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## **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D., M.A.      University of California, Los Angeles, 1995-2001  
Major:            Political Science, American Political Institutions & Quantitative Methods  
Dissertation:    "The Character of Congress: Scandals in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1966-1996"  
Advisor:         David O. Sears, Professor of Psychology and Political Science  
Awarded:        M.A., March 1999; Ph.D., June 2001

M.A.              University of Arizona, 1993-1995  
Major:            Political Science, American Politics & Public Policy  
Awarded:        June 1995

B.A.              University of California, Los Angeles, 1989-1992  
Major:            Political Science, Political Theory  
Awarded:        June 1992

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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American political parties, presidential aspirants, congressional incumbents, political scandals, national elections, political development, and the ideological underpinnings of presidential rhetoric.

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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### **Assistant Professor, 2007-2013**

Department of Political Science, Villanova University

Serve as full-time faculty; perform research on presidential aspirants, congressional incumbents, and national elections; and teach classes on American politics, government, and political development.

### **Adjunct Professor, 2005-2007**

Department of Political Science, California State University, Channel Islands

Taught multiple sections of American Political Institutions.

### **Visiting Scholar, 2004**

Department of Politics, Hendrix College

Taught one section of American Political Parties & Elections.

### **Visiting Lecturer, 2004**

Department of Political Science, University of Arkansas, Little Rock

Taught one section of American National Government.

### **Visiting Scholar, 2004**

The Institute for Social Science Research, University of California, Los Angeles

Worked with Dr. David O. Sears and conducted independent research on candidate expectations.

**Research Assistant, 1994-1995**

The Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona  
Worked with Dr. Helen Ingram on social constructions theory and assisted with Center activities.

**Research Assistant, 1993-1994**

Department of Political Science, University of Arizona  
Worked with Dr. Lyn Ragsdale to gather and analyze presidential statistics.

**POLITICAL AND POLICY EXPERIENCE**

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**Education Policy & Public Affairs Consultant, 2000-2004**

Berkeley, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California  
Clients included: TechNet, NetDay, MyRoad.com, the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), Gold Coast Innovation Center (GCIC), and the California Department of Education.

*Developed policy platforms, strategic plans, and fundraising targets for nonprofit organizations, education technology companies, and interest groups. Connected clients to local, state and national political officials; arranged for partnerships with corporations and institutions of higher education.*

**Coordinator, Corporate Outreach, 1999-2000**

Office of Intergovernmental & Interagency Affairs  
U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

*Appointed by the President of the United States, William J. Clinton, to serve as the corporate liaison for the U.S. Department of Education. Performed outreach to Fortune 500 companies and technology start-ups to encourage the development of workplace education programs and the strategic alignment of corporate philanthropy with the national priorities for education reform. Promoted and coordinated partnerships between businesses, K-12 schools, institutions of higher education, and community-based organizations.*

**Assistant Development Director, 1997-1998**

West Los Angeles, Chancellor's Associates  
UCLA Annual Fund, Los Angeles, California

*Cultivated and solicited alumni, parents, and friends of UCLA to become part of the West Los Angeles Chancellor's Associates, a group of individuals who contribute \$1,500 to \$25,000 each year to the UCLA Annual Fund. Served as the university liaison to the more than 700 Chancellor's Associates in the West Los Angeles region. Raised over \$1.5 million.*

**Political Fundraising Consultant, 1995-1997**

Los Angeles, California  
Clients included: California State Controller Kathleen Connell, California State Assembly Democrats, State Senator Teresa Hughes, State Senator Betty Karnette, State Assemblymember Sally Havice, and State Assemblymember Debra Bowen

*Worked with California elected officials and candidates to build donor lists and raise money for their political campaigns. Planned events, solicited donors, and managed databases. Raised over \$3 million during the 1996 electoral cycle.*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS

*The Presidential Leadership Dilemma: Between the Constitution and a Political Party*, with Julia R. Azari and Zim G. Nwokora, editors (State University of New York Press, 2013).

*Jockeying for the American Presidency: The Political Opportunism of Aspirants* (Cambria Press, 2010).

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

"Playing for History: The Reelection Leadership Choices of Presidents William J. Clinton and George W. Bush," in *The Presidential Leadership Dilemma: Between the Constitution and a Political Party*, edited by Julia R. Azari, Lara M. Brown, and Zim G. Nwokora (State University of New York Press, 2013).

"Inside Parties: The Politics of Earning a Presidential Nomination," in *From Votes to Victory: Winning and Governing the White House in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, edited by Meena Bose (Texas A&M University Press, 2011).

