

Wendy J. Schiller
Alison S. Ressler Professor of Political Science
Professor of Political Science, International & Public Affairs
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Rochester. Concentrations in Congress, Political Parties and Elections, and Political Philosophy.

Dissertation: "Bill Sponsorship in the United States Senate: Opportunity and Constraint."
Advisors: Richard F. Fenno Jr. and Larry M. Bartels.

M.A., Political Science, University of Rochester

B.A. with Honors, Political Science, The University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Howard Swearer Interim Director, Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International & Public Affairs, July 2024-June 2025

Alison S. Ressler Professor of Political Science July 2023-

Director, Taubman Center for American Politics & Policy July 2021- June 2025

Royce Family Professor of Teaching Excellence in Political Science July 2020-June 2023

Chair, Department of Political Science July 2015-June 2018, July 2018-June 2021

Professor, Brown University July 2015

Associate Professor, Brown University July 2000

Assistant Professor, Brown University July 1994

Legislative Assistant, Governor Mario M. Cuomo, Office of Federal Affairs for the State of New York, 1988-1989.

Legislative Assistant, Senator Daniel P. Moynihan. 1986 -1988.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Books

[*Inequality Across State Lines: How Policymakers Have Failed Domestic Violence Victims in the United States.*](#) 2023. Co-author with Kaitlin N. Sidorsky. Cambridge University Press.

[*Gateways to Democracy: An Introduction to American Government, 5E Edition.*](#) 2023. Co-author with John G. Geer, Richard Herrera, and Jeffrey A. Segal. Cengage Learning. Previous editions 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017/2019, 2021.

[*Dynamics of American Democracy: Partisan Polarization, Political Competition and Government Performance.*](#) 2021. Co-editor with Eric Patashnik. University of Kansas Press.

[*The Contemporary Congress.*](#) 2018. Co-author with Burdett Loomis. Rowman & Littlefield. Previous editions 2015; 2003, 2005 with Thomson and Wadsworth.

[*Electing the Senate: Indirect Democracy before the Seventeenth Amendment.*](#) 2015. Co-author with Charles Stewart III. Princeton University Press.
www.brown.edu/research/projects/electing-the-senate

Gateways to Democracy: An Introduction to American Government, Essentials. 2015. Co-author with John G. Geer, Richard Herrera, Jeffrey A. Segal, and Dana K. Glencross. Wadsworth Cengage Learning. Previous editions 2011, 2013, 2015.

[*Partners and Rivals: Representation in U.S. Senate Delegations.*](#) 2000. Princeton University Press.

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

["Obstacles to Federal Policy Adoption: The case of Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction in Native American Tribal Nations."](#) 2023. Co-author with Kaitlin N. Sidorsky. *Perspectives on Politics*. 1-19. doi.org/10.1017/S1537592723001640

["Federalism, Policy Diffusion, and Gender Equality: Explaining Variation in State Domestic Firearm Laws 1990-2017."](#) 2022. Co-author with Kaitlin N. Sidorsky. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 22, No.3:1-23 doi:10.1017/spq.2021.35

["Litigating Lives and Gender Inequality: Public Defenders, Policy Implementation, and Domestic Violence Sentencing."](#) 2020. Co-author with Kaitlin N. Sidorsky. *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 41 (3):320-333.

"U.S. Senate Elections before the 17th Amendment: Political Party Cohesion and Conflict 1871-1913." 2013. Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT) and Benjamin Xiong (Brown University). *Journal of Politics* 75 No.3: 835-837.

"Building Careers and Courting Constituents: U.S. Senate Representation 1889-1924." 2006. *Studies in American Political Development* 20:185-197.

"Tactical and Contextual Determinants of U.S. Senators' Approval Ratings." Co-author with Patrick Sellers (Davidson College) and Brian Schaffner (Western Michigan University). 2003. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 28: 203-223.

