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EDUCATION

1989 Political Science, Indiana University, Ph.D.
1982 State University of New York at Binghamton, B.A.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2006- *Professor*, Department of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University

2003- *Director of Undergraduate Studies*
2014- *Director, Center for American Political Responsiveness (CAPR)*

1995-2006 *Associate Professor*, Department of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University

1989-1994 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2010. Evolution and Creationism: The Battle for Control of America's Classrooms. New York: Cambridge University Press. (Winner of the 2012 *Don K. Price Award* as the best book on Science, Technology, and Politics published in the past three years, awarded by the Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics Section of the American Political Science Association)

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2005. Ten Thousand Democracies: Politics and Public Opinion in America's School Districts. Washington, D.C.: University of Georgetown Press.

Berkman, Michael. 1993. The State Roots of National Politics: Congress and the Tax Agenda, 1978-1986. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.

Refereed Articles:

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. (forthcoming). "Enablers of Doubt: How Future Teachers Learn to Negotiate the Evolution Wars in their Classrooms." The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2011. "Local Autonomy vs. State Constraints: Balancing Evolution and Creationism in U.S. High Schools." Publius: The Journal of Federalism. 41.4:610-635.

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2011. "Defeating Creationism in the Courtroom, But Not in the Classroom." Science. Vol. 331 (January 28, 2011).

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2009. "Scientific Expertise and the Culture War: Public Opinion and the Teaching of Evolution in the American States." Perspectives on Politics. 7:03, 485

Plutzer, Eric and Michael Berkman. 2008. "Trends: Evolution, Creationism and the Teaching of Human Origins in Schools." Public Opinion Quarterly. 72.3.

Berkman, Michael, Eric Plutzer and Julie Pacheco. 2008. "Evolution and Creationism in America's Classrooms: A National Portrait." PLoS Biol 6 (5): e124

Plutzer, Eric and Michael Berkman. 2005. "The Graying of America and Support for Funding the Nation's Schools." Public Opinion Quarterly. 69: 66-86.

Berkman, Michael and Christopher Reenock. 2004. "Incremental Consolidation and Comprehensive Reorganization of American State Executive Branches." American Journal of Political Science. Vol. 48 (October): 796-812.

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2004. "Grey Peril or Loyal Support: The Elderly and Expenditures on American Education." Social Science Quarterly. Vol. 85 (December):1178-1192.

Barrilleaux, Charles and Michael Berkman. 2003. "Budgeting Rules and the Politics of State Policymaking." Political Research Quarterly. (December).

Berkman, Michael. 2002. "Legislative Professionalism and the Demand for Groups: The Institutional Context of Interest Population Density." Legislative Studies Quarterly. 26.4: 661-679

Berry, William, Michael Berkman, and Stuart Schneiderman. 2000. "Legislative Professionalism and Incumbent Reelection: The Development of Institutional Boundaries." The American Political Science Review. 94:859-873.

Michael Berkman and James Eisenstein. 1999. "The Impact of Prior Experience on Congressional Candidacy." Political Research Quarterly. 52.3:481-498

Robert O'Connor and Michael Berkman. 1995. "The Religious Determinants of State Abortion Policy." Social Science Quarterly. 76.2:447-460.

Berkman, Michael. 1994. "State Legislators in Congress: Strategic Politicians, Professional Legislatures, and the Party Nexus." The American Journal of Political Science. 38:1025-1055.

Carmines, Edward C. and Michael Berkman. 1994. "Ethos, Ideology, and Partisanship: Resolving the Paradox of Conservative Democrats." Political Behavior, 16:203-219. 1994.

Berkman, Michael and Robert O'Connor. 1993. "Do Women Legislators Matter: Female Legislators and State Abortion Policy." American Politics Quarterly, 21.1: 102-124.

Berkman, Michael. 1993. "Former State Legislators in the House of Representatives: Policy and Institutional Mastery." Legislative Studies Quarterly, XVIII.1: 77-104.

Hanson, Russell and Michael Berkman. 1991. "Gauging the Rainmakers: Towards a Meteorology of State Business Climates." Economic Development Quarterly, 5.3: 213-228.

Wright, Gerald Jr. and Michael Berkman. 1988. "Controversy: Do U.S. Senators Moderate Strategically?" American Political Science Review, 2.1: 241-244.

