

## Charles R. Hunt

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### EDUCATION

B.A. Political Science (2011)

*Brown University*

M.A. Government & Politics (2017)

Ph.D. Government & Politics (Expected 2019)

*University of Maryland, College Park*

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics (*Congressional Representation, Congressional Elections, Electoral Competition*)

Political Methodology (*Research Methods, Natural Experiments*)

### SCHOLARSHIP IN PUBLICATION OR UNDER REVIEW

[“When Does Redistricting Matter? Changing Conditions and Their Effect on Voter Turnout.”](#) 2018. *Electoral Studies* 54 (128-138)

“Team Players: How Committee Staffers Clear the Runway for Legislative Action in Congress.” Forthcoming chapter in volume on Congressional Capacity. Editors: Tim LaPira and Lee Drutman. (with Casey Burgat)

“Power of the Personal: How Legislators’ District Roots Dictate Campaign Spending.” Under Review.

“Fake it ‘Til You Make it: New Avenues for Challenger Success Through Campaign Spending.” Under Review. (with Casey Burgat)

### WORKING PAPERS

“Home Field Advantage: Roots, Reelection, and Representation in the Modern Congress.” (Doctoral Dissertation)

“Beyond Partisanship: The Reputational Range of House Members’ District Roots.”

“Points on the Board: How District Roots Expand Constituency Support”

“The Convergence of Partisan and Social Sorting on Presidential Voting Behavior.” (with Analía Gómez Vidal)

“The Presence and Prevalence of the Tea Party Movement in U.S. State Legislatures.” (with Stella Rouse)

“First Aides: How Freshman Members Staff Their Congressional Offices.” (with Casey Burgat)

### SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Independent Spending in State Elections after Citizens United by Business, Ideological and Issue Groups.” *American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2018.* (with Keith E. Hamm, Jaclyn Kettler, and Michael J. Malbin)

[“Fake it ‘Til You Make it: Nuanced Spending Choices by Challengers and Incumbents.”](#) *Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2018.* (with Casey Burgat)

[“Independent Spending in State Elections after Citizens United by Business, Ideological and Issue Groups.”](#) *Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2018.* (with Keith E. Hamm, Jaelyn Kettler and Michael J. Malbin)

[“Nationalized Party Networks in State Elections, 2006-2016.”](#) *American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2017.* (with Keith E. Hamm, Jaelyn Kettler, Michael J. Malbin and Brendan Glavin)

[“Paying to Play: Dual Candidacy Laws and the Potential Costs of Running for Office.”](#) *Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2017.*

[“Recruiting the Best Candidate for the Job: Candidate Dyads and Congressional Election Outcomes.”](#) *Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2016* (with James Gimpel and Kristina Miler)

## **OTHER MEDIA & RESEARCH REPORTS**

[“How Committee Staffers Clear the Runway for Legislative Action in Congress.”](#) *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; June 15, 2018* (with Casey Burgat)

[“Members of Congress may not look like their constituents, but they do look like their parties.”](#) *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; February 28, 2018*

[“No, gerrymandering is not THE cause for non-competitive congressional elections and legislative polarization.”](#) *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; January 5, 2018*

[“How Wealthy are our Representatives?”](#) *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; September 29, 2017* (with Casey Burgat)

[“Are Long Weekends Reducing Congress’ Productivity?”](#) *Policy short published by the R Street Institute; July 30, 2017; re-published as shortened op-ed in Inside Sources* (with Casey Burgat)

[“Party Contribution Limits and Polarization.”](#) *Report published by the Campaign Finance Institute; June 27, 2017* (with Michael J. Malbin)

[“Campaign Finance and Public Opinion: Analysis from the Washington Post/University of Maryland Poll.”](#) *Report published by the Center for American Politics and Citizenship; December 18, 2015*

## **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

*Research Assistant*

Dr. Stella Rouse (August 2016 - December 2016; August 2017 - present)

National Institute of Money in Politics (July 2018-September 2018)

Campaign Finance Institute (August 2016 - July 2018)

University of Maryland, Department of Government & Politics Experimental Laboratory (Spring 2016)

Center for American Politics & Citizenship (August 2014 – December 2015)

## **TEACHING**

*Primary Instructor*

GVPT 388P: Topical Investigations: Maryland Internship Program (Summer 2016)

GVPT 388W: Maryland Public Policy and Beyond (Fall 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018)

*Teaching Assistant*

GVPT 170: Introduction to American Government (Kris Miler, Primary Instructor - Spring 2016, Spring 2017)

## **SERVICE**

*Reviewer:* Legislative Studies Quarterly, American Politics Research

*Discussant:* MPSA 2018 (poster session)

*Co-organizer:* State Politics and Policy Conference 2019 (hosted at University of Maryland, College Park)

## **SKILLS & PROGRAMMING**

R, Stata, Geographic information systems (ArcGIS and QGIS)

## **GRANTS & AWARDS**

University of Maryland, College Park, Summer Research Grant (2015)

University of Maryland College of Behavioral and Social Science, Dean's Fellowship (2015, 2016, 2017)

## **PH.D. MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Kristina Miler (Faculty Advisor)

James Gimpel

Michael J. Hanmer

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEE**

Kristina Miler (Chair)

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