"Has Free Trade Won the War in Congress, or is the Battle Still Raging?" 2000. In *NAFTA Law and Business Review of the Americas* Vol.6, Issue 3, pp. 363-387.

"Trade Politics in the American Congress: A Study of the Interaction of Political Geography and Interest Group Behavior." 1999. *Political Geography* Vol. 18, Issue 7, pp. 769-789.

"Senators as Political Entrepreneurs: Using Bill Sponsorship to Shape Legislative Agendas."

1995. *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 186-203.

Articles in Special Issue Journals and Edited Volumes

“Walking in Large Footprints and Forging New Paths.” 2020. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. Vol. 53, No. 2:317-318.

“Resolved Senate Rule XXII Should be amended so that legislative filibusters can be ended by a majority vote (Con argument).” 2020. (Revised from earlier version) Chapter 16. In *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System, Fourth Edition* Eds. Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson. Washington DC: CQ Press.

“Resolved the filibuster should be abolished (Con argument).” 2016. (Revised from earlier version) Chapter 15. In *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System, Third Edition* Eds. Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson. Washington DC: CQ Press.

“Resolved the filibuster should be abolished (Con argument).” 2014. (Revised from earlier version) Chapter 14. In *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System, Second Edition* Eds. Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson. Washington DC: CQ Press. Pp. 254-262.

“The 100th Anniversary of the 17th Amendment: A Promise Unfulfilled?” Co-author with Charles Stewart III (MIT). 2013. *Issues in Governance Studies* No. 59:1-12. Washington DC: Brookings Institution. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2013/05/24-seventeenth-amendment-senate-schiller-stewart>

“Howard Baker’s Leadership in the U.S. Senate: Lessons in Persuasion, Civility, and Success.” 2012. *Baker Center Journal of Applied Public Policy* Vol. IV, No.2: 28-48.

"Senate Delegation Dynamics in an Age of Party Polarization," 2011. Co-author with Jennifer Cassidy. *The Forum*: Vol. 9: Issue. 4, Article 7. <http://www.bepress.com/forum/vol9/iss4/art7>

“Resolved the filibuster should be abolished (Con argument).” 2010, (Chapter 12) In *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System*. Eds. Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson. Washington DC: CQ Press. Pp. 187-203.

“WTO and Illegal Tax Breaks.” Co-author with Ralph Carter. 2008. In *Contemporary Cases in U.S. Foreign Policy*, 3rd edition. Edited by Ralph Carter. Washington DC: CQ Press.

Book Chapters

“The Legacy of Women in Rhode Island Politics: From the State House to Governor” in *The State of Rhode Island: Politics and Government*. Eds. Emily Lynch and Maureen Moakley. Providence: Rhode Island Publication Society. 2023.

“The U.S. Senate and the Meaning of Dysfunction.” 2021. Co-author with C. Lawrence Evans. In *Congress Reconsidered, 12th Edition*, eds. Lawrence C. Dodd, Bruce I. Oppenheimer, and C. Lawrence Evans. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage/CQ Press.

“Howard Baker and the Conditional Use of Parliamentary Procedure in the U.S. Senate.” 2018 Co-author with Cory Manento. (Chapter 2) In *Leadership in the U.S. Senate: Herding Cats in the Modern Era*. Edited by Colton Campbell. New York: Routledge Press.

“Development of Congressional Elections.” 2011. (Chapter 29) in *The Oxford Handbook of the American Congress*, eds. Frances Lee and Eric Schickler. New York: Oxford University Press.

“The Electoral Connection: Career Building and Constituency Representation in the U.S. Senate in the Age of Indirect Elections.” 2007 in *Process, Party and Policy Making: Further New Perspectives on the History of Congress, Vol. 2*, eds. David W. Brady and Mathew D. McCubbins, Stanford University Press.

"Sharing the Same Home Turf: How Senators from the Same State Compete for Geographic Electoral Support." 2002. In *U.S. Senate Exceptionalism*, ed. Bruce Oppenheimer, Ohio State University Press.

