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### **EDUCATION:**

B.A., University of Michigan, political science (1990), Honors College  
A.M., Stanford University, political science (1992)  
Ph.D., Stanford University, political science (1998)

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Department of Political Science, University of Michigan  
Associate Professor, 2007 - current  
Assistant Professor, 2000 - 2007  
Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research  
Research Associate Professor, 2007 - current  
Faculty Associate, 2000 - 2007  
W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow and the Robert Eckles Swain National Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 2007 - 08  
Visiting Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School, Autumn 2002  
Department of Political Science, University of Iowa,  
Assistant Professor, 1998 - 1999  
Instructor, 1997 - 1998  
Olin Fellow in Law and Rational Choice, University of Southern California Law Center, 1996 - 97

### **INTERDISCIPLINARY AFFILIATIONS:**

Collaborator, Santa Fe Institute Project on Law and Complexity, 2007 - current  
Collaborator, Santa Fe Institute Project on Robustness in the Social Sciences, 2002 - 2008

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Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy, Ford School of Public Policy, July 2003 -- 2007  
Associated Faculty, Center for the Study of Complex Systems, University of Michigan, Sept. 2002 - current  
Associated Faculty, Olin Center for Law and Economics, University of Michigan Law School, Sept. 2000 - current  
Affiliated Faculty, Center for European Studies, Michigan, Sept. 2000 - current  
Affiliated Faculty, European Union Center, Michigan, Sept. 2001 - current  
Visiting Scholar, CREA (CNRS/Ecole Polytechnique), Paris, Summer/Fall 1994  
Visiting Scholar, Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa, Fall/Winter 1994 - 5  
Regular Visitor to the Santa Fe Institute since 1995

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

- Bednar, Jenna. 2009. *The Robust Federation: Principles of Design*. Cambridge University Press (Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions series).
- Bednar, Jenna. 2008. "An Identity-Based Theory of Federalism (Response to Rubin and Feeley)" *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 38(2):197-201.
- Bednar, Jenna. 2008. Review of Daniel Ziblatt, *Structuring the State: The Formation of Italy and Germany and the Puzzle of Federalism*. *Perspectives on Politics* 6(1):199-200.
- Bednar, Jenna. 2007. "Valuing Exit Options." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 37(2):190-208.
- Bednar, Jenna. 2007. "Credit Assignment and Federal Encroachment." *Supreme Court Economic Review*, Vol. 15:285-308.
- Bednar, Jenna and Scott E. Page. 2007. "Can Game(s) Theory Explain Culture? The Emergence of Cultural Behavior Within Multiple Games." *Rationality and Society* 19(1):65-97.
- Earlier version published as: Santa Fe Institute Working Paper 04-12-039 (2004).*
- Bednar, Jenna. 2006. "Is Full Compliance Possible? Conditions for Shirking with Imperfect Monitoring and Continuous Action Spaces." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 18(3):347-375.
- Bednar, Jenna. 2005. "Federalism as a Public Good." *Constitutional Political Economy* 16(2):189-204.

- Bednar, Jenna. 2004. "Judicial Predictability and Federal Stability: Strategic Consequences of Institutional Imperfection." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 16(4):423-446.
- Bednar, Jenna. 2004. "Authority Migration in Federations: A Framework for Analysis." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 37(3):403-408.
- Bednar, Jenna. 2003. "The Madisonian Scheme to Control the National Government." in *James Madison: The Theory and Practice of Republican Government*, ed. Samuel Kernell. Stanford: Stanford University Press, pp. 217-242.
- Bednar, Jenna, William N. Eskridge, Jr., and John Ferejohn. 2001. "A Political Theory of Federalism." *Constitutional Culture and Democratic Rule*, ed. John Ferejohn, John Riley, and Jack N. Rakove. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 223-267.
- Spanish Translation: "Teoria politica del federalismo," Zona Abierta* 104-105 (oct/nov 2003).
- Bednar, Jenna. "Formal Theories of Federalism." Winter, 2000 newsletter of the APSA Comparative Politics section.
- Bednar, Jenna, John Ferejohn, and Geoff Garrett. 1996. "The Politics of European Federalism." *International Review of Law and Economics* 16: 279-95.
- Reprinted in: Dieter Schmidtchen and Robert Cooter, eds., Constitutional Law and Economics of the European Union. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 1997.*
- Reprinted in: Paul B. Stephan, ed. Economics of European Union Law. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2007.*
- Bednar, Jenna, and William N. Eskridge, Jr. 1995. "Steadying the Court's 'Unsteady Path': A Theory of Judicial Enforcement of Federalism." *Southern California Law Review* 68:1447-1491.

