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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Women's political representation; political ambition; political role models; legislative behavior; political psychology; civic engagement and pedagogy.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science | Wayne State University, 2014

American Government; minors in Public Policy and Public Administration.

Dissertation: "Individual Differences in Psychological Evaluations of Electoral Risk: Furthering the Explanation of the Gender Gap in Candidate Emergence." Chair: Ewa Golebiowska.

M.A. in Food Studies | Chatham University, in progress

Research focus: Democratization of longevity-supportive food policy.

M.A. in Organization Management | Spring Arbor University, 2002

B.S. in Political Science | Lake Superior State University, 1998

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Political Science, Chatham University	2024-present
Associate Professor, Chatham University	2020-2024
Assistant Professor, Chatham University	2013-2020
Assistant Director, Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics	2013-2019
Adjunct Instructor, Saginaw Valley State University	2012-2013
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Wayne State University	2010-2013

As Assistant Director, directed the Center's research and data collection; supported nonpartisan programming to increase women's political representation in Pennsylvania; managed executive administration; and supervised graduate and undergraduate research assistants.

BOOKS

Teaching American Government and Politics: Centering Democratic Citizenship and Engagement in the Introductory Classroom. With A. Lanethea Mathews-Schultz. Edward Elgar Publishing. 2024.

Inspired Citizens: How Our Political Role Models Shape American Politics. Temple University Press. 2023.

A Civic Toolkit: Informational, Deliberative, and Emotional Skills for Public and Private Life. With Lanethea Mathews-Schultz. University of Toronto Press. Under contract.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Clarifying the Concept of Role Models in Political Science: A Research Note.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*. Accepted; forthcoming.

“The Path to Women’s Candidate Emergence is Paved with Metaphorical Resistance: Limits of a Journey Metaphor in Provoking Identity-Based Motivation.” With Monica C. Schneider, Mark J. Landau, and Taylor A. Gordon. *Metaphor and Symbol* 41(1): 101–118. doi:10.1080/10926488.2025.2549274. 2026.

“Engaging See Jane Run: Toward a Richer Theory of Political Role Models.” *Political Science Quarterly*. doi:10.1093/psquar/qqaf126. Published online December 3, 2025.

“Legislating in the First Female-Majority State Legislature: Gendered Power, Leadership, and Patterns of Sponsorship and Cosponsorship” with Rebecca Gill and Christopher Zorn. *Political Research Quarterly* 78(3): 1045–1059. 2025.

“Intersectional Motherhood and Candidate Evaluations in the United States” with Nichole Bauer. *Politics & Gender*. 2024.

“Introduction to the Special Issue on Gender and Political Psychology.” *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 44(1). 2023.

“Role Model Do No HARM: Modeling Achievable Success Inspires Social Belonging and Women’s Candidate Emergence” with Monica Schneider and Taylor Gordon. *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 44(1): 105–120. 2023.

“Prone to Agreement: Does Context Matter for Men and Women in Political Discussions?” With Mary Herring, Elizabeth Prough, and Fred Vultee. *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 44(2): 206–227. 2023.

“Legislative vs. Executive Political Offices: How Gender Stereotypes Can Disadvantage Women in Either Office” *Political Behavior* 44: 411–434. 2022.

“Evaluating Student Evaluations of Teaching: a Review of Measurement and Equity Bias in SETs and Recommendations for Ethical Reform.” With Rebecca Kreitzer. *Journal of Academic Ethics* 20: 73–84. 2022.

“A Format-Flexible Pedagogy of Civil Discourse.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54(1): 180–181. 2021.

“Introduction to *Commonwealth* Special Issue on Women’s Underrepresentation in Pennsylvania.” *Commonwealth: A Journal of Pennsylvania Politics and Policy* 21(2). 2020.

“Who Dominates the Conversation? The Effect of Gender, Discussion Medium, and Controversy on Political Discussion” with Mary Herring, Elizabeth Prough, and Fred Vultee. *Feminist Media Studies* 22(3): 552–570. 2022.

“Social Media Learning as a Pedagogical Tool: Twitter and Engagement in Civic Dialogue and Public Policy.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52(4): 763–770. 2019.