"Building Reputations and Shaping Careers: The Strategies of Individual Agenda Setting in the U.S. Senate." 2000. In *Congress at Work, Congress on Display*, ed. William Bianco. University of Michigan Press.

Work in Progress or Under Review

“Inequality Across State Lines: The Interaction of State Domestic Violence Policies and Federal Funding 2006-2021.” 2023. Presented at the 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings. Co-author with Kaitlin N. Sidorsky.

“Decisions Matter: Judicial Implementation of Domestic Violence Laws at the State Level.” 2023. Presented at the 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings. Co-author with Kaitlin N. Sidorsky.

Book Reviews

[Joshua J. Dyck and Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz. *The Power of Partisanship*. \(New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.\) *Perspectives on Politics*. First View May 6, 2024.](#)

[“How the Senate Went off the Rails.”](#) 2018. Review of *Broken: Can the Senate Save Itself and the Country* by Ira Shapiro (Boston: Rowman & Littlefield, 2018) in *Washington Monthly*, January 24, 2018.

Weiner, Greg. 2015. *American Burke: The Uncommon Liberalism of Daniel Patrick Moynihan* (Lawrence, KS, USA: University Press of Kansas), in *the Forum*, May 2017.

Lapinski, John. 2013. *The Substance of Representation: Congress, American Political Development, and Lawmaking* Princeton: Princeton University Press, in *the Forum*, February 2014.

Blumenthal, Max. 2009. *Republican Gomorrah: Inside the Movement that Shattered the Party*. Nation Books, in *The Historian*, Fall 2010

Sellers, Patrick. 2009. *Cycles of Spin: Strategic Communication in the U.S. Congress*. New York: Cambridge University Press, in *Congress & the Presidency*, Spring 2010.

Taylor, Andrew J. 2005. *Elephant's Edge: The Republicans as a Ruling Party*. Westport, CT: Praeger, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Spring 2006.

Binder, Sarah A. 2003. *Stalemate: Causes and Consequences of Legislative Gridlock*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, in *Congress & the Presidency*, Autumn 2003.

Bowling, Kenneth R. and Donald R. Kennon, eds, 2002. *The House & Senate in the 1790's: Petitioning, Lobbying and Institutional Development*. Athens: Ohio University Press, in *The Historian*, Autumn 2003.

Gronke, Paul. *The Electorate, the Campaign and the Office: A Unified Approach to Senate and House Elections*. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, in *Perspectives on Politics* March 2003.

Essays, Op-Ed Columns, and Other Publications

[“Biting the Bullet: Will the Supreme Court Uphold Firearm Removal Laws for Domestic Violence Abusers?”](#) Co-Author Kaitlin Sidorsky. Rockefeller Institute of Government. 2023.

[“Constitutional Cocktail Enables Gun Violence Against Women.”](#) Co-author Kaitlin N. Sidorsky. Bloomberg Law. 2023.

[“Can government protect women from domestic violence? Not if states do not follow up.”](#) Co-author Kaitlin N. Sidorsky. FixGov: Making Government Work: Brookings Institution. 2023.

[“Guns and Domestic Violence: Why Federal Laws Fail to Keep Women Safe.”](#) Co-author Kaitlin N. Sidorsky. FifteenEightyFour: Academic Perspectives from Cambridge University Press. 2023.

[“No, Ben Sasse, repealing the 17th Amendment would not improve the U.S. Senate.”](#) Co-author Charles Stewart. *MischiefsofFaction.com*, September 14, 2020.

[“New England’s losing political clout: That’s bad for us, and a bad sign for American](#)

[democracy.](#)” *The Boston Globe Magazine*, January 23, 2019.

[“Pay no attention to the man behind the Twitter feed. Instead, look at his policies.”](#) *The Boston Globe Magazine* January 29, 2018.

