

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2003 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, Political Science
Fields: American Politics, Formal Theory and Methodology
M.A. 1999 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, Political Science
B.A. 1997 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, Highest Honors in Political
Science, *Magna Cum Laude*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Political Science with tenure, George Mason University (Aug. 2015 – Present)
Distinguished Visiting Scholar, John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress (September 2019 – January 2020)
Assistant Professor of Political Science, George Mason University (2012 – 2015)
American Political Science Association, Congressional Fellowship (2004 – 2005)
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2003 – 2012)

BOOKS

Jennifer Nicoll Victor, Alexander H. Montgomery, and Mark Lubell, eds. 2017 *The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*. New York: Oxford University Press.
Ringe, Nils and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2013. *Bridging the Information Gap: Legislative Member Organizations in the United States and European Union*, with Christopher J. Carman. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. <http://bridgingtheinformationgap.wordpress.com>

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Bynion, Timothy, and **Jennifer Victor**. *Forthcoming*. “Meeting Students Where They Are: A field experiment of classroom interventions for voter turnout among college students.” *Social Science Quarterly*.
Lubell, Mark and **Jennifer N. Victor**. 2025. “Presidential Powers and the Evolution of Polycentric Governance Systems,” *Policy Studies Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.70069>
Victor, Jennifer N. 2025. “Do Network Connections Between Republican and Democratic Members of Congress Encourage Bipartisan Cooperation?” *American Politics Research*, March, 1532673X251324140. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X251324140>.
Stein, Robert M., Barry C. Burden, Matt Lamb, Gayle Alberda, Lonna Atkeson, Lisa Bryant, Rachael Cobb, Michael Gilbert, Joshua Hostetter, David C. Kimball, Kenneth Mayer, Costas Panagopoulos, Andrew Reeves, Corwin Smidt, and **Jennifer Victor**. 2025. “Guardians at the Gates: Poll Worker Retention in a Challenging Election Environment.” *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy* 24 (1): 62–73. <https://doi.org/10.1089/elj.2024.0017>.

- Victor, Jennifer Nicoll. 2020. "Let's Be Honest about Election Forecasting." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, October, 1–3. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096520001432>.
- Stein, Robert Stein, Christopher Mann, Charles Stewart III, with Zachary Birenbaum, Anson Fung, Jeb Greenberg, Farhan Kawsar, Gayle Alberda, R. Michael Alvarez, Emily Beaulieu, Nathaniel A. Birkhead, Frederick Boehmke, Joshua Boston, Barry C. Burden, Francisco Cantu, Rachael Cobb, David Darmofal, Thomas C. Ellington, Terri Fine, Charles J. Finocchiaro, Michael Gilbert, Victor Haynes, Brian Janssen, David Kimball, Charles Kromkowski, Elena Llaudet, Ken Mayer, Matthew R. Miles, David Miller, Lindsay Nielson, Yu Ouyang, Costas Panagopoulos, Andrew Reeves, Min Hee Seo, Haley Simmons, Corwin Smidt, Rachel VanSickle-Ward, **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**, Abby Wood, Julie Wronski. "Waiting to Vote in the 2016 Presidential Election: Evidence from a Multi-County Study." March, 2019. *Political Research Quarterly*, 73(2): 439-53, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912919832374>.
- Victor, Jennifer Nicoll** and Gina Yanitell Reinhardt. 2018. "Competing for the Platform: How Organized Interests Affect Party Positioning in the United States." *Party Politics*, 24(3): 265-277.
- Victor, Jennifer Nicoll** and Gregory Koger. 2016. "Financing Friends: How Lobbyists Create a Web of Relationships among Members of Congress." *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 5: 224-262.
- Ringe, Nils, **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**, and Justin H. Gross. 2013. "Keeping Your Friends Close and Your Enemies Closer? Information Networks in Legislative Politics." *British Journal of Political Science*, 43(3): 601-628.
- Victor, Jennifer Nicoll**. 2011. "Legislating versus Campaigning: The Legislative Behavior of Higher Office Seekers." *American Politics Research*, 39(1): 3-31.
- Victor, Jennifer Nicoll** and Nils Ringe. 2009. "The Social Utility of Informal Institutions: Caucuses as Networks in the 110th U.S. House of Representatives." *American Politics Research*, 37(5): 742-66.
- Koger, Gregory and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2009. "Polarized Agents: Campaign Contributions by Lobbyists." *PS: Politics & Political Science*, 42(3): 485-488.
- Victor, Jennifer Nicoll**. 2007. "Strategic Lobbying: Demonstrating how Legislative Context Affects Interest Groups' Lobbying Tactics" *American Politics Research*, 35(6): 826-845.
- Bottom, William P., Gary J. Miller, Cheryl L. Eavey, and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2000. "The Institutional Effect on Majority Rule Instability: Bicameralism in Spatial Policy Decisions." *The American Journal of Political Science*. 44(3): 523-540.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Ocampo, Angela, Seth Masket, and **Jennifer N. Victor**. 2022. "Managing online harassment in the academy," in *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*. Kevin G. Lorenz, II, Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, Davin Phoenix, J. Cherie Strachan, eds. American Political Science Association; Washington, DC.
- Victor, Jennifer Nicoll**. 2020. "Lobbying Networks," in *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*, Elizabeth Suhay, Bernard Grofman, and Alexander Treschel, eds. Oxford University Press: New York.
- Victor, Jennifer Nicoll** and Elsa T. Khwaja. 2020. "Network Analysis: Theory and Testing", in *The Sage Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science & IR*, Luigi Curini and Robert Franzese, eds. Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, CA.

