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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Brown University

Director, Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy, 2025 to present
Julis-Rabinowitz Professor of Public Policy and Political Science, 2016 to present
Chair, Department of Political Science, 2021 to 2024
Director, Master of Public Affairs Program, 2016 to 2021

University of Virginia

Professor of Public Policy and Politics, Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and
Department of Politics, 2011 to 2016
Director, Center for Health Policy, 2014 to 2016
Associate Dean, Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, August 2009 to August 2012
Acting Dean, Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, June 2011 to December 2011
Professor, Department of Politics, 2009 to 2011
Associate Director, MPP Program, 2006 to 2009
Associate Professor, Department of Politics, 2002-2009

UCLA

Assistant Professor, Luskin School of Public Affairs, 2000-2002

Yale University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Lecturer, Yale Law School,
1996-2000

AFFILIATIONS

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, 2009 to present

Elected Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration, 2010 to present

Board Member, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 2016 to present

American Academy of Arts & Sciences Study Group on Durability and Adaptability in US
Climate and Energy Policy, 2014 to 2018

National Advisory Committee, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy
Research, 2013 to 2017

FELLOWSHIPS

Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar, spring 2025

University of Virginia Sesquicentennial Research Fellowship, 2009

UCLA Center for American Politics Fellowship, 2001-02

Yale Junior Faculty Fellowship, 1999-2000

Brookings Institution Dissertation Fellowship, 1995-96

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science, 1996

M.P.P., University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, 1989

B.A., University of Virginia, History (with highest distinction) and Economics, 1987 [University of Delaware, coursework, 1983-84]

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

MIT, Sloan School of Management, Business Dynamics, 2016

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Public Engagement Award, Health Politics and Policy Section, American Political Science Association, 2025

Don K. Price Award for best book on technology, science and politics, American Political Science Association, 2018

Louis Brownlow Book Award for best book on public administration, National Academy of Public Administration, 2018

Jefferson Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Virginia, 2013

Elected Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration, 2010

Best Paper on Public Policy, American Political Science Association, 2009

Louis Brownlow Book Award for best book on public administration, National Academy of Public Administration, 2009

Younger Prize for University of Virginia's top undergraduate student in American history, 1987

Society of Professional Journalists' Award for Excellence in College Editorial Writing, 1986

Phi Beta Kappa

EDITORIAL POSTIONS

Editor, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 2016-2019

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Countermobilization: Policy Feedback and Backlash in a Polarized Age. University of Chicago Press, 2023.

Unhealthy Politics: The Battle Over Evidence-Based Medicine (with Alan S. Gerber and Conor Dowling). Princeton University Press, 2017. Paperback edition with new preface, 2020.

Louis Brownlow Book Award, National Academy of Public Administration
Don K. Price Book Award, American Political Science Association

Reforms at Risk: What Happens After Major Policy Changes Are Enacted. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008.

Louis Brownlow Book Award, National Academy of Public Administration

Putting Trust in the U.S. Budget: Federal Trust Funds and the Politics of Commitment. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000. [Chinese translation, 2009].

Edited books

The Dynamics of American Democracy: Partisan Polarization, Political Competition and Government Performance (co-edited with Wendy Schiller), University Press of Kansas, 2020.

Congress and Policy Making in the 21st Century (co-edited with Jeffery Jenkins). New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Living Legislation: Durability, Change, and the Politics of American Lawmaking (co-editor with Jeffery A. Jenkins). Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012.

Promoting the General Welfare: New Perspectives on Government Performance (co-editor with Alan S. Gerber). Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2006.

Textbook

A Practical Guide for Policy Analysis: The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem Solving, (with Eugene S. Bardach). Washington: CQ Press, 7th edition (2023), 6th edition (2019). 5th edition (2015).

Articles

“Affluence and the Demand-side for Policy Improvements: Exploring Elite Beliefs about Vulnerability to Societal Problems,” (with Alan Gerber and Mackenzie Lockhart), *The Forum*, 2024: (1): 3-27.

“Polarization, the Pandemic, and Public Trust in Health System Actors,” (with Alessandro Del Ponte and Alan Gerber), *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 2024: 375-401.

“Entrenchment and Health Equity: Lessons for Advocates, Policymakers, and Researchers,” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 2023: 299-306.

“Backlash Politics in America’s Disunited and Polarized State,” *Studies in American Political Development*, 2022: 151-155.

“How Voters Use Contextual Information to Reward and Punish: Credit Claiming, Legislative Performance, and Democratic Accountability,” (with Alan Gerber and Patrick Tucker), *Journal of Politics*, 2022, 1839-1843.

“Policy Analysis and Political Sustainability,” (with R. Kent Weaver), *Policy Studies Journal*, 2021: 1110-134.

“Comparatively Ineffective? PCORI and the Uphill Battle to Make Evidence Count in American Medicine,” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*. 2020: 787-800.