- "Where does the pipeline get leaky? The progressive ambition of school board members and personal and political network recruitment." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 8(4): 762–785. 2020.
- "See it; be it? The use of role models in campaign trainings for women." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 7(4). 2019.
- "Family Friendly Academic Conferences: A Missing Link to Fix the "Leaky Pipeline"?" with Angie Bos and Monica Schneider. *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 7(3): 748–758. 2019.
- "Is This the Care We Need: An Examination of Childcare Policy in Pennsylvania." With Ashley Harden. *Commonwealth* 19(2). August 2017.
- "Gender, Risk Assessment, and Political Ambition." *Politics and the Life Sciences* 35(2): 1–17. Fall 2016.
- "Understanding political participation in West Africa: the relationship between good governance and local citizen engagement" with Kelly Krawczyk. *International Review of Administrative Sciences* 83(1_suppl): 136–155. 2017.
- "FMLA in PA: Analysis of Family and Medical Leave Policy in The State" *Commonwealth*. November 2015.
- "The Road to Good Governance: Via the Path Less Accountable? The Effectiveness of Fiscal Accountability in Liberia." With Kelly Krawczyk. *International Journal of Public Administration*. September 2013.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND REFERENCE ENTRIES

- "The Use of Student Evaluations of Teaching in Higher Education and Political Science." In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science*, edited by Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, and Joseph W. Roberts. Edward Elgar Publishing. Forthcoming.
- "Less Can be More: Encouraging Mastery of Research Design in Undergraduate Research Methods" in *Pedagogy Through the Research Process*. Daniel Mallinson, Julia Hellwege, and Eric Loepp, editors. London: Palgrave MacMillan. 2021.
- "Gendered Legislative Effectiveness in State Legislatures: The Case of Pennsylvania" in *Politicking While Female: The Political Lives of Women*, Nichole Bauer, ed. Louisiana State University Press. 2020.
- "Campaign Trainings for Women: Collecting Puzzle Pieces for a Run for Office" with Monica Schneider. Mirya R Holman, Rachel Bernhard, Shauna Shames, and Dawn Teele (eds). *Good Reasons to Run: Women and Political Candidacy*. Temple University Press, 2020.
- "Is This the Care We Need?: An Examination of Childcare Policy in Pennsylvania." With Ashley Harden. Leckrone, J. Wesley, ed. *Pennsylvania Politics and Policy: A Commonwealth Reader*. Temple University Press, 2019.
- "FMLA in Pennsylvania: Analysis of Family and Medical Leave Policy in the State." In *Pennsylvania Politics and Policy: A Commonwealth Reader*, Volume 1, edited by J. Wesley Leckrone and Michelle J. Atherton. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. 2018.
- "Is Participation Decline Inevitable as Generations Age? Insights from African-American Elders" with Mary Herring, Lisa J. Ficker, Cathy Lysack, Marc W. Kruman, and Peter A. Lichtenberg. In Richard Marback (Ed): *Generations: Rethinking Age and Citizenship*. Wayne State University Press. 2015.
- Women's Rights in the United States: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Issues, Events, and People*. Tiffany Wayne, Ed. ABC- CLIO: Santa Barbara, CA. Contributing Author. 2014.
- Women in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Women as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*. Dianne Bystrom, Barbara Burrell, Eds. ABC-CLIO: Santa Barbara, CA. Contributing Author. 2018.

RESEARCH REPORTS

- “Pennsylvania Sexual Violence Prevention Policies and Awareness on College Campuses: What’s Working?”. The Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics. April 2019.
- “FMLA In PA: A Report on Family Medical Leave in The State”. The Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics. September, 2014.
- “Is This the Care We Need: An Examination of Childcare Policy in Pennsylvania”. The Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics. March, 2016.
- “Women in the Pennsylvania General Assembly: The Impact of Women Legislators”. The Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics. May 2017.

MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW

- “Perceptions of Women’s Representation and Trust in Government: Conditional Effects of Descriptive and Substantive Representation.” With Christopher Zorn and Rebecca Gill. Revise and resubmit at *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*.
- “From Moral Order to Moral Harm: Legislative Storytelling in Post-Dobbs State Legislatures.” With Christopher Zorn and Rebecca Gill. Under review at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of *Gendered Vulnerability: How Women Work Harder to Stay in Office*, by Jeffrey Lazarus and Amy Steigerwalt. *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 40(4), 2019.
- Review of *Women and Politics: Paths to Power and Political Influence*, updated third edition, by Julie Dolan, Melissa Deckman, and Michele Swers. Rowman & Littlefield.
- Review of *When Does Gender Matter? Women Candidates and Gender Stereotypes in American Elections*, by Kathleen Dolan. *Political Science Quarterly* 130(3): 541–542, 2015.

