

# David Primo

**Ani and Mark Gabrellian Professor, Professor of Political Science and Business Administration at University of Rochester**

Rochester, NY, US

An expert in American politics; campaign finance; corporate political strategy, social responsibility & fiscal policy; & airline industry.

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## Biography

David M. Primo is the Ani and Mark Gabrellian Professor and a professor of political science and business administration at the University of Rochester. He is the author of three books, including the award-winning *Rules and Restraint: Government Spending and the Design of Institutions*, and numerous journal articles. His most recent book is *Campaign Finance and American Democracy: What the Public Really Thinks and Why It Matters*, co-authored with Jeff Milyo. His research has been supported by several organizations, including the National Science Foundation. Primo has published op-eds in national news outlets including the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, USA Today, and Los Angeles Times, and he's been interviewed on radio and television stations including National Public Radio, Bloomberg, and Sirius XM. He has testified before Congress multiple times on the subject of constitutional budget rules and budget process reform, and his campaign finance research was cited in 2011 by Chief Justice John Roberts in a US Supreme Court decision regarding the public funding of elections. In 2014, Primo created the Politics and Markets Project, which fosters education, research, and debate about the appropriate relationship between business and government in the 21st century. The panel events Primo moderates as part of PMP programming bring together experts from across the political spectrum to debate controversial issues in a civil fashion. Primo teaches courses in American politics, corporate political strategy, and innovation and global business. He joined the Rochester faculty in 2002 after receiving his PhD in Political Science from Stanford University, where he also received an MA in Economics. He is also a senior affiliated scholar with the Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

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## Industry Expertise

Airlines/Aviation, Government Administration, Government Relations, Research, Education/Learning

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## Areas of Expertise

Airline Industry, Airline Business, Election Law, Federal Tax Policy, Political Gridlock, Campaign Finance, Government Spending and Budgets, Judicial Appointments, Legislative Rules, Airline Safety and Security, Corporate Political Strategy, Government shutdown, Money in Politics, Airline Operations

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## Affiliations

The Mercatus Center at George Mason University : Mercatus Affiliated Scholar, American Politics Research : Editorial Board, Center for Competitive Politics : Board of Academic Advisors

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## **Education**

**Stanford University**  
Ph.D. Political Science

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M.A. Economics

**Brown University**  
M.A. Political Science

**Brown University**  
B.A. Economics and Honors Political Science

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Alan Rosenthal Prize**

Awarded by the American Political Science Association for "Rules and Restraint", the best publication in legislative studies by a young scholar during 2007 of importance to legislators and legislative staff and of merit in strengthening the practice of representative democracy.

### **Goergen Award for Distinguished Achievement and Artistry in Undergraduate Education**

Awarded for distinguished service to Rochester University.

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