Wright, Gerald Jr. and Michael Berkman. 1986. "Candidates and Policy in United States Senate Elections." American Political Science Review, 80.2: 567-588.

Book Chapters:

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2012. "The Politics of Education." In Gray, Virginia, Russ Hanson, and Thad Kousser eds. Politics in the American States 12th ed. Washington DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.

Berkman, Michael and Robert O'Connor. 1993. "Do Women Legislators Matter? Female Legislators and State Abortion Policy" in Goggin, Malcolm, L., ed. Understanding the New Politics of Abortion. Newbury Park: Sage Publications.

Essays, Op Eds, Other Articles:

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2012. "An Evolving Controversy: The Struggle to Teach Science in Science Classes." The American Educator. Summer 2012.

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2004. "How People Get What They Want: Long Islanders' Rejection of School Budgets." Newsday. May 30, 2004.

Carmines, Edward and Michael B. Berkman. 1988. "The 1988 Presidential Election: A Strategic Analysis." The Political Science Teacher. 1: 2-4.

Berkman, Michael B., "The State Roots of National Politics." 1988. American Political Science Newsletter: Legislative Studies Section. 11: 129-131.

Book Reviews:

Review of Careers in City Politics: The Case for Urban Democracy, by Timothy Bledsoe and Ambition and Beyond: Career Paths of American Politicians, edited by Shirley Williams and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. The American Political Science Review, 1994.

Review of Videostyle in Senate Campaigns, by Dorothy Davidson Nesbit. Congress and the Presidency. Vol. 16, Number 1.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Don K. Price Award for the best book on Science, Technology, and Politics published in the past three years (with Eric Plutzer). Awarded for Evolution and Creationism by the Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics Section of the APSA.

Best Paper presented at a conference in 2010 on State Politics, from the State Politics and Policy Section of the APSA, for the paper (with Eric Plutzer) "Multi-Level Policy Responsiveness to Public Opinion: From Statehouse to Street-Level." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC. Sept 2011.

The Pennsylvania State University College of the Liberal Arts *Distinction in the Social Sciences Award*, 2011

The Pennsylvania State University College of the Liberal Arts *Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award*, 2010

Named one of *Discover Magazine Top 100 Science Stories of 2008* for 2008 PLoS Biology Article. <http://discovermagazine.com/2009/jan/036>

American Political Science Association's 1991 William Anderson Award for the best Doctoral Dissertation *in State & Local Politics, Federalism or Inter-governmental Relations*.

Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper at the Western Political Science Association Meetings, 1986 (with Gerald Wright, Jr.).

RESEARCH AND TEACHING GRANTS

Center for the Study of Human Variation, Evolution, and Behavior (with Eric Plutzer). "Pre-Service Teachers' Understanding of Science, Evolution and Faith." (\$12,500). August 31, 2002-*National Science Foundation*. Co-PI. 2010-12 "Multi-Level Policy Responsiveness to Public Opinion." With Eric Plutzer and James Honaker (\$274,500).

Templeton Foundation. Co-PI. 2008-2009. "Teaching Evolution and Creationism in America's Classrooms." With Eric Plutzer (\$66,847).

Spencer Foundation. Co-PI. 2008-2009. "Teaching Evolution and Creationism in America's Classroom." (\$39,725). Eric Plutzer, Principal Investigator; Michael Berkman, Co-PI

National Science Foundation. Co-PI. 2004-2005. "Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness in Small Electorates: Institutions and Spending in American School Districts" (\$224,638 over two years). With Eric Plutzer.

Schreyer Honors College Seed Grant to Develop of Approaches and Methods Course. 2001 (with Marie Hojnacki, \$3,000).

Pennsylvania State University Research and Graduate Studies Office 2000 (with Eric Plutzer, \$7,500).

Pennsylvania State University Research and Graduate Studies Office 1994 (\$2,500).

Pennsylvania State University Alumni Faculty Fellowship, 1992 (\$2,500).

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Invited presenter, The Florida State University *Living and Learning Community*. "Who Decides: Evolution and Creationism in American Classrooms." March 2014, Tallahassee, FL.

