

# DEREK A. EPP

Curriculum Vitæ

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## Education

- 2015: Ph.D. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Political Science  
**Fields:** American Politics (major), Public Policy (minor)
- 2011: M.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Political Science
- 2008: B.A. University of Maryland at College Park, Political Science

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## Employment

- 2017–present: Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2015–2017: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Dartmouth College

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## Books

- Baumgartner, Frank R., **Derek A. Epp**, and Kelsey Shoub. 2018. *Suspect Citizens: What 20 Million Traffic Stops Tell Us About Policing and Race*. Cambridge University Press.
  - Co-winner of the C. Herman Pritchett Best Book Award from the APSA Organized Section on Law and Courts, 2019
- **Epp, Derek A.** 2018. *The Structure of Policy Change*. The University of Chicago Press.

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## Articles

- **Epp, Derek A.** and Jay T. Jennings. 2021. Inequality, Media Frames, and Public Support for Welfare. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, forthcoming.
- Christiani, Leah, Kelsey Shoub, Frank R. Baumgartner, **Derek A. Epp**, and Kevin Roach. 2021. Better for Everyone: Black Descriptive Representation and Police Traffic Stops. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, forthcoming.
- Roach, Kevin, Frank R. Baumgartner, Leah Christiani, **Derek A. Epp**, and Kelsey Shoub. 2020. At the Intersection: Race, Gender, and Discretion in Police Traffic Stop Outcomes. *The Journal of Race, Ehtnicity, and Politics*, forthcoming.
- Quaglia, Laura, **Derek A. Epp**, and Katherine R. Madel. 2020. Does partisanship explain spending patterns in congressional bill proposals? *Party Politics*, forthcoming.
- Shoub, Kelsey, Leah Christiani, Frank R. Baumgartner, **Derek A. Epp**, and Kevin Roach. 2020. Fines, Fees, Forfeitures, and Disparities: A Link Between Municipal Reliance on Fines and Racial Disparities in Policing. *Policy Studies Journal*, forthcoming.
- **Epp, Derek A.** and Enrico Borghetto. 2020. Legislative Agendas during Periods of Inequality: Evidence from Europe and the United States. *Journal of European Public Policy*, forthcoming.

- **Epp, Derek A.** and Macey Erhardt. 2020. The Use and Effectiveness of Investigative Police Stops. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, forthcoming.
- Shoub, Kelsey, **Derek A. Epp**, Frank R. Baumgartner, Leah Christiani, and Kevin Roach. 2020. Race, Place, and Context: The Persistence of Race Effects in Traffic Stop Outcomes. *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 5 (3): 481-508.
- Jones, Bryan D., **Derek A. Epp**, and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2019. Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Policy Punctuations. *International Review of Public Policy* 1 (1): 7-26.
- **Epp, Derek A.** 2018. Policy Agendas and Economic Inequality in American Politics. *Political Studies* 66 (4): 922-939.
- **Epp, Derek A.** 2017. Public Policy and the Wisdom of Crowds. *Cognitive Systems Research* 43: 53-61.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., Marcello Carammia, **Derek A. Epp**, Ben Noble, Beatriz Rey, and Tevfik Murat Yildirim. 2017. Budgeting in Authoritarian and Democratic Regimes. *Journal of European Public Policy* 24 (6): 792-808.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., **Derek A. Epp**, Bayard Love, and Kelsey Shoub. 2017. Targeting Young Men of Color for Search and Arrest during Traffic Stops: Evidence from North Carolina, 2002-2013. *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 5 (1): 107-131.
- **Epp, Derek A.** and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2017. Complexity, Capacity, and Budget Punctuations. *Policy Studies Journal* 45 (2): 247-264.
- **Epp, Derek A.** 2015. Punctuated Equilibria in the Private Sector and the Stability of Market Systems. *Policy Studies Journal*, 43 (4): 417-436.
- **Epp, Derek A.**, John Lovett, and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2014. Partisan Priorities and Public Budgeting. *Political Research Quarterly* 67 (4): 864-878.

## Other

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### Law Review

- Baumgartner, Frank R., Leah Christiani, **Derek A. Epp**, Kevin Roach, and Kelsey Shoub. 2017. Racial Disparities in Traffic Stop Outcomes. *Duke Forum for Law and Social Change* 9: 21-53.

