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**Education**

2000 Ph.D. Political Science, University of Colorado, Boulder  
1996 M.A. Political Science, University of Colorado, Boulder  
1991 B.S. Economics, *summa cum laude* University of Texas, Dallas

**Employment**

2007 Associate Professor, Florida State University  
2004 Assistant Professor, Florida State University  
1999 Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University

**Administrative**

2009 – present Director, Research Intensive Bachelor’s Certificate Program,  
Political Science, Florida State University  
2006 – present Director of Graduate Admissions, Political Science, Florida State University  
2004 Director of Graduate Studies, Texas Tech University

**Refereed Articles**

Stone, Walter J., Sarah Fulton, Cherie Maestas, L. Sandy Maisel. *forthcoming* “Incumbency Reconsidered: Prospects, Strategic Entry, and Incumbent Quality in U.S. House Elections.” *Journal of Politics*.

Atkeson, Lonna and Cherie Maestas. 2009. “Meaningful Participation and the Evolution of the Reformed Presidential Nominating System” *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 42 (January):59-64.

Maestas, Cherie, Lonna Atkeson, Thomas Croom and Lisa Bryant. 2008 “Shifting the Blame: Federalism, Media and Public Assignment of Blame Following Hurricane Katrina. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. 38:4

Maestas, Cherie and Cynthia Rugeley 2008 “Reassessing the Experience Bonus: Candidate Quality and Campaign Receipts in U.S. House Elections” *American Journal of Political Science*. 52(July).

Fulton, Sarah A., Cherie Maestas, L. Sandy Maisel, and Walter Stone. 2006 “The Sense of a Woman: Gender and Congressional Ambition” *Political Research Quarterly* 59(June): 235-248

Maestas, Cherie, Sarah A. Fulton, L. Sandy Maisel, Walter J. Stone. 2006. “When to Risk it? Institutions, Ambitions, and the Decision to Run for the U.S. House” *American Political Science Review*. 100 (May): 195-208.

Maestas, Cherie, L. Sandy Maisel, and Walter Stone 2005 “Strategic Contact: Party Efforts to Recruit State Legislators to Run for the U.S. House” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 30 (May): 277-300.

Gerber, Brian, Cherie Maestas and Nelson Dometrius 2005 “State Legislative Influence over Agency Rulemaking: The Utility of Ex Ante Review” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. 5(Spring): 24-46.

Stone, Walter, L. Sandy Maisel and Cherie Maestas 2004 “Quality Counts: Extending the Strategic Politician Model of Incumbent Deterrence” *American Journal of Political Science*. 48(July) 479-495.

Maestas, Cherie, Grant Neeley and Lilliard Richardson 2003 “The State of Surveying Legislators: Dilemmas and Suggestions” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. 3(Spring): 90 – 108.

Maestas, Cherie. 2003 “The Incentive to Listen: Progressive Ambition, Resources and Opinion Monitoring among State Legislators” *Journal of Politics* Vol. 65(2): 439-456.

Maestas, Cherie. 2000 “Professional Legislatures and Ambitious Politicians: Policy Responsiveness of Individuals and Institutions.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 25(4): 663-690.

Maestas, Cherie and Rob Preuhs 2000 “Modeling Volatility in Political Time Series” *Electoral Studies* 19(1): 95-110.

### **Book Chapters**

Atkeson, Lonna Rae and Cherie D. Maestas. 2008. “Race and the Formation of Attitudes: Reactions to Hurricane Katrina” in Barbra Norrander and Clyde Wilcox, ed. *Understanding Public Opinion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*. Washington DC: CQ Press.

Stone, Walter, Nathan Hadley, Rolfe Peterson, Cherie Maestas, L. Sandy Maisel 2008 "Candidate Entry, Voter Response and Partisan Tides in the 2002 and 2006 Elections" in Jeffrey J. Mondak and Donna-Gene Mitchell, eds., *Fault Lines: Why the Republicans Lost Congress* (NY: Routledge).

