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Employment

North Dakota State University (2012–)
Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science
University of Mississippi (2011–2012)
Croft Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Croft Institute
Vanderbilt University (2010–2011)
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2010)
M.A. Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2007)
A.B. Political Science (with Honors), Washington University in St. Louis (2002)
B.S. Applied Science (Computer Science), Washington University in St. Louis (2002)

Research

Articles

- Meserve, S.A., D. Pemstein, and W.T. Bernhard. Forthcoming. Gender, Incumbency, and Party List Nominations. *British Journal of Political Science*.
- Meserve, S.A. and D. Pemstein. Forthcoming. Google Politics: The Political Determinants of Internet Censorship in Democracies. *Political Science Research & Methods*.
- Pemstein, D., S. A. Meserve, and W. T. Bernhard. 2015. Brussels Bound: Policy Experience and Candidate Selection in European Elections. *Comparative Political Studies* 48(11), 1421–1453.
- Thomas, L. E. and D. Pemstein. 2015. What You See is What You Get: Webcam Placement Influences Perception and Social Coordination. *Frontiers in Psychology* 6(306).
- Lindberg, S., M. Coppedge, J. Gerring, J. Teorell, D. Pemstein, E. Tzelgov, Y. Wang, A. Glynn, D. Altman, M. Bernhard, S. Fish, A. Hicken, M. Kroenig, K. McMann, P. Paxton, M. Reif, S.-E. Skaaning, and J. Staton. 2014. V-Dem: A New Way to Measure Democracy. *Journal of Democracy* 25(3), 159–169.
- Pemstein, D., K. M. Quinn, and A. D. Martin. 2011. The Scythe Statistical Library: An Open Source C++ Library for Statistical Computation. *Journal of Statistical Software* 42(12), 1–26.
- Pemstein, D., S. A. Meserve, and J. Melton. 2010. Democratic Compromise: A Latent Variable Analysis of Ten Measures of Regime Type. *Political Analysis* 18(4), 426–449.
Reprinted in William G. Jacoby, Ed. 2014. “Measurement in Political Science.” *Political Analysis* VI6.
- Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2009. Political Ambition and Legislative Behavior in the European Parliament. *Journal of Politics* 71(2), 1015–1032.

Edited Volume

Pemstein, D. and B. Zimmerman (eds). 2015. Authoritarian Media Control. *APSA-CD 13*(3).

Work Under Review/Contract

Meserve, S.A., S. Palani, and D. Pemstein. Measuring Candidate Selection Mechanisms in European Elections: Comparing Formal Party Rules to Candidate Survey Responses. Invited to revise and resubmit to *European Union Politics*.

Gerring, J., E. Oncel, K. Morrison, and D. Pemstein. Who Rules the World? A Comprehensive Assessment of Political Leaders. Invited to revise and resubmit to *British Journal of Political Science*.

Coppedge, M., J. Gerring, S.I. Lindberg, D. Pemstein, B. Seim, and J. Teorell; with D. Altman, M. Bernhard, F. Bizzarro Neto, S. Fish, A. Glynn, C. Knutsen, K. McMann, M. Maguire, K. Marquardt, V. Meckkova, J. Pernes, R. Sigman, S. Skaaning, J. Staton, N. Stepanova, E. Tzelgov, and Y. Wang. *Varieties of Democracy*. Under contract with Cambridge University Press.

Pemstein, D. Bureaucratic Mediation and European Lawmaking. Under review.

Gerring, J., D. Pemstein, and S.E. Skaaning. An Ordinal, Concept-Driven Approach to Measurement: The Lexical Scale. Under review.

McMann, K., D. Pemstein, B. Seim, J. Teorell, and S.I. Lindberg. Measurement Assessment Strategies: Assessing The Varieties of Democracy Corruption Measures. Under review.

Marquardt, K.L., and D. Pemstein. IRT Models of Expert-Coded Data. Under review.

Datasets (Most Recent Release)

Coppedge, Michael, John Gerring, Staffan I. Lindberg, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Jan Teorell, David Altman, Michael Bernhard, M. Steven Fish, Adam Glynn, Allen Hicken, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Kyle L. Marquardt, Kelly McMann, Farhad Miri, Pamela Paxton, Daniel Pemstein, Jeffrey Staton, Eitan Tzelgov, Yi-ting Wang, and Brigitte Zimmerman. 2016. "V-Dem Dataset v6." Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project. <http://v-dem.net>.

