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## Administrative Appointments:

2015-2017 Associate Department Head, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
2013-2015 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University

## Positions:

Fall 2014 – present Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
Fall 1997 - 2014 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
Fall 1990 - 1997 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
Spring 1985 – 1990 Graduate Assistant/Associate, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois-Urbana

## Academic History

1991 Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois-Urbana  
1986 M.A. Political Science, University of Illinois-Urbana  
1984 B.A. Catholic University of America

## Honors and Awards

### Research Areas

- Comparative Politics
- Mass Political Behavior
- Postcommunism
- Labor and Welfare Politics
- Subjective Well-Being

## Research and Publications

### *PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES*

- Flavin, Patrick, **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2019. "Labor Market Regulation and Subjective Well-Being in Low and Middle Income Countries." *European Journal of Political Research*. 58: 1088-1107.
- Brockway, Mark D., **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2019. "Well-Being and the Democratic State: How the Public Sector Promotes Human Happiness." *Social Indicators Research*. 143(3): 1147-1159.
- Flavin, Patrick, **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2014. "Assessing the Impact of the Size and Scope of Government on Human Well-Being." *Social Forces* 92(4): 1241-1258.
- Deschamps, Lauren, **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2012. "Organized Labor, Democracy, and Life-Satisfaction 1981-2000; A Cross-National Analysis." *Labor Studies Journal* 37: 253-270.
- Flavin, Patrick, **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2011. "State Intervention and Subjective Well-Being in Advanced Industrial Democracies." *Politics and Policy* 39(2): 251-270.

Reprinted as empirical chapter in: Johnson, Janet and H. T. Reynolds. 2011. *Political Science Research Methods*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. Washington, D.C. Congressional Quarterly Press.

- Shaykhutdinov, Renat, Andrew Konitzer, **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Vladimir Zvonovskii. 2010. "Education, the Economy, and Post-Materialist Values in Russia: Evidence from the Chechnya Conflict." *European Journal of Economic and Political Studies*. 3(1): 101-120.
- Flavin, Patrick, **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2010. "Labor Unions and Life Satisfaction: Evidence from New Data." *Social Indicators Research* 98(3): 435-449.
- Pacek, Alexander C.**, Grigore Pop-Eleches, and Joshua Tucker. 2009. "Disenchanted or Discerning: Voter Turnout in Post-Communist Countries." *Journal of Politics* 71(2): 473-491.
- Pacek, Alexander C.** and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2008. "Welfare Policy and Subjective Well-Being Across Nations: An Individual-Level Analysis." *Social Indicators Research* 89: 179-191.
- Pacek, Alexander C.**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2008. "Assessing the Welfare State: the Politics of Happiness." *Perspectives on Politics* 9(2): 267-277.

Reprinted in: Pierson, Christopher, and Francis Castles (eds.). 2013. *The Welfare State Reader*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Bristol U.K.: Polity Press.

- Pacek, Alexander C.**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2003. "Voter Participation and Party Group Fortunes in European Parliament Elections, 1979-1999: A Cross-National Analysis." *Political Research Quarterly* 56: 91-96.
- Tucker, Joshua, **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Adam Berinsky. 2002. "Transitional Winners and Losers and Attitudes Toward EU membership in Post-Communist Countries." *American Journal of Political Science* 46(3): 557-571.
- Bohrer, Robert E. II, **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2000. "Electoral Participation, Ideology, and Party Politics in Post-Communist Europe: A Cross-National Analysis." *Journal of Politics* 62(4): 1161-1172.
- Aguilar, Edwin E., and **Alexander C. Pacek**. 2000. "Voter Turnout, Macroeconomic Conditions and Worker-Party Support in Developing Countries." *Comparative Political Studies*. 33(8): 995-1017.
- Pacek, Alexander C.**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 1999. "Economics and the Left-Party Vote in Scandinavia, 1960-1990." *Scandinavian Political Studies* 22(1): 295-307.
- Pacek, Alexander C.**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 1995. "The Political Economy of Competitive Elections in the Developing World." *American Journal of Political Science*. 39(3): 745-759.

