)

2002-2003

Specification Uncertainty and Model Averaging in State Policy Innovation Research. Paper

presented at the Third Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy (Tucson, AZ), and at the 61st national conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL)

Political Incentives and Mayoral Takeover of Urban School Districts. Paper presented at the 83rd annual meeting of the American Educational Research Assoc. (Chicago, IL).

Educational Resources and Achievement Gaps in High Poverty Schools: Findings from the Longitudinal Evaluation of School Change and Performance (LESCP) in Title I Schools (with Kenneth K. Wong & Stephen J. Meyer). Paper presented at the 83rd annual meeting of the American Educational Research Assoc. (Chicago, IL), and the Assoc. for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference (Dallas, TX).

Can the states address equity and innovation? Rethinking the state's fiscal role in public education? (with Kenneth K. Wong). Paper presented at the 98th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston, MA)

2001-2002

Politics of State-led Reform in Education: Market Competition and Electoral Dynamics (with Kenneth K. Wong). Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, 82nd annual meeting (New Orleans, LA), and the Assoc. for Public Policy Analysis & Management, 23rd annual Fall Research Conference (Washington, DC).

Does School District Takeover Work? Assessing the Effectiveness of City and State Takeover as a School Reform Strategy (with Kenneth K. Wong). Paper presented at the 97th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, CA).

2000-2001

Institutional Effects of Charter Schools: Innovation and Segregation (with Kenneth K. Wong). Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, 81st annual meeting (Seattle, WA).

City and State Takeover as a School Reform Strategy (with Kenneth K. Wong and Pushpam Jain). Paper presented at the Assoc. for Public Policy Analysis & Management, 22nd annual Fall Research Conference (Seattle, WA).

Institutional Effects of Charter Schools: Competition, Innovation, and Segregation (with Kenneth K. Wong). Paper presented at the American Political Science Association, 96th annual meeting (Washington, DC).

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

- 2007** Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching by the Derek Bok Center
- 2006** European Network on Inequality Traveling Fellow (Madrid, Spain)
- 2006** Harvard Law School Summer Academic Fellow
- 2003 – Present** Graduate Student Fellow, Harvard University Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy
- 2000** Phi Beta Kappa
 Selected by University of Chicago President as Student Marshal – Highest honor conferred by the Univ. of Chicago upon undergraduate students
 Maroon Key Society – Selection based on academic achievement and contributions to campus life
 Chair of Fire Escape Productions, student filmmakers at the University of Chicago
- 1997-1999** State Farm “Exceptional Student” Fellowship – Selected for leadership in extracurricular activities, academic achievement, character, potential business administrative capacity
 Track & Field MVP and Varsity Captain: 1997-98, 1998-99
 NCAA Div. III National Outdoor Track & Field Championships, 1999
- 1996** University of Chicago College Honors Scholarship
 USA-Today Academic All-American First Team – Top 20 students in nation
 Coca-Cola Scholar Fellowship – 150 selected from pool of 120,000

NON-ACADEMIC**Religion**

Practicing Roman Catholic; Have taught Sunday School classes in multiple parishes

Big Brothers / Little Brothers

Serving as a “Big Brother” through the Big Brothers of Massachusetts, 6th year anniversary with my match in December 2007

Athletics

Training with the Greater Boston Track Club (GBTC) for post-collegiate competition in the 110m and 400m hurdles. 5 time 400m Hurdles champion at USATF New England Championships (2002-2007). Member of GBTC’s winning Shuttle Hurdle Relay team in the Olympic Development Section of the 2005 Penn Relays (April 2005).