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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D., Political Science, 1997

A.M., Political Science, 1993

Brown University

M.A. *ad eundem*, 2024

Barnard College, Columbia University

B.A. *summa cum laude*, Political Science, 1990

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Watson Institute, Brown University, 2023-Present

Senior Lecturer on International and Public Affairs

Faculty Director of the International and Public Affairs Concentration

Director of Undergraduate Teaching and Learning

Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University, 1998-2023

Senior Lecturer on Social Studies, 2006-2023

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2002-2023 (Acting Director of Studies, 2001-2002)

Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2000-2001

Lecturer on Social Studies, Harvard University, 1998-2006

Lecturer on Government (concurrent with Social Studies), 1998-1999

Brown University, 1997-1998

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

SELECTED AWARDS

Stanley Hoffmann Prize for Excellence in Teaching and Barrington Moore Prize for Excellence in Advising, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard College, 2023.

Star Family Prize for Excellence in Advising, Harvard College, 2016.

Voted a “Favorite Professor” by the Harvard College Classes of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2018, and 2024.

Nominated for the John Marquand Prize for Excellence in Advising, Harvard University, 2008, 2012.

Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University, 2000.

Honorable Mention, Harold D. Lasswell Prize for Best Dissertation in Policy Studies, American Political Science Association, 1999.

Nominated for E.E. Schattschneider Prize for Best Dissertation in American Politics, 1998.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1989.

BOOK

The Moderation Dilemma: Legislative Coalitions and the Politics of Family and Medical Leave. The University of Pittsburgh Press, 2001.

RESEARCH ON FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS

The First-Generation Student Success Project, 2012-2016. Principal Investigator with Richard Light.

Report to the Harvard College Dean from the Research Subcommittee of the First- Generation Student Working Group. With Sue Brown, Glenn Magid, and Karen Pearce. July, 2015.

SELECTED ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

“The Senior Experience.” Moderator for Panel at Junior Parents Weekend, Harvard College, March 2023.

“Living Ethically in an Unequal World.” Presentation to the Kirkland House Senior Common Room, March, 2019.

“Academics Unlocked” Faculty Panel for the First Year Retreat and Experience (FYRE). August, 2018.

“What I’ve Learned Since College: Identity, Values, and Commitments.” Workshop led for the Franklin Fellowship Boston, June, 2018.

“Balancing Work and Family.” Harvard Faculty Conversations, April, 2018.

“Getting Started: Trailblazing Through Harvard Together” Faculty Panel for the First-Generation Student Union, October, 2017.

“How Should Your Major Change You?” And “Making Good Mistakes” in *Dean’s List: Ten Strategies for College Success* by John Bader. 2nd Edition (revised), 2017 (1st Edition, 2011).

“First in the Family: Attending Harvard as a First-Generation Student.” Panel at the Harvard Faculty Club, Boston, MA, February 2015.

Panelist, Freshman Parent’s Weekend. Harvard College, 2011-2018.

Teaching Students to Be Good Advisees” (with Alice Petty). COFHE Advising Conference, Stanford University, February, 2014.

“Resilience and Resourcefulness: What Do We Know, and How Can We Apply It to Academic Advising?” COFHE Advising Conference, Columbia University, February, 2013.

Panel Organizer (with Thomas Dingman), “First Generation Harvard Faculty Remember Their Freshman Year.” Harvard College, October, 2012.

“Working with Low-Income Families.” Presentation to Center for Public Interest Careers (CPIC) Interns, Spring, 2011, and Spring, 2012.

“From Admitted Student to Academic Advisee.” Panel Presentation at the New England Association for College Admissions Counseling, June, 2011.

“Programming to Encourage Reflection in Academic Advising” (with Katie Steele). COFHE Advising Conference, Smith College, February 2011.

“Advising Freshmen from Low-Income Backgrounds” (with Paul Barreira). Presentation to members of the Harvard Bureau of Study Counsel, November, 2009, and to the Harvard Board of Freshman Advisers, February, 2010.

“Getting Freshmen Engaged, Early and Often” (with Michele Rasmussen). COFHE Advising Conference, Duke University, February, 2009.

“Time and Action in the 21st Century.” In *The Future of Political Science: 100 Perspectives*, edited by Gary King, Kay Lehman Schlozman, and Norman Nie. New York: Routledge, 2009.

RECENT UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Brown University Community Council, 2024-present.

International and Public Affairs Faculty Committee, 2023-present.

Watson Institute Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee, 2023-present.

Brown University Truman Scholarship Committee, 2023-present.

Harvard College Educational Policy Committee, 2019-2023.

FAS Standing Committee on Public Service, 2005-2011; 2014-2023 (Co-Chair, 2007-2011 and 2019-2023)

FAS Inequality in America Initiative, Steering Committee Member, Co-Chair of the Curriculum Subcommittee, 2017-2023.

Harvard-UK Scholarship Selection Committee, 2019-2021.

Harvard College Research Program Selection Committee, 2003, 2005-2023.

Senior Common Room Member, Adams House, 2016-2023 (Pforzheimer House, 2012-2016).

Resident Dean Search Committee Member, Spring, 2019.

Harvard College Board of Freshman Advisers, 1998-2000, 2004-2023.

Faculty Advisor, Harvard Primus (Formerly Harvard First Generation Student Union), 2014-2023.

“Reflecting on Your Life” Discussion Leader, Harvard College Dean of Students Office, 2009-2019.

Harvard College Committee on College Life, 2014-2019.

President’s Public Service Fund Committee, 2012-2017.

“Community Conversations” Discussion Leader for Freshman Orientation, 2009-2017.

Harvard University Athletics Committee, 2010-2015.

Harvard College Administrative Board, 2011-2014.

Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize Selection Committee, 2004-2011, 2013 (Chair, 2011).

GRADUATE MENTORING

Member of Dissertation Committee for Rachel L. Gable, Harvard Graduate School of Education (Ed.D, 2016).

RECENT UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISING (50+ theses over 30 years)

William Forys (2024), “The Politics of Addiction and Recovery in Rhode Island: A Legislative Analysis of the Harm Reduction Center Pilot Program of 2021.”

Samar Ahmad (2023) “From Choice to Justice: Intersectionality in the Reproductive Rights Movement, 1980-1994”

Sydney Young (2023), “Towards Holistic Birth Care: Possibilities and Challenges in Nurse-Midwifery and Low-Intervention Birth in Boston Hospitals” (Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize Winner)

Sage Nye, (2022) “When Red Cities and Blue Cities Agree: Eliminating Single Family Zoning in Minneapolis and Charlotte”

Allison Scharmann, (2021) “It Takes A Village to Raise a School: School Consolidation and Democratic Participation in Rural Vermont”

Caitlin Holt (2021), “Stuck in the Middle: Understanding Middle Class Values, Experiences, and College Decisions”

Segan Helle (2020), “You Can’t Squeeze Blood Out of a Turnip: Understanding Homeless Courts in the Age of Penalizing Poverty”

Damian Richardson (2020), “It Makes Me Do More: Community Violence and Civic Engagement in Chicago’s High-Crime Neighborhoods” (Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize Winner)

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

International and Public Affairs Senior Honors Seminar. Brown University, 2023-Present.

Inequality and Social Mobility in America. Brown University, Harvard University, 2011-Present.

Children, Families, and the State. Harvard University, 2007-2010.

American Social Policy. Harvard University, 1998-2000, 2003-2006.

American Social Movements. Harvard University, 1998-2001.

Women and Politics. Brown University, 1997-1998.

Federalism and Public Policy. Brown University, 1997-1998.