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Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2009 – Present
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Education:

Ph.D., Political Science
Stanford University (June 2009)

M.S., Statistics
Stanford University (January 2007)

B.A., Ethics, Politics, and Economics
Yale University (May 2004)

Publications:

Chen, Jowei. "Distributive Spending, Voter Partisanship, and Political Participation: A Theory of Voter Turnout as Retrospective Evaluation."

American Journal of Political Science, **Forthcoming**.

Chen, Jowei, 2010. "The Effect of Electoral Geography on Pork Barreling in Bicameral Legislatures."

American Journal of Political Science. **54: 301-322**.

Chen, Jowei and Neil Malhotra. 2007. "The Law of k/n: The Effect of Chamber Size on Government Spending in Bicameral Legislatures."

American Political Science Review. **101: 657-676**.

Current Research Projects:

Chen, Jowei. "Voter Income and the Mobilization Effects of Distributive Spending."

Chen, Jowei and Tim Johnson. "Unionization and Presidential Control of the Bureaucracy."

Bonica, Adam, Jowei Chen, and Tim Johnson. "Using U.S. Federal Employee Campaign Contributions to Estimate Time-Varying Measures of Bureaucratic Political Ideologies."

Chen, Jowei and Jonathan Rodden. "Tobler's Law, Urbanization, and Electoral Bias in Florida."

Chen, Jowei. "Where Do Gerrymanders Occur? Using Legislative Redistricting Simulations to Uncover the Geographic Mapping of Partisan Gerrymandering Strategies."

Chen, Jowei and Connor Raso. "Do TARP Bank Bailouts Favor Politically Connected Firms?"

Bradley, Kate and Jowei Chen. "Voter Age and Legislative Representation on Health Care Reform"

Invited Presentations:

September, 2011. University of Virginia, American Politics Workshop.

October 2011. MIT, American Politics Conference.

January 2012. University of Chicago, Political Economy/American Politics Seminar.

February 2012. Harvard University/MIT Positive Political Economy Seminar.

Research Grants:

"Economic Disparity and Federal Investments in Detroit," (with Brian Min) 2011. Graham Institute, University of Michigan (\$30,000).

"The Partisan Effect of OSHA Enforcement on Workplace Injuries," (with Connor Raso) 2009. John M. Olin Law and Economics Research Grant (\$4,410).

"Vote Buying in United States Elections," 2008. Stanford University Graduate Research Opportunity Grant (\$5,000).

"What Explains Racial Discrimination in Government Services," 2008. Stanford University Vice Provost for Graduate Education Research Grant (\$5,000).

Conference Service:

Section Chair, 2012 MPSA (Chicago, IL), Political Geography Section.

Discussant, 2011 MPSA (Chicago, IL) "Presidential-Congressional Interaction."

Discussant, 2008 APSA (Boston, MA) "Congressional Appropriations."

Chair and Discussant, 2008 MPSA (Chicago, IL) "Distributive Politics: Parties and Pork."

Conference Presentations:

“Tobler’s Law, Urbanization, and Electoral Bias in Florida.” (with Jonathan Rodden) 2011 APSA (Seattle, WA).

“Unionization and Presidential Control of the Bureaucracy” (with Tim Johnson) 2011 MPSA.

“Estimating Bureaucratic Ideal Points with Federal Campaign Contributions” 2010 APSA. (Washington, DC).

“The Effect of Electoral Geography on Pork Spending in Bicameral Legislatures,” Vanderbilt University Conference on Bicameralism, 2009.

“When Do Government Benefits Influence Voters' Behavior? The Effect of FEMA Disaster Awards on US Presidential Votes,” 2009 APSA (Toronto, Canada).

“Are Poor Voters Easier to Buy Off?” 2009 APSA (Toronto, Canada).

“Credit Sharing Among Legislators: Electoral Geography's Effect on Pork Barreling in Legislatures,” 2008 APSA (Boston, MA).

“Buying Votes with Public Funds in the US Presidential Election,” Poster Presentation at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (University of Michigan).

“The Effect of Electoral Geography on Pork Spending in Bicameral Legislatures,” 2008 MPSA.

“Legislative Free-Riding and Spending on Pure Public Goods,” 2007 MPSA (Chicago, IL).

“Free Riding in Multi-Member Legislatures,” (with Neil Malhotra) 2007 MPSA (Chicago, IL).

“The Effect of Legislature Size, Bicameralism, and Geography on Government Spending: Evidence from the American States,” (with Neil Malhotra) 2006 APSA (Philadelphia, PA).

Reviewer Service:

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Journal of Politics
Quarterly Journal of Political Science
American Politics Research
Legislative Studies Quarterly
Journal of Empirical Legal Studies
Political Behavior
Political Research Quarterly
Political Analysis
Public Choice
Applied Geography