## **MANUSCRIPTS CIRCULATING OR UNDER REVIEW:**

- "Institutional Path Dependence" (with Scott E. Page)
- "Emergent Cultural Signatures and Persistent Diversity: A Model of Conformity and Consistency:" (with Aaron Bramson, Andrea Jones-Rooy, and Scott E. Page)
- "Behavioral Spillovers in Multiple Games: An Experimental Study" (with Yan Chen,

Xiao Liu, and Scott Page)

## **CURRENT RESEARCH:**

“Game Theory, Culture, and Institutional Path Dependence” (experimental component of culture & institutions project, with Scott Page and Yan Chen)

“Legal Convergence in the European Union: A Conflict Between Orders”

“The Argentine Federal Intervention: Explaining its Use and Effect” (with Gisela Sin)

“What Does a Neighborhood Matter? Dynamic and Spatial Aspects of Conforming Behavior” (with Scott E. Page)

“Specialized Elections” (with Scott E. Page)

Policy Diffusion with Preference Outliers

Cultural Consistency and Population Resilience

## **GRANTS**

Principal Investigator, NSF Human & Social Dynamics Exploratory Research Grant SBE-0524919, “Games Theory, Culture, and Institutional Path Dependence,” (Co-PIs Yan Chen and Scott Page), 2005-7, \$125,000.

- Selected by the National Science Foundation as a “Research Highlight”

Investigator, Air Force Office of Scientific Research MURI Grant 57100001867, “Computational Modeling of Culture,” (with Scott Page, UM, co-investigator, Whitman Richards, MIT, PI): 2005-20011, Bednar/Page portion is \$847,000. Renewed in 2008.

Rackham Spring/Summer Research Grant, 2006, \$4,000.

Center for Local, State, and Urban Politics, University of Michigan, Small Grant Award, 2004, \$10,000.

Old Gold Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa, 1998, \$5,000.

## **AWARDS, HONORS, AND AFFILIATIONS:**

PI of grant selected by the National Science Foundation as a year’s “Highlight”, 2009

Named Robert Eckles Swain National Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 2007 - 08

Outstanding Faculty Award: Tronstein Prize for Innovative Teaching, 2006

Olin Foundation Fellowship, 1996-97

Mellon Award (through the North America Forum, Stanford) for dissertation support, 1995

Mellon Grant for summer research on European politics, 1995

Visiting Scholar, Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa, Fall/Winter 1994-5  
Visiting Scholar, CREA (CNRS/Ecole Polytechnique), Paris, Summer/Fall 1994  
Hewlett Award for research on comparative politics (with John Ferejohn), 1994  
George Shultz Fellowship in Canadian Studies, 1994  
NSF Workshop on Formal Modeling and Interdisciplinary Research, Stanford, 1993  
Diplome (with honors), Institut des Etudes Politiques, Paris, 1992  
Mellon Grant for summer research on European politics, 1992  
Full departmental fellowship, Stanford, 1991 - 95

### **INVITED SEMINARS:**

California Institute of Technology, Applied Theory Seminar. October, 1995.  
UC-Irvine, Running Dogs (rotating So. Cal. seminar in political economy). March, 1996.  
SUNY Stony Brook, Dept. of Political Science. November, 1996.  
University of Pittsburgh, Dept. of Political Science. November, 1996.  
University of Iowa, Dept. of Political Science. January, 1997.  
Claremont Graduate School, Program in Politics and Economics. January, 1997.  
University of Iowa Law School, Course on Game Theory and the Law, October, 1998.  
University of Michigan, Political Economy Seminar Series. February, 1999.  
Princeton University, Political Economy Workshop. March, 1999.  
University of Michigan, Department of Political Science. April, 1999.  
University of California at Berkeley, Political Economy Workshop. October, 1999.  
New York University Law School, Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics. April, 2001.  
Texas A & M, Department of Political Science, September 2004.  
George Mason University, Workshop in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, November 2004.  
New York University, Seminar in Political Economy, November 2004.  
University of Rochester, Riker Speaker Series, February 2005.  
University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Workshop, February 2005.  
Penn State University, Department of Political Science, January 2006.  
Washington University, Center for New Institutional Social Sciences, February 2006.  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science, March 2006.  
Wilfrid Laurier University, Department of Political Science, April 2006.  
University of Chicago, Political Economy Workshop, October 2006.  
University of Michigan, STIET (Socio-Technical Infrastructure for Electronic Transactions) Seminar, School of Information, March 2007.  
University of Southern California Law School, Program in Law and Economics, November 2007.  
Stanford University, Comparative Politics Workshop, January 2008.  
UCLA, Department of Political Science, April 2008.

