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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 to 2009

UCLA

Assistant Professor, Luskin School of Public Affairs — 2000 to 2002

Yale University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Lecturer, Yale Law School — 1996 to 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 and 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 to 2002
- Yale Junior Faculty Fellowship — 1999 to 2000
- Brookings Institution Dissertation Fellowship — 1995 to 1996

Education

- Ph.D., Political Science — University of California, Berkeley, 1996
- M.P.P., Public Policy — University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, 1989
- B.A., History (with highest distinction) and Economics — University of Virginia, 1987 [University of Delaware, coursework, 1983 to 1984]

Executive Education

- Business Dynamics — MIT, Sloan School of Management, 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 Positions

- Editor, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* — 2016 to 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.

Awards: 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 University Press, 2008.

Award: 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 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). Cambridge University Press, 2016.

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

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

Textbook

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

Articles

- "Problem-Solving Politics," (with Alan Gerber), *Annual Review of Political Science*, forthcoming.

- "Health Services Professionals Endorse Omitting Some Research Information Under Limited Circumstances: Survey," (with Alan Gerber, Mackenzie Lockhart and Harold Pollack), *Health Affairs*, forthcoming.
- "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: 111–134.
- "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*, 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*, no. 10, 2010: 1882–1884.
- "Problem Solving in a Polarized Age: Comparative Effectiveness Research and the Politicization of Evidence-Based Medicine" (with Alan 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 and 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 and 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. Ehlke, 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*. Cambridge University Press, 2023: 42–67.
- "The Clean Air Act's Use of Market Mechanisms," in *Lessons from the Clean Air Act*. Cambridge University Press, 2019: 204–224.
- "What Do Political Leaders Do?" in *Leadership in American Politics*. 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*. Cambridge University Press, 2016: 267–303.
- "The Evolving Textbook Congress: Polarization and Policymaking on Capitol Hill in the 21st Century" (with Jeff Jenkins), in *Congress and Policy Making in the 21st Century*. Cambridge University Press, 2016: 1–18.
- "Living Legislation and American Politics" (with Jeffery A. Jenkins), in *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*. 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*. 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*. Brookings Institution Press, 2007: 267–289.
- "Government Performance: Missing Opportunities to Solve Problems" (with Alan S. Gerber), in *Promoting the General Welfare*. Brookings Institution Press, 2006: 3–18.
- "Sham Surgery: The Problem of Inadequate Medical Evidence" (with Alan S. Gerber), in *Promoting the General Welfare*. Brookings Institution Press, 2006: 43–73.
- "Congress and the Budget," in *Institutions of Democracy: Congress*, Sarah Binder and Paul Quirk, editors. Oxford University Press, 2005: 382–406.
- "Between Welfare Medicine and Mainstream Entitlement: Medicaid at the Political Crossroads" (with Colleen Grogan), in *Wealthy, Healthy and Fair*. Oxford University Press, 2004: 267–298.
- "Budgeting," in *The Reader's Companion to the American Congress*. Houghton Mifflin, 2004: 668–686.
- "The Politics of Planning," in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Elsevier, 2002.
- "Budgeting More, Deciding Less," in *Seeking the Center: Politics and Policymaking at the New Century*. Georgetown University Press, 2001.

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 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." *PS: 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*, and Bryan D. Jones and Walter Williams, *The Politics of Bad Ideas*, 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 and 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). *Monkey Cage*, Washington Post, January 25, 2021.
- "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). *Monkey Cage*, Washington Post, June 14, 2018.
- "Why American doctors keep doing expensive procedures that don't work." *Vox*, December 28, 2017.

