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Gary W. Cox is a Professor of Political Science at Stanford University. In addition to numerous articles in the areas of legislative and electoral politics, Cox is author of *The Efficient Secret* (winner of the 1983 Samuel H. Beer dissertation prize and the 2003 George H. Hallett Award), co-author of *Legislative Leviathan* (winner of the 1993 Richard F. Fenno Prize), author of *Making Votes Count* (winner of the 1998 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award, the 1998 Luebbert Prize and the 2007 George H. Hallett Award); and co-author of *Setting the Agenda* (winner of the 2006 Leon D. Epstein Book Award). A former Guggenheim Fellow, Cox was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1996 and the National Academy of Sciences in 2005. Ph.D. California Institute of Technology, 1983.

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James D. Fearon is Theodore and Frances Geballe Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences and Professor of Political Science at Stanford University. His research focuses mainly on political violence – interstate, civil, and ethnic conflict, for example – though he has also worked on aspects of democratic theory and the impact of democracy on foreign policy. He has published numerous articles in scholarly journals, including “Self-Enforcing Democracy” (*Quarterly Journal of Economics*), “Can Development Aid Contribute to Social Cohesion after Civil War?” (*American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*), “Iraq’s Civil War” (*Foreign Affairs*), “Neotrusteeship and the Problem of Weak States” (co-authored with David Laitin, in *International Security*), “Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War” (co-authored with David Laitin, in *American Political Science Review*), and “Rationalist Explanations for War” (*International Organization*). Fearon was elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2002, and has been a Program Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research since 2004. He served as Chair of the Department of Political Science at Stanford from 2008-2010.

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Justin Grimmer is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science. His research interests include political representation, Congress, bureaucracies, and political methodology. His book project, *Representational Style: What Legislators Say and Why It Matters*, demonstrates that to understand how representation occurs in Congress, one must examine how legislators engage constituents outside of it. Justin received his PhD from Harvard University in 2010 and his AB from Wabash College. During academic years 2011-2013, Justin will be a visiting fellow at the Hoover Institute.

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Stuti Khemani is a Senior Economist in the Development Research Group and the Africa region's Chief Economist's office of the World Bank. Her area of research is the political economy of public policy choices, and institutional reforms for development. Her work is published in leading development economics and political science journals, including the *American Economic Journal*, *Journal of Development Economics* and *American Political Science Review*. She has studied the impact of electoral politics on fiscal policy and intergovernmental fiscal relations; and analyzed political constraints to efficient allocation of public resources for health and education services. She is currently examining the role of mass media and local elections in addressing political incentives for development policies. Her research and advisory work spans a diverse range of countries, including Benin, Bolivia, China, India, the Philippines, and Nigeria. She holds a PhD in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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