Reprinted in: Norris, Pippa (ed.), 1998. *Elections and Voting Behavior*. New York: Ashgate/Dartmouth Publishers.

- Pacek, Alexander C.**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 1995. "Economic Voting and the Welfare State: A Cross-National Analysis." *Journal of Politics* 57(1): 44-61.
- Pacek, Alexander C.**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 1995. "Turnout and the Left-Party Vote: A Cross-National Analysis." *British Journal of Political Science*. 25(1): 137-153.

- Pacek, Alexander C.** 1994. "Macroeconomic Conditions and Electoral Politics in East-Central Europe." *American Journal of Political Science* 38(3): 723-744.
- Pacek, Alexander C.** 1989. "Changing Political Processes in Soviet-Type Systems: Toward An Emergent Pluralism." *Crossroads* 28: 75-91.
- Frank, Michael, Michael Krassa, and **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Benjamin Radcliff 1988. "Computers and the Law." *Social Science Computer Review* 6: 341-352.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED)**

- Davidson, Robert, **Alexander C. Pacek**, and Benjamin F. Radcliff. 2013. "Public Policy and Human Happiness: The Welfare State as Agents of Well Being," In H. Brockmann and J. Delhey (eds.) *Is More Always Better? Human Happiness and the Limits of the maximization Principle*. Dordrecht: Springer.
- Pacek, Alexander C.** 2009. "Politics and Happiness: An Empirical Ledger." In Amitava Dutt and Benjamin Radcliff (eds.) *Economics and Politics: Advances in the Scientific Study of Happiness*. New York: Edward Elgar Press.
- Kanet, Roger E. and **Alexander C. Pacek**. 1991. "Revolutionary Change in Eastern Europe: The Societal Basis of Political Reform." In Jane Schapiro Jacek and Il Pyong Kim (eds.) *Political Change in Communist Countries*. New York: Paragon House

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

- Political Culture in Post-Communist Europe*, by Detlof Pollack, Jorg Jacobs, Olaf Muller, and Gert Pickel (eds). In *International Studies Review* 2003 6(3): 492-495
- Change and Continuity in Post-Soviet Central Asia*, by Pauline Jones Luong (ed.). In *Journal of Politics*. 2002 65(2).
- National Ideology Under Socialism: Identity and Politics in Ceausescu's Romania*, by Katherine Verdery. In *Journal of Politics* 1991 54(4).
- Social Currents in Eastern Europe*, by Sabrina Ramet. In *Journal of Politics* 1991 54(4).

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- Pacek, Alexander C.** 1993. "New Political Parties in Eastern Europe: Building a Research Agenda." *Vox Pop: Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties* 10: 1-8.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **BOOK IN PREPARATION**

### **Articles in Preparation**

- LGBTQ Equality Policies and Life Satisfaction Around the World*. With Yeon Soon Park (Texas A&M). Current status: data collection.
- Public Employment and Human Well-Being: A Global Assessment*. With Mark Brockway, Benjamin Radcliff (University of Notre Dame) and Kyungsuk Lee (Texas A&M). Current status: data analysis.
- The European Union, Democratic Deficit, and Human Happiness*. With Pascal Doray-Demers (University of Montreal). Current status: under review.
- The Impact of Electoral Competitiveness on Civil Liberties in Democratic and Non-Democratic Regimes*. With Ruchan Kaya (Texas A&M University). Current status: editing for submission to peer-reviewed journal Fall 2019.