Maisel, L. Sandy, Cherie D. Maestas, Walter J. Stone. 2005. “Candidate Emergence in 2002: The Impact of Redistricting on Potential Candidates’ Decisions” Thomas E. Mann and Bruce Cain, eds., *Party Lines: Competition, Partisanship and Congressional Redistricting* Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.

Maestas, Cherie and Cynthia Rugeley 2005. “The Candidates” in Paul Herrnson, Ed. *Guide to Political Campaigns in America*. Washington D.C.: C.Q. Press.

Maestas, Cherie. 2004 “Racing in the Shadows: The 2002 Texas Senate Race” in L. Sandy Maisel Ed. *Running on Empty? Campaign Discourse in Congressional Elections*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Maisel, L. Sandy, Cherie Maestas, and Walter J. Stone. 2002. “The Role of Political Parties in Candidate Emergence” L. Sandy Maisel, ed. *The Parties Respond* Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Maestas, Cherie 2002 “Risk and Uncertainty as Sources of Incumbent Insecurity” Barry Burden, ed. *Uncertainty in American Politics* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Maisel, L. Sandy, Walter J. Stone, and Cherie Maestas. 2000. “Quality Challengers to Congressional Incumbents. Can Better Candidates Be Found?” in Paul Herrnson, editor *Playing Hardball: Campaigning for the U.S. Congress*. New York: Prentice Hall.

### **Submitted Works**

Ehrlich, Sean and Cherie D. Maestas. “Risk, Risk Orientation and Policy Opinions: The Case of Free Trade” *under review*

## Research in Progress

Atkeson, Lonna Rae and Cherie D. Maestas. *Media Framing, Public Perceptions and Political Consequences in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina* Book length manuscript, under contract. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Maestas, Cherie and Lonna Atkeson. "Storm of Emotions: Heterogeneous Attributions Following Hurricane Katrina" in preparation for submission.

Croom, Thomas, Cherie Maestas and Lonna Atkeson "Nationalizing the Guard: Attributions of Blame Following Katrina and Public Policy Opinions" Manuscript in progress.

## Grants and Awards

- 2008      *Co-Principal Investigator* "Laboratory, Survey, and Field Experiments Testing Voter Turnout Mobilization Messages" with multiple Co-PIs. Cornerstone Grant, Florida State University Committee on Faculty Research (Grant Total: \$100,000)
- 2007      *Co-Principal Investigator* "Establishing a Center for the Study of Democratic Performance At Florida State" with multiple co-PIs. Cornerstone Grant, Florida State University Committee on Faculty Research. (Grant total: \$100,000)
- Principal Investigator*, Supplemental funding "Who's to Blame? Public Perceptions of the Aftermath of Katrina and Preferences for Public Policy Change" (NSF SES-0553047) with Lonna Rae Atkeson, University of New Mexico (Grant total: \$22,000)
- 2005      *Principal Investigator* "Who's to Blame? Public Perceptions of the Aftermath of Katrina and Preferences for Public Policy Change" (NSF SES-0553047) with Lonna Rae Atkeson, University of New Mexico. (Grant total: \$65,000)
- Principal Investigator* "Time, Money, and Success: The Effect of Election Calendars on Challenger Success in U.S. House Elections." First Year Assistant Professor Grant. Florida State University. (\$14,000)
- 2002      *Case Study and Consultant* for Texas Senate Race, Pew Charitable Trusts Principal Investigators, L. Sandy Maisel and Darrell West (\$6,500)
- 2001      *Principal Investigator* "Competition and Citizen Involvement in U.S. House Elections" with L. Sandy Maisel at Colby Collge and Walter J. Stone, Carnegie Corporation of New York (\$250,000).
- 2000      *Sub-contract to collaborate* "Collaborative Research on Candidate Emergence in U.S. House Elections" Smith-Richardson Foundation. Principal Investigators Walter J. Stone and L. Sandy Maisel. (\$7,500)
- Research Enhancement Grant* , "Courting the Future: The Impact of Career Ambitions on the Behavior of State Legislators" College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University (\$3750)
- 1999      *Sub-contract to collaborate* "Collaborative Research on Candidate Emergence in U.S. House Elections" (NSF SBR-9515450). Principal Investigator Walter J. Stone and

L. Sandy Maisel. (\$13,500)

### **Conference Participation**

Thomas Croom, Cherie Maestas and Lonna Rae Atkeson. 2010. "Nationalizing the Guard: Attributions of Blame Following Katrina and Public Policy Opinions" to be presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA.