Stanford University, Public Policy Colloquium, April 2008.  
Emory University, Center for the Study of Law and Politics, April 2009.  
Santa Fe Institute, Complex Systems Summer School, June 2009.

#### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Chair of Discussion Panel, Current Perspectives on European Integration, Stanford University Center for European Studies, Stanford, CA, November 1992.  
Presenter, "A Political Theory of Federalism," Constitutions and Constitutionalism, Murphy Institute, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, March 1995.  
Presenter, "Evaluating the Court's 'Unsteady Path': A Theory of Judicial Enforcement of Federalism," Positive Political Theory and the Law, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, May 1995.  
Participant, Conference on Political Economy and Institutions, MEDS, Kellogg School of Business, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, July 1995.  
Discussant, Choice Theoretic and Other Approaches to Studying Federal and Regional Politics in Multi-Ethnic States, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, February 1996.  
Presenter, "Specialized Elections," Public Choice, Houston, TX, April 1996.  
Discussant, Fiscal and Political Federalism in Russia, China, and Mexico, APSA, San Francisco, CA, August 1996.  
Presenter, "Federalism: Unstable by Design," Conference on the Law and Economics of Federalism, co-sponsored by the University of Minnesota Law School and Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, May 1997.  
Invited Participant, Conference on Rational Choice and Beyond, UCLA Lake Arrowhead Conference Center, November 1997.  
Presenter, "The Credit Assignment Problem: A New Look at Political Competition and Federal Encroachment," Public Choice Society, New Orleans, LA, March 1998.  
Panel Chair, Conference on Comparative Legislative Research, University of Iowa, April 1998.  
Presenter, "The Credit Assignment Problem: A New Look at Political Competition and Federal Encroachment," Midwest Political Science Association, April 1998.  
Invited Participant, Workshop: "Power, Public Choice, and Liberty," Liberty Fund, Salishan Resort, Lincoln City, OR, June 1998.  
Presenter, "An Institutional Theory of Federal Stability," APSA, Boston, MA, September 1998.  
Discussant, Conference on Computational Political Economy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 1998.  
Discussant, Wallis Institute Conference on Political Economy, Northwestern University, November 1998.  
Invited participant and panel chair, Workshop: "Complexity, Difficulty, and Institutions," Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM, March 1999.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1999.

Invited participant, summer workshop on Complexity and Economics, Santa Fe, NM, June 1999.

Presenter, "Federalism: Unstable by Design," APSA, Atlanta, GA, September 1999.

Co-presenter, "Explaining Behavioral Diversity through Strategic Choice in Game Ensembles," APSA, Washington, DC, September 2000.

Discussant, APSA, Washington, DC, September 2000.

Presenter, "The Madisonian Scheme to Control the National Government," James Madison Festschrift, UCSD, March 2001.

Invited Participant, "Judicial Independence at the Crossroads," University of Pennsylvania Law School, March 2001.

Presenter, "Explaining Behavioral Diversity through Strategic Choice in Game Ensembles," Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, April 2001.

Presenter, "Shirking and Stability in Federal Systems," Conference on the Positive Theory of Constitutions and Constitutional Design, Ohio State University, May, 2001.

Presenter, "Credit Assignment and Federal Encroachment," Conference on Modeling U.S. Politics, Washington University St. Louis, May 2001.

Presenter, "Judicial Predictability and Federal Stability," Midwest, Chicago, IL, April 2002.

Presenter, "The Future of Political Science Research on Fiscal Federalism," Conference on "Challenges in Political Economy: The Future of Fiscal Federalism Research," Harvard University Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, May 2002.