Invited participant at NESCent (National Evolutionary Science Center) Catalyst conference on the media's coverage of evolution and other science issues, March 2013, Durham, NC.

Participant and Presenter, "Clickers in the Classroom." 2012 Symposium for Teaching and Learning with Technology. Penn State University, March 2012

Presenter. "Evolution and Creationism: The Battle for Control of America's Classrooms." State College Women's Book Club, State College, PA. March 2012.

Presenter. "Multilevel Model of Policy Responsiveness: Examples from TANF and Classroom Instruction in Evolution." Center for American Political Responsiveness Conference on Federalism and Policy Responsiveness. Penn State University, February 25, 2012.

Participant and Presenter. "Panel in Honor Gerald Wright's Contributions: Statehouse Democracy." Southern Political Science Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA. January 2012.

Keynote Address. "Evolution and Creationism: The Battle for Control of America's Classrooms." BioNES (New England Science) Annual Meeting. Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI. December 2011.

Participant and presenter. "Have We Seen the End of Bipartisanship? Developments since the Election of 2010." Liberal Arts Today Program. April 30, 2011

Participant and presenter, "The New Clickers." 2011 Symposium for Teaching and Learning with Technology. Penn State University, March 2011

"Evolution and Creationism: The Battle for Control of America's Classrooms." Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. April 30, 2010.

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2010. "Street-Level Bureaucrat Meet State Standards: Teaching Evolution in American Public Schools." Presented at the seminar on States as Facilitators or Obstructionists of Local Governments. Feb. 25-27, 2010, the DeVoe Moore Center and the LeRoy Collins Institute at Florida State University

"Evolution and Creationism: The Battle for Control of America's Classrooms." Penn State Department of Anthropology. 2009

"Evolution and Creationism: The Battle for Control of America's Classrooms." Penn State School of Education. 2009

"Evolution and Creationism: The Battle for Control of America's Classrooms." Penn State College of the Liberal Arts Alumni Weekend Seminar.

Schreyer Honors College Faculty Admissions Speaker, 2009

Penn State's Research Unplugged, Feature Speaker. "Election 2008: Change, Reform, or More of the Same? October 29, 2008.

WPSX Public Television, Lobby Talk on 5th Congressional District Race

WPSU Public Radio, election commentary, 2008.

Presenter, panel on "From Darwin to Darrow to 'Intelligent Design': Religious Freedom and the Controversy about Teaching Evolution." Union of Reform Judaism regional meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 19, 2006.

Roundtable Participant: Size and Democracy, Frank Bryan's Real Democracy. Southern Political Science Association Meetings. New Orleans, LA. January 2005.

Invited Presenter at APSA Short Course, "The Uses of Public Opinion Data in State Politics and Policy Research ." American Political Science Association Meetings, 2003.

Presentation at the DeVoe Moore Center, Florida State University. "Grey Peril or Loyal Support: The Elderly and Expenditures on American Education." February 2002.

Invited participant, "Economic Freedom Conference" at Florida State University, The DeVoe Moore Center, February 2001

The 2000 Congressional Elections, Centre County Seniors Center, February 2000.

The United States Congress, talk to the Pennsylvania State University Humphrey Fellows, 1998.

The Rise of the Political Class: State Legislators in Congress, at the Penn State Harrisburg Downtown Center's lecture series March, 1996

Discussant on monthly radio show about the 1996 Election, WPSU Radio.

Whatever Happened to the Revolution? 1996 Liberal Arts Alumni Reunion Faculty Speaker.

Four More Years? The 1992 Presidential Election, 1992 Liberal Arts Alumni Reunion Faculty Speaker

Election Night Commentary & Analysis, WMAJ Radio, State College, PA. 1990.

CONFERENCE PAPERS 2005-2014

Berkman, Michael, James Honaker, Christopher Ojeda, and Eric Plutzer. 2013. "Measuring State Welfare Policies." State Politics and Policy Meeting, May 12, 2013, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Honaker, James, Eric Plutzer, Michael Berkman, and Christopher Ojeda. 2012. "A Quicksort Implementation for Qualitative Data for Recovering Latent Dimensions with Crowd-sourced Human Computation: Measuring State Policies for Welfare Eligibility under TANF." Prepared for presentation at the 2012 American Science Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA. (Conference officially cancelled.)