Cherie Maestas and Will Pollock 2010 "Risk Orientation, Risky Markets and Social Security Privatization Opinions" to be presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA.

Matthew Buttice and Cherie D. Maestas. 2009. "Assessing Experts: Establishing Reliability and Validity of Aggregate Informant Measures" presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Toronto.

Maestas, Cherie D. and Lonna Rae Atkeson 2009 "Affective Attributions: Shock, Anxiety, and Attribution of Blame During Crisis Events" presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Toronto.

Atkeson, Lonna Rae and Cherie D. Maestas 2008. "A Crisis in Confidence: External Efficacy and Hurricane Katrina" presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Boston, MA.

Ehrlich, Sean and Cherie D. Maestas. 2008. "Risk Orientation and Trade Policy Preferences" presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Boston, MA.

Atkeson, Lonna Rae and Cherie Maestas 2007. "Who's responsible? Federalism and Hurricane Katrina" presented at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings, Chicago, IL.

Maestas, Cherie and Lonna Rae Atkeson 2006 "Who's Responsible? Citizen Attributions of Blame for the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina" presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA.

Maestas, Cherie, Lynda Powell and John Wilkerson. 2006 "Legislative Specialization in the States: Theory and Evidence from a Survey of State Legislators" presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Atkeson, Lonna, Cherie Maestas and Joel Turner. 2006. "Race and Attribution of Blame in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina" presented at the Southwest Political Science Association Meetings, San Antonio, TX.

Maestas, Cherie and Cindy Rugeley. 2005 "Bringing in the Big Bucks? Candidate Quality and Campaign Receipts in U.S. House Elections" presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Washington, D.C.

Maestas, Cherie and Cindy Rugeley. 2005. "Bringing in the Big Bucks? U.S. House Challengers' Success at Raising Money from Large Donors" presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, New Orleans. *Winner of the SPSA's 2005 SPSA Pi Sigma Alpha Award*

Adler, E. Scott, Michael Berry, Cherie Maestas and John Wilkerson. 2005 "The Politics of Legislative Specialization: Issues and Considerations in Measurement, 96<sup>th</sup> – 105<sup>th</sup> Congress" presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

