

Ross Butters

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Academic Appointments	University of California Center Sacramento Adjunct Assistant Professor, June 2020-Present.	
Education	University of California, Davis Ph.D., Political Science (Completed June 2020). Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics M.A., Political Science, 2020. The Ohio State University B.A., Political Science, Research Distinction in Political Science, 2013.	
Research Interests	American Politics: social networks, political participation, behavior, psychology, polarization, partisan sorting, partisan identity	
Dissertation	“Change and Choice in American Voters’ Political Discussion Networks 2000-2016” Committee: Robert Huckfeldt (Co-Chair), Christopher Hare (Co-Chair), Amber Boydstun, Anand Sokhey	
Publications	“Polarized Networks? New Evidence on American Voters’ Discussion Networks.” <i>Political Behavior</i> (2020). (with Chris Hare) “Three-fourths of Americans regularly talk politics only with members of their own political tribe.” <i>The Washington Post</i> (May 1, 2017). (with Chris Hare)	
Research Under Review	“Avoid Thy Neighbor? Partisan Context and Close Social Networks Presented at 2019 MPSA, 2021 SPSA, and 2021 WPSA “Revisiting Social Networks and Correct Voting: Extension and Mechanisms” Presented at 2017 APSA, 2018 MPSA, and 2021 WPSA (with Anand Sokhey) “The Secret to Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds” Presented at 2013 SPSA, MPSA, and 2017 APSA (with Alison Craig and Janet Box-Steffensmeier).	

Works in Progress

“Continuity and Change in Rejecting Disagreeable Discussants from Core Networks: 2000-2016”

“Nature of Political Ties: Disagreement in Traditional Name Generating Batteries Over Time”

“The Influence of Partisan Polarization and Geographic Neighborhood Context on Congressional Rollcall & Cosponsorship Policy Networks” 2018 PolNet (with Carlos Algara)

Research Experience

Department of Political Science, University of Rochester
Research Assistant, August 2019-August 2020, (with Gerald Gamm)

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis
Investigator, June 2016-March 2017, (with Chris Hare and Robert Huckfeldt)
 UC-Davis Module, 2016 Cooperative Congressional Election Study
Research Assistant, May 2015-June 2016, (with Amber Boydstun) Data Driven, Computational Models for Discovery and Analysis of Framing” NSF Social-Computational Systems program, No. IIS-1211266

Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University
Research Assistant, Dec. 2011-May 2013, (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier)

Academic Experience

University of California Center Sacramento
Adjunct Assistant Professor
 Policy Analysis in California, June 2021-present
 Advocacy for Policy Change in California, August 2020-present
 Research Methods in Politics and Policy, August 2020-June 2021

University of California, Davis
Associate Instructor
 Introduction to American Politics, Sept. 2017-Dec. 2017

Teaching Assistant
 Research Methods in Politics and Policy, Jan. 2018-June 2020
 Policy Analysis in California, June 2017-August 2017, Jan. 2018-June 2019
 Mass Media and Politics, March 2016-June 2016
 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Jan. 2016-March 2016
 American Government: The Presidency, April 2015-June 2015
 West European Politics: German Politics Jan. 2015-March 2015

Investigator
 UC-Davis Module, 2016 CCES, June 2016-March 2017

Graduate Student Researcher

“Data Driven, Computational Models for Discovery and Analysis of Framing” with Amber Boydstun, Sept. 2015-Dec. 2015
UC-Center Sacramento Speaker Series Coordinator, May 2016-June 2017
UC-Center Sacramento Senior Editor — Land Use and Development Lectureship and White Paper Competition, July 2016-December 2016

Service and Training

Teaching and Learning Conference at APSA, August 2019
Mental Health Gatekeeper Training (UC-Davis), May 2019
Undergraduate Research Mentor-Mentee Program, *Mentor*, (UC-Davis), Fall 2018-Spring 2019
Reviewer for *Political Behavior* (2017) and *Political Communication* (2018)
American Politics Reading Group, *Co-Founder and Coordinator* (UC-Davis), with Carlos Algara and Christopher Hare, Winter 2016-Present
Graduate Association of Political Science Students (UC-Davis) Public Relations Coordinator, Fall 2016-Summer 2018
Graduate Association of Political Science Students (UC-Davis) Bulletin Board Coordinator, Fall 2015-Summer 2016
Graduate Association of Political Science Students (UC-Davis) Mentorship Program, Fall 2015-Present

Invited Talks “Polarized Networks? New Evidence on American Voters’ Political Discussion Networks,” Arsalyn Youth Forum: Caught Between Red and Blue, June 2018, University of California, Davis.

Awards and Fellowships

Leaders for the Future Fellowship: Creating Leaders Through Scholarship, Business Skills, and Innovation, Summer 2019-Summer 2020
UC-Davis Political Science Dept. Travel Award, PolNet 2015, MPSA 2016
MPSA 2017, APSA 2017, MPSA 2018, MPSA 2019 \$3000
Political Networks Travel Fellowship Award, Summers 2015, 2017, 2018, \$2300
UC-Davis Humanities Institute Reading Group Award, Fall 2016, \$300
UC-Davis Political Science Dept. Summer Methods Travel Award, ICPSR 2015, PolNet 2017, \$2000
Summer Research Stipend, Summer 2015, \$5000
First Year Graduate Student Fellowship, Fall 2014, \$6000
Research Distinction and Independent Study, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University. Adviser: Janet Box-Steffensmeier
Undergraduate Research Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences, “The Secret to Secret Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds”, 2013, \$1000
Undergraduate Research Office Summer Fellow, “The Secret to Secret Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds” 2012, \$2800
Undergraduate Research Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences, “The Secret to Secret Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds”, 2012, \$1000

Work Experience	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Labor Market Analyst, January 2014-August 2014 Researcher, May 2013-January 2014
	Parliament of Canada Intern for Earl Dreeshen, Member of Parliament, Red Deer - Mountain View, May 2011-June 2011
Additional Training	University of Michigan Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Time-Series Analysis Course, Summer 2015
	Reed College, Ohio State University, and George Mason University Political Networks Conference NSF-Sponsored Workshops, Introductory and Advanced Network Analysis Courses, Spring 2015, 2016, and 2018
	The Learning Conference (TLC) at APSA Promote the scholarship of teaching and learning, equip faculty with new techniques and resources for teaching, and enhance the role of teaching in the discipline of political science, APSA 2019
Skills and Certificates	Proficient in R, STATA, L ^A T _E X, Qualtrics, and ArcGIS Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certification Currently learning z-tree, Python, and HTML programming Proficient in the Microsoft Office Suite and database programs, including Microsoft Access
References	Available upon request.