EDITED COLLECTIONS

- Special Issue on Gender and Political Psychology. Special issue editor. *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 44(1). 2023.
- Special Issue on Women’s Representation in Pennsylvania. Special issue editor. *Commonwealth: A Journal of Pennsylvania Politics and Policy* 21(2). 2020.

GRANTS FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

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| Principal Investigator, Pericles Catalyst Grant — \$10,000 | 2026 |
| <i>Chatham University Civically Engaged Pedagogy Fellowship Program.</i> | |
| American Political Science Association Pedagogy Fellow, Civic Engagement | 2025–2028 |
| Research Sabbatical, Chatham University | Fall 2022 |
| DEAL Grant Faculty Member, Chatham University | 2021 |
| Faculty Research Grants, Chatham University | 2016, 2019, 2020, 2022 |
| American Political Science Association Small Research Grant | 2018 |
| Research Development Grant, Miami University | 2017 |

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Faculty Technology Fellow, Chatham University	2015–2016
Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Wayne State University	2013
Research Travel Award, Political Science Department, Wayne State University	2013
Research Travel Award, Wayne State University Graduate School	2013
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Wayne State University	2010–2013
Research Assistant, Kevin Deegan-Krause, Wayne State University	2011–2012
Michigan Political Leadership Program, Michigan State University	1997–1998
Editorial Assistant, Politics and the Life Sciences	1996–1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching centers on political behavior, gender and representation, public policy, and research methods.

Political behavior and political psychology: Political Psychology; Campaigns and Elections; Political Parties and Elections; Women and Politics.

Public policy: Understanding Public Policy; Introduction to Urban Politics/Policy; Non-Profits and Policy Advocacy; Environmental Policy; Women and Public Policy; Politics of Reproduction.

Political institutions: Introduction to American Government; U.S. Congress; American Governmental Institutions.

Research and academic skills: Undergraduate Research Methods; Senior Research Tutorial; Writing for Politics; Internship Preparation; First-Year English Seminar.

Methods Teaching and Student Research

Teach survey research, quantitative and qualitative content analysis, and policy analysis; supervise undergraduate research using all three approaches.

RESEARCH SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

Undergraduate capstones, Chatham University: Supervise approximately five capstones annually, guiding independent student projects using survey research, quantitative and qualitative content analysis, and policy analysis.

Doctoral committee service: External dissertation committee member for Ruth J. Babel-Smith, Bowling Green State University (2020), “Female Law Enforcement Leaders: Adapting, Improvising and Overcoming Socialized Gender Roles.”

Research assistant supervision: Supervised graduate and undergraduate research assistants while directing research and data collection for the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics (2013–2019).

Graduate editorial supervision: Supervised a graduate editorial assistant during service as editor of Commonwealth (2022–2025).

Graduate research collaboration: Work with graduate students at other institutions through collaborative research projects.

ADDITIONAL METHODS TRAINING

R Data Analysis Bootcamp, University of Minnesota	2020
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ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan	2013
Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University	2012

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Public Beliefs about Gender Representation in Legislative Bodies” with Christopher Zorn and Rebecca Gill. State Politics and Policy Conference, June 4-6, 2026. Chicago, Illinois.
- “Gender and the Misperception of Women’s Representation in State Legislatures and Congress” with Christopher Zorn and Rebecca Gill. Southwest Political Science Association, April 16-18, 2026. Nashville, Tennessee.
- “Women as Political Role Models and Democracy: Political Exemplars’ Impact on Political Violence” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 23-26, 2026. Chicago, Illinois.
- “One Classifier, Fifty States: An Automated Topic Coding Tool for State Legislative Activity” with Christopher Zorn and Rebecca Gill. 2026 Southern Political Science Association Conference. January 14-17, 2026. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “Automated Topic Coding of State Legislative Activity” with Rebecca Gill and Christopher Zorn. 42nd Annual POLMETH Conference. July 17-18, 2025. Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Public Beliefs about Gender Representation in Legislative Bodies” with Rebecca Gill and Christopher Zorn. American Political Science Association Conference. September 5-8, 2024. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Changing Cultures? The Experience of Legislating in a Majority Female State Legislature” with Rebecca Gill and Christopher Zorn. Southwest Political Science Association Conference. April 4-5, 2025. Las Vegas, Nevada.
- “Public Beliefs about Gender Representation in Legislative Bodies” with Rebecca Gill and Christopher Zorn. State Politics and Policy Conference. May 22-24, 2025. Boston, Massachusetts.
- “Political Role Models and Democracy: Political Figures We Admire Can Encourage Positive or Negative Attitudes” Midwest Political Science Association Conference. April 3-6, 2025. Chicago, Illinois.
- “Gender and Leadership in the Nevada Legislature” with Rebecca Gill and Christopher Zorn. Western Political Science Association Conference. March 28-30, 2024. Vancouver, British Columbia.
- “The Path to Women’s Candidate Emergence is Paved with Metaphorical Resistance: The Limits of Identity-Based Motivation” with Monica Schneider and Mark Landau. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. April 13-16, 2023. Chicago, Illinois.
- “Teaching Informational Competency in a Changing Political Media Environment” with Lanethea Mathews-Schultz. American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference. February 9-10, 2023. Baltimore, Maryland.
- “Why Care? Teaching Emotional Competency as Part of Democratic Citizenship” with Lanethea Mathews-Schultz. American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference. February 9-10, 2023. Baltimore, Maryland.
- “A Goal Congruity Model of Propensity to Run for Office: Fostering Political Ambition in Women Early in Adulthood” with Monica Schneider. Gender and Political Psychology Conference. February 2-3, 2023. Riverside, California.
- “Do As I Do: Political Role Models and Women's *Political Behavior*” Southern Political Science Association Conference. January 11-14, 2023, St. Pete Beach, Florida.