Invited Participant, Wallis Institute Political Economy Annual Workshop, University of Rochester, October 2002.

Program Committee, Section Organizer of "State and Intergovernmental Policies" and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2003.

Presenter, "The Robust Constitution," Conference on Constitutional Design, Caltech, May 2003.

Presenter, "The Robust Constitution," Conference on Authority Migration, University of Michigan, May 2003.

Invited Participant, Conference on Constitutionalism and Liberty in Comparative Perspective, Liberty Fund, Chicago, August 2003.

Invited Participant, "Robustness in Natural and Social Processes," Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM, October 2003.

Presenter, "Authority Migration in Federations," Conference on Empirical and Theoretical Methodology, Center for Economics and Politics, Washington University, St. Louis, March 2004.

Presenter, "The Design of Optimal Complementary Institutions," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2004.

Presenter, "The Design of Optimal Complementary Institutions," American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, September 2004.

Invited Participant, "The Political Economy of Constitutions and Courts," University of North Carolina, April 2005.

Presenter, "The Credit Assignment Problem and Federal Encroachment," Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2005.

Presenter, "Effective Sanctions" and "Complementarity" (two chapters of book manuscript), conference on "Law, Liberty, and Judicial Review," Big Sky, MT, June 2005.

Co-Presenter, "Institutional Path Dependence," Conference on "Constitutional and Theoretical Quandries and the Dynamics of Social, Economic, and Political Transformations," ICER, Turin, June 2005.

Program Committee, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2005, Organizer of Formal Political Theory Division.

Co-Presenter, "Institutional Path Dependence," (with Scott Page), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2005.

Presenter, "Key Concepts for the Robust Federation," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2005.

Invited Participant, Annual Wallis Institute Meeting on Political Economy, University of Rochester, September 2005.

Presenter, "Modeling the Law (With the Hope of Defining It)," Conference on "Modeling the Law," New York University School of Law, October 2005.

Invited Participant, "The Complexity of Diversity," University of Michigan, November 2005.

Invited Participant, Conference on "Liberty, Responsibility, and Social Capital," Key West, FL, December 2005.

Presenter, "Valuing Exit Options," Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2006.

Presenter, "Conformity, Consistency, and Cultural Heterogeneity," Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2006.

Invited Participant, Conference on Vincent Ostrom's *Theory of a Compound Republic*, Indianapolis, May 2006.

Presenter, "The Robust Federation," Carnegie Foundation sponsored conference on local governance, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia, May 2006.

Presenter, "Valuing Exit Options," APSA, September 2006.

Presenter, "Conformity, Consistency, and Cultural Heterogeneity," APSA, September 2006.

Poster Presenter, NSF Human and Social Dynamics, Meeting of the Principal Investigators, Washington DC, September 2006.

Presenter, "The Two Types of Redundancy in Robust Federations," UM-SFI Conference, Ann Arbor, September 2006.

Invited Participant, "Biology and Virtue," Key West, December 2006.

Invited Participant, "Liberty and Popular Government under State Constitutions." Safety Harbor, FL, January 2007.

Presenter, "Cultural Emergence in Game Ensembles: An Experimental Study", Midwest

Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2007.  
Presenter, "Cultural Emergence in Game Ensembles: An Experimental Study" Turin, Italy, June 2007.  
Roundtable Participant, "Is Federalism Theory Poor or Theory Rich?", American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, September 2007.  
Author Meets Critics, Rubin & Feeley, *Federalism: A Theoretical Inquiry*, American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, September 2007.  
Invited Participant, "The Evolution of Moral Sentiments." Charleston, SC, November 2007.  
Invited Participant, "Social Economics." Department of Economics, Stanford University, April 2008.  
Co-organizer, "Contested Space: Federalism and Federation In Europe." University of Michigan Law School, April 2008.  
Presenting Author, "Author Meets Critics: Bednar's The Robust Federation", Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2009.  
Co-organizer, "Law and Complex Systems", Santa Fe Institute, March 2009.  
Invited Participant, Constitutional Theory Conference, USC School of Law, April 2009.  
Presenter, Conference on Positive Political Theory and the Law, Rochester University, May 2009.