“Framing, Governance and Partisanship: Putting Politics Front and Center in the Opioid Epidemic,” (with Miriam Laugesen), *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*. 2020: 365-372.

"Limiting policy backlash: Strategies for taming countercoalitions in an era of polarization." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 685, no. 1. 2019: 47-63.

“After Defeat: Conservative Postenactment Opposition to the ACA in Historical and Institutional Perspective,” (with Jonathan Oberlander), *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 2018: 651-682.

“Doctor Knows Best: Physician Endorsements, Public Opinion, and the Politics of Comparative Effectiveness Research,” (with Alan S. Gerber, Conor Dowling and David Doherty). *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law* (2014):171-209.

“The Struggle to Remake Politics: Liberal Reform and the Limits of Policy Feedback in the Contemporary American State,” (with Julian E. Zelizer). *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 11, no. 4 (2013): 1071-1087.

“The Politicization of Evidence-Based Medicine: The Limits of Pragmatic Problem Solving in an Era of Polarization,” (with Alan S. Gerber), *California Journal of Politics and Policy*: Vol. 3: Issue 4 (2011).

"The Public Wants Information, Not Board Mandates, From Comparative Effectiveness Research," (with Alan S. Gerber, David Doherty and Conor Dowling) *Health Affairs*, October 2010 (29, no. 10 (2010): 1872-1881

"A National Survey Reveals Public Skepticism About Research-Based Treatment Guidelines," (with Alan S. Gerber, David Doherty and Conor Dowling), *Health Affairs*, October 2010, no. 10 (2010): 1882-1884

"Problem Solving in a Polarized Age: Comparative Effectiveness Research and the Politicization of Evidence-Based Medicine," (with Alan S. Gerber), *The Forum*, (April 2010).

"Response to Andrea L. Campbell," book forum on *Reforms at Risk*, *Journal of Policy History*, (April 2010): 262-266.

"Between Welfare Medicine and Mainstream Entitlement: Medicaid at the Political Crossroads," (with Colleen Grogan), *Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law*, (October 2003): 821-858.

"After the Public Interest Prevails: The Political Sustainability of Policy Reform," *Governance*, (April 2003): 203-234.

"Universalism within Targeting: Nursing Home Care, the Middle Class, and the Politics of the Medicaid Program," (with Colleen Grogan), *Social Service Review*, (March 2003): 51-71.

"Paying for Medicare: Benefits, Budgets, and Wilbur Mills's Policy Legacy," (with Julian Zelizer), *Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law*, (February 2001): 7-36.

"Ideas, Inheritances, and the Dynamics of Budgetary Change," *Governance*, (April 1999): 147-174.

"Unfolding Promises: Trust Funds and the Politics of Precommitment," *Political Science Quarterly*, (Fall 1997): 431-452.

"The Contractual Nature of Budgeting: A Transaction Cost Perspective on Budgeting Institutions," *Policy Sciences*, (Winter 1996/97): 189-212.

Book chapters

"The Politics of Evidence-Based Medicine" (with Michael Gusmano), in *Health Politics and Policy, Sixth Edition*. James A. Morone and Daniel C. Ehike, editors. Cengage: 2024, 186-196.

"Can Citizens Assess Policies Based on Programs' Costs and Benefits? The Role of Yardsticks and Contextual Information in Democratic Accountability," (with Alan Gerber and Patrick Tucker), in *Accountability Revisited: Voters, Interests, and Information in US Policymaking*. Brandice Canes-Wrone, Charles Cameron, Sandy Gordon, and Greg Huber, co-editors, Cambridge University Press, 2023, 42-67.

“The Clean Air Act’s Use of Market Mechanisms,” in *Lessons from the Clean Air Act: Building Durability and Adaptability into US Climate and Energy Policy*, Dallas Burtraw and Ann Carlson, editors (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019), 204-224.

“What Do Political Leaders Do?” in *Leadership in American Politics*, Jeff Jenkins and Craig Volden, editors (Lawrence, Kansas: University of Kansas Press, 2017): 289-302.

“Can Congress Do Policy Analysis? The Politics of Problem Solving on Capitol Hill” (with Justin Peck). in *Governance in a Polarized Age*. Alan Gerber and Eric Schickler, editors. Cambridge University Press, 2016: 267-303. A slightly revised version appears in Lee Friedman, editor, *Does Policy Analysis Matter?* (University of California, 2017).

“The Evolving Textbook Congress: Polarization and Policymaking on Capitol Hill in the 21st Century (with Jeff Jenkins), in Jenkins and Patashnik, *Congress and Policy Making in the 21st Century* (Cambridge University Press), 2106: 1-18.

“Living Legislation and American Politics” (with Jeffery A. Jenkins) in Jeffery A. Jenkins and Eric M. Patashnik, eds., *Living Legislation: Durability, Change and the Politics of American Lawmaking* (University of Chicago Press, 2012): 3-19.