- Atkeson, Lonna and Cherie Maestas. 2004 "Racing to the Front: The Effect of Frontloading on Presidential Primary Turnout" presented at the State Politics and Policy Meetings, Akron Ohio April 28 – May 1.
- Adler, E. Scott, Cherie Maestas and John Wilkerson. 2004 "Who Specializes? Internal and External Influences on Legislative Specialization in the U.S. House" presented at the Western Political Science Association Meetings, Seattle Washington
- Fulton, Sarah, Cherie Maestas, Walter Stone and L. Sandy Maisel 2004 "Gender and Progressive Ambition: Recasting the Calculus of Higher Office" presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- Stone, Walter, Sarah Fulton, L. Sandy Maisel, Cherie Maestas 2004 "Prospects, Money, Candidate Entry, and Vote Share in U.S. House Elections: What's Causing What?" presented at the Annual Meetings of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington. *Winner of the Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper presented at the WPSA.*
- Maestas, Cherie, Brian J. Gerber, and Nelson Dometrius. 2003 "Analyzing LARRI: Legislative Authority to Review Rules and Bureaucratic Choices." presented at the Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, March, Tucson, AZ.
- Atkeson, Lonna and Cherie Maestas. 2003 "Racing to the Front: The Effect of Frontloading on Presidential Primary Turnout" presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association. August 26-30. Philadelphia, PA.
- Maestas, Cherie and Denis Rey 2003. "Tides, Eddies, and Stagnant Pools: Potential Candidate Perceptions of National Conditions and Expectations for Support." presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 4 – 7, Chicago, IL.
- Maestas, Cherie and Michael Berkman 2002 "Reconsidering the Democratic Bias: Legislative Professionalism and Partisan Career Paths" presented at the Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, May 23-24, Milwaukee, WI.
- Gerber, Brian, Cherie Maestas and Nelson Dometrius 2002 "State Legislatures and Agency Policy Making: An Examination of Legislative Influence over Bureaucratic Action" presented at the Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, May 23-24, Milwaukee, WI.
- Maestas, Cherie and Patricia Jaramillo 2001 "Too Close for Comfort: The Timing of U.S. House Primaries and Their Divisiveness" presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, August 29 - September 4, 2001 San Francisco.
- Maestas, Cherie 2001 "Risk and Uncertainty: Sources of Incumbent Insecurity" presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 2001 Chicago. *Nominated for the Robert H. Durr Award for the best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem in political science*
- Stone, Walter J., L. Sandy Maisel and Cherie Maestas 2001 "Exploring Candidate Quality in U.S. House Races" Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April, 2001 Chicago IL.
- Maestas, Cherie, Grant Neeley and Lilliard Richardson 2001 "Surveying State Legislators: What have we learned?" presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference March 2-3, College Station, TX.

- Maestas, Cherie, L. Sandy Maisel and Walter J. Stone. 2000 “When to Risk It? Office Holders Decisions to Run for the U.S. House” presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, August 29 – September 3, Washington, D.C.
- Maestas, Cherie 2000 “Courting the Future: Progressive Ambition and the Behavior of State Legislators” presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, August 29 – September 3, Washington, D.C.
- Maestas, Cherie 1999 “Uncertain Calculations: Exploring Incumbent Behavior in a Volatile World” to be presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, Atlanta, GA.
- Maisel, L. Sandy, Walter J. Stone and Cherie Maestas 1999 “Reassessing the Definition of Quality Candidates” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 15-17, Chicago, IL.
- Maestas, Cherie, L. Sandy Maisel and Walter J. Stone. 1999 “Stepping Up or Stopping? Candidate Emergence Among State” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Southwest Political Science Association, April 1-4, San Antonio, TX.
- Maestas, Cherie 1999 “Risk and Uncertainty: Sources of Incumbent Insecurity” presented at the Western Political Science Association Meetings, March 22-25, Seattle, WA.
- Maestas, Cherie and Kristian Gleditsch 1998 “The Sensitivity of GARCH Estimates: Macropartisan Volatility Revisited,” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 23-25, Chicago, IL. *Nominated for the “Gosnell Prize for Excellence in Political Methodology” for the best work in political methodology presented at any political science conference during the preceding year.*
- Maisel, L. Sandy, Walter J. Stone, Cherie Maestas and Sean Evans. 1998 “Candidate Quality in Congressional Elections: Candidate Emergence in the 1998 Elections” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 23-25, Chicago, IL.
- Stone, Walter, L. Sandy Maisel and Cherie Maestas 1998 “Candidate Emergence in U.S. House Elections” presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, Boston, MA. *Nominated for Congressional Quarterly's award for the best paper on a legislative topic presented at the APSA 1998 meetings.*
- Maisel, L. Sandy, Walter J. Stone, and Cherie Maestas 1997 “Candidate Quality in Congressional Elections: A Preliminary View from the Candidate Emergence Study” presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, Washington, D.C.
- Maestas, Cherie 1997 “Macropartisan Volatility: A New Perspective Using GARCH Modeling” presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, Washington, D.C.
- Maestas, Cherie 1997 “Macropartisan Volatility: A New Perspective Using GARCH Modeling” presented at the Annual Political Methodology Summer Conference, Columbus, Ohio July 23-27, 1997.
- Maestas, Cherie 1997 “Professional Legislatures and Ambitious Politicians: Policy Responsiveness of Individuals and Institutions” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Western Political Science Association, March 13 - 16, Tucson, AZ.

