

Charles R. Hunt

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor (Fall 2019 - present), **Boise State University** (*Political Science Program - School of Public Service*)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Government & Politics (2019), **University of Maryland, College Park** (*Department of Government & Politics*)

B.A. Political Science (2011), **Brown University** (*Department of Political Science*)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics (*Representation in Congress, Congressional Elections, Political Geography*)

Political Methodology (*Research Methods/Design, Multilevel Modeling, Geographic Information Systems*)

BOOKS

Burgat, Casey and **Charles Hunt**. 2022. [*Congress Explained: Lawmaking and Representation in the First Branch*](#). SAGE/CQ Press.

Hunt, Charles. 2022. [*Home Field Advantage: Roots, Reelection, and Representation in the Modern Congress*](#). Univ. of Michigan Press.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Hunt, Charles and Jaclyn Kettler. 2023. "Donors, Spenders, and Nationalization in the Race for Congress." Forthcoming book chapter in *Roads to Congress 2022*. Eds., Sean D. Foreman, Marcia L. Godwin, Walter Clark Wilson. *Palgrave Macmillan*.

Herrnson, Paul S., Jaclyn Kettler and **Charles Hunt**. 2022. "[Vive la Différence? Is There a Gender Gap in Campaign Strategy and Spending, and Does it Matter?](#)" Forthcoming in *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*.

Rouse, Stella, **Charles Hunt** and Kristen Essel. 2022. "[Growing Tea With Subnational Roots: Predicting Tea Party Affiliation in State Legislatures](#)." *American Politics Research* 50(2): 242-254.

Hunt, Charles. 2021. "[Beyond Partisanship: Outperforming the Party Label With Local Roots in Congressional Elections](#)." *Congress and the Presidency* 48(3), 343-372.

Hunt, Charles. 2021. "Campaign Finance Trends and Developments in the 2020 Elections." Book chapter from [The Elections of 2020](#) Ed., Michael Nelson. *University of Virginia Press*.

Hunt, Charles. 2021. "[Expanding Constituency Support Through Shared Local Roots in U.S. House Primaries](#)." 2021. *American Politics Research* 49(2), 233-244.

Hunt, Charles, Jaclyn Kettler, Brendan Glavin, Michael J. Malbin, and Keith E. Hamm. 2020. "[Assessing Group Incentives, Independent Spending, and Campaign Finance Law by Comparing the States](#)." *Election Law Journal* 19(3), 374-391.

Burgat, Casey and **Charles Hunt**. 2020. "Team Players: How Committee Staffers Clear the Runway for Legislative Action in Congress." Book chapter from [Congress Overwhelmed](#). Eds., Tim LaPira, Kevin R. Kosar and Lee Drutman. *University of*

Chicago Press.

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

Hunt, Charles and David Fontana. 2022. "Do Voters Prefer Local Candidates? Multimethod Evidence from the U.S. Senate." Under Review.

Hunt, Charles. 2022. "Won't You Be My Senator? Revisiting 'Friends and Neighbors' Voting in Congressional Elections." Under Review.

Hunt, Charles, Stella Rouse and Jay Barth. 2022. "In the Interests of Millennials? Exploring Generational Representation in U.S. State Legislatures." Under Review.

Hunt, Charles and Kristina Miler. 2022. "How Do Modern Lawmakers Advertise Their Legislative Effectiveness? Evidence From Direct Constituent Communications." Under Review.

Kettler, Jaclyn, **Charles Hunt,** Brendan Glavin, Michael J. Malbin, and Keith E. Hamm. 2022. "State Party Organizations, Independent Expenditures, and Spending Strategies."

Hunt, Charles, and Stella Rouse. 2022. "Local Roots and Electoral Advantages in U.S. State Legislatures."

Hunt, Charles, and Stella Rouse. 2022. "Polarization, Professionalism, and Local Connections in U.S. State Legislatures."