CONFERENCE PAPERS — CONTINUED

- “Where Does Change Happen? Teaching Institutional Competency in the U.S. System of Government” Southern Political Science Association Conference. January 11-14, 2023, St. Pete Beach.
- “The Ambition Gap Persists: Promising Interventions That Nonetheless Fail to Increase Women’s Political Ambition” Women and Politics Workshop, Tulane University, February 18, 2022
- “Politicized and Racialized Parenthood: Implication of Intersectional Identities and Parenthood for U.S. Political Candidates” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL April 7-10, 2022.
- “When Role Models Go High, Does Interest in a Political Career Go Low?: Considering the Mediating Role of Social Belonging” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL April 7-10, 2022.
- “Nevada Bets on Women: Legislating in the First Majority Female Legislature” Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Participation, January 12-15, 2022.
- “Inspired Citizenship: How Role Models Impact Candidate Emergence in the U.S.” American Political Science Association, Virtual Conference, September 28-October 2, 2021
- “Legislating in the First Female-Majority State Legislature: Gender and Patterns of Co-sponsorship” Western Political Science Association, Virtual Conference. April 1-3, 2021
- “Nevada Bets on Women’s Political Leadership: An Examination of the First-Ever Majority-Women State Legislature” American Political Science Association, Virtual Conference. September 18-20, 2020.
- “Nevada Bets on Women’s Political Leadership: An Examination of the First-Ever Majority-Women State Legislature” State Politics and Public Policy Conference, San Diego, CA March 19-21, 2020.
- “Legislative vs. Executive Political Offices: How Gender Stereotypes Can Disadvantage Women in Either Office” The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, Indigeneity, and Gender in Contemporary Electoral Politics Workshop, Memorial University of St. John’s, NF, February 24-25, 2020.
- “Prone to Agreement: Does Context Matter for Men and Women in Political Discussions?” Gender and Political Communication Workshop, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, February 28–29, 2020.
- “Legislative vs. Executive Political Offices: How Gender Stereotypes Can Disadvantage Women in Either Office” Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 9-11, 2020.
- “Roles and Goals: Stereotypes of Legislative and Executive Office and the Women in Them” International Society of Political Psychology. Lisbon, Portugal. July 12-15, 2019.
- “Role Models: Motivating or Demotivating for Women’s Political Ambition?” with Monica Schneider. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, Illinois. April 4-7, 2019
- “Gender Dynamics of Political Conversations: Testing the Effect of an Online Environment.” With Mary Herring, Elizabeth Prough, and Fred Vultee. 16th Annual Conference on Citizenship Studies. Detroit, Michigan. March 21 - 23, 2019.
- “When Role Models Go High, Whose Political Ambition Goes Low?: Considering the Mediating Role of Social Belonging” with Monica Schneider and Taylor Gordon. Southern Political Science Association Conference. Austin, Texas. January 17-19, 2019.
- “Pennsylvania Sexual Violence Prevention Policies and Awareness on College Campuses: What’s Working?” with Hali Santiago. Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference. West Chester, PA. April 13, 2018.
- “The Effects of a Journey Metaphor on Women’s Political Ambition” with Monica Schneider and Mark Landau. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL. April 4-8, 2018.
- “Campaign Trainings for Women: Collecting Puzzle Pieces for a Run for Office” with Monica Schneider. Good Reasons to Run Conference. Philadelphia, PA. November 10-11, 2017.