- "Realizing the Promise of Choosing Wisely Will Require Changes Both in the Culture of Specialty Societies and in Public Policy" (with Conor Dowling). Health Affairs Blog, November 8, 2017.
- "People love to hate Congress. This new book reminds us why we should treasure it." Monkey Cage, Washington Post, April 29, 2017.
- "Obamacare is the law of the land. But it's still vulnerable" (with Jonathan Oberlander). Monkey Cage, Washington Post, March 27, 2017.
- "Why Republicans Won't be Able to Roll Back the Welfare State" (with Julian Zelizer). Posteverything, Washington Post, December 12, 2016.
- "Conservatives Worry that Obamacare is a 'Super-Statute.' It isn't Quite One Yet" (with Jonathan Oberlander). Monkey Cage, Washington Post, June 28, 2015.
- "Here are the Five Reasons Republicans are Trying to Cut Research on Evidence-Based Medicine." Monkey Cage, Washington Post, June 22, 2015.
- "Five Key Lessons about the Welfare State." Monkey Cage, Washington Post, April 6, 2015.
- "Political scientist Martha Derthick has Died." Monkey Cage, Washington Post, January 25, 2015.
- "Five Myths about the Future of Obamacare" (with Julian Zelizer). Monkey Cage, Washington Post, December 16, 2013.
- "The Sequester May be Dumb — But it Isn't Arbitrary." Monkey Cage, Washington Post, March 4, 2013.
- "Bring Back Pork Barrel Spending." Monkey Cage, Washington Post, January 14, 2013.
- "Why Government Fails to Adopt Painless Solutions to the Nation's Problems." Monkey Cage, Washington Post, September 24, 2012.
- "Will the Recommendation Against Ovarian Cancer Screenings be Embraced?" Monkey Cage, Washington Post, September 11, 2012.
- "Clinton's Strategy: Reframing Medicaid as a Middle-Class Entitlement." Monkey Cage, Washington Post, September 7, 2012.
- "On Trust Fund 'Raids' and 'Double Counting.'" Monkey Cage, Washington Post, August 26, 2012.
- "The Health Reform Battle Will Go On." Monkey Cage, Washington Post, June 28, 2012.
- "No Matter How the Court Rules, the Health Reform Battle Will Continue" (with Jeff Jenkins). Monkey Cage, Washington Post, May 6, 2012.
- "Why Local Adaptation 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*, March 30, 2010.
- "In Praise of Pork" (with John W. Ellwood). *The Public Interest*, Winter 1993: 19–33.
- "The New Direction in Welfare State Research." *Policy Currents: Newsletter of the Public Policy Section of the APSA*, September 1997: 1–6.

Research Grants

Total funding: \$886,579 as of 2023

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 to 2013 — \$335,000
- Smith Richardson Foundation, 2009 to 2013 — \$150,000
- Bankard Fund for Political Economy Grant, 2006 — \$23,827

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 to 2004 — \$7,500

Conference Direction

- Government and the Politics of Problem Solving (co-director with Alan Gerber), Yale University, December 5–6, 2024.
- Medicaid at 60 (director), Watson Institute, Brown University, October 13–14, 2023.
- Entrenchment and Health Policy (co-director with Nicholas Bagley), Watson Institute, Brown University, October 12–13, 2021.
- The Politics of Opioid Policy (co-director with Susan Moffitt), Watson Institute and Taubman Center, Brown University, February 1, 2019.
- The Dynamics of American Democracy (co-director with Wendy Schiller), Watson Institute, Brown University, November 15, 2018.
- Improving the Generation and Uptake of Medical Evidence: Lessons from ORBITA (co-director with Alan Gerber), Yale University, May 29–30, 2018.
- Innovative Policy Lab Conference (co-director with Justine Hastings), Brown University, June 15–16, 2017.
- Health Reform After the 2016 Elections (director), Watson Institute, Brown University, May 18–19, 2017.
- Tailoring Treatments to Individual Patients: The Promise and Policy Challenges of Precision Medicine (director), UVA Center for Health Policy, November 2–3, 2015.
- Congress and Policymaking in the 21st Century (co-director with Jeffery Jenkins), Batten School and Miller Center of Public Affairs, June 3–4, 2013.
- Embedding Laws in the American State: Policy Durability and Policy Change (co-director with Jeffery Jenkins), Miller Center of Public Affairs, May 2–3, 2008.
- Policy History Association Conference (co-director with Meg Jacobs), Miller Center of Public Affairs, June 1–4, 2006.
- Promoting the General Welfare: The Political Economy of Government Performance (co-director with Alan Gerber), 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" (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?" APPAM, 2015.
- "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). APSA, 2011.
- "When Policy Does Not Make Politics: The Limits of Policy Feedback" (with Julian Zelizer). APSA, 2010.
- "Zero Credit Policymaking: Governmental Performance, Partisan Polarization, and the Politics of Evidence-Based Medicine" (with Alan Gerber). APSA, 2010.
- "When Policy Does Not Make Politics: The Limits of Policy Feedback" (with Julian Zelizer). APSA, 2009.
- "Sham Surgery: The Problem of Medical Evidence." APSA, 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). APSA, 2003.
- "After the Public Interest Prevails: The Political Sustainability of Policy Reform." Midwest Political Science Association and APSA, 2001.
- "Political Science and the Study of 'the Market': The Role of Market Forces in American Politics and Government." APSA, 2000.
- "The Stunning Political Transformation of the Medicaid Program." APSA, 1999. [Selected 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." APSA, 1995.