Stein, Robert Stein, Christopher Mann, Charles Stewart III, with Zachary Birenbaum, Anson Fung, Jeb Greenberg, Farhan Kawsar, Gayle Alberda, R. Michael Alvarez, Emily Beaulieu, Nathaniel A. Birkhead, Frederick Boehmke, Joshua Boston, Barry C. Burden, Francisco Cantu, Rachael Cobb, David Darmofal, Thomas C. Ellington, Terri Fine, Charles J. Finocchiaro, Michael Gilbert, Victor Haynes, Brian Janssen, David Kimball, Charles Kromkowski, Elena Llaudet, Ken Mayer, Matthew R. Miles, David Miller, Lindsay Nielson, Yu Ouyang, Costas Panagopoulos, Andrew Reeves, Min Hee Seo, Haley Simmons, Corwin Smidt, Rachel VanSickle-Ward, **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**, Abby Wood, Julie Wronski. 2019. "Polling Place Practices," in Kathleen Hale and Bridgett A. King, eds. *The Future of Election Administration*, Palgrave.

Victor, Jennifer Nicoll. 2017. "Unraveling 2016: Comments on Gelman and Azari's 19 Things." *Statistics and Public Policy* 4 (1): 1–3. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2330443X.2017.1399846>.

Ringe, Nils, **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**, and Wendy Tam Cho. 2017. "Legislative Networks," in *Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*, Jennifer Nicoll Victor, Alexander H. Montgomery, and Mark Lubell, eds. Oxford University Press.

Victor, Jennifer Nicoll. 2016. "Campaign Finance and Political Polarization: When Purists Prevail." *The Forum* 14 (4). <https://doi.org/10.1515/for-2016-0042>.

Van Thomme, Jack, Ringe, Nils, and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2015. "Explaining Reelection: Expertise, Influence, and Intergroups." In Kaeding, Michael and Niko Switek (eds.): *Die Europawahl 2014*. Wiesbaden (Germany): Springer VS.

Victor, Jennifer Nicoll. 2012. "Gridlock Lobbying: Breaking, Creating, and Maintaining Legislative Stalemate." In *Interest Group Politics*, 8th ed, Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A. Loomis, eds. Washington, DC: CQ Press. Reprinted in *Principles and Practice of American Politics: Classic and Contemporary Readings*, 6th ed., Samuel Kernell and Steven S. Smith, eds., Washington, DC: CQ Press (2015).

Epstein, Lee, Jeffrey A. Segal, and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2002. "Dynamic Agenda Setting on the U.S. Supreme Court: An Empirical Assessment." *Harvard Journal on Legislation*, 39(2).

UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

BOOK PROJECT: *Political Capital: Congressional Power through Networks* [In progress; 90% complete; advance contract with Cambridge University Press.]

Bynion, Tim, and Jennifer Nicoll Victor. "Teaching Research Methods Through Residential Learning Communities" R&R at *Journal of Political Science Education*.

Victor, Jennifer Nicoll and Molly Izer. "The persistence and proliferation of congressional caucuses." *WORKING PAPER*.

Victor, Jennifer Nicoll. "Are connected legislators more effective? Evidence from congressional caucus networks." *WORKING PAPER*.

Victor, Jennifer Nicoll. "Are American political parties resilient? A campaign finance analysis of party networks." *WORKING PAPER*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

Introduction to American Politics
Introduction to Quantitative Methods
Congress/Legislative Process

Interest Group Politics
Partisan Polarization in American Politics
Political Networks
Election Analysis

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL

American Field Seminar
Legislative Process: U.S. Congress
Interest Group Politics
Introduction to Inferential Statistics
Research Methods

COURSES TAUGHT FOR THE PUBLIC

“How American Government Works.” A 24-lecture comprehensive video series about American politics and government. Produced and distributed by The Teaching Company® at The Great Courses Plus.

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "The Barriers to Student Voting," Bynion, Tim and Jennifer Nicoll Victor, MPSA, Chicago April 2025.
- “Member to member campaign contributions as determinants of political capital in the US Congress,” presented at the Money in Politics conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 28, 2024; Women in Legislative Studies WiLS, Madison, WI, September 2024; APSA Philadelphia, September 2024.
- “Social Capitol: How legislators build political capital in the US Congress,” presented at American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA September 2026; Midwest Political Science Association Chicago, Illinois, April 2024.
- “Meeting Students Where They Are: A randomized control trial of classroom interventions for voter turnout among college students,” presented at the Students Learn Students Vote Research Workshop, Chicago Illinois, April 2024, and at the Midwest Political Science Association.
- “Social Capitol: How legislators create and spend political capital in the US Congress,” presented at the Women in Legislative Politics conference at Brown University, October 26-27, 2023.
- “Authority and Influence in the U.S. House of Representatives,” presented at Washington University in St. Louis, June 9, 2023, at a legislative politics conference and celebration of Steven S. Smith.
- “Assessing Interventions to Increase Turnout Among Residential College Students: An Experimental Study,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, ILL, April 13 – 16, 2023, with Tim Bynion and Ashley Jardina.
- “Rethinking Congressional Power,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montréal, Quebec, September 15 – 18, 2022.
- “The Persistence and Proliferation of Congressional Caucuses,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montréal, Quebec, September 15 – 18, 2022, and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, ILL, April 13 – 16, 2023, with Molly Izer.
- “Connecting Congress: How power, trust, and resilience emerge from legislative networks,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 6 – 11, 2022, Chicago, Illinois; also presented in virtual format at the 2022 meetings of Annual Political Networks Workshops and Conference, hosted by the University of Iowa, May – June 2022.
- “Are American Political Parties Resilient? A campaign finance analysis of party networks,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 6 – 11, 2022, Chicago, Illinois, with Sasha Silva.