Winner of APSA-CP's 2015 Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award.

Melton, James, Stephen A. Meserve, and Daniel Pemstein. 2014. "Unified Democracy Scores v3." <http://www.unified-democracy-scores.org>.

Software (Most Recent Release)

Pemstein, D., K. M. Quinn, and A. D. Martin. 2012. Scythe Statistical Library Version 1.0.3. <http://scythe.wustl.edu>.

External Funding

Latent Variable Models for the Varieties of Democracy Project. 2014–18. Subcontract from University of Gothenburg on Riksbankens Jubileumsfond Award M13-0559:1. \$134,555 (Subcontract PI, Original grant PI Staffan Lindberg).

Defamation or Dirty Laundry? Clientelism and Internet Censorship. 2015–16. Google Faculty Research Award. \$50,025 (PI, with Stephen A. Meserve).

Collaborative Research: Institutions and Development: A Disaggregated, Historical Analysis. 2014–16. National Science Foundation SES-1423944. \$98,529 [Collaborative total: \$275,929] (PI, with Michael Coppedge and John Gerring).

The Political Determinants of Internet Censorship. 2013–14. Google Faculty Research Award. \$35,591 (PI, with Stephen A. Meserve).

Internal Funding

Do Consent Decrees Reduce the Use of Force? Evidence from Police Reports and Hospital Records. 2016. Upper Midwest Regional Center on Public Policy, North Dakota State University. \$1,236 (PI, with Steven Briggs).

Do Consent Decrees Reduce the Use of Force? Evidence from Police Reports and Hospital Records. 2016. Dean’s Challenge Grant, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, North Dakota State University. \$6,000 (PI, with Steven Briggs).

Women’s Representation in European Parliament Elections. 2012. Summer Research Grant, College of Liberal Arts, University of Mississippi. \$7,500 (PI).

Political Ambition in the European Parliament. 2007. Graduate Student Research Travel Grant, European Union Center, University of Illinois. \$1,500 (PI).

Invited Presentations

Department of Political Science (2016), Michigan State University.

Kellogg Institute for International Studies (2016), University of Notre Dame.

V-Dem Institute (2014), University of Gothenburg.

Department of Political Science (2014), Texas Tech University.

Kellogg Institute for International Studies (2013), University of Notre Dame.

Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (2012), University of Washington.

Department of Political Science (2012), University of Washington.

Department of Political Science (2012), University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Department of Political Science and Croft Institute (2010), University of Mississippi.

Internal Presentations

Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (2011), Vanderbilt University.

Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (2010), Vanderbilt University.

Recent Conference Presentations

Pemstein, D., E. Tzelgov, and Y. Wang. Bridging in Item Response Theory Models: Improving Latent Trait Estimation in Expert Surveys. Presented at *Varieties of Democracy Latent Variable Modeling Week*, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg.

Marquardt, K. and D. Pemstein. 2016. IRT Models of Expert-Coded Data. Presented at *Varieties of Democracy Latent Variable Modeling Week*, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg.

Pemstein, D. and B. Seim. 2016. Incorporating Anchoring Vignettes at V-Dem: Examining the Scope Conditions of Vignettes Usage. Presented at *Varieties of Democracy Latent Variable Modeling Week*, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg.

Meserve, S.A. and D. Pemstein. 2016. Clientelism and Censorship. Presented at *Varieties of Democracy: Nature, Causes, and Consequences*, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame.

Pemstein, D. and B. Seim. 2016. Anchoring Vignettes and Item Response Theory in Cross-National Expert Surveys. Presented at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia.

Steele, C., D. Pemstein, and S.A. Meserve. 2016. Democracy Promotion and Electoral Quality: A Disaggregated Analysis. Presented at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia.

Marquardt, K. and D. Pemstein. 2016. IRT Models of Expert-Coded Data. Presented at *International Political Science Association World Congress*, Poznan [Did not attend].

Meserve, S. A. and D. Pemstein. 2016. Clientelism and Censorship. Presented at *European Political Science Annual Meeting*, Brussels.

Meserve, S.A., S. Palani, and D. Pemstein. 2016. Assessing the Reliability of Survey Measures of Political Institutions. Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago [Did not attend].