“Why Some Reforms Last and Others Collapse: The Tax Reform Act of 1986 Versus Airline Deregulation,” in *Living Legislation: Durability, Change, and the Politics of American Lawmaking* (University of Chicago Press, 2012):146-174.

“Polarization in Perspective: Comment on David Brady, John Ferejohn and Laurel Harbridge,” in *Red and Blue Nation II: Consequences and Correctives of America’s Polarized Parties*, David Brady and Pietro Nivola, eds., (Brookings Institution Press, 2008): 224-234.

“The Day After Market-Oriented Reform; or What Happens When Economists’ Reform Ideas Meet Politics,” in *Creating Competitive Markets: The Politics and Economics of Regulatory Reform*, Marc K. Landy, Martin A. Levin, and Martin Shapiro, eds., (Brookings Institution Press, 2007): 267-289.

“Government Performance: Missing Opportunities to Solve Problems,” (with Alan S. Gerber) in Alan S. Gerber and Eric M. Patashnik, eds., *Promoting the General Welfare: New Perspectives on Government Performance* (Brookings Institution Press, 2006): 3-18.

“Sham Surgery: The Problem of Inadequate Medical Evidence,” (with Alan S. Gerber) in Alan S. Gerber and Eric M. Patashnik, eds., *Promoting the General Welfare: New Perspectives on Government Performance* (Brookings Institution Press, 2006): 43-73.

“Congress and the Budget,” in Sarah Binder and Paul Quirk, *Institutions of Democracy: Congress* (Oxford University Press, 2005): 382-406.

“Between Welfare Medicine and Mainstream Entitlement: Medicaid at the Political Crossroads,” (with Colleen Grogan) in Lawrence Brown, Lawrence Jacobs, and James Morone, eds., *Wealthy, Healthy and Fair: The Politics of Health Care for a Good Society* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004): 267-298.

“Budgeting,” in Julian E. Zelizer, ed., *The Reader’s Companion to the American Congress* (New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2004): 668-686.

“The Politics of Planning,” in Neil Smelser and Paul Bates, eds., *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Oxford: Elsevier, 2002).

“Budgeting More, Deciding Less,” in Marc Landy, Martin Levin, and Martin Shapiro, eds. *Seeking the Center: Politics and Policymaking at the New Century* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2001). Abridged versions published in *The Public Interest*

Edited Symposia and Journal Special Issues

“American Government and the Politics of Problem Solving,” (co-edited with Alan Gerber), special issue of *The Forum*, forthcoming.

“Medicaid at 60,” special issue of *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, 2025.

“Entrenchment and Health Equity,” special issue of *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, 2023.

“The Politics of Opioid Policy,” (co-edited with Susan Moffitt), special issue of *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 2020.

“Health Reform after the 2016 Election,” special issue of *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, August 2018.

“ORBITA: Lessons from a Landmark Trial,” *Health Affairs Blog*, October 9 and October 11, 2018.

“Paul Pierson’s Dismantling the Welfare State: A 20th Anniversary Reassessment.” *PS*. Vol. 89 (2): 521-522, April 2015.

“Introduction—Reconsidering Martha Derthick’s *Policymaking for Social Security*,” *P.S.: Politics and Political Science*, July 2004, 433-434.

Book Reviews

Frank R. Baumgartner and Bryan D. Jones, *The Politics of Information: Problem Definition and the Course of Public Policy in America* in *Perspectives on Politics* (June 2016).

Lawrence D. Brown and Lawrence R. Jacobs, *The Private Abuse of the Public Interest: Market Myths and Policy Muddles* and Bryan D. Jones and Walter Williams, *The Politics of Bad Ideas: The Great Tax Delusion and the Decline of Good Government in America*, in *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2009).

David M. Primo, *Rules and Restraint: Government Spending and the Design of Institutions*, in *Election Law Journal* (December 2008)

Stuart H. Altman and David I. Shactman, *Policies for an Aging Society*, in *Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law* (December 2004).

Jonathan Oberlander, *The Political Life of Medicare*, in *Perspectives on Politics*, (March 2004)

Aaron Wildavsky, *Budgeting and Governing*, in *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, (Spring 2002).

Ronald F. King, *Budgeting Entitlements: The Politics of the Food Stamp Program*, in *American Political Science Review* (September 2001).

Popular writings, shorter articles, and blogs

“McConnell wants the impeachment trial to be about Congress’s authority — not about loyalty to Trump,” (with Jeffery Jenkins), January 25, 2021, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Repeal-proofing the Biden Administration,” *Washington Monthly*, September/ October 2020.

“Republicans are still trying to repeal Obamacare. Here’s why they are not likely to succeed,” (with Jonathan Oberlander), June 14, 2018, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Why American doctors keep doing expensive procedures that don’t work,” December 28, 2017, *Vox*.