- “Political Connections: How relationships determine political outcomes,” presented at the 14th Annual Political Networks Workshops and Conference, held in virtual format, hosted by Penn State University, June – July 2021.
- “Are Networked Legislators better lawmakers?” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, held in virtual format, April 2021, and at the American Political Science Association Meetings, held in virtual format, September 9 – 13, 2020.
- “Cross-partisan agreement and the limited possibilities of legislative networks in Congress,” presented at the Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 29 – September 1, 2019
- “Do viral political tweets promote discourse or belligerence?” with Eric Vorst, presented at the 12th Annual Political Networks Conference, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, May 29, June 1 2019.
- “Legislative Networks and Partisan Entrenchment,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago, Illinois, April 4-7, 2019, and Political Parties in Comparative Perspective, Villa Le Balze, Florence, Italy, March 22 & 23, 2018; presented at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings in Chicago, Illinois April 7, 2018; presented by invitation at the St. Louis Area Methods Meeting (SLAMM), Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, April 20, 2018.
- “The role of caucuses in partisan entrenchment in Congress,” presented at the 10th Annual Political Networks Conference, Columbus, Ohio, June 16, 2017; American Political Science Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA Aug 31 – Sept. 2, 2017.
- “Can Caucuses Alleviate Congressional Polarization?,” with Stephen Haptonstahl and Nils Ringe. Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7-9, 2016; Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 8-10, 2016; Political Networks Annual Conference and Workshops, St. Louis, Missouri, June 23-25, 2016; Midwest Political Science Association, April 6, 2017.
- “(Self)-Organizing the Legislature: Committees, LMOs, and Community Structures in EP and US Congress,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Sept. 2-5, 2015.
- “Financing Friends: Legislators, Lobbyists, and the Pervasive Influence of Campaign Finance,” with Gregory Koger. Paper delivered on a panel at the 8th annual Workshops & Conference on Political Networks. Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. June 17-20, 2015.
- “Legislative Member Organizations in a Comparative Perspective: Exploring the Bridging Nature of LMO Ties in Three Parliaments,” with Nils Ringe. Paper delivered on a panel at the meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC. Aug. 28-31, 2014.
- “(Self)-Organizing the Legislature: Committees, Intergroups, and Community Structures in the European Parliament,” with Nils Ringe. Invited paper presentation at “Political Networks in a Transatlantic Perspective Workshop.” July 14-15, 2014, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- “(Self)-Organizing a Legislature: How lawmakers’ institutions reveal policy preferences and priorities”, with Nils Ringe. Political Networks Conference, McGill University, Montreal, Ontario, Canada. May 29-May 31, 2014
- “Jane of all Trades, Master of None: The Representational Trade-off of Female Members of Congress.” Presented at the Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2-5, 2014.
- “Coordinating the Congress: Explaining Caucus Persistence in the United States House,” with Nils Ringe. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 29-September 1, 2013.

“Multiplex Legislative Networks and the Power of Caucuses to Alleviate Partisan Polarization,” with Stephen Haptonstahl and Nile Ringe. Presented at the 6th Annual Political Networks Conference, Bloomington, Illinois (Indiana University), June 27-29, 2013; paper delivered on a panel at the meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC. Aug. 28-31, 2014.

(Older conference presentations available upon request)

GRANTS

George Washington University Micro-sabbatical 2026 (\$2,500)

University Life Faculty Fellowship 2025 (\$5,000)

Student Vote Research Network 2023 (\$10,000)

American Political Science Association Summer Centennial Center Research Grant 2021 (\$2,500)

Schar School Instructional Innovation Grant, summer 2020 (\$5,000)

National Science Foundation (#1558713), “Workshop: Support for Political Networks Conference and Training Workshops,” PI: Jennifer N. Victor, \$212,471 (2016-2019)

George Mason University Provost Summer Research Award, \$5,000 (2016)

University of Pittsburgh Provost’s Central Research Development Fund \$5,000 (July 2010)

Manner’s Award, University Center for Social and Urban Research, \$10,000 (June 2010)

Visions in Methodology conference travel grant, University of Iowa, \$400 (March 2010)

Society for Political Methodology travel grant, \$500 (Yale University) (2009)

Visions in Methodology conference travel grant, Ohio State University, \$400 (October 2008)

University of Pittsburgh Third Term Research Stipend, \$4,000 (2007)

Congressional Research Award, The Dirksen Congressional Center, \$3,500 (2001)

HONORS AND AWARDS

George Mason University Office of Student Creative Activities and Research (OSCAR) Mentoring Excellence Award, 2025

Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Undergraduate Mentoring, National Capital Area Political Science Association, 2024

George Mason University Teaching Excellence Award, 2019.