“Graduate Students and U.S. Legislative Politics: The Road Ahead” in *The Legislative Scholar*, Legislative Studies Section Newsletter, Fall 2016.

[“Pennsylvania Senate Election 2016: Pragmatism and Intraparty Conflict”](#) (with Cory Manento) on Princeton University Press Blog: Mind over Chatter since 1905, Summer 2016

[“Election 2016 would give the Founding Fathers indigestion, but they’d still be thankful.”](#) *The Dallas Morning News*, April 20, 2016.

[“Past and Present, Big Money Rules Washington Politics”](#) *Providence Journal*, December 21, 2014

“How the 2014 midterms are going to affect politics in 2015 and 2016.”

The Conversation, November 5, 2014. <http://theconversation.com/how-the-2014-midterms-are-going-to-affect-politics-in-2015-and-2016-32787>

“Be Wary of New Wave of Voter Restrictions.” *The Dallas Morning News*, September 12, 2014. <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/sunday-commentary/20140912-be-very-wary-about-new-wave-of-voter-restrictions.ece?hootPostID=23577f80d23b6e992482948dc9bcddf0>

“It’s All Just a Little Bit of History Repeating.” NowwithAlex.com (MSNBC) February 9, 2012. <http://nowwithalex.msnbc.com/news/2012/02/09/10365978-its-all-just-a-little-bit-of-history-repeating> “State of the Union: Letting the Past be a Guide.” NowwithAlex.com [MSNBC] January 23, 2012. <http://nowwithalex.msnbc.com/news/2012/01/23/10215507-state-of-the-union-letting-the-past-be-a-guide>

“Is Romney Just Too Rich?” NowwithAlex.com (MSNBC) January 19, 2012. <http://nowwithalex.msnbc.com/news/2012/01/19/10193050-is-romney-just-too-rich>

“The Tea Party claims victory - but will the last laugh be Obama’s?” *The Conversation*. www.theconversation.edu.au. August 3, 2011.

“Is it the filibuster or a failure of enforcement?” *The Hill Congress blog*, January 4, 2011

“Be careful what you wish for: Why the Tea Party should not want to repeal the 17th Amendment.” *The Hill Congress blog*. December 3, 2010 (with Benjamin Xiong)

“Living and dying through party politics.” *The Hill Congress blog*. October 18, 2010

“The irony of the Tea Party victory: More 'insider' influence.” *The Hill* Congress blog. November 8, 2010

“Ironic Times for Senate Democrats” AC360 (CNN) Web editorial, January 12, 2009

“Clinton Successor Must Complement Schumer.” *Newsday*. December 7th, 2008.

“The New Congress: How Congress Has Changed Its Ways.” 2006. In *Insights on Law & Society*, Chicago: American Bar Association for Public Education. Vol 7, No. 1.

“Lott’s Dictatorship of the Senate.” Co-authored with Curtis Kelley. *Providence Journal*. July 11, 2000.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

“Collaborative Research: The U.S. Senate Election Data Base, 1871-1913.” National Science Foundation (NSF Grant 0517813) \$424,312. Co-Principal Investigator on collaborative project with Professor Charles Stewart III (MIT).

HOSTED AND CO-HOSTED CONFERENCES

2nd Annual Women in Legislative Politics Conference, Brown University October 26-27th, 2023.

10th Annual Congress & History Conference, Brown University June 8-10th, 2011

<http://www.brown.edu/conference/congress-and-history/>

[The Dynamics of American Democracy: Partisan Polarization, Political Competition and Government Performance](#), Co-Director with Eric Patashnik, Watson Institute, Brown University, November 14-15 2018

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Inequality, Gender, and Federalism:

Authors meet Critics. *Inequality Across States Lines: How Policymakers Have Failed Domestic Violence Victims in the United States.*” American Political Science Association Meetings, 2023.