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Federalism  
Foundations of Institutional Analysis  
Formal Theory of Culture  
Constitutional Theory and Design

## **MASTER'S AND UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISING (AT MICHIGAN ONLY):**

Trevor Broad, ug independent study on the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, winter 2005  
Will Bornstein, honors thesis sponsor, "Becoming Governor: Understanding Opposite-Party Gubernatorial Victories in Solid Red and Blue States," 2006 - 2007  
(awarded highest honors and published in the *Michigan Journal of Political Science*)  
Derrick Lam, honors thesis sponsor, "Explaining Successful Congressional Overrides of Supreme Court Statutory Decisions," 2004 - 5  
Roel van Lanen, Master's advisor, 2001-3  
Merethe Leiren, Master's advisor, 2004-05  
Jeana Plas, ug. independent study on the No Child Left Behind Act and minorities, fall 2003

Keith Sleeth, ug independent study on Immigration in California, winter 2006  
Michael Spahn, ug. independent study, "Youth Participation and Voting Behavior," fall 2000  
Michael Vasell, ug. independent study on presidential decision-making, winter 2005

#### **DISSERTATION COMMITTEES:**

Linda Beail, member. "Motherhood and Apple Pie: A Missing Piece of American Politics" (PhD Iowa, 1998)  
Kirsten Carlson, member. "Do Constitutional Provisions Matter? Canada's Recognition of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights." (Ph.D. Michigan, 2007)  
Laura Evans, member. "Political Disadvantage and Policy Expertise: The Obstacles and Opportunities in State and Local Politics for Native American Tribal Governments." (PhD Michigan 2004)  
Okyeon Hong, member. "Decentralization, Partisanship, and Government Expenditure in Developed Democracies." (Ph.D. Michigan, 2002)  
Andrea Jones-Rooy, member.  
Valenta Kabo, member.  
Daniel Katz, member.  
Aman McLeod, co-chair. "An Excess of Democracy: Judicial Elections and their Consequences for American Justice." (PhD Michigan, 2004)  
Jennifer Miller, member.  
Patrick O'Mahen, member.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:**

Omnibus Search Committee member, 2008 - 2009  
Department Executive Committee, Winter 2006  
Graduate Affairs Committee, 2004 - 2005  
Departmental Liaison Sexual and Racial Harassment, 2003 - 2006  
Search Committee member, position in Law & Politics, Constitutional Law, 2001 - 2003; 2006 - 2007  
Coordinator, Workshop in Formal Theory and Political Institutions 2000 - 2003  
Committee member, Undergraduate Affairs committee, 2000 - 2001  
Committee member, Research Workshop, 1998 - 1999  
Coordinator, Political Economy Workshop (Iowa), 1998 - 1999  
Speakers Committee member, 1997 - 1999  
Search Committee member, senior position in American Politics, 1997 - 98

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

Advisory Committee, Center for Political Studies, 2008 – 2010  
ISR Innovation in Social Research Award Selection Committee, 2009  
Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy, Ford School of Public Policy, 2003 – 2007  
Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly, alternate representative, 1998 - 1999 (at Iowa)

## **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE:**

Editorial Board, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2001 – current  
Editorial Advisory Council, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 2008 – current  
Editorial Board of Advisors, *Regional and Federal Studies*, 2008 – current  
Editorial Advisory Board, SSRN Law and Positive Political Theory Abstracting Journal, 2005 – current  
Program Committee, 2005 American Political Science Association meeting, Organizer of Formal Theory Division (12 panels)  
NSF Panel, Political Science Dissertation Improvement Awards, 2004, 2005  
Program Committee, 2003 Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Co-Organizer of Section on State and Intergovernmental Policies (organized 16 panels)  
APSA Section on Political Economy, committee to select the best political economy book published in 1999, 2000  
Westview Prize award committee (for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting), 1999 - 2000

## **REFEREE FOR:**

*American Economic Review; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Cambridge University Press; Congressional Quarterly Press; Comparative Political Studies; Economics of Governance; Economics & Politics; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; International Review of Law and Economics; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Economics; Law & Society Review; The Michigan Academician; National Science Foundation (Law and Social Science); National Science Foundation (Political Science); Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Perspectives on Politics; Policy Studies Journal; Public Choice; Publius; Social Science History, Sociological Forum, University of Michigan Press.*