- Life Satisfaction and Conservative Affiliations Revisited.* With Patrick Flavin (Baylor University). Current status: editing for submission to peer-reviewed journal Fall 2019.
- The Political Determinants of Time Use.* With Benjamin Radcliff (University of Notre Dame). Current status: data collection.
- The Welfare State and Human Well-Being: Applying New Conceptualizations of the Welfare State.* With Benjamin Radcliff (University of Notre Dame). Current status: literature review.
- Life Satisfaction in a Changing China: Attitudes Toward Public and Private Sectors.* With Xinsheng Liu (George Bush School of Government) and Arnold Vedlitz (George Bush School of Government). Current status: draft being written.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- “Public Employment and Human Well-Being: Evidence from Low and Middle Income Countries.” Paper presented at the European Political Science Association, Belfast N. Ireland, June 2019.
- “Electoral Competitiveness and Civil Liberties: A Cross-Polity Analysis.” With Ruchan Kaya. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2019.
- “Public Employment and Well-Being: Initial Evidence from Global World Bank Data” Paper presented at AICLEP International Conference on Law, Economics and Politics, Oxford UK October 2018.
- “Well-Being and the Democratic State: How the Public Sector Promotes Human Happiness.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the European Political Science Association annual meeting, Vienna Austria, June 2018
- “Public Sector Employment and Human Well-Being,” With Mark D. Brockway. Paper presented at European Political Economy annual meeting, Rome Italy. March 2018.
- “Assessing Government Intervention and Well Being in Developing Countries.” International Quality of Life of Life Studies conference, Innsbruck Austria, September 2017 (Paper presented by co-author)
- “Happiness is a Warm Nuke,” With Michael Koch. Poster presented at Peace Science Society, Tempe AZ November 2017.
- “Public Policy in Low and Middle Income Countries” With Benjamin Radcliff and Patrick Flavin. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2017.
- “Labor Market Regulations and Well-Being in Developing Countries” with Benjamin Radcliff. Paper prepared for the Workshop on Survey Data, Trier University, Trier Germany. 2016.
- “Public Policy and Human Happiness” with Benjamin Radcliff. Paper prepared for HEIRS Workshop, sponsored by Lumsa University and the Bank of Italy, Rome, Italy. March 2016
- “State Intervention and Life Satisfaction in Developing Countries.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2015.
- “Regulating Happiness: A Global Appraisal of Labor Market Regulations and Life Satisfaction.” With Benjamin Radcliff and Patrick Flavin. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2015.
- “Assessing the Size and Scope of Government on Human Well-Being.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2014.
- “Assessing the Politics of Left and Right.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting, March 2013.
- “Race, Happiness, and Political Participation.” With Gary Segura. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2012.
- “Who Do You Trust?” With David Rossbach. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2012.
- “The Political Consequences of Human Happiness.” With Patrick Flavin. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2011.
- “State Intervention and Human Happiness: Evidence from New Data.” Paper presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2010.
- “Globalization and Opposition to European Integration.” With David Rossbach. Paper prepared for presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2009.
- “Globalization and Human Happiness: A Cross-National Analysis.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2008.
- “Trust in Post-Communist Europe”. With David Rossbach. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2008.
- “Assessing the Welfare State.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at Political Studies Association annual meeting, UK, April 2007.

