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Education:

Ph.D., Political Science
Stanford University (June 2009)

M.S., Statistics
Stanford University (January 2007)

B.A., Ethics, Politics, and Economics
Yale University (May 2004)

Current Research Projects:

1. Vote Buying in United States Elections:

Chen, Jowei. "When Do Government Benefits Influence Voters' Behavior? The Effect of FEMA Disaster Awards on US Presidential Votes." Under Review.

Chen, Jowei. "Are Poor Voters Easier to Buy Off? A Natural Experiment from the 2004 Florida Hurricane Season."

2. The Geographic Targeting of Pork Barrel Projects:

Chen, Jowei and Neil Malhotra. "The Law of k/n: The Effect of Chamber Size on Government Spending in Bicameral Legislatures."

***American Political Science Review*. Vol. 101, No. 4: p. 657-676.**

Chen, Jowei. "The Effect of Electoral Geography on Pork Barreling in Legislatures."

***Forthcoming, American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 54, No. 2.**

Chen, Jowei. "Split Delegation Bias: The Geographical Targeting of Pork Barrel Earmarks in Bicameral Legislatures," Working Paper.

Research Grants:

“The Partisan Effect of OSHA Enforcement on Workplace Injuries,” (with Connor Raso) 2009. John M. Olin Law and Economics Research Grant (\$4,410).

“Vote Buying in United States Elections,” 2008. Stanford University Graduate Research Opportunity Grant (\$5,000).

“What Explains Racial Discrimination in Government Services,” 2008. Stanford University Vice Provost for Graduate Education Research Grant (\$5,000).

Conference Discussant Service:

Discussant, 2008 APSA (Boston, MA) “Congressional Appropriations.”

Chair and Discussant, 2008 MPSA (Chicago, IL) “Distributive Politics: Parties and Pork.”

Conference Presentations:

"When Do Government Benefits Influence Voters' Behavior? The Effect of FEMA Disaster Awards on US Presidential Votes," 2009 APSA (Toronto, Canada).

"Are Poor Voters Easier to Buy Off?" 2009 APSA (Toronto, Canada).

"Credit Sharing Among Legislators: Electoral Geography's Effect on Pork Barreling in Legislatures," 2008 APSA (Boston, MA).

“Buying Votes with Public Funds in the US Presidential Election,” Poster Presentation at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (University of Michigan).

“The Effect of Electoral Geography on Pork Spending in Bicameral Legislatures,” 2008 MPSA.

“Legislative Free-Riding and Spending on Pure Public Goods,” 2007 MPSA (Chicago, IL).

“Free Riding in Multi-Member Legislatures,” (with Neil Malhotra) 2007 MPSA (Chicago, IL).

“The Effect of Legislature Size, Bicameralism, and Geography on Government Spending: Evidence from the American States,” (with Neil Malhotra) 2006 APSA (Philadelphia, PA).

Reviewer Service:

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Quarterly Journal of Political Science