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Education

- 3-2018 (exp.) **Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science**
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Mass.
Comprehensive Exams: American Politics, Public Law (Distinction)
Dissertation: The Paradox of Town Meeting: The Influence of Forms of Local Government on Citizen Representation.
Committee: Raymond J. La Raja (chair), Brian F. Schaffner, Matthew Streb (Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University)
- 2010 **Master's Degree (LL.M.), American Law**
University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2009 **Master's Degree (LL.M.), Dutch Criminal Law** (Juris Doctor equivalent)
Tilburg University Law School, Tilburg, The Netherlands
- 2008 **International Exchange** (coursework in Political Science, Literature, French)
Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.
- 2007 **Bachelor's Degree (LL.B.), Dutch Law**
Tilburg University Law School, Tilburg, The Netherlands

Teaching

- Instructor of Record**, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst
- 2015-2017 • Introduction to Constitutional Law (Political Science 162)
- 2016-2017 • Law in Film and TV (online, Political Science/Legal Studies 297-TV)
- 2016 • Law in Film and TV (in person, Legal Studies 297-TV)
- Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst
- 2017 • American Foreign Policy (Political Science 255)
- 2016 • Junior Year Writing (Political Science 377/Legal Studies 450)
- 2014-2015 • Introduction to Legal Studies (Legal Studies 250)
- 2011-2013 • Introduction to American Politics (Political Science 101)
- 2012 • American Politics Through Film (Political Science 201)
- Students Mentored**
- 2014-2017 Elizabeth Berman
Undergraduate research assistant; methods mentoring, internship advising
- 2014-2017 Kimberley Beaudreau
Supervised independent study, graduate school advising
- 2015-2017 Cole Garvey
Undergraduate research assistant, methods mentoring
- 2015-2017 Manuel Bonder
Law school advising; assisted in securing an internship with U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren
- 2013-2015 Nicholas Vigneau
Law school advising, internship mentoring
- Guest Lectures**
- 2016 Smith College: "Local Government: High Costs, Low Turnout"
- 2014 UMass Amherst: "Politics in Law: Voting Rights Then and Now"

Publications

- La Raja, Raymond, **Wouter van Erve**. 2017. "Large Town Council Has Many Problems." *Amherst Bulletin*. 20 April.
- La Raja, Raymond, **Wouter van Erve**. 2015. "Don't Romanticize Town Meeting in Amherst". *Amherst Bulletin*. 5 June.
- La Raja, Raymond, **Wouter van Erve**. 2014. "How representative, really, is Amherst Town Meeting?". *Daily Hampshire Gazette*. 9 June. [\(http://www.gazettenet.com/Archives/2014/06/larajaGUEST-hg-061014\)](http://www.gazettenet.com/Archives/2014/06/larajaGUEST-hg-061014). (09/14/2016).
- Schaffner, Brian, **Wouter van Erve**, & Raymond La Raja. 2014. "How Ferguson Exposes the Racial Bias in Local Elections." *Monkey Cage*. 15 August. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2014/08/15/how-ferguson-exposes-the-racial-bias-in-local-elections/>. (08/23/2016).
- Linken, Allen, **Wouter van Erve**. 2012. "What a Difference a Case Makes Or: What Goes into a Strong Supreme Court Majority." *Experimental & Empirical Studies eJournal* 13.33: n. pag. Web.
- Bruggeman, W., Fijnaut, C.J.C.F., Sievers, L., Spapens, A.C.M., & **Erve, W. van**. 2008. *The role of the police worldwide in the containment of the illegal production, the illegal trade and the illegal possession of small arms and light weapons*. Zoetermeer: Korps Landelijke Politiediensten.

Papers under Peer Review

- Van Erve, Wouter. "The More The Merrier? The Paradox of Citizen Involvement in Local Politics." Submitted to *Urban Affairs Review*.

Working Papers

- The Conditional Effects of Latino Candidates and Partisanship on Latino Turnout (with Ivelisse Cuevas-Molina, Tatishe Nteta and Brian Schaffner) — Manuscript in preparation.
- Trade-Offs Between Participatory Democracy and Representation (with Raymond La Raja) — Manuscript in preparation.
- Candidate Emergence in Local Races: How do Institutions Affect Who Runs? — Manuscript in preparation.

Conference Participation

- The More the Merrier? The Paradox of Citizen Involvement in Local Politics. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia. September 2016.
- Trade-offs Between Participatory Democracy and Representation. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans. January 2015.
- Trade-offs Between Participatory Democracy and Representation: A Study of New England Town Meeting. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago. April 2014.
- What a Difference a Case Makes, or: What Goes into a Strong Supreme Court Majority. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago. April 2012.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2016	Dissertation Research Grant, Graduate School, UMass Amherst (\$1,000).
2015	Summer Language and Training Grant, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (\$2,500).
2015	Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$250).
2015	Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (\$300)
2013	Summer Research and Writing Grant, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (\$2,500).
2012	Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (\$400).

2009	Study Abroad Merit Scholarship, VSBFonds Foundation, The Netherlands (€7,000)
2006	Student Leadership Grant, Tilburg University Law School, The Netherlands (€2,700)

Research Positions

2015-2016	Research Assistant Professor Lauren McCarthy, Legal Studies, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst Community Policing Project
2015-2016	Research Assistant Professors Brian Schaffner, Jesse Rhodes, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst DEMOS Research Project, tasked with collecting, formatting and analyzing voting data using Catalist.
2012-2014	Research Assistant Professors Brian Schaffner, Ray La Raja, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst Collected, formatted and analyzed data collected using Catalist on donors and their political contributions for <i>Campaign Finance and Political Polarization: When Purists Prevail</i> .
2010	Research Assistant Professor Shannon Mariotti, Department of Political Science, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex. Assisted with literature research for <i>Thoreau's Democratic Withdrawal: Alienation, Participation and Modernity</i> .
2006-2009	Research Assistant Professor Cyrille Fijnaut, Tilburg University Law School, Tilburg, The Netherlands. Assisted with criminology research into the policing of organized crime in The Netherlands and Europe.

Other Professional Experience

2010-2011	Assistant Prosecutor/Paralegal Public Prosecution Service, Den Bosch, The Netherlands.
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Professional Activities and Service

2014-Present	Graduate Assistant, Interdisciplinary Studies Institute, UMass Amherst.
2013-2015	Graduate Student Orientation Coordinator, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst.
2012-2015	Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst.
2011-2013	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwestern Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Northeast Political Science Association.

Research Interests

State and local politics, urban politics, representation, race and gender in American politics, voting behavior, voter participation and turnout, constitutional law, civil rights and civil liberties, judicial politics.

Methods and Languages

- **Languages:** English (native), Dutch (native), French (fluent), German (elementary)
- **Methods:** Quantitative data analysis; network analysis (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, June 2015); qualitative research design and data analysis; interviewing (UMass Institute for Social Science Research, July 2015); proficient in STATA, R, and LaTeX.

References

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