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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2010-2012
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Leiden University (the Netherlands), 2007-2010
Instructor, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2006-2007

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY), August 2007
Fields of Study: Comparative Politics, Research Methodology, American Politics
M.A. Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY), May 2005
M.A. Social Sciences, University of Chicago, August 2002
B.A. Political Science, University at Albany - SUNY, May 2001

PUBLICATIONS

McDonald, Michael D. and Robin E. Best. "Unfair Partisan Gerrymanders in Politics and Law: A Diagnostic Applied to Six Cases." Forthcoming in *Election Law Journal*.

Best, Robin E. and Michael D. McDonald. "Models in Political Science: Forms and Purposes." Forthcoming in Hans Keman and Jaap Woldendorp (eds.) *Handbook of Research Methods and Applications in Political Science*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Best, Robin E., Ian Budge and Michael D. McDonald. 2012. "Representation as a Median Mandate versus Bilateralism: Taking Cross-National Differences Seriously" *European Journal of Political Research*, 51(1): 1-23.

Best, Robin E. 2011. "The Declining Electoral Relevance of Traditional Cleavage Groups." *European Political Science Review*, 3(2): 279-300.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Political Parties Summer School, Rijs, the Netherlands, 2005. “Democracy in Europe: European Politics and Multi-level Governance”

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, 2004.