CONFERENCE PAPERS — CONTINUED

- “Threat, Vote Choice, and Gender: An Integrated Threat Theory Approach to the 2016 Presidential Election Results” with Nichole Bayliss. New Research on Gender and Political Psychology Conference. New Orleans, LA. October 21–24, 2017.
- “Improving Women's Ambition through Campaign Trainings: Finding the right Message and Messenger” with Monica Schneider. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL. April 6-9, 2017.
- “Let’s (Not) Meet Face-to-face: An Experimental Study of Online Versus Face-to-Face Political Discussion” with Mary Herring, Elizabeth Prough, and Fred Vultee. Southern Political Science Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 12-14, 2017.
- “In Search of the Voice(s) of Opposition: An Experimental Study of Online Versus Face-to-Face Political Discussion”. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL April 7-11, 2016.
- “Examining the Effectiveness of Incorporating the Use of Social Media Learning Into a Political Curriculum” American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference. Portland, OR. February 12-14, 2016.
- “Where Does the Pipeline Get Leaky?: The Progressive Ambition of School Board Members.” Southern Political Science Association Conference. San Juan, PR. January 5-8, 2016.
- “Academic Conferences and the Leaky Pipeline for Women in The Academy: A Structured Discussion of Family Friendly Practices” Association of Women Psychologist Conference. Pittsburgh, PA. March 2-4, 2016.
- “Maybe They Would Run: A Consideration of Gender and Context-Based Differences in Political Ambition” Midwest Political Science Conference. Chicago, IL. April 16-19, 2015.
- “Differences in Electoral Risk Evaluations: Experimental Evidence Supporting the Gender Gap in Political Ambition” New Research on Gender in Political Psychology Conference, The College of Wooster, October 9-12, 2014.
- “Electoral Risk: Individual Perceptions and the Gender Gap in Political Ambition”. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2014.
- “Learning to Disagree: Pilot Study Report on the Use of the Online Discussion Boards to Promote Civil Discussions Among Students with Opposing Political Views” with Drs. Mary Herring, Kristy Brugar, and Elizabeth Prough. Citizenship Studies Conference. Detroit, MI. March 20-22, 2014.
- “The Effectiveness of Accountability in Improving the Quality of Governance in West Africa” with Dr. Kelly Krawczyk. African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MA. November 22-24, 2013.
- “Increasing the Impact of Women in African Governance: Descriptive vs. Symbolic Representation in Ghana” Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL. April 14-16, 2013.
- “Political Participation and the Urban Elderly: The Importance of Social Capital and Volunteerism” with Dr. Mary Herring, Western Political Science Association Conference. Hollywood, CA. March 29-30, 2013.
- “Differences in Psychological Evaluations of Electoral Risk: Furthering the Explanation of the Gender Gap in Political Ambition and Candidate Emergence”, International Society of Political Psychology. New Orleans, LA. January 17, 2013.
- “The Road to Good Governance: Via the Path Less Accountable? The Effectiveness of Fiscal Accountability in Liberia” with Dr. Kelly Krawczyk, Michigan Political Science Association Conference. Sault Ste. Marie, MI. October 4-5, 2012.
- “Healthy Black Elders: Exploring Factors that Affect Civic Participation in Old-Age” with Dr. Mary Herring, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 13-15, 2012.

CONFERENCE PAPERS — CONTINUED

- “Civic Participation Among African-American Elders: An Exploratory Analysis” with Dr. Mary Herring. Center for the Study of Citizenship’s Annual Conference: “Generations: Rethinking Age and Citizenship”, Detroit, MI. March 29- March 31, 2012.
- “Towards a Complete Theory of Political Ambition: An Examination of How Both Socialization and Biology Affect The Gender Gap in Political Representation” Association for *Politics and the Life Sciences* Conference, Cincinnati, OH, October 13-15, 2011.
- “Analysis of Potential Furlough Policies for 2011 Budget Reduction at the Canton Public Library”. Mid-Continent Regional Science Association Conference, Detroit, MI. June 8 – 10, 2011.
- “The Palin Effect: Did Sarah Palin Change the Attitude of Evangelicals Towards Women?” coauthored with Gayle Alberda. Sixth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics, The Henry Institute, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. April 28-30, 2011.
- “Beyond the Pew: How Religious Factors Affect the Gender Gap in Political Candidacy” co-authored with Gayle Alberda. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 1-4, 2011.