“Inequality Across State Lines: The Interaction of State Domestic Violence Policies and Federal Funding 2006-2021.” Co-author with Kaitlin N. Sidorsky. Presented at the 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Meetings.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Alison S. Ressler Professor of Political Science July 2023-

Visiting Fellow - Hoover Institution at Stanford University February 2015

Fulbright Award – Spain - Senior Lecturer in American Politics – 2004-2005 – (Declined)

Howard Foundation Paid Semester leave 1997-1998

Guest Scholar, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC September 1997-August 1998.

Presidential Fellow, Salzburg Seminar, May 1996

Visiting Student, Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. September 1993- September 1994.

Research Fellow, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC. September 1992 - September 1993.

ACADEMIC LECTURES

University of Illinois at Chicago, March 2023

Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, March 2023

American University, Barbara Sinclair Leadership Lecture, November 2021

University of Illinois, Department of Political Science, October 2020

University of Virginia, Department of Politics, February 2020

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, April 2015

Stanford University Department of Political Science February 2015

University of Miami Department of Political Science November 2014

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science February 2014

Texas Community College Teachers Association Annual Conference, Keynote, February 2014

College of William & Mary, Department of Government April 2013

Department of State, U.S. Speaker Program, (Calgary, Ottawa, Toronto) March 24-29, 2013

Lake Forest College, Department of Politics April 2012

Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, November 2011

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, American Politics Workshop March 2011

University of Virginia – American Politics Workshop February 2010

Yale University – American Politics Seminar Series February 2010

University of Pennsylvania - Department Seminar, October 2007

University of Georgia - Department Seminar, February 2007

Columbia University – GIS symposium – June 2005

Dartmouth College – Department Seminar Series February 2005.

Columbia University – American Politics Workshop – February 2004

New York University – Weekly Seminar Series – December 2003

Rutgers University – Department Seminar Series – November 2003

Columbia University – American Politics Workshop – February 2002

PRINT AND DIGITAL MEDIA POLITICAL COMMENTARY

New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, CNN.com, CQ Weekly, Providence Journal, Politico, Des Moines Register, The Hill, Christian Science Monitor, Financial Times, Toronto Globe and Mail, The New York Daily News, The Guardian, Irish Times, Agence-France Presse, The Boston Globe, Associated Press, International Business Times, Gannett, The Economist, Philadelphia Inquirer, USNews.com, Providence Monthly, El Mercurio (Chile)

TELEVISION AND RADIO POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Bloomberg Radio, Bloomberg Television, National Public Radio, Minnesota Public Radio, Detroit Public Radio, Illinois Public Radio, Corus Entertainment Radio Alberta, Canada, Political Analyst WJAR Channel 10, WRNI RI Public Radio, A Lively Experiment, RIPBS,

WPRO Radio, The Point (South Korea)

SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES ON AMERICAN POLITICS

One Day University (Multiple Cities), Salisbury Forum, Jefferson Educational Society, Brown University Affiliated Clubs of Chicago, Fairfield County, Honolulu, New York City, Orange County, San Diego, Rhode Island, and Washington DC.

AWARDS, RESEARCH, AND TEACHING GRANTS

Barbara Sinclair Leadership Award, American Political Science Association	2021
President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Governance	Spring 2018
Leadership Alliance Research Mentor	Summer 2014
Salomon Fund Research Award	2001-2004
Salomon Fund Research Award	1997-1999
Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (UTRA)	1995, 1996, 1997, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2009
Group Research Project UTRA Award	2001-2002
Wriston Curricular Development Grant	Summer 2006
Curriculum Development Grant	Summer 1999

