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## CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
Director, Centre for Public Opinion and Political Representation ([www.cpopr.com](http://www.cpopr.com))  
Simon Fraser University, 2007 – present.

## EDUCATION

- 2006**      **Ph.D. in Political Science**  
University of California, Irvine  
Dissertation: *Political Parties and Their Members*  
Committee: Russell J. Dalton (Chair), Hans-Dieter Klingemann, Anthony McGann, and Rein Taagepera
- 1998**      **Fulbright Research Fellow**  
University of Potsdam, Germany
- 1997**      **Bachelor of Arts in German (with honors)**  
Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio  
Minors: Political Science and Psychology

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Behaviour	Public Opinion	Comparative Ethnic Relations
European Integration	Parties and Party Systems	Quantitative Methods

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2011**      Weldon, Steven A., David Laycock, Andrea Nüsser, and Colin Whelan. “Getting to Maybe: Assessments of Benefits and Risks in Canadian Public Opinion on Biotechnological Innovation,” in *Regulating Next Generation Agri-Food Bio-Technologies: Lessons from European and Asian Experiences*, Michael Howlett and David Laycock (eds.), Routledge. (forthcoming).
- 2010**      Weldon, Steven A. and Andrea Nüsser. “Bundestag Election 2009: Solidifying the Five Party System,” *German Politics and Society*, 28(3): 47-64.
- Reprinted as a book chapter in *Between Left and Right: The 2009 Bundestag*

*Elections and Transformation of the German Party System*, Berghan Books (October 2010).

- 2010** Dalton, Russell J., Alix van Sickle, and Steven A. Weldon. "The Individual-Institutional Nexus of Protest Behavior," *British Journal of Political Science*, 40(1): 51-73.
- 2010** Dalton, Russell J. and Steven A. Weldon. "Germans Divided?: Political Culture in a United Germany," *German Politics and Society*, 28(1): 9-23.
- 2009** Weldon, Steven A. and David Laycock. "Public Opinion and Biotechnological Innovation," *Policy and Society*, 28(4): 315-325.
- 2007** Dalton, Russell J. and Steven A. Weldon. "Partisanship and Party System Institutionalization." *Party Politics* 13(2).
- 2006** Weldon, Steven A. "Downsize my Polity?: Impacts of Size on Party Membership and Member Activism." *Party Politics*, 12(4): 467-81.
- 2006** Weldon, Steven A. "The Institutional Context of Tolerance for Ethnic Minorities: A Comparative, Multi-Level Analysis of Western Europe." *American Journal of Political Science*, 50(2): 331-49.
- 2005** Dalton, Russell J. and Steven A. Weldon. "Public Images of Political Parties: A Necessary Evil?" *West European Politics*, 28(5). (Reprint with updated and expanded analysis).
- 2004** Dalton, Russell J. and Steven A. Weldon. "L'immagine dei partiti politici nell'opinione pubblica: un male necessario?" (Public Images of Political Parties: A Necessary Evil?) *Rivista italiana di scienza politica* 34(3).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2005** Dalton, Russell J. and Steven A. Weldon. "Is the Party Over? Spreading Antipathy toward Parties." *Public Opinion Pros* ([www.publicopinionpros.com](http://www.publicopinionpros.com)).
- Reprinted by the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems:  
[http://www.umich.edu/~cses/resources/results/POP\\_May2005.htm](http://www.umich.edu/~cses/resources/results/POP_May2005.htm)
- 2003** Weldon, Steven A. "Images of Nationhood and Tolerance of Ethnic Minorities: A Comparative Analysis of Western Europe." Monograph Series (CSD03-08). Center for the Study of Democracy, UC Irvine.  
(<http://repositories.cdlib.org/csd/03-09/>).

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Weldon, Steven A. "Failure to Converge: Dominant Factions and Party Behavior."

Weldon, Steven A. "Intraparty Power and Opinion Structure: Moving Beyond May's Law."

Klingemann, Hans-Dieter and Steven A. Weldon. "Political Community and Mutual Trust in the European Union."

Weldon, Steven A. and Michael Struett. "Forsaking Sovereignty: Explaining State Decisions to Sign and Ratify the International Criminal Court Treaty."

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS**

**2005** University of California Regent's Dissertation Writing Fellowship.

**2003** David Easton Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper.

**2002** Guest Scholar, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB). Research Unit: Social and Institutional Change.

**2002** University of California Regent's Research Fellowship.

**2002** DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Fellowship.

**2002** Institute of European Studies (UC Berkeley) Research Fellowship.

**1998 – 2000** National Science Foundation Graduate Research Training Fellowship (Center for the Study of Democracy, UC Irvine).

**1997 – 1998** Fulbright Research Fellowship (University of Potsdam, Germany).

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

**2009 – 2011** Genome Canada, Co-Investigator of Social Science Component Responsible for comparative public opinion component of project on emerging technologies.  
"Grape and Wine Genomics: Political, Social and Ethical Issues," with Michael Howlett and David Laycock.  
Total Grant: \$3,500,000; Political Science component: \$486,268.