Submitted Conference Paper

- “Senator Smurfette?": Gender Tokenism in State Legislative Sponsorship.” With Rebecca Gill, Yipeng Zhao, and Christopher Zorn. Submitted to the 2027 Southern Political Science Association conference; decision pending.

CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

- Presenter, “You’re Not the Only One with Mixed Emotions: Affective Teaching Strategies” with Lanethea Mathews-Schultz. American Political Science Association Conference. Philadelphia, PA. September 5-8, 2024.
- Panelist, Pennsylvania Politics, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Does the Tolerable Accommodation Still in Practice? Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference. Philadelphia, PA. April 5, 2024.
- Panelist, New Directions in Political Science Pedagogy. Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference. Philadelphia, PA. April 5, 2024.
- Chair/Discussant, American Politics. Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference. Philadelphia, PA. April 5, 2024.
- Discussant, Gender Norms and Differences in Institutions, Political Values, and Public Policy. Southern Political Science Association Conference. St. Pete Beach, FL. January 12-14, 2023.
- Discussant, Gender and Social Media. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2022.
- Discussant, Undergraduate Behavior and Methods Post Session, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2022.
- Discussant, Masculinities in American Politics. Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Participation. January 12-15, 2022.
- Discussant, Gender Stereotypes in Context: When is there a Masculine Advantage?, American Political Science Association Conference, Virtual. September 18-20, 2021.
- American Politics and Policy Section Chair. Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference. Harrisburg, PA. March 27, 2020.
- Discussant and Chair, Gender and Political Ambition Panel. Southern Political Science Association Conference. San Juan, PR. January 11-13, 2020.

CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH PARTICIPATION — CONTINUED

- Round Table Participant, The Use of SETs in the Discipline. Southern Political Science Association Conference. San Juan, PR. January 11-13, 2020.
- Discussant. Disrupting the Patriarchy: Strategies for Electing More Women. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, Illinois. April 4-7, 2019.
- Discussant. Undergraduate Comparative Politics Panel. Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference. West Chester, PA. April 13, 2018.
- American Politics and Policy Section Chair. Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference. West Chester, PA. April 13, 2018.
- Round Table Participant, Parenting in the Academy. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 4-8, 2018.
- Discussant and Chair. Changing Perceptions of Gender in The Public Eye. Southern Political Science Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 12-14, 2017.
- Discussant, Voter Evaluations of Female Politicians. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL. April 16-19, 2015.
- Talking to The Media About Your Research, Roundtable Organizer, New Research on Gender in Political Science, October 10, 2014, College of Wooster, Ohio.
- Co-PI, Cross-Cutting Political Discourse in Online Environments, collaborative research project: Wayne State University and Oakland County Schools. 2012–2020.
- African Democracy Project Scholar (Ghana), Wayne State University. 2012
- Member, Interdisciplinary Civic Engagement Research Working Group Wayne State University. 2012-2013
- Chair, American State Legislative Politics Panel. Western Political Science Association Conference. March 28-30, 2013.
- Discussant, Religion and Civic Life panel. Sixth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics, The Henry Institute, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. April 28-30, 2011.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- “Designing Civically Engaged Political Science Pedagogy.” Sole facilitator, half-day workshop, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, September 2026.
- “Designing Civically Engaged Political Science Pedagogy.” Sole facilitator, invited workshop, Auburn University, November 2026. Scheduled.
- Rethinking Political Role Model Effects: Toward a Multilevel Framework of Political Influence. Chatham University Department of Social Science Brown Bag Lunch and Learn. October 21, 2025.
- Gender Gaps in Representation: Why They Matter and How Role Models Help. UMass Women into Leadership. April 15, 2025.
- Managing Modern Academic Pressures. WiLS Professional Development Seminar Series. February 21, 2025.
- Navigating The New Administration: Lunch & Learns. Chatham University. February 20, 2025 and March 27, 2025.
- Political Role Models and Women’s *Political Behavior*. Clark University. March 1, 2024
- Teaching Excellence Panel: Service Learning, February 16, 2023, Chatham University

Political Role Models and Women's *Political Behavior*. University of North Carolina. February 16, 2023.

Political Role Models and Women's *Political Behavior*. University of Mary Washington. February 22, 2023.

APSA Department Services Committee Challenges of Evaluation Webinar. Presenter. June 30, 2022.

Reflecting on January 6th. Moderator. Chatham University. February 4, 2021.

Casting Your Ballot. Presentation. Circles of East Liberty. October 6, 2020.

History of Voting Discrimination. Panelist. Voter Access. Allegheny County Bar Association. October 7, 2020.