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member Patrick J. Fett Prize for Best Paper in Legislative Studies, MPSA 2024
Member, Barbara Sinclair Legacy Award, Legislative Studies Section, APSA 2021
Chair, APSA Legislative Studies Section, September 2017 - 2019
Member, Carl Albert Award for Best Dissertation in Legislative Politics, APSA 2019
Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2017 - 2019
Editorial Board Member, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, 2014-2019
Member, Content Advisory Committee, Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate 2013-2015
Member, E.E. Schattschneider Award for Best Dissertation in American Politics, APSA 2012
Editorial Board Member, *Congress & the Presidency*, 2007-2009
Member, Legislative Studies Section Nominations Committee 2008-2011
Legislative Studies Section Governing Council 2006-2007
Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2004-2007
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2005-2008
Member, 2010 William H. Riker Prize Committee, University of Rochester, for best body of research in the study of politics as a science.
Chair, 2009 Patrick Fett Award Committee for the best paper on the Congress and the Presidency presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Meetings.
Member, 2007 Jewell-Loewenberg Award Committee for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2006.
Member, 2007 Patrick Fett Award Committee for the best paper on the Congress and the Presidency presented at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Meetings.

Legislative Studies, Division Chair, American Political Science Association Meetings, 2006.
Member, 2005 Gladys M. Kammerer Award Committee for the best political science book in the field of U.S. national policy
Legislative Politics Section Head, Midwest Political Science Association 2002 Meetings
American Politics Section Head, New England Political Science Association 2001 Meetings
Secretary-Treasurer, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association 1998-2001
Member, Editorial Board - New Dilemmas in American Politics Series (Westview Press)
Council Member, New England Political Science Association, 1999-2003
Member, 1996 Richard F. Fenno Jr. Prize Committee for best book in legislative politics.
Member, Brookings Research Fellow Selection Committee 1997-1998
Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *National Science Foundation*, *Brookings Institution Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Ohio State University Press*, *Princeton University Press*, *State University of New York Press*, *University of Chicago Press*, *University of Michigan Press*.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Howard Swearer Interim Director, Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International & Public Affairs, July 2024-June 2025
Member, Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship Interdisciplinary Search, 2023-2024
Director, Taubman Center for American Politics & Policy, Watson Institute 2021-
Chair, Department of Political Science, 2015-2018, 2018-2021
Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science Department, Spring 2017, Spring 2022
Member, American Politics Search Committee, 2022
Member, International Political Economy Search Committee, 2022
Graduate Placement Director, Department of Political Science 2018-2021
Member, CAPFA, School of Professional Studies 2019-2022
Member, Provost's Steering Committee on SPS/Executive Education, Spring 2019
Member, Brown Diversity & Inclusion Oversight Board 2016-2017
Member, Brown Data Governance Committee 2016-2019
Chair, Search Committee in Race and Ethnicity 2016-2017
Chair, Tenure Committee for Susan Moffitt, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy 2015
Member, FEC Nominations Committee, 2014-2017
Member, American Politics and Public Policy Search Committee 2014
Faculty Advising Fellow 2014-2015
Faculty member, Brown Library Advisory Board, 2013-2015
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Political Science Department 2012-2013
Director Political Science Honors Thesis Program 2000-2001, 2001-2002
2012-2013, 2018-2019, 2019-2020

Faculty Chair, Information and Technology Advisory Board 2010-2013
Member, Search Committee for Chief Information Officer 2013
Member, Search Committee in Race and Ethnicity 2011
Faculty Representative, Information and Technology Project Review Committee 2010-2011, 2011-2012
Chair, American Politics Search Committee 2010-2011
Member, Graduate Committee, Political Science Department 2008-2009, 2010-2011
Member, Search Committee in American Politics and Public Policy 2008, 2009
Chair, Tenure Committee for Jennifer Lawless, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy
Member, Human Resources Advisory Committee 2007-2009
Member, Department of Education search committee 2006-2007
Member, Tenure, Promotion, and Appointments Committee (TPAC) 2004-2007
Member, University Disciplinary Council 2004-2005, 2005-2006
Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, March 2000-June 2003
Member, External Department Chair Search Committee 2000
Member, Search Committee for Dean of Campus Life 2000
Member, Brown Sports Foundation Review Committee 2000
Member, Royce Selection Committee 2000, 2001, 2002
Member, Truman Selection Committee 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
Member, Brown University Graduate Council 1995-97