"Reactionary Ideologues and Uneasy Partisans: Bush and Party Realignment," in *Judging Bush*, edited by Robert Maranto, Tom Lansford, and Jeremy Johnson (Stanford University Press, 2009).

"Around Closed Doors and Through Open Windows: A Theory of Aspirant Opportunism, 1796-2004," *Congress and the Presidency* 36, no. 1 (March 2009): 1-26.

"The Greats and The Great Debate: President William J. Clinton's Use of Presidential Exemplars," *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 37, no. 1 (Spring 2007): 124-138.

"Revisiting the Character of Congress: Scandals in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1966-2002," *The Journal of Political Marketing* 5 ½ (2006): 149-172.

### INVITED SCHOLARLY ESSAYS & BOOK CHAPTERS

"The Presidency and the Nominating Process: Aspirants, Parties and Selection" for *The Presidency and the Political System*, edited by Michael Nelson (completed December 2012, in press).

"How Close is Too Close?: The 2012 Election in the Electoral College," *Society* 49, no. 5 (September 2012).

"A High Speed Chase: Presidential Aspirants and the Nomination Process," in *Understanding the Presidency*, edited by James P. Pfiffner and Roger H. Davidson (Pearson, 2009, 2010, and a revised version in 2012).

"It's Good to Be an Incumbent: Scandals, Corruption, and the 2006 Midterm Election," *Extension of Remarks* 30, no. 1 (January 2007).

"Revisiting the Character of Congress: Scandals in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1966-2002" in *Campaigns and Political Marketing*, edited by Wayne Steger, J. Mark Wrighton, and Sean Q. Kelly (Haworth Press, 2006).

"It Pays to Pay a Professional: California's Redistricting Compromise of 2002," *Extension of Remarks* 27, No. 2 (July 2004).

## BOOK REVIEWS

"Jason A. Edwards: *Navigating the Post-Cold War World: President Clinton's Foreign Policy Rhetoric*," *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 40, no.2 (June 2010): 375-376.

"Bruce Ackerman: *The Failure of the Founding Fathers: Jefferson, Marshall, and the Rise of Presidential Democracy*," *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 37, no.1 (March 2007): 165-166.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

"The Department of Treasury," in the *Encyclopedia of American Government and Civics*, edited by Michael A. Genovese and Lori Cox Han (Facts on File Publishers, 2008).

## POLICY REPORTS

"California K-12 Education Technology," a strategic plan developed with *The California Commission on Technology in Learning*, co-authored with Christina Dehler (California Department of Education, 2002).

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

"Social Constructions in AIDS Policy: Discrimination Against Women," in *The Proceedings from the Society for Disability Studies Annual Conference* in Oakland, California (Edmund S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, University of Southern Maine, 1998).

## ESSAYS, EDITORIALS, & BLOG POSTS

"Thomas Jefferson Street," *U.S. News & World Report* (online), weekly contributor, 2013-present. [http://www.usnews.com/topics/author/lara\\_brown](http://www.usnews.com/topics/author/lara_brown)

Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* (online), invited contributor, 2011-present.

- ❖ "State of the Union Was an Appeal for Gun Control Votes, Not Laws," February 13, 2013
- ❖ "The Tea Party Should Not Kick a Gift Horse in the Mouth," February 8, 2013
- ❖ "Republicans Need to Find Their Bill Clinton," January 30, 2013
- ❖ "Obama Can Claim an Electoral College Mandate," November 7, 2012
- ❖ "The Electoral College Defends Liberty in Ways Direct Democracy Doesn't," November 5, 2012
- ❖ "Barack Obama Won the Debate by Playing to His Base," October 23, 2012
- ❖ "If Independents Turn Out, Romney May Have Winning Argument," October 17, 2012
- ❖ "Mitt Romney Won the Night, But Will It Change the Race," October 4, 2012
- ❖ "Democrats Can Continue Placing Hope in Obama," September 7, 2012
- ❖ "Mitt Romney's Promising Prime Time," August 31, 2012
- ❖ "Abortion Stance Won't Solve Democrats' Biggest Problem Areas: Men and Independents," August 24, 2012
- ❖ "Campaign 2012 Isn't the Nastiest, Just the Most Covered," August 10, 2012
- ❖ "The American People Can Handle the Truth," July 18, 2012
- ❖ "Americans Will See through Obama's Sleight of Hand on Tax Policy," July 11, 2012
- ❖ "Romney's Pick Will Be Low Risk, Low Reward," May 30, 2012