**2008 - 2010** Social Science Research Council (Canada), Co-Investigator  
"Canadian Social Democracy in the Fourth Party System," with David Laycock and Lynda Erickson.  
\$127,000.

- 2008 - 2010** Genome BC, Co-Investigator  
Responsible for the public opinion component of this project.  
“WineGen: Public Policy and the Use of Genomic Technologies in the Wine Industry,” with Michael Howlett and David Laycock.  
Total Grant: \$4,500,000; Political Science component: \$270,000.
- 2007** President’s Research Grant, Simon Fraser University  
“Party Organizations and Intraparty Power in Europe.”  
\$10,000.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

- 2004** Weldon, Steven A. “Information und Entscheidung: Kommunikationsmanagement der politischen Führung (by Gerhard Hirscher and Karl-Rudolf Korte)” *German Politics and Society*, 22 (4).
- 2004** Weldon, Steven A. “Immigration and Politics in the New Europe: Reinventing Borders (by Gallya Lahav)” *Political Science Quarterly* 199 (4).
- 2002** Weldon, Steven A. “Parteiorganisation im Wandel (by Thomas Poguntke)” *German Politics and Society*, 20 (2).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2010** “Getting to maybe: Assessments of Benefits and Risks in Canadian Public Opinion on Biotechnological Innovation” with David Laycock and Colin Whelan. Paper presented at Regulating Next Generation Genomics conference. Geneva.
- 2009** “Integration or Fragmentation: Party System Institutionalization in the New Europe.” Presentation as part of symposium to commemorate 20 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall at general meetings of European Consortium for Political Research. Organized by Hans-Dieter Klingemann. Potsdam, Germany.
- 2009** “Left-Right Policy Representation in Comparative Perspective.” Paper prepared for conference on Comparative Perspectives on Political Representation at Simon Fraser University.
- 2008** “Intraparty Power and Party Behavior.” Paper prepared for the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.
- 2007** “Intraparty Opinion Structure, Dominant Factions and Party Behavior: Moving Beyond May’s Law.” Paper prepared for the Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research. Helsinki.
- 2007** “The Psychological Roots of Oligarchy: Attitudes toward Intraparty Power.”

Paper prepared for the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.

- 2007** “Why Do States Join the International Criminal Court: A Typology.” Paper prepared for the annual meetings of the International Studies Association. Chicago.
- 2006** “Signing and Ratifying International Treaties: A Case Study of the International Criminal Court Statute” with Michael Struett. Paper prepared for the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia.
- 2006** “Intraparty Politics, Dominant Factions and Party Behavior.” Paper prepared for the annual meetings of Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2006** “Images of Nationhood and Tolerance of Ethnic Minorities: A Multilevel Model.” Invited Talk. Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford University.
- 2005** “Party Member Activism in Advanced Industrial Democracies.” Invited Talk. Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina.
- 2005** “Attachment to Parties as a Measure of Institutionalization” with Russell J. Dalton. Paper presented at the conference on "Political Parties and Political Development," National Democratic Institute. Washington, D.C.
- 2005** “Opinion Structure in Political Parties: May’s Law Revisited.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C.
- 2005** “Mobilizing the Choir: Party Activism in Advanced Industrial Democracies.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.
- 2004** “The Party on the Ground: Party Membership in Advanced Industrial Democracies.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association. Chicago.
- 2003** “Integration of Ethnic Minorities in Western Europe: A Neo-Institutionalist Approach.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Western Political Science Association.
- 2003** “Images of Nationhood and Tolerance of Ethnic Minorities: A Comparative Analysis of Western Europe.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the International Studies Association.
- 2003** “Protest Vote or Ideological Coherence: The Sources of Far-Right Party Support in Four European Countries.” Paper presented at the Comparativists’ Day

Conference, UCLA.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (CONFERENCES)**

- 2009** Discussant for Panel: *Party Members and Representation in Multi-layered Systems*. General conference of the European Consortium of Political Research. Potsdam, Germany.
- 2009** Discussant for Panel: *Identity and Religion in Mass Politics*. Annual meetings of Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.
- 2008** Discussant for Panel: *Political Behavior in Post-Communist Countries*. Annual meetings of Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.
- 2007** Discussant for Panel: *On the Periphery: The Participation of Marginalized Groups in Comparative Perspective*. Annual meetings of Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.
- 2007** Chair for Panel: *On the Periphery: The Participation of Marginalized Groups in Comparative Perspective*. Annual meetings of Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.

## **JOURNAL REFEREEING**

*American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; Cross-Cultural Research; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; European Union Politics; Electoral Studies; Political Behavior; Political Studies; Scandinavian Political Studies; and Social Forces.*

## **PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

- 2006 – 2007** Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina.
- 2005 – 2006** Lecturer, Department of Politics, Pomona College.  
Introduction to Comparative Politics
- 2003 – 2006** Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Canadian Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

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