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Education **Brown University** Providence, RI  
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Expected May 2020  
**Dissertation:** *The Price of Loyalty: Causes and Consequences of Party and Interest Group Competition in Congressional Primaries*  
Committee: Wendy Schiller (chair), Paul Testa, and Susan Moffitt  
The dissertation seeks to explain why outsider congressional candidates are increasingly able to compete with party-backed candidates in primary elections. Using a combination of methods, including a conjoint survey experiment, case studies, and original longitudinal campaign finance data, the dissertation demonstrates that growing voter distrust of parties and political institutions combined with significant changes to the campaign finance system have benefited candidates who, in previous eras, have been blocked or impeded from running for office by party leaders.

A.M., Political Science, 2017

**Central Connecticut State University** New Britain, CT  
B.A., Political Science, 2014

Research Interests American Politics, Political Parties, Congressional Primary Elections, Legislative Process, Women in Politics, Interest Groups, Campaign Finance

Publications **Manento, Cory.** “Party Crashers: Interest Groups as a Latent Threat to Party Networks in Congressional Primaries,” (forthcoming) *Party Politics*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068819834528>.

Schiller, Wendy J., and **Cory Manento.** 2018. “Howard Baker and the Conditional Use of Parliamentary Procedure in the U.S. Senate,” in *Leadership in the U.S. Senate: Herding Cats in the Modern Era*. Eds. Colton Campbell and Steven S. Smith. New York and London: Routledge Press

Other Publications **Manento, Cory.** 2019. “[Interest Groups are Out-Performing the Parties in Congressional Primaries.](#)” *LegBranch*, April 29.

**Manento, Cory.** 2018. “[Citizens United is Fueling Outsider Candidates.](#)” *Vox*, Mischiefs of Faction, October 8.

**Manento, Cory.** 2016. "The Ideological Shift of the Supreme Court in Fourth Amendment Exclusionary Rule Cases." in *Writing up Quantitative Research in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Fallon, Marianne. Boston: Sense Publishers, 123-34.

Schiller, Wendy J., and **Cory Manento.** 2016. "[Pennsylvania Senate Election 2016: Pragmatism and Intraparty Conflict.](#)" *Princeton University Press Blog*

Schiller, Wendy J., and **Cory Manento.** 2016. "[Nevada Senate Election 2016: Money and the Shadows of Party.](#)" *Princeton University Press Blog.*

## Works in Progress

**Manento, Cory** and Paul F. Testa. "In Party We Trust? Voter Support for Party-Backed Candidates in Primary Elections." (under review)

**Manento, Cory** and Marie Schenk. "The Partisan Dynamics of Prominent Women Officeholders: Evidence From State Legislatures." (under review)

**Manento, Cory.** "If an Endorsement Falls in the Forest: Party Elites and Voter Distrust."

## Conference Presentations

**Manento, Cory** and Paul F. Testa. 2019. "Voter Distrust and the Resonance of Party Outsiders in Primary Elections," paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2019.

**Manento, Cory.** 2018. "Party of One: Interest Groups as a Latent Threat to Party Networks in Congressional Primaries," paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2018.

**Manento, Cory** and Marie Schenk. 2018. "The Effect of Prominent Women Officeholders: Evidence from State Legislatures," paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2018.

**Manento, Cory.** 2017. "Friendly Candidates: Interest Group Support in Party Nominations," paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2017.

**Manento, Cory.** 2017. "Friendly Candidates: Interest Group Support in Party Nominations," paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2017.

## Teaching Experience

**Instructor**, Stonehill College, Easton, MA  
POL 123 (A): American Government and Politics, *Fall 2019*  
POL 123 (B): American Government and Politics, *Fall 2019*  
POL 123: American Government and Politics, *Spring 2018*  
POL 360: The United States Congress, *Fall 2017*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Brown University, Providence, RI  
POLS 2580: Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods, *Fall 2018*  
**Teaching Assistant**, Brown University, Providence, RI  
POLS 1120: Campaigns and Elections, *Spring 2018*  
POLS 0010: Introduction to the American Political Process, *Fall 2016 and Fall 2017*  
POLS 1090: Polarized Politics, *Spring 2017*  
CEPS 0943: Ethics and International Affairs, *Summer 2016-2018*  
CEPS 0902: The U.S. in World Politics, *Summer 2016-2018*

## Grants and Fellowships

Brown University Dissertation Fellowship, *2018-2019*.  
Conference Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Brown University, *Winter 2017, Spring 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019*.  
Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, Brown University, *Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019*.

## Service and Additional Experience

**Reviewer**  
*State Politics and Policy Quarterly*

**Research Assistant**  
Loomis, Burdett A. and Wendy J. Schiller. 2018. *The Contemporary Congress*, Seventh Edition. New York: Rowman and Littlefield.

**Coordinator**  
Graduate American Political Workshop, Department of Political Science, Brown University, *2017-2018*

**Connecticut General Assembly**  
Legislative Operations Specialist and Bill Clerk, Connecticut State Senate, *2015 legislative session*

## Technology Skills

**Programming**  
R, RMarkdown, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Survey Design**  
Qualtrics

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