Marquardt, K. and D. Pemstein. 2016. Do Experts Know How Much They Know? Do Statistical Models? Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago [Did not attend].

Dahle, T., D. Pemstein, and S. Briggs. 2016. Predictors of Crashes in Police Pursuits. Presented at *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting*, Denver [Did not attend].

Huynh, C., D. Pemstein, and S. Briggs. 2016. Evaluating the Validity of Police Pursuit Reports with Transportation Department Crash Data. Presented at *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting*, Denver [Did not attend].

Briggs, S. and D. Pemstein. 2016. Do Restrictive Pursuit Policies Protect Motorists? Presented at *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting*, Denver [Did not attend].

Mrozla, T., D. Pemstein, and S. Briggs. 2016. Evaluating the Impact of Changes in Pursuit Policies on Crime Rates. Presented at *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting*, Denver [Did not attend].

Meserve, S. A. and D. Pemstein. 2015. Defamation or Dirty Laundry? Clientelism and Internet Censorship. Presented at *American Political Science Annual Meeting*, San Francisco.

Coppedge, M., A. Glynn, S. Lindberg, D. Pemstein, and B. Zimmerman. 2015. Poor and Religious Countries Seem Less Democratic: Irrelevant Information and Evaluations of Regime Type. Presented at *American Political Science Annual Meeting*, San Francisco.

Pemstein, D.. 2015. Natural Language Processing and Selection Bias in Roll Call Votes. Presented at *5th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association*, Vienna.

- Meserve, S. A. and D. Pemstein. 2015. Defamation or Dirty Laundry? Clientelism and Internet Censorship. Presented at *5th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association*, Vienna.
- Coppedge, M., A. Glynn, S. Lindberg, D. Pemstein, and B. Zimmerman. 2015. Conceptualizing Democracy with Academics and Citizens: A Survey Experiment Using Paired Country Comparisons. Presented at *V-Dem Research Program Conference*, Gothenburg.
- Pemstein, D., E. Tzelgov, and Y. Wang. 2015. Bridging in Item Response Theory Models. Presented at *Conference on Ideal Point Models*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Pemstein, D., E. Tzelgov, and Y. Wang. 2015. Evaluating and Improving Item Response Theory Models for Cross-National Expert Surveys. Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.
- Coppedge, M., A. Glynn, S. Lindberg, D. Pemstein, and B. Zimmerman. 2015. Conceptualizing Democracy: A Survey Experiment Using Paired Country Comparisons. Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.
- Melton, J., S. A. Meserve, and D. Pemstein. 2015. Time to Model the Rating Process: Dynamic Latent Variable Models for Regime Characteristics. Presented at *Political Studies Association Quantitative Methods Network Conference*, University of Oxford [Did not attend].
- Briggs, S. J. and D. Pemstein. 2014. The Impact of Landmark Cases of Police Misconduct on Reporting by Victims. Presented at *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, San Francisco [Did not attend].
- Pemstein, D., E. Tzelgov, and Y. Wang. 2014. Evaluating and Improving Item Response Theory Models for Cross-National Expert Surveys. Presented at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Washington.
- Melton, J., S. A. Meserve, and D. Pemstein. 2014. Time to Model the Rating Process: Dynamic Latent Variable Models for Regime Characteristics. Presented at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Washington.
- Pemstein, D.. 2014. Predicting and Explaining Strategic Legislative Transparency. Presented at *European Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Edinburgh.
- Melton, J., S. A. Meserve, and D. Pemstein. 2014. Time to Model the Rating Process: Dynamic Latent Variable Models for Regime Characteristics. Presented at *European Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Edinburgh.
- Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2013. Brussels Bound: Policy Expertise and Candidate Selection in European Elections. Presented at *Symposium on European Union Governance*, *European Union Center*, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.
- Pemstein, D., S. A. Meserve, and W. T. Bernhard. 2013. Gender and Candidate Nomination in European Elections. Presented at *Symposium on European Union Governance*, *European Union Center*, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.
- Pemstein, D.. 2013. Measurement Models for the Varieties of Democracy Project. Presented at *Authors' Workshop*, *Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research*, Maxwell School, Syracuse University.

Thomas, L. E. and D. Pemstein. 2013. What You See is What You Get: Webcam Viewing Angle Influences Social Coordination. Presented at *Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting*, Naples, Florida.