Distinguished Senior Scholar, Visions in Methodology, hosted by The Ohio State University, May 7 – 10, 2018: <http://visionsinmethodology.org/conf/2018/>

“Political Ties Award,” 2017 APSA Political Networks Section best political networks paper published in a peer-reviewed journal in 2016-2017 for “Financing Friends: How lobbyists create a web of relationships among members of congress,” *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 5(3): 224-262.

George Mason University, School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs Teaching Award (2015)

Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honor society) honorary inductee, GMU chapter (2015)

“Professor of the Year,” presented by students of IFC/NPHC, University of Pittsburgh (2009)

APSA Congressional Fellowship (2004-2005)

Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence, Washington University (2000 - 2001)

Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University (2001 - 2002)

Washington University Graduate Student Fellowship (1997 - 2001)

Washington University Dean’s Award Supplement (1997- 2001)

Highest Honors in Political Science, University of California, San Diego (1997)

Outstanding Senior, Muir College Alumni Award, University of California, San Diego (1997)

Phi Beta Kappa (1997)

DeWitt Higgs Award (1997) (UCSD’s outstanding senior in law and public policy)

GRADUATE STUDENTS MENTORED

Former Students—Chair

Grant, Aubrey, PhD (2024), George Mason University, Public Policy.

Smith, Jason, PhD (2023), George Mason University, Political Science. Captain (USCG), National Defense University.

Alexander, Brian, Ph.D. (2015), George Mason University, Political Science. Tenure-track position at Washington & Lee University.

Allen, Kristen C., Ph.D. (2013), University of Pittsburgh, Political Science. Tenure-track position at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, as of August 2013.

Former Students—Committee Member

Bynion, Timothy, PhD (2025), George Mason University, Political Science

Stuvland, Aaron, PhD (2021), George Mason University, Political Science

Tombe, Sandra, PhD (2021), George Mason University, Peace & Conflict Resolution

Armstrong, Andrew, PhD (2021), George Mason University, Political Science

Beuhlman, Michelle, PhD (2021), George Mason University, Political Science

Khwaja, Elsa Talat (2021), George Mason University, Public Policy

Walbert, Harold, (2021), George Mason University, Computational Social Science

Nelson, John, PhD (2019), George Mason University, Computational Social Sciences

Atherley, Scott, PhD (2019), George Mason University, Political Science

Ibrahim, Ayah, PhD (2018), George Mason University, Political Science

Kikuchi, Hirokazu, Ph.D. (2012) University of Pittsburgh, Political Science. Now a researcher at University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan.

Gross, Justin H., Ph.D (2010) Department of Statistics and Heinz School of Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University. Now, a tenured Associate. Prof. of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Ringe, Nils, Ph.D (2005) Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh. Now, a tenured Associate Prof. of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Current Students—Committee member, GMU

German, Christine, Political Science

Hill, Oakley, Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Maroquin, Janet, Biodefense

Sheehan, John, History

INVITED TALKS AND TESTIMONY

1. The Kluge Center at the Library of Congress, works-in-progress, “Political Capital in Congress,” Feb. 2026
2. Falls Church Public Library, “Assessment of US Democracy,” February 2026
3. Hayden Center panel on national security challenges, February 2025
4. University of Maryland, College Park, speaker series, February 2025
5. “Pizza & Politics: Election Forum,” Schar School, November 2024
6. “2024 Election,” The 123 Club of Fairfax County, October 2024
7. “The State of US Democracy,” Loudon County Public Library, October 2024
8. “Making the US Constitution Work,” Constitution Day address, Southeast Missouri State University, September 2024
9. National Dialogue 2024 Event, GMU Community Education and Civic Learning (CECiL), October, 2024
10. “The Calculus of US Presidential Elections,” a talk for the League of Women Voters, Springfield, Virginia, June 10, 2024