Engaging in Local Politics. Presentation. Social Activism Institute. Chatham University. January 30, 2020; February 3, 2021.

Update on the PA Legislature: Has the Election of More Women Led to the Introduction and Passage of More Laws Related to Women's Issues? Panelist. Pennsylvania Bar Association, Women in the Profession Fall Retreat. Bedford Springs, PA. November 2, 2019.

Why and How YOU Should Vote? Presentation. Circles of East Liberty, October 15, 2019.

Women in Politics. Symposium Presenter. Louisiana State University Manship School Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, Annual John Breaux Symposium. March 13, 2019.

Expanding Political Education. Presentation. Circles of East Liberty, March 20, 2018.

Getting Engaged in Local Politics. Presentation. Homewood Leadership Institute. January 22, 2018

Pre-Inaugural Discussion Panel. Participant. Robert Morris University. January 18, 2017.

The Media's Treatment of Women Presidential Candidates. Presentation. Department of State Sponsored African Journalists. Pittsburgh, PA. September 21, 2015.

"Local Politics". Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Experience. Panelist. May 13, 2015

Keynote Speaker, "Women in Pennsylvania Politics". Washington County, Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. May 12, 2015.

Gender Pay Gap Women in Civic Leadership Strategy Session. Subject Matter Expert. Women in Leadership Program. February 24, 2015.

The Day After: Post-Election Analysis. Panel Discussion. Chatham University. November 5, 2014.

Madame Presidenta: Why Not U.S.?—Vamos Meninas (film viewing). Panel discussion. Chatham University. September 17, 2014.

NEW Leadership Pennsylvania, Faculty-in-Residence. Chatham University. June 2014, June 2015, June 2016, June 2017, June 2018, June 2019.

"Basic Quantitative and Qualitative Methods for Policy Research in Liberia" Workshop. "Governmental Accountability and Transparency in Liberia" Presentation. Liberia Institute for Public Administration and Governance Commission. Monrovia, Liberia. May 22, 2014.

Miss Representation (film viewing). Panel discussion. Chatham University. February 27, 2014.

Women and The Constitution. Emerging Leaders Institute. Chatham University. September 24, 2013; January 22, 2015.

Why Local Elections Matter. Panel Discussion. Chatham University. October 8, 2013.

SELECTED MEDIA AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Selected television and radio appearances and print and digital interviews on gender and politics, political behavior, elections, and Pennsylvania public policy. International coverage includes AFP syndication and interviews with Polish and Norwegian news outlets.

Television and Radio

WPXI-TV, Pittsburgh. October 2, 2020. Television interview on the political implications of President Donald Trump's COVID-19 diagnosis.

WPXI-TV, Pittsburgh. September 18, 2020. Television interview on Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death and the future of the Supreme Court.

WHYY, Keystone Crossroads. May 18, 2018. Interview for radio and digital coverage of women's primary victories and Pennsylvania's congressional delegation.

WHYY, NewsWorks Tonight. April 12, 2018. Radio interview on the surge in women candidates for Pennsylvania state elections.

WESA Public Radio. October 28, 2016, and November 5, 2014. Guest appearances.

National and International Coverage

Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland; Maciej Czarnecki. September 19, 2026. Campaign financing and U.S. congressional elections.

Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland; Maciej Czarnecki. November 3, 2024. Gender, campaign strategy, and voter motivations.

AFP. October 2024. Gender divisions among young voters and presidential campaign strategy; international syndication.

The Washington Post. September 19, 2023. Nikki Haley's campaign attacks on Kamala Harris.

The New York Times. Lisa Friedman. March 19, 2020. Interview on climate policy, candidate preferences, and intergenerational disagreement during the Democratic presidential primary.

Ms. Magazine. November 14, 2018. Expert reaction to the midterm election results.

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USA Today. Eliza Collins. April 18, 2018. Expert commentary on Democratic women's congressional candidacies and barriers to political recruitment in Pennsylvania.

Morgenbladet, Norway; Tove Gravdal. January 20, 2017. Interview for "Politisk opprustning" on political engagement following Trump's election.

Pennsylvania and Regional Coverage

PublicSource. August 19, 2026. Pennsylvania House special-election results and implications for the midterms.

90.5 WESA. April 13, 2026. Pennsylvania gubernatorial campaign fundraising.

The Philadelphia Inquirer. November 14, 2024. Masculinity and the 2024 presidential election outcome.

The Philadelphia Inquirer. October 29, 2024. Gender in the Trump and Harris campaigns.

PublicSource. July 16, 2024. Interview on political polarization and political violence following the assassination attempt against Donald Trump in Butler County.