“Realizing The Promise Of Choosing Wisely Will Require Changes Both In The Culture Of Specialty Societies And In Public Policy (with Conor Dowling), November 8, 2017, *Health Affairs Blog*

“People love to hate Congress. This new book reminds us why we should treasure it,” April 29, 2017, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Obamacare is the law of the land. But it’s still vulnerable,” (with Jonathan Oberlander), March 27, 2017, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Why Republicans Won’t be Able to Roll Back the Welfare State” (with Julian Zelizer), December 12, 2016, *Posteverything, Washington Post*.

“Conservatives Worry that Obamacare is a ‘Super-Statute.’ It isn’t Quite One Yet” (with Jonathan Oberlander), June 28, 2015, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Here are the Five Reasons Republicans are Trying to Cut Research on Evidence-Based Medicine,” June 22, 2015, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Five Key Lessons about the Welfare State,” April 6, 2015, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Political scientist Martha Derthick has Died,” January 25, 2015, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Five Myths about the Future of Obamacare,” (with Julian Zelizer), December 16, 2013, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“The Sequester May be Dumb—But it Isn’t Arbitrary,” March 4, 2013, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Bring Back Pork Barrel Spending,” January 14, 2013, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Why Government Fails to Adopt Painless Solutions to the Nation’s Problems,” September 24, 2012, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Will the Recommendation Against Ovarian Cancer Screenings be Embraced?” September 11, 2012, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Clinton’s Strategy: Reframing Medicaid as a middle-class entitlement,” September 7, 2012, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“On trust fund ‘raids’ and ‘double counting.’” August 26, 2012, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“The Health Reform Battle Will Go On,” June 28, 2012, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“No Matter How the Court Rules, the Health Reform Battle Will Continue” (with Jeff Jenkins), May 6, 2012, *Monkeycage, Washington Post*.

“Why Local Adaption Policies Can Facilitate Sustainable Progress to Mitigate Climate Change,” Scholars Strategy Network Issue Brief, March 2015.

“Why Leadership is in our Name: The Distinctive Mission of the Batten School,” *Virginia Policy Review*, Fall 2011.

“Now the real health care fight begins,” (with Julian Zelizer), *Politico.com*, March 30, 2010.

“In Praise of Pork,” *The Public Interest*, Winter 1993, (with John W. Ellwood). 19-33. Abridged version reprinted in *The Lanahan Readings in the American Polity*, Ann G. Serow and Everett C. Ladd, eds., 1997. See also rejoinder to Kenneth Ruscio, “Pork By-Products” (with John W. Ellwood), *The American Prospect*, (Fall 1994): 21-23.

On-line “book salon” blog on my book *Reforms at Risk*, firedoglake.com, July 25, 2009.

“The New Direction in Welfare State Research,” *Policy Currents: Newsletter of the Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association*, (September 1997): 1-6.

RESEARCH GRANTS [\$886,579 as of 10/1/20]

Project: Medicaid at 60

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2023, \$16,000

Project: Political and Legal Entrenchment and Health Equity (co-PI with Nicholas Bagley)

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2019, \$200,072.

Project: Political Competition and the Performance of American Government (co-PI with Wendy Schiller)

- Private gift to Watson Institute, 2017, \$25,000.

Project: “Health Reform after the 2016 Elections”

- Watson Institute Research Grant, 2017, \$10,000

Project: “Inadequate Medical Evidence: Political Incentives and the Prospects for Sustainable Reform” (co-PI with Alan S. Gerber)

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator’s Award in Health Policy Research, 2009-2013, \$335,000
- Smith Richardson Foundation, 2009-2013, \$150,000
- Bankard Fund for Political Economy Grant, 2006, \$23,827.44

Project: “Sustaining Reform Victories”

- Smith Richardson Foundation, Fall 2005, \$78,780
- Earhart Foundation, Spring 2005, \$30,000
- D&D Foundation Research Grant, Spring 2005, \$10,400

Project: “Promoting the General Welfare: The Political Economy of Government Performance”

- Bankard Fund for Political Economy Grant, 2003-04, \$7,500

CONFERENCE DIRECTION

Conference codirector (with Alan Gerber), *Government and the Politics of Problem Solving*. Yale University. December 5-6, 2024.

Conference director, *Medicaid at 60*, Watson Institute, Brown University, October 13-14, 2023.

Conference co-director (with Nicholas Bagley), *Entrenchment and Health Policy*, Watson Institute, Brown University, October 12-13, 2021.

Conference co-director (with Susan Moffit), *The Politics of Opioid Policy*, Watson Institute and Taubman Center, Brown University, February 1, 2019.

Conference co-director (with Wendy Schiller), *The Dynamics of American Democracy: Partisan Polarization, Political Competition and Government Performance*, Watson Institute, Brown University, November 15, 2018.