- Voting More When it Matters More.” With Joshua Tucker. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2006.
- “Education, the Economy, and Post-Materialist Values in Russia. New Evidence from the Chechnya Conflict.” With Andrew Konitzer and Renat Sheykhtudinov. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2006.
- “Turnout in Post-Communist Countries: The Surprisingly Rational Electorate.” With Joshua Tucker and Grigore Pop-Eleches. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting. August 2005.
- “Politics Vs. Economics in Russian Regional Elections, 1993-2001.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2005.
- “Labor and Human Happiness.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the Political Studies Association annual meeting, UK, April 2004.
- “Religion, Culture, and Electoral Participation.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting. August 2003.
- “Politics and Human Happiness.” With Benjamin Radcliff and Karrie Koesel. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting. August 2001.
- “Transitional Winners and Losers and Attitudes Towards EU Membership in Post-Communist Countries.” With Joshua Tucker and Adam Berinsky. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2001.
- “Voter Turnout, Ideology, and Party Politics in Post-Communist Countries.” With Robert Bohrer II and Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting. August 2000.
- “Determinants of Economic Evaluations in Eight Post-Communist Countries, 1991-1998.” With Guy Whitten and Melissa Schier. Paper presented at the Midwest Political science Association annual meeting. April 1999.
- “Contested Identities, Political Participation, and Party Support in Post-Communist Countries.” With Edwin Aguilar and Robert Bohrer II. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting. March 1999.
- “Political Participation Among Informal Sector Workers in Mexico and Costa Rica.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association annual meeting. April 1998.
- “Voter Turnout and the Welfare State in Post-Communist Europe.” With Robert Bohrer II. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 1998.
- “Comparative Politics 1981-1996: More of the Same?” With Edwin Aguilar. Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. November 1997.
- “Turnout, Class Voting, and Left-Party Support in Developing Countries.” With Edwin Aguilar. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting. March 1997.
- “The Electoral Consequences of Welfare Spending in the American States.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting. March 1996.
- “The Political economy of Competitive Elections in the Developing World.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting. March 1995.
- “Economic Voting and the Welfare State: A Cross-National Analysis.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting. August 1994.
- “Macroeconomic Conditions and Electoral Politics in East-Central Europe.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 1992.
- “Voter Turnout in eastern Europe: Evidence from the 1989-1990 Elections.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. November 1991.
- “Patterns of Elite-Mass Conflict in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.” Paper presented at the Southern Political science Association annual meeting. November 1990.
- “System Failure and Emergent Mass Publics in Communist Countries.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. November 1989.
- “Economic Conditions, Voter Choice, and Strategic Politicians in Senate Primary Elections.” With Benjamin Radcliff. Paper presented at the Midwest Political science Association annual meeting. April 1989.
- “Autonomous Groups in Eastern Europe: Toward a Limited Pluralism.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting. March 1988.
- “Elite Infighting and Policy Outcomes in Soviet and Chinese Regimes: An Alternative to Roeder and Bunce.” Paper presented at the Southwest Political Science Association annual meeting. November 1988.

***OTHER CONVENTION PARTICIPATION******INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS***

- “New Directions in Public Policy and Well Being,” Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, March 2017.  
 “The Role of Government in Human Well-Being,” German Institute for Japan Studies, Tokyo Japan. July 2014.  
 “How Public Policies Determine Quality of Life,” Leuphana University, Luenenberg Germany. May 2014.  
 “The Welfare State and Human Happiness” University of Notre Dame, October 2006.

***PUBLIC OR GENERAL AUDIENCE PRESENTATIONS***

- “The Politics of Human Happiness” presented at Social Cohesion Days, Reggio Italy. May 2016.  
 “Organized Labor and Human Happiness” presented at William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies, Omaha Nebraska. April 2011.

**Teaching Interests and Experience*****TEACHING AND RESEARCH AREAS***

- Human Well-Being
- Comparative Politics
- Mass Political Behavior and Attitudes
- Elections and Voting
- Comparative Public Policy
- Post-Communist Politics

***RECENT CLASSES TAUGHT AT TAMU***Undergraduate

POLS 338: Government and Politics of the Former Soviet Union  
 POLS 206: Introduction to American Politics  
 POLS 229: Introduction to Comparative Politics  
 POLS 326: Government and Politics of Eastern Europe

Graduate

POLS 620: Comparative Political Systems  
 POLS 689: Seminar in Mass Political Behavior

***POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED***

## Dissertations Chaired

- Yao Yuan-Yeah (Ph.D. awarded August 2014)
- David Rossbach (Ph.D. awarded August 2008)
- Renat Sheykhtudinov (PhD awarded August 2007)
- Yuquo Chen (PhD awarded August 1998)

## PhD Committee memberships

- Reed Stevens
- Alexander Jakubow (Rutgers University. PhD --2014)
- Cigdem Sirin (PhD --2009)
- Jason Smith (PhD --2009)

