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*In*Profile

Dan DiSalvo

Daniel DiSalvo received his Ph.D. in American politics from the University of Virginia in 2007. His dissertation was titled "Intra-Party Factions in American Political Development." It identified factions from the Civil War to the present and explained how they shape their parties' reputations, influenced policymaking, and structured patterns of presidential-congressional operation. One goal of his analysis was to more rigorously define factions, to allow for comparison and generalization. A faction, as DiSalvo defined it, is a party sub-unit that has enough ideological consistency, organizational capacity, and temporal durability to sustain intra-party conflict with implications for the party's self-conception and policymaking. Factions acquire names, create organizations, and articulate different ideational positions from the mainstream of their party. In many cases, they try to change the party's identity by challenging the ideas and interests that define the mainstream of their party. Ultimately, they seek to put their stamp on the nation.

An article derived from his dissertation was recently accepted for publication at *Congress & the Presidency: A Journal of Capitol Studies*. DiSalvo has also written on parties, campaigns and elections, and public policy for a variety of publications, including *The Journal of Politics*, *The Public Interest*, *The Tocqueville Review*, *The Forum*, and *Commentary*.

As the Warren E. Miller Fellow in Electoral Politics at the American Political Science Association's Centennial Center this summer, DiSalvo will conduct work on two projects. One is an article-length case study that examines the role of the Liberal-Labor faction in shaping the policy agenda and electoral strategy of the 1950s Democratic Party. The other is the process of revising his book manuscript, which he hopes to begin circulating to publishers in the fall.

After spending two years on a Mellon Foundation post-doc at Amherst College, DiSalvo has recently accepted a tenure track professorship in the department of political science at the City College of New York. "I'm excited to be joining a dynamic department in an institution with such a rich heritage and diverse student body," said DiSalvo. "Few other places can claim to be to known as the 'Harvard of the working class.'"

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