Conference co-director (with Alan Gerber), *Improving the Generation and Uptake of Medical Evidence: Lessons from ORBITA*, Yale University, May 29-30, 2018.

Conference co-director (with Justine Hastings), *Innovative Policy Lab Conference*, Brown University, June 15-16, 2017

Conference director: *Health Reform After the 2016 Elections*, Watson Institute, Brown University, May 18-19, 2017

Conference director, *Tailoring Treatments to Individual Patients: The Promise and Policy Challenges of Precision Medicine*, UVA Center for Health Policy, November 2-3, 2015, Charlottesville, VA.

Conference codirector (with Jeffery Jenkins), *Congress and Policymaking in the 21st Century*, Batten School and Miller Center of Public Affairs, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 3-4, 2013.

Conference codirector (with Jeffery Jenkins), *Embedding Laws in the American State: Policy Durability and Policy Change*, Miller Center of Public Affairs, Charlottesville, Virginia, May 2-3, 2008.

Conference codirector (with Meg Jacobs), *Policy History Association Conference*, Miller Center of Public Affairs and Omni Hotel, Charlottesville, VA, June 1-4, 2006.

Conference codirector (with Alan Gerber), *Promoting the General Welfare: The Political Economy of Government Performance*, University of Virginia, November 2-4, 2004.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Politics of Problem Solving: Demand-and Supply-side Factors in Government’s Performance as a Problem-Solving Institution,” APPAM, 2025.

“Backlash Politics and Policy Feedback,” WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 2024.

“Polarization, the Pandemic and Public Trust in Health System Actors,” (with Alan Gerber and Alessandro del Ponte), Midwest Political Science Association 2024.

“The Politics of Policy Backlash in the US Since 1960,” APSA 2022.

“How Voters Use Contextual Information to Reward and Punish: Credit Claiming, Legislative Performance, and Democratic Accountability,” (with Alan Gerber and Patrick Tucker), APSA 2020.

“Backlash Prevention: Taming Countervailing Forces in an Era of Polarization,” Conference on Policy Feedback, Harvard University, September 11, 2018.

“After Defeat: Conservative Postenactment Opposition to the ACA in Historical and Institutional Perspective,” (with Jonathan Oberlander), APSA 2018.

“Will Voters Support Lawmakers Who Support Evidence-Based Health Policy? Results from Survey Experiments,” APPAM 2015 (with Alan Gerber and Conor Dowling).

“The Politics of Comparative Effectiveness Research,” APPAM 2013.

“Unhealthy Politics: Professional Authority, Partisan Polarization, and the Battle Over Evidence-Based Medicine” (with Alan Gerber, Midwest Political Science Association, 2013.

“Doctor Knows Best: Physician Endorsements, Public Opinion, and the Politics of Comparative Effectiveness Research,” (with Alan S. Gerber, Conor Dowling and David Doherty, American Political Science Association, 2011)

“When Policy Does Not Make Politics: The Limits of Policy Feedback,” (with Julian Zelizer, American Political Science Association, 2010).

“Zero Credit Policymaking: Governmental Performance, Partisan Polarization, and the Politics of Evidence-Based Medicine” (with Alan Gerber, American Political Science Association, 2010)

“When Policy Does Not Make Politics: The Limits of Policy Feedback,” (with Julian Zelizer, American Political Science Association, 2009)

“Sham Surgery: The Problem of Medical Evidence,” American Political Science Association, 2006

“The Stunning Disappearance of the Tax Reform Act of 1986: Interests, Ideas, and the Erosion of Reform,” Policy History Conference, 2006

“Who’s Minding our Knees? Medical Knowledge, Professional Self-Regulation, and the Representation of Diffuse Interests” (with Alan Gerber), Midwest Political Science Association, 2005

“Medicaid at the Crossroads” (with Colleen Grogan), American Political Science Association, 2003.

“After the Public Interest Prevails: The Political Sustainability of Policy Reform,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2001.

“After the Public Interest Prevails: The Political Sustainability of Policy Reform,” American Political Science Association, 2001.

“Political Science and the Study of ‘the Market’: The Role of Market Forces in American Politics and Government,” American Political Science Association, 2000.

“The Stunning Political Transformation of the Medicaid Program,” American Political Science Association, 1999. Picked as “Hot APSA Paper,” *The Washington Monthly*, 1999.

“Paying for Medicare: Benefits, Budgets, and Wilbur Mills’s Policy Legacy,” Policy History conference, 1999.

“Divided Government, Partisan Politics, and Tax Policy Outcomes—Does Structure Matter?” Midwest Political Science Association, 1996.

“The Growing Importance of Trust Funds in Federal Budgeting,” American Political Science Association, 1995.

“The Contractual Nature of Budgeting: A Transaction Cost Perspective on Budgeting Institutions,” Western Political Science Association, 1995.