- Diqong Lu (PhD –2008)
- Bradley Podliska (PhD –2006)
- Tyler Johnson (PhD –2009)
- Laron Williams (PhD --2008)
- Mark Skorick (PhD –2005)
- Melissa Schier (PhD –2003)
- Sahar Shafqat (PhD –1999)
- Robert Bohrer II (PhD –1997)

## **Disciplinary Service**

### ***Editorial Boards:***

*Political Behavior* 2015 - 2018

### ***Conference Program Development:***

Section organizer, Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, 2000, 2006

Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2015

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association 2002, 2000, 2006, 1994, 1993

Discussant, Western Political Science Association 1995, 1993

Discussant, Southwest Political Science Association 1992

### ***Association Service:***

Committee Member, Best Paper Award, Southern Political Science Association 2017.

Committee member, Kellogg Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, Midwest Political Science Association 2012

Panel Member, Doctoral Dissertation Grants, National Science Foundation 2012-2014

Reviewer, National Science Foundation 2015, 2011, 2008, 2003

Outside Letters, Tenure Candidates 2005, 2003, 1999

### ***Reviewing:***

*Acta Politica*

*American Journal of Political Science*

*American Political Science Review*

*Asian Journal of Social Science*

*British Journal of Political Science*

Cambridge University Press

*Comparative European Politics*

*Comparative Politics*

*Comparative Political Studies*

CQ Press

*Electoral Studies*

*European Political Science Review*

*International Political Science Review*

*Legislative Studies Quarterly*

*Journal of Happiness Studies*

*Journal of Legislative Studies*

*Journal of Politics*

*Midsouth Journal of Politics*

National Science Foundation

Oxford University Press

*Party Politics*

*Political Behavior*  
*Political Psychology*  
*Politics & Policy*  
*Political Studies*  
*Political Research Quarterly*  
*Social Indicators Research*  
*Social Forces*  
*Social Policy and Administration*  
*Social Science Quarterly*  
*Sociological Forum*

### **College and University Service**

Department Representative, Glasscock Center	2019-
Member, Graduate Diversity Fellowship Committee	2017
Member, Graduate Instruction Council	2014-2016
Member, Liberal Arts Council	2012-2014, 2002-2004
Member, Committee on Teaching, Liberal Arts College	1999-2000
Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Committee	1995
Member, IRTAG Liberal Arts Grants Committee	

### **Departmental Service**

Co-Director, program in Political Behavior and Political Institutions, 2017-2019  
 Director, Program in the Cross-National Study of Politics, 2009-2011

#### ***Departmental Committees:***

Head's Advisory Committee 2015-present, 2009-2010, 2005-2006, 2004-2005, 1996-1997  
 Member, Graduate Committee 2006-2007, 2003-2005, 2002-2003, 1999-2000, 1995-1996  
 Chair, Research Committee, promotion to Full Professor 2016  
 Member, Teaching Committee, promotion to Full Professor 2014  
 Member, Research committee, promotion to Associate Professor 2019, 2017, 2011, 2006, 1999  
 Member, Teaching Committee, promotion to Associate Professor 2012, 2007, 2005, 2000, 1998, 1996

#### ***Departmental Search Committee memberships:***

Open-field/open-rank (3 positions), 2014 –2015  
 Comparative Politics (1 position), 2016, 2005, 2000-2001  
 Political Behavior (2 positions), 2004-2005, 2002-2003  
 Political Theory (1 position), 1998-1999  
 Race and Ethnic Politics (1 position) 2009

#### ***Mini-conference organization:***

Co-organizer, “Global Changes to the Welfare State” Conference, Sponsored by PERG, the Program in the Cross-National Study of Politics and the EU Center, 2007, Texas A&M University  
 Co-organizer, “The European Union and Party Change,” Sponsored by the Program in the Cross-National Study of Politics and the EU Center, 2004, Texas A&M University  
 Co-organizer, “Methods Innovation in Comparative Politics,” , Sponsored by the Program in the Cross-National Study of Politics, 1999, Texas A&M University.

### **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association



Midwestern Political Science Association  
International Society for Quality of Life Studies