Meserve, S. A. and D. Pemstein. 2013. Google Politics: The Political Determinants of Internet Censorship. Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.

Meserve, S. A. and D. Pemstein. 2012. Google Politics: The Political Determinants of Internet Censorship. Presented at *European Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Berlin.

Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2012. Gender and Candidate Nomination in European Elections. Presented at *European Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Berlin.

Pemstein, D.. 2012. The Power of Suggestion: Coordinating Compromise in a Bicameral Legislature. Presented at *Workshop on the European Parliament*, *European Union Center*, University of Illinois, Urbana.

Meserve, S. A. and D. Pemstein. 2012. Google Politics: The Political Determinants of Internet Censorship. Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.

Meserve, S. A., D. Pemstein, and W. T. Bernhard. 2011. The Determinants of European Parliament Candidate Selection. Presented at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle.

Imai, K., J. D. Clinton, and D. Pemstein. 2011. Measuring Party Influence on Legislative Agendas with “Noisy” Data: The Case of the U.S. House, 1789-2010. Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.

Teaching

Interests

Methodology (Bayesian Statistics, Machine Learning, [Large-Scale] Statistical Computing)
Comparative Politics (Democratic Institutions, CPE, Digital Politics, European Union)

Courses

North Dakota State University

POLS 225: Comparative Politics
POLS 325: Applied Research Methods
POLS 442: Global Policy Issues
POLS 451: Politics of the Industrialized Countries
POLS 489: Senior Seminar (Digital Politics)

University of Mississippi

POL 382: Comparative Legislative Behavior
INST 205: Introduction to European Studies
INST 381: Research Methods for International Studies Majors

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

PS 240: Introduction to Comparative Politics

Workshops

Varieties of Democracy Data: Incorporating Measurement Uncertainty. *Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame*. March 18, 2016 (with Michael Coppedge and Fernando Bizzarro Neto).

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award (with 23 other members of the V-Dem team)
Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2015

Burkholder Prize for the best dissertation defended in 2009 or 2010
Department of Political Science, University of Illinois

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University (2009–2010)

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University (2008–2009)

Graduate Student Travel Award
The 24th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, July 2007

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute (Travel Award)
Washington University in St. Louis, June 2005

Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention
National Science Foundation, 2005

James Wilford Garner Fellowship
Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2003—2006, Spring 2008

Service and Professionalization

Organizational Roles

Project Manager, Varieties of Democracy Project, 2013–
Steering Committee Member, Varieties of Democracy Project, 2015–
Coordinator, Methods Coordination Project, 2014—
Officer Nomination Committee, APSA Political Economy Section, 2016

Peer Review

Journals: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Climatic Change, Comparative Political Studies, European Union Politics, International Interactions, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, PLOS One, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, West European Politics

Granting Agencies: National Science Foundation

Conference Participation

Organization

Co-organizer (with Kyle Marquardt), V-Dem Latent Variable Modeling Week, October 2016

Panel Chair

European Political Science Association General Conference: 2014, 2016
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2008, 2009

Discussant

Authors' Workshop, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research: 2013
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2008, 2009, 2015

Departmental Activities

POLS Internship Coordinator: 2017 (NDSU)
Pi Sigma Alpha Chapter Advisor: 2016- (NDSU)
External Speaker Committee: 2016 (NDSU)
Co-organizer of the CJPS Research Symposium Series: 2014-2015 (NDSU)
Department Chair Search Committee: 2011 (UM), 2012 (NDSU)
Faculty Search Committee: 2013 (NDSU)
Budget Committee: 2013-14 (NDSU)
Curriculum Committee: 2011 (UM/Croft)
Undergraduate Thesis Prize Committee: 2012 (UM/Croft)
Comprehensive Exam Committee: 2011 (UM)

College/University Activities

College Representative for Bookstore Review: 2016 (NDSU)
Internal Reviewer for Graduate Student NSF-GRF Proposals: 2015 (NDSU)
Safe Zone Ally; SZA, TGA, Upstander: 2014–present (NDSU)
Forward Ally: 2012–present (NDSU)

Master's Thesis Committees

Aka Kyaw Min Maw, NDSU Agribusiness and Applied Economics (2015)

Skills

Language: German (Advanced), French (Basic)
Computing: R, Stata, Common Lisp, Perl, C/C++, Mathematica, Matlab, Java, L^AT_EX