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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	2006	Political Science; University of California, San Diego
M.A.	2002	Political Science; University of California, San Diego
B.A.	1999	Political Science; University of California, Riverside Graduated Cum Laude, University Honors, Departmental Honors.

EMPLOYMENT

2014- present: Associate Professor of Political Science, Portland State University

2006-2014: Assistant Professor of Political Science, Portland State University

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Inclusion Calculus: Why Men Appropriate Women's Representation. Under contract with Oxford University Press; Scheduled for January, 2019 publication.

The Character of Democracy: How Institutions Shape Politics, with Richard Clucas. 2014. Oxford University Press.

Journal Articles

"Economic Voting in Latin America: Rules and Responsibility," with Michael Lewis-Beck. 2018. *American Journal of Political Science.* 62.2: 410-423.

"Women's Representation in the Highest Court: A Comparative Analysis of the Appointment of Female Judges," with Christopher Shortell. 2016. *Political Research Quarterly.* 69.4: 865-876

"Electoral Institutions and the Manifestation of Bias: The Effect of the Personal Vote on the Representation of Women." 2013. *Politics & Gender.* 9.1: 76-92

"A Deterrent to Diversity: The Conditional Effect of Electoral Rules on the Nomination on Women Candidates." 2012. *Electoral Studies.* 31.4: 740-749.

"The Context Matters: The Effect of Single Member vs. At-Large Districts on City Council Diversity," with Jessica Trounstein. 2008. *American Journal of Political Science.* 52.3: 554-569.

“Looking for Locals: Voter Information Demands and Personal Vote-Earning Attributes of Legislators under Proportional Representation,” with Matthew Soberg Shugart and Kati Suominen. 2005. *American Journal of Political Science*. 49.2: 437-449.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“The Politics of Women’s Presence on High Courts.” Accepted for presentation at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in Boston, MA, 2018. With Chris Shortell.

“Opportunistic Inclusion: The Strategic Use of Women in Politics.” Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in San Francisco, CA, 2017.

“The Word of the Woman: The Effect of Corruption Scandals on the Electoral Success of Women.” Presented at the Workshop on Gender and Corruption in Gothenburg, Sweden, 2016.

“The Hidden Influence of Women: The Effect of Women Staffers on the Policy Priorities of U.S. Mayors.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association meetings in San Diego, CA, 2016. With Sara Hottman.

“Women’s Representation in the Highest Court: A Comparative Analysis of the Appointment of Female Judges.” Presented at the American Political Science Association meetings in Washington, D.C., 2014. With Christopher Shortell.

“A Stubborn Assumption of Innocence: The Effect of Scandal on the Electoral Success of Women.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings in Chicago, IL, 2013.

“The Effect of Women in Government on the Idealized Leader: A Comparative, Experimental Analysis” Presented at the American Political Science Association meetings in Seattle, WA, 2011.

“Democracy or Diversity: The Effect of the Personal Vote on the Representation of Women” Presented at the Western Political Science Association meetings in San Francisco, CA, 2010.

“Existence is not Enough: A Comparative Study of Gender Quota Implementation” Presented at the American Political Science Association meetings in Boston, MA, 2008. With Lisa Baldez.

“The Strategic Use of Information Shortcuts: The Impact of Electoral Rules on Candidate Selection by Parties.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings in Chicago, IL, 2007.

“The Signal of Gender: The Effects of Electoral and Social Variables on the Use of Gender-Based Stereotypes.” Presented at the Frontiers of Women and Politics Research Conference (organized by the Women and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association) in Washington D.C., 2005.

“The Context Matters: The Effects of Single Member vs. Multimember Districts on Diversity.” Presented as a poster at the American Political Science Association meetings in Washington, D.C., 2005. With Jessica Trounstine.

“The Demand for Information: The Effects of Electoral Institutions on the Types of Information Shortcuts Employed by Voters, and the Resulting Impact on Party Strategy.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association meetings in New Orleans, LA, 2005.

“An Open and Closed Case: Electoral Rules, the Personal Vote, and the ‘Connectedness’ of Legislators in List Systems of Proportional Representation.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings in Chicago, IL, 2003. With Matthew Shugart and Kati Suominen.

“Gender Disparity in Representation: The Effect of Preference Voting in Italy and Japan.” Presented at the American Political Science Association meetings in Boston, MA, 2002.

SELECTED HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018: *Outstanding Teacher of the Year*: Awarded by the College of Urban and Public Affairs to recognize teaching excellence.

2014: *Hatfield Public Service Grant*: Awarded to study women’s descriptive representation in the judiciary.

2013: *Hatfield Public Service Grant*: Awarded to fund research on gender quotas

2012: *Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics*.

2010: *PSU Faculty Enhancement Award*: Awarded to design and pilot experiment on voter behavior.

2008: *Hatfield Public Service Grant*: Awarded to fund research on information shortcuts

2005: *UCSD Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies Travel Grant*: Awarded to support dissertation fieldwork in Italy.

1999: *Phi Beta Kappa*

UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2018-present: *Special Assistant to the Dean* regarding Issues of Gender, Climate, and Equity

2017-present: *Faculty Senate Budget Committee*

2017-present: *Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee*, College of Urban and Public Affairs

2015-present: *Honors, Scholarships, and Awards Committee*, Dept of Political Science

2014-2017: *Graduate Committee* (Chair in 2016), Dept of Political Science

2014-2016: *PSU Center for Women's Leadership* (Academic Director)

2014-2015: *Diversity & Inclusion Strategic Planning Committee* (Chair), College of Urban and Public Affairs

2007-2008, 2010-2011, 2014-2015: *Political Science Search Committee*

2013-2015: *Curriculum Committee*, College of Urban and Public Affairs

2006-2015: *Advisor to Political Science Honors Program*, Dept. of Political Science

2007-2014: *Curriculum Committee*, Division of Political Science, PSU.

2007-2014: *PSU Center for Women's Leadership* (Board Member)

2011-2014: *University Honors Council*, PSU.

2007-2011: *Advisor to Model United Nations*, PSU.

2008-2009: *Policy Committee* (Chair), Dept. of Political Science, PSU.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2018- Present: Associate Editor, *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*

2017- Present: Chair, Representation and Electoral Systems section of the American Political Science Association.

2016- Present: Committee Member, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession of the Western Political Science Association.

Referee/Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Electoral Studies; International Political Science Review; Journal of Politics; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Party Politics; Oxford University Press; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Politics & Gender; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Routledge Press; Urban Affairs Review; U.S. National Science Foundation; Westview Press.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Seminars

Theories of Comparative Politics
Parties and Elections: A Comparative Perspective
Politics of Eastern Europe
Women and Politics: A Comparative Perspective
Contemporary Governance

Undergraduate Classes

Introduction to Politics
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Introduction to European Politics
Introduction to Latin American Politics
Parties and Elections
Women and Politics
Comparative Politics Honors Seminar