Maestas, Cherie 1996 “Strategic Discourse and Target Groups: Why Welfare Reformers Need Deadbeat Dads” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Western Political Science Association, March 14-16, San Francisco, CA.

### Teaching Honors and Awards

- 2003 Nominated and Admitted to Texas Tech University’s Teaching Academy in recognition of outstanding teaching.  
 2002 *President’s Excellence in Teaching Award*, Texas Tech University

### PhD Students

Melissa Neal, co-chair, (PhD. 2008), Assistant Professor Texas A&M Corpus Christi (beginning fall 2010)  
 Cynthia Rugeley, chair (Ph.D. 2007), Assistant Professor Texas Tech University  
 Joel Turner, committee member, (PhD 2007), Assistant Professor University of Western Kentucky  
 Daniel Kreji, co-chair (PhD. 2004), Assistant Professor, Jacksonville State University  
 Samuel Stanton, co-chair (PhD. 2004) Associate Professor, Grove City College

### Service to the Discipline

- 2010 Ted Robinson Award Committee, *Southwest Political Science Association*  
 2010 Jewell-Loewenberg Award Committee, Legislative Studies Section, *APSA*  
 2009 Executive Council, *Southwest Political Science Association*  
 2008 Committee on Diversity, Political Methodology Section, *American Political Science Association*  
 2008 Section Chair, *Southern Political Science Association*  
 2007 - 2009 National Science Foundation Dissertation Proposal Review Panel  
 2007 Section Chair, Legislative Studies: Campaigns and Elections, *Midwest Political Science Association*  
 2006 Chair, Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award, *Southern Political Science Association*  
 2006 Chair, Best Paper Award, State Politics and Policy Section, *American Political Science Association*  
 2006 Member, Executive Council, State Politics and Policy Section, *American Political Science Association*  
 2006 Co-Chair, *State Politics and Policy Conference*, Lubbock, TX  
 2006 Chair, Sub-national Politics / Federalism section, *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, San Antonio, TX  
 2005 – 2007 Member, Nominations Committee, *Southwestern Political Science Association*  
 2003 – 2005 Member, Executive Council, *Southwestern Political Science Association*  
 2003 – 2007 Member, Editorial Board *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*  
 2003 – 2004 Chair, Ted Robinson Award for Best Graduate Proposal in Minority Politics  
 2002 Chair, State Politics and Policy Quarterly Best Paper Award Committee  
 2002 Section Chair, Legislative and Executives, *Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings*, New Orleans, LA  
 2001-2003 Membership Committee, *Southwestern Social Science Association*

### Editorial Boards

- 2008-2010 Legislative Studies Quarterly  
 2003-2010 State Politics and Policy Quarterly

Reviewer for the following journals:

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Political Communication, Social Science Quarterly, State Politics and Policy Review, State and Local Government Review*

### **Service to the University and Department**

2008 – 2009 Executive Committee, Center for the Study of Democratic Performance, Political Science  
Florida State University  
2007 – 2009 Executive Committee, Political Science, Florida State University  
2004 – 2005 Executive Committee, Political Science, Florida State University  
2003 – 2004 Speaker Series Coordinator, Political Science, Texas Tech University  
2001 – 2004 Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Political Science, Texas Tech University  
2001 – 2004 Member, Survey Lab Advisory Committee, Political Science Texas, Tech University  
2002 – 2003 Member, Computing and Technology Committee, Political Science, Texas Tech University

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association  
Legislative Politics Section  
Political Methodology Section  
State Politics and Policy Section  
Women and Politics Section  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Southwest Political Science Association  
Southwest Social Science Association