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2011. "Evolution, Creationism, and the Battle to Control America's Classrooms." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2011.

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2010. "Multi-Level Policy Responsiveness to Public Opinion: From Statehouse to Street-Level." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC. Sept 2010. *Winner of the best paper presented at a conference in 2010 on state politics, from the State Politics and Policy Section of the APSA,*

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2010. "Multi-Level Policy Responsiveness to Public Opinion: From Statehouse to Street-Level." Presented at the State Politics and Policy Annual Meeting, Springfield, IL, June 5-7, 2010.

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer 2008. "Intelligent Design and Evolution in America's Classrooms: Teacher Discretion in Implementing State Policy." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August, 2008.

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer 2008. "Do Street Level Bureaucrats Enhance Policy Responsiveness? Classroom-Level Implementation of State Standards for Teaching Evolution." Presented at the State Politics and Policy Meetings, Temple University, May 2008

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2007. "Do Street Level Bureaucrats Enhance Policy Responsiveness? Classroom-Level Implementation of State Standards for Teaching Evolution." Presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, August 31-Sept 2, 2007.

Berkman, Michael, Eric Plutzer and Nicholas Stark. 2006. "Teaching Evolution: State Standards and Public Opinion." Presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Texas Tech University.

Berkman, Michael and Eric Plutzer. 2005. "Electoral Systems, Descriptive Representation, and Substantive Representation on American School Boards." Prepared for delivery at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, Illinois. April 6-8 2005.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Political Science Association Activities:

Midwest Political Science Association, Best paper by an emerging scholar at the 2014 Midwest Meetings.

APSA George H. Hallett Award Committee. 2011-2012.

William Anderson Award Committee, APSA. 2007.

Committee to Select Lifetime Achievement Award. State Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. 2004-2005.

Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, State Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. 1999-2002.

Best Paper Committee, State Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. 2002.

Council Member, State Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. 1996-2000.

Award Committee, Best Paper Presented by a Graduate Student, Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 1995.

Award Committee, American Political Science Association State Politics Section Best Paper, 1993,1998.

Chair, Award Committee, American Political Science Association State Politics Section Best Paper, 1994.

Journal Activities:

Contributing Editor, American Journal of Education, 2004-

Editorial Board, Legislative Studies Quarterly, 2002-2005

Editorial Board, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, 2000-2003

Referee for: Oxford University Press; National Science Foundation, American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Social Science Quarterly; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Western Political Quarterly; American Political Quarterly;

Economic Development Quarterly; Political Research Quarterly; St. Martin's Press; Thinkwell Publishers Consultation

Project Vote Smart. Key Vote consultant. 2001-2003

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Search Committee, Associate Dean of the Schreyer Honors College, 2010

College of the Liberal Arts Promotion and Tenure Committee 2008- (chair 2009 and 2010)

Search Committee, American Politics Position, 2009

College of the Liberal Arts Paterno Fellows Advisory Committee 2008-

Penn State Representative to the Big Ten Poll 2008

Political Science Advisory Committee, 2005-2012

Undergraduate Committee (chair) 2003-

Business and Liberal Arts Committee (chair) 2006-

Director, Business and the Liberal Arts Minor 2006-

Search Committee, American Politics 2006

Search Committee, Schreyer Honors College Dean, 2005

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Political Science 2000-

Coordinator/Director of Political Science Honors Program 2000-

Honors Advisor 2000-

Alumni Relations Committee, Political Science 2002

Political Science Teaching Committee, 2000-2002

Chair, Search Committee for Political Science Department Head, 1998-1999; 1999-2000

Schreyer Honors College Admission Committee, 1998; 2000

University Truman Fellowship Selection Committee, 1996-present

Chair, Committee to Review the Political Science Department Head, 1997-1998

Political Science Search Committees: Minority Politics (1990); American Politics (1992; 1997);
International Relations (1992)

Political Science Graduate Committee, 1995; 1997-1999

Liberal Arts Planning and Advisory Committee, 1995, 1996

Graduate School Program Evaluation Subcommittee, 1996

Search Committee for Director of Policy Analysis and Evaluation, 1991-1992

Penn State Hillel Board of Directors, 1991-1994.

Political Science Undergraduate Committee, 1989.

Political Science External Review Committee Fall 1990

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