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

Roundtable Participant, Panel Chair, or Discussant

- "Medicaid at 60: Examining the Program's Past, Present and Future," Robert Wood Johnson Foundation panel, June 2026.
- Understanding the Government Shutdown Panel, Watson School, Brown University, November 2, 2025.
- NBER Summer Conference, Workshop on Aging, discussant, July 2025.
- APSA 2024, participant, book roundtable on *Countermobilization*.
- Watson Institute, participant, book roundtable on *Countermobilization*, 2024.
- APSA 2022, 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 and Learning into Policy Solutions," 2018.
- Watson Institute, participant, book panel on *Unhealthy Politics*, 2017.
- APSA 2017, participant, book roundtable on *Unhealthy Politics*.
- Russell Sage Foundation Conference, participant, "The ACA: Politics, Public Opinion, and Public Policy," 2017.
- APPAM 2017, discussant, "Policy Analysis and the Politics of Health Policy."
- NASPAA 2017, participant, "Deans on Reforming the Curriculum."
- 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?"
- 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."
- 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 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.
- "Health Scare." The Economist, Checks and Balances Podcast, 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.
- University of Houston Conference on Health Policy at the Crossroads, October 26, 2017.
- Australia New Zealand School of Government Conference on Delivering Policy Reform, 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), UC 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 UC 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), UC 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 UC 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* at 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), Vanderbilt University (2027)

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

Radio interviews include: Insight with Tom Graham (NPR, central Virginia), WFAD-FM (Vermont NPR affiliate), WQUB-FM (Illinois NPR 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 to 2018.
- External Review Committee, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and 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 to 2006 and 2013 to 2016.
- Program Committee, Annual Meeting of APPAM, 2011, 2012, 2013.
- External Review Committee, Tufts University (Interdisciplinary Programs), 2012.
- Chair, Mary Parker Follett Award Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2010 to 2011.
- Nominating Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2009.
- Chair, Mary Parker Follett Award Committee, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2007 to 2008.
- Chair, nominating committee, Council, Public Policy Section, APSA, Spring 2006.
- Council Member, Politics and History Section, APSA, 2006 to 2008.
- Member, Editorial Board, American Journal of Political Science, 2006 to 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, MIT Press, Israel Science Foundation, Russell Sage, Routledge

University Service

- Watson School Strategic Planning Committee, 2025 to 2026.
- Ad Hoc Committee to revise Political Science Department's Standards and Criteria.
- Provost-chaired committee on Watson Institute faculty appointments, 2023 to 2024.
- Chair, Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2021 to 2024.
- Governing Board member, Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, 2022 to 2024.
- First-year student adviser, Brown University, 2019 to 2022.
- Chair, Professor of Practice Search Committee, Watson Institute, 2021.
- Chair, Provost-appointed committee examining whether the Watson Institute should become a school of international and public affairs, 2018 to 2019.
- Watson Institute Executive Committee, 2018 to 2020.
- Watson Institute Undergraduate Concentration Review Committee, 2018 to 2019.
- Watson Institute/Economics Department Joint Search Committee, 2017 to 2018.
- Batten School Executive Committee, 2015 to 2016.
- Batten School Third Year Faculty Review Committee, 2016.
- Provost-appointed University of Virginia Faculty Salary Study Task Force, 2012 to 2014.
- Batten School Dean's Council, 2012 to 2015.
- Dean Search Committee, Batten School, 2013 to 2014.
- Young African Leadership Initiative Committee, 2013 to 2014.
- Bankard Fund for Political Economy Research Award Committee, 2013 to 2014.
- UVA Panel on Future of Liberal Arts at a Research Institution, 2013.
- Faculty hiring and tenure committees, Batten School, 2010 through 2015.
- Department of Politics, American Politics Study Group Co-Chair, 2012.

- UVA Leadership Working Group, Co-Chair, 2011 to 2012.
- Co-chair (with David Breneman), Provost's Committee on Planning and Implementation of Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, 2007 to 2008.
- Chair, American Politics Search Committee, 2006 to 2007.
- University of Virginia Provost-appointed Faculty Committee on Public Policy, 2003 to 2006.
- At Large Member (by faculty election), Chair's Advisory Board, UVA Department of Politics, 2004 to 2005.
- Liaison to the Congressional Research Service, UCLA School of Public Policy, 2001 to 2002.
- Curriculum committee, UCLA Department of Policy Studies, 2000 to 2002.
- Admissions committee, UCLA Department of Policy Studies, 2000 to 2002.
- Affiliated faculty member, Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Program, Yale, 1996 to 2000.
- Yale Political Science Department admissions committee, 1997 to 1998.

Public Service

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

Other Professional Experience

- Research Fellow, Brookings Institution, 1995 to 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.