

## Dissertations and Theses in WMU's Department of Political Science

### PhD Dissertations (since 1998 – some are current)

#### American Politics

- Contours of Judicial Tenure in State Courts of Last Resort: Accountability vs. Independence
- Judicial Behavior and Litigant Success in Environmental Cases at the United States Court of Appeals
- Mitigating the Defects of Pluralism: Interest Group Coalitions before the Supreme Court
- The Federal Election Commission: An Analysis of Administrative Behavior
- The Supreme Court, Judicial Review, and American Democracy
- The War Against Joblessness: U.S. Intervention in State Labor Markets in Response to Economic Recessions
- Who Controls Immigration? Toward a Multi-Institutional Model of Administrative Law Judge Behavior
- Who Voted? Social Class and Participation in United States Presidential Elections

#### Comparative Politics

- A Foundation for Democratic Transition: The Evolution of Korean Civil Society 1972-1987
- A Political Macroeconomic Economic Model of Economic Openness
- Becoming Formal or Informal Entrepreneurs: What Explain the African Case?
- Citizenship, Politics and Process: A Cross National Study of Citizenship Regimes
- Competing Formal and Informal Institutions in a Democratizing Setting: An Institutional Analysis of Corruption in Romania
- Contesting National Identities in an Ethnically Homogeneous State: The Case of Armenian Democratization
- Degrees of Institutionalization: Family Planning Policies and Programs in Senegal, 1980-2005
- Democracy on Stilts: Bolivia's Democracy from Stability to Crisis
- Democracy, Political Institutions, and Corruption in Latin America
- Education, Social Security, and the Welfare State: Alternative Policy Choices in the United States and Germany
- Ethno-Nationalist Responses to the State's Hegemony in Pakistan
- Formal and Informal Institutions: Gender and Participation in the Panchayati Raj
- Important or Impotent? Radical Right Political Parties and Public Policy in Germany and Austria
- Innovative Governance and Natural Resource Management in Kenya: A Qualitative Modeling of Procedural and Substantive Outcomes of Civil Society Participation
- International Cooperation in the World of Sovereign But Interdependent Nation States: Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation as an International Regime
- Islam and Democracy: An Empirical Examination of Muslims' Political Culture
- Islamism, State Control over Religion and Social Identity: Turkey and Egypt
- Like Oil and Water: How Federalism Muddies the Waters of Interest Group Decision-Making

- Official Discourse and Public Opinion in Post-Communist Societies: The Role of Government-Affiliated Intellectuals
- Recruitment to leadership positions in the German Bundestag
- The House Built on the Rock: The Catholic Church and its Policy Preferences
- The Politicization of Ethnicity as a Prelude to Ethnopolitical Conflict: Croatia and Serbia in Former Yugoslavia
- The Politics of HIV/AIDS and Implications for Democracy in Kenya
- The Politics of Neighborhood Governance: Understanding China's State-society Relations through an Examination of the Residents Committee
- The State and Civil Society in the Arab Middle East
- Toward Sustainable River Basin Management in China: The Challenge of Institutional Reform and Capacity Building
- Varieties of Politics, Varieties of Capitalism: The Effects of Political Institutions on Capitalist Diversity
- What Role for Ethnicity? Political Behavior and Mobilization in Post-Conflict Sierra Leone and Liberia
- Women's Representation in Local Democracy: Formal and Informal Institutions in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

#### Political Theory

- Democracy Promotion and the Commercialization of Freedom House
- The Behavioral Revolution in Contemporary Political Science: Mythology, Narrative, Identity
- The Social and Political Philosophy of Bertolt Brecht

#### **MA Theses (partial list since 2000)**

##### American Politics

- An Evaluation of Political Surveys and Their Consequences for Democracy
- Attitudes Towards Gays and Lesbians from 1988-2004
- Deference or Defiance? Principal-Agent Theory and the US Courts of Appeals During the Rehnquist and Burger Courts
- Developing a Game-Theoretic Analysis of Terrorism
- Executive Governance and the Agency of Defense Department Speeches and Reports, 1995-2010
- Exit 33: The Economic Decline of Benton Harbor, MI
- Military Voting from a Combat Zone
- No Child Left Behind: The Process Behind the Policy
- The Generational Impact of American Catholic Attitudes on Public Policy Issues
- The Political Participation of Racial Groups in the United States Political System
- The Politics of Environmental Legislation: A Case Study on State Impact Fee Enabling Legislation
- The Select Few: An Evaluation of Law School Admissions Following Changes in Affirmative Action Policy
- Why Abstain? Trends in and Origins of Indifference and Estrangement in the United States, 1968-2012

##### Comparative Politics

- Creating Sustainable Economic and Ecological Growth in the Congo Basin: Bushmeat Consumption and Biodiversity Protection
- Development and the Absence of Democracy in China
- Ending Conflict: Raising the Costs of Defection in African Failed States

- Failure of Democratic Consolidation: The Three Year Interlude of Military Rule (1958-1962) in Burma
- Fostering Democracy in Iraq
- HIV/AIDS Policies in the United States and the United Kingdom: Emerging At-risk Groups and the Struggle for Limited Resources
- Language Policy in Turkey and its Effect on the Kurdish Language
- Paths to Citizenship: A Comparative Study of Japan, Germany and Sweden
- Reconciliation or Reencounter in the Southern Cone of South America: Amnesty, Forgetfulness, Forgiveness, Impurity, Memory, and the Power and Politics of Theatricality
- Regime Failures and Opposition Consolidation in the Overthrow of Hosni Mubarak
- State of Memory: National History and Exclusive Identity in Contemporary Denmark
- The Independent Press in the Emerging Democracies: The Case Studies of Poland, Ukraine and Russia
- The People's Republic of China's Corrupt Culture: Is the PRC's Arbitration Systems Exempt?,
- Which Islam-ism? Diversity in Islamic Society and its Implications for Democracy

#### Political Theory

- Political Utopias of the Renaissance: An Analysis of Thomas More's *Utopia*, Johann Valentin Andreae's *Christianopolis*, and James Harrington's *The Commonwealth of Oceana*
- The Ongoing Revolution in American Political Science