- ❖ “Brokered Convention Would Ensure Obama Second Term,” March 21, 2012
- ❖ “Newt Has No Self-Interested Reason to Drop Out...Yet,” March 14, 2012
- ❖ “Mitt Romney Will Have a Tough March in the South,” March 7, 2012
- ❖ “Romney is Proving Himself to Conservatives, Slowly But Surely,” February 29, 2012
- ❖ “Rick Santorum Repulses Independent and Moderate Voters,” February 22, 2012
- ❖ “Newt Gingrich is Bringing Down the Republican Party,” February 1, 2012
- ❖ “Winning Words, But Not a Winner,” January 25, 2012
- ❖ “The United States Has Seen Much Worse,” December 30, 2012
- ❖ “Newt Gingrich Nomination Would Be a Gift to Barack Obama,” December 6, 2011
- ❖ “Investigation is Not a Witch Hunt But a Call for More Answers,” October 13, 2011

Room for Debate, *New York Times* (online), invited contributor, 2009-present.

- ❖ “Neither the Time, Nor the Issue,” July 23, 2012
- ❖ “Mission Accomplished,” June 21, 2012
- ❖ “Standing As the Anti-Obama,” April 11, 2012
- ❖ “We’re Still a Divided Nation,” March 4, 2012
- ❖ “Democrats Know This Script Well,” January 4, 2012
- ❖ “The Fruits of Evangelicals’ Labor,” December 13, 2011
- ❖ “Flies in the Face of History,” November 17, 2011
- ❖ “The Power of Dissatisfaction,” October 11, 2011
- ❖ “Democracy Is Messy,” August 2, 2011
- ❖ “The Party Needs Her,” May 25, 2011
- ❖ “No One Wants to Be A Sell-Out,” December 6, 2010
- ❖ “Outsider Magic and Clinton’s Blessing,” May 19, 2010
- ❖ “Raising Ire Along the Spectrum,” April 28, 2009

“States Changing Electoral Vote Method Nothing New,”  
*Constitution Daily*, National Constitution Center (online), June 26, 2012.

“Was the Presidential Election a Progressive Win?”  
*Riding the Tiger*, Miller Center (online), University of Virginia, March 6, 2012.

“Don’t Make Nice Over Politics, Fight More,”  
*The Philadelphia Inquirer* (op-ed), September 28, 2012.

“The Issue Isn’t the Electoral College, But Close Elections,”  
*Constitution Daily*, National Constitution Center (online), June 26, 2012.

“Will Mitt Romney Make It or Break It?”  
*Riding the Tiger*, Miller Center (online), University of Virginia, March 6, 2012.

“The Arena,” Politico.com, weekly contributor, 2012.

“The New Agenda Blog,” TheNewAgena.org, biweekly contributor, 2011-2012.

“Scandals Colored Republican, Democrat, and Women: Cain, Clinton, Edwards, and Gingrich.”  
*Huffington Post* (online), November 7, 2011.

“Michele Bachmann and Migraines: Presidential Disqualifier or Sexism?”  
*Huffington Post* (online), July 21, 2011.

“Republican Heart and Soul: The Definitional Battle for the 2012 Presidential Nomination.”  
*The Forum*, Ripon Society, November 2010: 26-27.

“Restlessness Unleashed: The Tea Partiers and the Lessons of History.”  
*Campaigns & Elections*, October 2010: 37-41.

“If We Want to Rein in the Imperial Presidency We Have to Grade Presidents Differently.”  
*History News Network*, George Mason University (online), February 6, 2006.

“Here’s The Thing,” biweekly columnist, 2004-2005.  
*The Santa Monica Daily Press*, Santa Monica, California.

#### IN PROGRESS

Book Manuscript: *Protected from Retribution: Congressional Scandals, Media Coverage, and Democratic Accountability*, with G. J. Gulati (under contract with Cambia Press, expected manuscript, August 2013).

Book Manuscript: *Mirror Images: The Gilded Age, the Global Age, and Federalism’s Revival* (ongoing research, proposal expected July 2013).

Book Manuscript: *Cracking the Code: How Presidents Talk About Their Predecessors and Shape America’s Great Debate* (ongoing research, proposal expected December 2013).

Journal Article: “Advocates, Not Umpires: Media Judgments of the First 2008 Presidential Debate” with Z. G. Nwokora (submitted May 2013 for peer review).