11. "Meeting Students Where they Are: A randomized control trial of classroom interventions for voter turnout among college students," presented at the Student Vote Research Network workshop, Chicago, Illinois, April 3, 2024, with Tim Bynion.
12. "Voting and Elections in America," presentation to Omicron Rho chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, October 16, 2023
13. "Campaign Finance Basics," American Political Science Association Congress Fellows, November 21, 2022
14. "Why are we like this? Partisanship and polarization in US politics," Northern Virginia Community College, Loudon County, October 3, 2022
15. "Women in Legislative Politics," University of Kentucky, August 11, 2022
16. "Civic Engagement," Convocation Keynote Address, George Mason University, Fall 2021
17. "Food 4 Thought: Biden's First 100 Days," Temple Rodef Shalom, June 2021
18. "Party Networks," University of Arizona, April 2021
19. "Social Network Analysis in R," presentation for R-Ladies Dallas, April 2021
20. "Public Scholarship," presentation to APSA public scholarship fellows, June 2021
21. American Mathematical Society, professionalization panel, January 2021
22. "Where do we go from here? Electoral politics in an age of polarization, Constitutional Hardball, and voter suppression." Southern Political Science Association, plenary panel, January 2021.
23. "How did face masks become a political symbol? And other questions you didn't learn in school" - Alexandria Library talk about politicization of face masks, August 5, 2020
24. "Don't Make Me Do It: Bipartisanship and the Importance of Volunteerism in Legislative Networks in Congress" February 24, 2020, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.
25. "Polarization and Civility in the U.S. Congress." September 26, 2019. Testimony before the House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress.
26. "What to Expect in the 116th Congress," Rayburn House Office Building, Capitol Hill, November 30, 2018.
27. "Changing Cultures in Congress," Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC, November 28, 2019.
28. "Why the Senate is Broken," Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University, October 30, 2019.
29. "Faculty Reports from Abroad: Two Roundtables," presented by Schar School and Middle East Islamic Studies Center, October 4, 2018.
30. "The Future of Political Parties," John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress, May 21, 2018.
31. Visions in Methodology, Distinguished Scholar. Ohio State University, May 8, 2018.
32. St. Louis Area Methods Meeting (SLAMM). Invited presentation at Iowa State University, April 20, 2018.
33. "Why the Senate is Broken," American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, October 30, 2017
34. Introduction to Inferential Statistics (10-day course), Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi, Georgia. Invited instructor on US State Department Grant (PIs: Priscilla Regan and Eric McGlinchey), July 17 – August 4, 2017
35. Ohio State Election Panel, December 2016, Columbus, Ohio
36. Wesleyan Median Project Post-Election conference, November 2016, Middletown, Connecticut
37. Introduction to Inferential Statistics (10-day course), Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi, Georgia. Invited instructor on US State Department Grant (PIs: Priscilla Regan and Eric McGlinchey), July 25 – August 6, 2016
38. St. Louis Area Methods Meeting (SLAMM). Invited presentation at American University, April 22, 2016.
39. "Congressional Gridlock and Legislative Politics" presented to the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers. Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC, February 19, 2016
40. "Social Network Analysis and the Study of Politics." Guest Lecturer (invited), Prof. Alan Abramson, George Mason University, Public Administration program, February, 2015.

41. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. November 7, 2014, American Politics Research Workshop, invited talk.
42. United States Department of State, European Union Bureau and Bureau of Intelligence and Research, July 21, 2014
43. United States Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research and The National Intelligence Council, July 2, 2014.
44. University of Denver, May 20-21, 2014.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Review, 2016 – 2020

American Politics Research, 2015 – present

Political Analysis, 2019 – present

PS: Political Science & Politics, 2015 – 2018

JOURNAL PEER REVIEWS¹ (Year of most recent review)