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Current: Karra McCray

Past: Kristen Essel, Marie Schenk, Corey Manento, Daniel Carrigg, Meghan Wilson, Kelly Branham Smith, Kaitlin Sidorsky, Jennifer Cassidy, David Blanding, Heather Silber Mohammed, Ravi Perry, Dennis Michaud, Brett Clifton

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS IN AMERICAN POLITICS RECENT COMMITTEES

2022 Karra McCray, Damali Britton, Max Foley-Keene
2021 Ayantu Israel-Megerssa, Alberto Alcaraz Escarcega, Kendall Clark
2020 Isaac Effner, Kristen Essel, David Hernandez, Columbus Pruitt
2019 Rachel Nusbaum
2018 Megean Bourgeois, Marie Schenk, Jason Schultz, Kenneth White
2017 Jared Loggins
2017 Cory Manento
2016 Ryan Emenaker, Jane Austin
2015 Aimee Bourassa, Ferris Lupino, Rachel Meade, Cadence Willse
2014 Kelly Branham, Daniel Carrigg
2013 Meghan Wilson, Patrick Endress, James Newburg
2012 Kaitlin Sidorsky, Aaron Weinstein
2011 Jennifer Cassidy, Domingo Morel
2010 Heather Silber Mohammed, Andrea Owens-Jones

2009 Jeremy Johnson, Ravi Perry

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Gender and Public Policy - Undergraduate: This course explores the role of gender in elections and representation, public health, welfare, and safety policy formation, and economic development. The course also examines the construction and intersectionality of gender identity and how gender operates in hierarchies of power.

The American Presidency - Undergraduate. This course covers all facets of the American Presidency, including but not limited to: nomination process, general election campaign, cabinet formation, interactions with Congress and the Supreme Court, foreign policy and military actions, communications strategies, major policy initiation, and policy implementation.

Introduction to the American Political Process – Undergraduate. This course is designed to be an introduction to the American political process, broadly defined, to cover topics including but not limited to: Congress, Media, Interest Groups, Budget, Presidency, Public Opinion, Courts, Bureaucracy, and Agenda Setting. Students are asked to track elections and incumbent career performance, and analyze them in the context of media, interest group, and executive branch pressures.

Pro Seminar in American Politics –Graduate. This course is designed to be the core survey course in the American politics subfield for political science graduate students. Topics covered include political parties, interest groups, public opinion, presidency, race and ethnicity, gender and politics, judiciary, American political development, mass media.

Readings in American Institutions – Graduate. A seminar open to graduate students and advanced undergraduates. The course is essentially a survey course of the best work published in the last 2-3 years in the top 4 political science journals. The course is organized around subfields within the larger category of American institutions, e.g. Presidency, state legislatures, interest groups. Students are asked to critique and analyze sophisticated and complex questions, which are answered using advanced quantitative and qualitative methods.

Representation: Parties and Interest Groups - Undergraduate Senior Seminar. This course explores the concept of representation and how individual opinions and interests are translated into outcomes in the political system. The two primary vehicles for representation are political parties and organized interest groups. We examine the origins of both, their transformations over time, and their role in modern political life. The readings are designed to combine theoretical and empirical explanations for the role and influence of parties and interest groups.

Philosophy of the Founding - Undergraduate Freshman Seminar. This course is designed to explore the ideas and beliefs that served to influence key actors in our nation's founding. The course relies on primary source materials, including the writings of Charles Montesquieu, John

Adams, Abigail Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and Mercy Warren. The course focuses on the expectations underlying the construction of the new American republic and students are asked to assess the relevance and flexibility of our governance structure as it stands today.

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