Fowler, Luke and **Charles Hunt.** 2022. "Environmental Politics and the Two-Party Congress, 1970-2022."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (Boise State University)

POLS 101: Introduction to American Government

POLS 300: American Political Institutions and Behavior

POLS 405: American Chief Executive

POLS 406: American Legislatures

POLS 408: Representation in American Politics

POLS 402: Campaigns and Elections

PUBADM 469/569: Making Policy Choices

Adjunct Professor (University of Maryland, College Park)

GVPT 388W: Maryland Public Policy and Beyond

Adjunct Instructor (Union College, Schenectady, NY)

PSC 280T: Changing Federal Institutions in Washington, DC

GUEST LECTURES/PANELS

"Overwhelmed and Undercut: Congress's Power and Responsibility in the Modern Age" (College of Southern Idaho Social Science & Humanities Symposium)

"Moving the Goalposts: Developing *Home Field Advantage* from Start to Finish" (Young Scholars Book Series Virtual Presentation, 2021—University of Maryland, College Park)

“Communicating Research to the Public” (Virtual Panel Discussion, 2020 Midwest Political Science Association)

“Practical Applications of Campaign Finance Data” (Money in Politics Workshop Lecture: 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Conference)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Communication Style' With Substance: How Legislators Advertise Their Effectiveness to Constituents.” (with Kristina Miler) *American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2021.*

“Won't You Be My Senator? Revisiting 'Friends and Neighbors' Voting in Congressional Elections.” *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2021.*

“Local Roots in Historical Perspective: The House of Representatives, 1960-2020.” *Congress and History Conference, 2020*

“In the Interests of Millennials? Exploring Generational Representation in U.S. State Legislatures.” *Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2020.* (with Stella Rouse and Jay Barth)

“Whose Politics is Local? New Empirical Perspectives on the Modern U.S. House.” *Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Boise, ID, 2019.*

“Higher-Quality Controls: What Types of Challengers Really Succeed?” *Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2019.*

“Growing Tea at the Grassroots: Predicting Tea Party Affiliation in State Legislatures.” *Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, 2019.* (with Stella Rouse and Kristen Essel)

“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).

“Team Players: How Committee Staffers Pave the Way for Legislative Action in Congress.” *Conference on Congressional Capacity, Sponsored by R Street Institute and New America Foundation. Washington, DC., 2018.* (with Casey Burgat)

“Nationalized Party Networks in State Elections, 2006-2016.” *American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2017.* (with Keith E. Hamm, Jaclyn 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)

PUBLIC RESEARCH AND MEDIA

“[Politics is still local. When incumbents face off in redrawn districts, community ties make a big difference.](#)” *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage Blog); November 30, 2021.*

“[The election is in six months. Where does the race for control of Congress stand?](#)” *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; May 3, 2020*

“[Bernie talks about a revolution. Does he act on it?](#)” *Brookings Institution; April 11, 2020* (with Casey Burgat and Trey Billing)

[“Congressional representation may be nationalizing, but some politics is still local.”](#) *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; March 13, 2019*

[“The 116th freshman class will be the 2nd most educated—and least politically experienced—in the history of the House.”](#) *Brookings Institution; December 28th, 2018.* (with Casey Burgat)

[“Freshman class of Congress is looking younger, more female.”](#) *USA Today; November 12, 2018* (with Casey Burgat and Trey Billing)

[“The who, what, when, where, and why of congressional campaign spending.”](#) *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group, LegBranch.com; September 25, 2018* (with Casey Burgat)

[“Why was the Peter Strzok hearing such a circus? Because Congress wanted it that way.”](#) *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage Blog); July 17, 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*

“Are Long Weekends Reducing Congress’ Productivity?” *Policy short published by the R Street Institute; July 30, 2017; re-published as 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*

SERVICE

Reviewer

American Political Science Review

Political Behavior

Legislative Studies Quarterly

American Politics Research

Election Law Journal

Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, & Parties

Panel Chair/Discussant

American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2019, 2021)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2018, 2019, 2020, 2022)

Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2019)

Public Service Research

Co-host, *The Big Tent* (Radio Boise, KRBX 89.9)

SKILLS & PROGRAMMING

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

GRANTS & AWARDS

School of Public Service Research Committee Grant(Boise State University) 2020, 2021

Conley H. Dillon Award for best dissertation in the American Politics Subfield 2019 (College of Behavioral and Social Science, University of Maryland)

Henlett Foundation Grant (via *R Street Institute* with Casey Burgat & Trey Billing) 2019