Spotlight PA. April 2024. Pennsylvania primary results and gender in candidate selection; republished by WHYY and WSKG.

Pennsylvania Capital-Star. November 12, 2020. Expert commentary on Kim Ward's and Joanna McClinton's historic elections to legislative leadership.

Tribune-Review. Debra Erdley. May 16, 2018. Expert commentary on Pennsylvania's historic slate of women congressional candidates.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Adam Smeltz. November 8, 2015. Expert commentary on medical marijuana legislation in Pennsylvania.

Podcasts

culturalstudies. Toby Miller. February 6, 2024. Featured interview, "Jennie Sweet-Cushman on women in US politics, role models, ambition, and reproductive choice," discussing Inspired Citizens.

Speaking with Ryan & Carrie Sharpe. July 13, 2021. Featured podcast interview, "The Sweet Side of Politics".

Shattered Glass. February 19, 2019. Featured expert, "Get Political! 1: More Women in Office, Please." Discussion of women's political candidacies and pathways to elective office.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Editorial Board, Commonwealth	2026-present
Editor, Commonwealth	2022-2025
Editorial Review Board, Journal of Political Science Education	Summer 2025

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Chatham University

President, Faculty Senate	2026-present
Member, Presidential Cabinet	2026-present
Member, University Committee	2024-2026
Member, Shared Governance Subcommittee	2024-2026
Co-Chair, Faculty Review Committee	2021-2024
Member, Faculty Review Committee	2020-2026
Member, Honor Code Judicial Board	2020
Faculty Representative, Men's Lacrosse	2017-2025
Member, Institutional Review Board	2016-2021
Member, Committee on Academic Policy	2016-2018
Member, Gender and Sexual Violence Prevention Committee	2017-2026
Faculty Advisor, Pre-Law	2017-present
Faculty Advisor, College Democrats	2015-present

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Faculty Advisor, League of Student Voters	2015–2016
Faculty Advisor, Class of 2017 Student Government	2015–2017
Faculty Advisor, Girl Up	2015–2017
Member, First-Year Seminar Curriculum Committee	2015
Member, Carnegie Classification Committee	2013–2014

Wayne State University

Member, General Education University Committee	2013
Co-Chair, Graduate Student Research Council	2010–2012
Treasurer, Graduate Student Employees Organizing Committee	2011–2012

Lake Superior State University

Member, University Budget Committee	1997–1998
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PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Expert witness service: *Alhouti v. Providence College*, Rhode Island, 2024. Civil litigation concerning discrimination in student evaluations of teaching.

Mayoral Appointee, Pittsburgh Equal Opportunity Review Commission	2017–present
Advisory Board, Central Pennsylvania Scholars Strategy Network	2024–present
President, Pennsylvania Political Science Association	2022
Vice President, Pennsylvania Political Science Association	2020–2022
Board Member, Pennsylvania Political Science Association	2016–2020
Coordinator, Gender and Political Psychology Virtual Lecture Series	2022
Organizer, Gender and Political Psychology Virtual Mentoring Conference	2020
Poll Worker, Allegheny County Elections Division	2024–present
Judge of Elections, Allegheny County — beginning November 2026.	

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Jewell Limar Prestage Best Paper Award, Southwestern Political Science Association	2026
SASB Research Award, Chatham University	2023
Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Periclean Faculty Leader	2021
Jane Burger Advising Award, Chatham University	2021
Gender and Political Psychology Teaching Innovation Award	2020
Buhl Professorship, Chatham University	2020
Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics	2020
APSA CQ Press Award for Teaching Innovation	2020
SASB Faculty Teaching Award, Chatham University	2019

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Alpena High School Alumni Hall of Fame	2017
APSA Centennial Center Teaching Workshop Presenter	2017
First Place, Political Science Graduate Research Day, Wayne State University	2010
Michigan Association of Governing Boards, Distinguished Female Graduate	1998
Political Science Excellence in Leadership Award, Lake Superior State University	1998
Truman Scholar Finalist	1997

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Scholars Strategy Network; Pennsylvania Political Science Association; American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association; International Society for the Study of Political Psychology; Gender and Political Psychology Mentoring Network.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Consultant on Remote Voting in the U.S. Congress, Davra (Ireland)	2020
Owner, Sweet Communications	2002-2012
Senior Communications Specialist, U.S. Council for Automotive Research	2000-2003
Government and Politics Reporter, The Alpena News	1998-1999
Campaign Manager, Stupak for Congress, Michigan's 1st District	1998