<i>American Journal of Political Science</i> (2025)	Oxford University Press (2015)
<i>American Political Science Review</i> , (2024)	<i>Party Politics</i> (2019)
<i>American Politics Research</i> (2022)	<i>Perspectives on Politics</i> (2022)
<i>British Journal of Political Science</i> (2022)	<i>PLOS ONE</i> (2016)
<i>Business & Politics</i> (2016)	<i>PNAS</i> (2024)
Carnegie Foundation (2021)	<i>Political Analysis</i> (2022)
Cambridge University Press (2022)	<i>Political Behavior</i> (2022)
<i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , (2015)	<i>Political Communication</i> (2014)
<i>Congress & Presidency</i> (2022)	<i>Political Research Quarterly</i> (2024)
<i>EPJ Data Science</i> (2019)	<i>Political Science Quarterly</i> (2014)
<i>European Political Science Review</i> (2016)	<i>Political Science Research Methods</i> (2021)
<i>Interest Groups & Advocacy</i> (2023)	<i>Politics & Gender</i> (2021)
<i>Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication</i> (2017)	Poverty & Public Policy (2024)
<i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> (2016)	<i>Polity</i> (2016)
<i>Journal of Law and Courts</i> (2019)	Princeton University Press (2018)
<i>Journal of Politics</i> (2025)	<i>P.S.: Political Science & Politics</i> (2024)
<i>Journal of Public Policy</i> (2016)	<i>Research & Politics</i> (2016)
<i>Journal of Theoretical Politics</i> (2014)	Sage Press (2025)
<i>Journal of Women, Politics & Policy</i> (2016)	<i>Science</i> (2016)
<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> , (2026)	<i>Social Networks</i> (2021)
<i>Mobilization</i> (2014)	<i>Sociological Inquiry</i> (2023)
National Science Foundation (2020)	<i>State Politics and Policy Quarterly</i> (2022)
<i>Nature Communication</i> (2021)	<i>Urban Affairs</i> (2024)
	W.W. Norton & Co. (2021)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

George Mason University service

University Life Faculty Fellow, 2025

Director, Schar first-year Learning Community “Democracy Lab”, 2022 – 2025

Chair, Governance Committee, Schar School (2022 – 2024)

COACHE Leadership Team (Provost Appointment), 2018-present

PhD Admissions, Political Science, Schar School 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024

¹ Last 10 years only

GMU Student Fellowships Committee, 2021, 2022, 2023
Director, Undergraduate Programs, Schar School of Policy & Government (Dean appointment), 2014-2018.
Undergraduate Council, George Mason University, 2017 – 2018.
Search Committee Chair, Assistant Professor of Political Methodology, 2017
Search Committee Member, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, 2016
Appointed Member, Provost's Task Force for a Multidisciplinary Education Platform (appointed) 2014-2017
Coordinator, Undergraduate Research Assistants Program (SPGIA), 2015-2018
Coordinator for Workshop for Research in Political Science, 2014-2015
Director of the Bachelor's Degree in Government and International Politics, School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs, GMU, 2014-2015.
PhD Admissions Committee, Public Policy, GMU, 2015
PhD American Politics Field Examinations Committee, Member, 2014, 2015, 2024
Chair Search Committee (Dean's Appointment), College of Humanities and Social Sciences for the Department of Public and International Affairs, 2013-2014
PhD American Field Examinations, Committee Chair, GMU 2013-2014.
Ph.D. Admissions Committee, Department of Public and International Affairs, GMU 2013, 2014.
Elected member, Faculty Senate, GMU, Admissions Committee, 2014-2016

University of Pittsburgh service

Committee on Undergraduate Education, Dept. of Political Science (2011-2012)
Department Technology and Alumni Affairs Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2010-2012)
Chair's Advisory Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2008- 2011)
Graduate Education Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2006-2007)
Methods Speaker Series Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2006-2007)
Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council (2004-2007)
Search Committee: Junior Faculty in International Relations (2005-2006)
Search Committee: Senior Faculty in American Politics (2003-2004)

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

OpenSecrets, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, 2024 - present
Section Chair, Political Networks, Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, San Juan Puerto Rico, January 2020
Political Networks Section, American Political Science Association, Conference Host 2018, 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops.
American Political Science Association

- Selection Committee for Congressional Fellowship Program, 2016 & 2013
- Review Committee for *PS: Political Science & Politics* (appointed by APSA Director), 2013-2014

Center for Responsive Politics: Board of Directors, 2015-present
Political Networks Section, American Political Science Association: Past Chair (2016-2017), Chair (2015-2016), Vice-Chair (2014-2015), Communications Chair (2011-2015)
National Capital Area Political Science Association: President (2016-2017), President-elect (2015-2016), Executive Board (2014-2015)
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Midwest Political Science Association, Legislative Institutions Section: Section Chair, 2014-2015
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