### Conference Papers

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- Barranca, Abraham, Christine C. Bird, and **Derek A. Epp**. 2019. Expensive Bills and Agenda Setting in the US Congress. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 4–7, Chicago, IL.
- **Epp, Derek A.**, Laura de Castro Quaglia, and Katherine R. Madel. 2019. Partisan Spending Patterns in Bill Proposals. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 4–7, Chicago, IL.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., Leah Christiani, **Derek A. Epp**, Santiago Olivella, Kevin Roach, and Kelsey Shoub. 2018. Driving While Black: A Hierarchical Bayesian Latent Threshold Model of Suspicion. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 30–September 2, Boston, MA.
- Shoub, Kelsey, Frank R. Baumgartner, **Derek A. Epp**, Leah R. Christiani, and Kevin Roach. 2018. Policing the Powerless: How Black Political Power Reduces Disparities in Traffic Stops Outcomes. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 5–8, Chicago, IL.
- Birkhead, Nathaniel A., **Derek A. Epp**, and Justin Kirkland. 2017. Defining and Assessing the Efficiency of State Governments. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31–September 3, San Francisco, CA.

- Baumgartner, Frank R., Kelsey Shoub, and **Derek A. Epp**. 2017. Investigatory Traffic Stops and Police Legitimacy in Minority Communities. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 6–9, Chicago, IL.
- Wolf, Gregory J. and **Derek A. Epp**. 2016. The Dynamics of Policy Liberalism. Comparative Agendas Project Conference, June 27–29, Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Epp, Derek A.** 2016. Agendas and Income Inequality in American Politics. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 7–10, Chicago, IL.
- **Epp, Derek A.** 2015. Agendas and Inequality. Comparative Agendas Project Conference, June 22–24, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., Petra Bishtawi, Marcello Carammia, **Derek A. Epp**, Ben Noble, Beatriz Rey, and Tevfik Murat Yildirim. 2015. Budgeting in Authoritarian and Democratic Regimes. Comparative Agendas Project Conference, June 22–24, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Rey, Beatriz, **Derek A. Epp**, and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2015. Punctuated Equilibrium in Public Budgeting in Authoritarian and Democratic Brazil. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 16–19, Chicago, IL.
- **Epp, Derek A.** 2014. Punctuated Equilibrium and the Centralization of Decision-making Processes. Comparative Agendas Project Conference, June 12–14, Konstanz, Germany.
- **Epp, Derek A.** and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2014. How Robust are Distributional Findings of Punctuated Equilibrium in Public Budgets? Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3–6, Chicago, IL.
- Grigg, Amanda J. and **Derek A. Epp**. Debating Birth Control, 1975 to 2010. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3–6, Chicago, IL.
- **Epp, Derek A.** 2013. Patterns of Change in Mass Political Opinion. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 29–September 1, Chicago, IL.
- **Epp, Derek A.** 2013. Explaining Punctuations. Comparative Agendas Project Conference, June 27–29, Antwerp, Belgium.
- **Epp, Derek A.**, John Lovett, and Frank R. Baumgartner. 2012. Searching for Election Effects in U.S. Policymaking and Spending. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 12–15, Chicago, IL.

## Grants and Awards

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- 2018: Center for Enterprise and Policy Analytics, UT Austin McCombs School of Business \$35,000
- 2009–2014: Thomas M. Uhlman Scholarship, UNC Department of Political Science \$5,000 per annum
- 2009–2014: American Political Research Group Summer Fellowship, UNC Department of Political Science \$3,000 per annum
- 2008: *Phi Beta Kappa*, University of Maryland

## Teaching

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### Instructor

- GOV 370: Research on the US Congress, UT Austin Department of Government
- GOV 384: Policy Processes, UT Austin Department of Government
- GOV 358: Introduction to Public Policy, UT Austin Department of Government
- GOV 370: Race, Policing, and Incarceration, UT Austin Department of Government
- GOV 310: American Government, UT Austin Department of Government
- POLI 101: State and Local Politics, UNC Department of Political Science
- POLI 100: Introduction to Government in the United States, UNC Department of Political Science

### Teaching Assistant

- POLI 195: The End of the Death Penalty, UNC Department of Political Science
- POLI 101: State and Local Politics, UNC Department of Political Science
- POLI 100: Introduction to Government in the United States, UNC Department of Political Science