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANT, PANEL CHAIR OR DISCUSSANT

Understanding the Government Shutdown Panel, Watson School, Brown University, November 2, 2025.

NBER Summer Conference, Workshop on Aging, discussant, July 2025.

“Medicaid at 60: Examining the Program’s Past, Present and Future,” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation panel, June, 2026.

APSA 2024, participant, book roundtable on *Countermobilization*

Watson Institute, participant, book roundtable on *Countermobilization*, 2024

APSA 2002, Discussant, “The Politics of Pandemic Response and the Opportunities for Health Policy Reform.”

Book Roundtable on *Dynamics of American Democracy*, 2020.

Watson Institute, participant, “Impeachment,” 2019.

APSA Book Roundtable on *The Great Broadening*, 2019

APSA Book Roundtable on *Bending the Rules*, 2019

Watson Institute, participant, “The Impact of the Midterm Elections,” 2018.

Watson Institute, chair, “The Bias Within: False Beliefs about Bodies and Minds,” 2018.

NASPAA, participant, “Making a Difference: Translating Research & Learning into Policy Solutions” 2018.

Watson Institute, participant, book panel on *Unhealthy Politics*, 2017.

Watson Institute, participant, “Politics in the Age of Trump: the 2018 Midterms and Beyond,” chair, 2017.

APPAM 2017, discussant, “Policy Analysis and the Politics of Health Policy.”

Russell Sage Foundation Conference, participant, “The ACA: Politics, Public Opinion, and Public Policy, 2017.

Watson Institute, chair, “Careers in Tech Policy: Perspectives from Civil Society, Academia and Industry,” 2017.

NASPAA 2017, participant, “Deans on Reforming the Curriculum: What’s Driving the Latest Overhauls,” 2017.

APSA 2017, participant, book roundtable on *Unhealthy Politics*.

Brown University, participant, “Future of the ACA: Health Policy in the Trump Administration,” 2017.

APPAM 2016, roundtable moderator, “The 2016 Elections: Prospects for Public Policy”

APPAM 2016, discussant, “Innovative Investigations of Health Policy and Public Preferences”

APSA 2016, chair and discussant, “Public Opinion, Policy Feedback and the Transforming Health System”

UVA Center for Health Policy, 2016, chair, “The Politics of Health Disparities.”

APSA 2015, discussant, “The Politics of Obamacare.”

APSA 2014, chair, “Paul Pierson’s *Dismantling the Welfare State*: A 20th Anniversary Roundtable.”

APPAM 2013, discussant, “Experts In Policymaking: Political Possibilities and Constraints.”

MPSA 2013, discussant, “Perspectives on the Affordable Care Act.”

APPAM 2012, symposium organizer and chair, “Can We Learn What Works Best in Health Care?” The Politics of Comparative Effectiveness Research”

APPAM 2012 chair, “A Leaner, Meaner Government? Efficiency and Streamlining in an Era of Austerity”

APPAM 2010, symposium organizer and Chair, “The 2010 Midterms: Good or Bad for Fair and Effective Policymaking?”

APPAM 2010, discussant, “Widespread Crises and Messy Problems”

APSA 2010, discussant, “Institutional Settings and the Politics of Policy Making”

APSA 2010, chair, “Author Meets Critics: Julian Zelizer’s *Arsenal of Democracy*”

APSA 2008, discussant, “Author Meets Critics: Eric Patashnik’s *Reform at Risk* [participants included Suzanne Mettler, Paul Quirk, Meg Jacobs, Adam Sheingate and Christopher Howard]

APSA 2007, discussant, “Policy and Disadvantaged People: Lessons from State Government”

Policy History Conference 2006, discussant, panel on “Bureaucratic and Legislative Performance.”

Policy History Conference 2004, chair and discussant, “Below the Radar Screen: Unlikely Allies and Unrecognized Influences in U.S. Policymaking”

APSA 2003, chair, roundtable on “Martha Derthick’s *Policymaking for Social Security: A Quarter Century Year Retrospective.*”

APSA 1999, discussant, panel on “Development of Welfare States.”

APSA 1998, discussant, panel “New Perspectives on the Welfare State.”

APSA 1997, chair, roundtable on “Will Social Security Survive the 21st Century?”

PODCASTS

“Shutdown Politics, Gerrymandering and the Role of Congress as Trump Enters his Lame Duck Phase,” Trending Globally, Watson School, December 11, 2025.

TwinTalk Politics, October 17, 2025.

The Economist Magazine’s Checks and Balances Podcast, “Health Scare,” October 10, 2025.

“What Does the One Big Beautiful Bill Mean for America,” Trending Globally, Watson School, July 23, 2025.

“Mike is wrong about Countermobilization,” Tilting at Windmills, February 2, 2024.

