

THURSDAY 10 July 2008

Welcome Packets & Computing Accounts Distribution

8:00-11:00 am, 2nd Floor outside of Ballroom, Michigan Union

Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:00 am, Ballroom, Michigan Union

Welcome

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Session 1, Plenary

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Lunch

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Session 3, Plenary

2:00-3:30 pm, Ballroom, Michigan Union

Michael Peress, “**Estimating Proposal and Status Quo Locations Using Voting and Cosponsorship Data**”

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Break

3:30-3:45 pm

Keynote address

3:45-5:15 pm, Ballroom, Michigan Union

Susan A. Murphy, H.E. Robbins Professor of Statistics, Research Professor, Institute for Social Research, Professor in Psychiatry

“**Dynamic Treatment Regimes**”

What do autonomous helicopter flight, managing a chronic mental illness and formulating a welfare program have in common? These are multi-stage, sequential decision making problems. Even though it is natural to address these problems myopically, a myopic approach can result in poor decisions. Instead high quality decisions require that we anticipate the future consequences of our present actions. In contrast to autonomous helicopter flight, an additional challenge confronting the best management of chronic illnesses and the best formulation of welfare programs is related to unknown, unobserved causes that explain individual reactions to treatment. I will discuss each of these issues and provide an overview of methodological solutions.

Business Meeting

5:15 pm, Ballroom, Michigan Union

Welcome Reception

6:00-7:30 pm, Ballroom, (additional seating in the Patio & open areas), Michigan Union

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Discussant: Robert Walker

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Kosuke Imai & Teppei Yamamoto, “**Causal Inference with Measurement Error: Nonparametric Identification and Sensitivity Analysis of a Field Experiment on Democratic Deliberations**”
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Discussant: Jake Bowers

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Kevin Clarke, “**Sample Selection and Omitted Variable Bias: When the Cure is Worse than the Disease**”

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Discussant: Jonathan Katz

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Luke Keele, Corrine McConnaughy, & Ismail White, **“Adjusting Experimental Data” «download»**

Discussant: Jas Sekhon

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Stefano M. Iacus, Gary King, & Giuseppe Porro, **“Matching for Causal Inference without Balance Checking”** [«download»](#)

Discussant: Neal Beck

Break

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Session 2b, Split

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Benjamin Bowyer, **“The Trouble with Tobit: A District-Level Sample Selection Model of Voting for Extreme Right Parties in Europe, 1980-2004”** [«download»](#)

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Discussant: Bradford Jones

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Moderator: Rob Franzese

Chris Achen, John Jackson, Gary King, Doug Rivers¹

¹ Need 4 people who attended first methods conference. Likely suspects: Achen, [Bartels, Brady: not attending?], Jackson, Kinder, King, Rivers, [Stimson: not attending]

Possible Topics:

Strategies (plural!) of Causal Inference

Parametrics and Nonparametrics

Borrowing for Creativity & Productivity: Psychometrics, Econometrics, Biometrics, Statistics, and Polimetrics

The Evolution of Political Methodology and the Evolving Political Methodologist

- Data
- Methods/Topics
- Role in field and in dept
- Gender?

Theory, Empirics, Empirical Theory, & Theoretical Empirics?

Faculty Poster Presenters

Christopher Adolph, “A Latent Strength Model of Partially Observed Rank Data”

*Ioannis Andreadis & Theodore Chadjipadleis, “Voter Transition Estimation in Multiparty Systems”

John Ahlquist & Christian Breunig, “Clustering in Comparative Political Economy: 3 Worlds, 2 Varieties & the Data”

William Anderson & Shane Nordyke, “A Mixed Logit Model of Presidential Choice in the U.S. House”

Deilia Bailey, “The Legislative Behavior of Majority-Minority Elected Representatives in the U.S. House”

Brandon Bartels, “Beyond ‘Fixed’ Versus ‘Random Effects’: A Solution to the Problem of Cluster Confounding in Models for Multilevel, Panel, and TSCS Data”

Jake Bowers & Ben Hansen, “RIttools: Software for Balance Testing and Effect Estimation using Randomization Inference”

Patrick Brandt, “Bayesian Markov-Switching Models and Forecasting of Endogenous Conflict Data”

Mary Breeding, “Field Research and Non-Government Organizations: To Engage or Not to Engage”

Daniel Butler & Ana de la O, “Does Political Interest Affect Party Identification and Ideological Orientation? Evidence from a Swiss Natural Experiment”

Harold Clarke, “The 2009-10 British Election Study”

*Patrick Egan, “When the Supreme Court Leads, Does the Public Follow? Evidence from a Survey Experiment”

*Kentarō Fukumoto, “Continuous or Ordered Event History Analysis”

Matt Golder, “Empirically Modeling the Government Formation Process: A Nested Mixed Logit”

Tobin Grant, “Legislative and Executive Policy Production in the U.S. since 1789”

Michael Hanmer & Kerem Kalkan, “Behind the Curve: Calculating Predictions from Limited Dependent Variable Models”

Ben Hansen & Yevgeniya Kleyman, “Matching with Propensity Scores when N is Small and K is Large: A Case Study”

Eric Honda, “Settlement, Separation, Standby, or Sucker: Modeling a Three-Player Decision Game with Perfect Bayesian Equilibrium”

How has the subfield evolved in terms of data and methods? (e.g., when I first started attending, the papers were at least 50% time series. Now very few – or none?)

How has the composition of the methods community changed over time? Why do people drop out? Why is there lower than average female participation?

Might also send an email to polmeth asking people to email you (Rob) questions/topics they’d like to see addressed.

Daniel Hopkins, “The Talk of the Town: Combining Supervised and Unsupervised Text Analysis to Measure Urban Agendas”

Bradford Jones & Alex Mayer, “Once, Twice, Three Times a Maybe: Some Models for Ordinal and Ordinal Competing Events Data”

*G. Jiyun Kim. “Monitoring, Assessing, and Forecasting International Crises using FactionSim/PMFserv”

Matthew Lebo, “Multilevel Models Across Time”

Amy Lerman, “Professional Norms of Street Level Bureaucrats: Using a Natural Experiment and Multivariate Matching to Test Competing Hypotheses”

Rebecca Morton, “Experimental Methods in Political Science”

David Nickerson, “Can Voter Turnout Contaminate Neighborhoods?”

Hans Noel, “Interpreting Legislator Ideal Points with Help from the Political Discourse”

*Costas Panagopoulos, “Turning Out, Cashing In: Extrinsic Rewards, Intrinsic Motivation and Voting”

Paolo Parra Saiani, “From Political Arithmeticians to Quality of Life Studies. The “Other” Tradition.”

Jason Seawright, “Approaches to Pseudo-Panel Inference: Comparing Real-World Properties”

Betsy Sinclair & Delia Bailey, “Political Networks and the Impact of Term Limits”

*Arthur Spirling & Michael Peress, “Scaling the Critics: Uncovering the Latent Dimensions of Movie Criticism with an Item Response Approach”

Piero Stanig, “Latent Malfeasance: An Objective Cross-National Measure of Political and Bureaucratic Corruption”

Ana Vasiliu, “Networking Common Knowledge”