“How backlash came to define American politics, and what it means for the future of public policy,” Trending Globally, Watson Institute, January 24, 2024.

“Countermobilization: Policy Feedback and Backlash in a Polarized Age,” New Books Network, November 12, 2023.

“Can Democrats Design Social Programs that Survive?” Niskanen Center, October 20, 2021.
“Data-Free Medicine,” IEEE Spectrum, December 22, 2020.

“Medicine in America,” Trending Globally, Watson Institute, January 3, 2018.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

“Making Every Vote Count: The Future of Voting Rights and Election Administration Reform in American Democracy,” Watson Institute, Brown University, February 9, 2021.

“Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic, A Real-time Economic Tracker, (conversation with John Friedman), Watson Institute, Brown University, May 11, 2020.

“A Conversation with Jill Rutter,” Watson Institute, Brown University, April 20, 2020.

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AND ENDOWED LECTURES

Nathan and Herbert and Mrs. Rachel Rakatansky Distinguished Visiting Lecture, The Miriam Hospital, Providence, RI, April 25, 2018.

Association for American Medical Colleges, Austin, Texas, November 3, 2018.
3, 2018.

University of Houston Conference on Health Policy at the Crossroads, October 26, 2017.

Australia New Zealand School of Government Conference on Delivering Policy Reform: Anchoring Significant Reforms in Turbulent Times, Melbourne, Australia. August 2010.

INVITED LECTURES, TALKS AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Columbia University (1997), Princeton University (1997), Brandeis University (1998, 2000, 2005), University of Chicago (2002), SUNY-Albany (2002), U.C. Berkeley (2001), Boston University (2002), UVA Miller Center of Public Affairs (2003), University of Washington (2002), Brookings Institution (2005), RWJ Health Policy Scholars Program at U.C. Berkeley (2005), College of William and Mary (2006), Georgetown Public Policy Institute (2006), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2006), University of Virginia Miller Center of Public Affairs (2006) University of Chicago (2008), Brookings Institution (2008), Yale University (2009), Noblis (2009), National Academy of Public Administration (2009), Caplin Conference on the World Economy (2009), University of Washington (2010), National Constitution Center (2010), Hewlett Foundation (2010), Australia and New Zealand School of Government Annual Conference (2010), United Jewish Fund of Charlottesville (2010), Yale Law School (2010), Senior Statesmen of Virginia (2011), U.C. Berkeley, Institute of Governmental Studies (2011), University of Minnesota (2011), NYU Wagner School (2011), Harvard University RWJ Scholars Program (2012), University of Wisconsin (2012), UVA Miller Center of Public Affairs (2012), Harvard Kennedy School, Seminar on Inequality and Social Policy (2012), American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2013), University of Chicago Center on Health Administration Studies (2013), Wildavsky Forum, U.C. Berkeley Goldman School (2014), Virginia Commonwealth University (2014), Notre Dame Law School (2014), Brown University (2014), Yale School of Forestry (2014), University of Virginia Medical School (2015), Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice (2015), RWJ Scholars Program, Harvard (2016), Yale School of Medicine (2016), University of Pennsylvania School of Law (2016), Brown Alumni Club of Orange County (2017), Brown Alumni Club of San Diego (2017), Book Roundtable for David Mayhew's The Imprint of Congress, Yale (2017), Kennedy School (2017), Brown Alumni Club of Chicago (2017), Brookings (2017), Brown Medical School (2017), Brown Alumni Club of Boston (2018), AARP-Rhode Island (2018), Dartmouth (2018), USC (2018), Brown Medical School (2018), Brown Club of North Jersey (2019), Northeastern/Harvard Mediment Program (2020), Congressional Budget Office (2022), Brown Club of Boston (2023), Sciences Po (2024), Northwestern University (2024), Hertie School (2024), CCNY (2024), Stanford (2025), Institute for Government (2025), Harvard Kennedy School (2025).

COURSES TAUGHT

MPA courses

Policy Analysis and Problem Solving
Management and Implementation in Public and Nonprofit Organizations
System Dynamics

MPP courses

Introduction to Policy Analysis
Applied Policy Analysis
Leadership in the Public Arena
American Political Institutions and Processes

Graduate political science courses

American Public Policy
Congress

Undergraduate/ graduate joint seminars

Health Care Politics and Policy

Undergraduate courses

Introduction to American Government
The Politics of the Policy Process
Social Security Reform
Bureaucratic Politics
Budget Politics in an Era of Entitlements

Law School courses

The New American State

MEDIA

Quoted in *Vox*, *Bloomberg.com*, *Daily News*, *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post.com*, *USA Today*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *US News & World Report*, *Government Executive*, *New Republic*, *Forbes*, *WBUR.com*, *FiveThirtyEight*, *Inside Higher Ed*, and other newspapers and magazines.

Radio Interviews include: *Insight with Tom Graham* (hour-long talk show on central Virginia affiliates of National Public Radio), WFAD-FM (Vermont National Public Radio affiliate), WQUB-FM (Illinois National Public Radio affiliate), Tom Pope Show (syndicated urban affairs talk show), KWAB-AM (Boulder, Colorado), WTJU, 19 News, WRVA

SERVICE

Professional service

Chair, Leonard S. Robins Award Committee, Health Politics Section, APSA, 2025.

Don K. Price book award committee, APSA Science, Technology and Environment Section, 2018

President, APSA Public Policy Section, 2017-2018

External Review Committee, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration, George Washington University, 2018.

Review of Brookings Governmental Studies Program self-study report, 2017

Theodore Lowi Book Award Committee APSA/ IPSA, 2016.

Council Member, APSA Public Policy Section, 2003-2006 and 2013-2016.

Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2011, 2012, 2013

External Review Committee, Tufts University (Interdisciplinary Programs), 2012

Chair, Mary Parker Follett Award Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2010-11

Nominating Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2009

Chair, Mary Parker Follett Award Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2007-2008

Chair, nominating committee, Council, Public Policy Section, APSA, Spring 2006.

Council Member, Politics and History Section, APSA 2006-2008.

Member, Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Political Science*, 2006-2009

Referee for National Science Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation, University of Chicago Press, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Georgetown University Press, Russell Sage Foundation, Johns Hopkins University Press, University of Michigan Press, Brookings Institution Press, Yale University Press, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Policy Sciences*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Planning Literature*, *Health Affairs*, *Journal of Health Politics*, *Policy and Law*, *Governance*, *Publius*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, *Milbank Quarterly*, University of Kansas Press, *Public Administration Review*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Studies in American Political Development*, *PNAS*.

University service

Watson School Strategic Planning Committee, 2025-26

Ad Hoc Committee to revise Political Science Department's Standards and Criteria

Provost-chaired committee on Watson Institute faculty appointments, 2023-24

Chair, Political Science Department, Brown University, 2021-2024

Governing Board member, Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, 2022-2024

First-year student adviser, Brown University, 2019-2022

Chair, Professor of Practice Search Committee, Watson Institute, 2021

Chair, Provost-appointed committee charged with examining whether the Watson Institute should become a school of international and public affairs, 2018-19.

Watson Institute, Executive Committee, 2018-20.

Watson Institute Undergraduate Concentration Review Committee, 2018-19.

Watson Institute/ Economics Department Joint Search Committee, 2017-2018.

Batten School Executive Committee, 2015-2016

Batten School Third Year Faculty Review Committee, 2016

Provost-appointed University of Virginia Faculty Salary Study Task Force, 2012-2014

Batten School Dean's Council, 2012-2015

Dean Search Committee, Batten School, 2013-2014

Young African Leadership Initiative Committee, 2013-2014

Bankard Fund for Political Economy Research Award Committee, 2013-14

UVA Panel on Future of Liberal Arts at a Research Institution, 2013.

Faculty hiring and tenure committees, Batten School, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015.

Junior Faculty Third Year Review Committee, Batten School, 2012, 2016

Department of Politics, American Politics Study Group Co-Chair, 2012

UVA Leadership Working Group, Co-Chair, 2011-2012

Planning Committee for Conference on Teaching to Mark the Inauguration of University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan, 2010-2011

Tenure and promotion review committees, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012

Co-chair (with David Breneman), Provost's Committee on Planning and Implementation of Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, 2007-08

Stevenson Award Committee, 2007

Harper Fund Public Service Committee, 2007—

Chair, American Politics Search Committee, 2006-07

University of Virginia Provost-appointed Faculty Committee on Public Policy, 2003-2006

Search Committee, Department of Politics, 2005

At Large Member (by faculty election), Chair's Advisory Board, UVA Department of Politics, 2004-5

Committee on selection of chair of UVA Economics Department, 2003-04

UVA Department of Politics Graduate Admissions Committee, 2003-04

American politics junior faculty hiring committee, 2003-04

Departmental search committee, media studies position, 2003

Liaison to the Congressional Research Service, UCLA School of Public Policy, 2001-02

Curriculum committee, UCLA Department of Policy Studies, 2000-02

Admissions committee, UCLA Department of Policy Studies, 2000-02

Affiliated faculty member, Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Program, Yale, 1996-2000

Yale College admissions committee, 1999

Yale Political Science Department admissions committee, 1997-98

Public service

Presentation to Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell and his cabinet, September 2012

Other Professional Experience

Research Fellow, Brookings Institution, 1995-1996

Program Director, John Gardner Public Service Fellowship Program
University of California, Berkeley, 1993 to 1995

Legislative Analyst, Subcommittee on Elections,
U.S. House of Representatives, 1989 to 1991

Research Assistant, The Urban Institute, Summer 1988