Book Chapter: “Spending More Time with My Family: Media Coverage and Forced Incumbent Departures from the House of Representatives” with G. J. Gulati for *Scandal! A Scholarly Appraisal*, edited by Alison Dagnes and Mark Sachleben (submitted to Bloomsbury/Continuum in February 2013 for peer review).

Book Chapter: “Counting and Classifying Congressional Scandals” with Scott Basinger, Douglas Harris, and G. J. Gulati for *Scandal! A Scholarly Appraisal*, edited by Alison Dagnes and Mark Sachleben (submitted to Bloomsbury/Continuum in February 2013 for peer review).

Book Chapter: “Necessary and Damaging?: Presidential Base Electoral Strategies and Partisan Polarization,” for *Politics to the Extreme: American Political Institutions in the 21st Century*, edited by Sean Q. Kelly and Scott Frisch (submitted to Palgrave/MacMillan in April 2013 for peer review).

Journal Article: “Should I Stay or Should I Go?: Estimating a Comprehensive Model of the Effect of Scandal on House Incumbents,” with G. J. Gulati (under revision, expected completion July 2013).

Journal Article: “The Third-Year Decision: The Reelection Strategies of Incumbent Presidents” (expected completion September 2013).

## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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Presidential Appointee, "2012 Presidential Rank Awards Review Board," U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Washington, D.C., May 2012.

Fellow, "Jack Miller Center for the Teaching of America's Founding Principles," University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 2011.

Nominee (1 of 16), "Excellence in Teaching Award," College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, February 2011.

Fellow, "Catholic Social Teaching and Issues of Justice Summer Program," Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, May 2009.

Recipient, *Bridgebuilder's Award*, Learning Support Service, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 2009.

Recipient, *Bridgebuilder's Award*, Learning Support Service, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 2008.

Recipient, *Best Paper by a Woman Political Scientist Presented at the 2007 NPSA Annual Meeting* for paper, "Losing Aspirants: Millard Fillmore, John McCain, and the Political of Presidential Elections," Northeastern Political Science Association, Women's Caucus, November 2008.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### *Graduate*

American Political Parties & Elections  
Congress  
Introduction to American Studies (in the Liberal Studies Department)

### *Undergraduate*

American Political Parties  
American Statesmanship  
American Political Development  
Introduction to American Government  
Legislative Politics  
Research Seminar  
Women and Politics

Also served as the primary thesis advisor for three graduate students (2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2011-2012) as well as an undergraduate student in the Honors' program (spring 2009), and directed two graduate students' independent studies on Alexander Hamilton (fall 2009) at Villanova University.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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### PAPERS PRESENTED

"Necessary and Damaging: Presidential Base Electoral Strategies and Partisan Polarization," for *Politics to the Extreme: American Political Institutions in the 21st Century*, California State University Channel Islands, October 2012, Camarillo, California.

“2012 Election Forecast: A Political, Economic, and Cultural Model,” at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, September 2012, New Orleans, Louisiana (conference cancelled due to a hurricane, but the paper was completed).

“Retirements, Media Coverage and Estimating the Impact of Scandals on Election Outcomes to the House of Representatives, 2000-2010” with G. J. Gulati for *Scandal! A Scholarly Appraisal*, Shippenberg University, June 2012, Shippenberg, Pennsylvania.

“Presidential Aspirants: Securing the Nomination and Shaping the Contest,” at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, April 2012, Chicago, Illinois.

“Accounting for Retirements and Media Coverage to Estimate the Impact of Scandals on Election Outcomes to the U.S. House, 2000-2010,” with G. J. Gulati at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, April 2012, Chicago, Illinois.

“A Corrupt Culture?: Incumbent Scandals, House Elections and the Media, 2002-2008” with G. J. Gulati at the Northeast Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, November 2010, Boston, Massachusetts.

“A Corrupt Culture?: Incumbent Scandals, House Elections and the Media, 2006” with G. J. Gulati at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, April 2010, Chicago, Illinois.

“Demagogic or Dialogic?: Winning Arguments in the 2008 Presidential and Vice Presidential Debates” with Z.G. Nwokora at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, September 2009, Toronto, Canada.

“Ambitious Innovation and Abundant Diversity: Alexander Hamilton, William J. Clinton, and the Role of Government in the Economy and Society,” at the American Historical Association’s Annual Meeting, January 2009, New York, New York.

“Losing Aspirants: Millard Fillmore, John McCain, and the Politics of Presidential Elections,” at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2007, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“The Presidential Problem: Presidential Aspirants and the Disconnect in the Modern Selection Process,” at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, September 2007, Chicago, Illinois.

“A Theory of Aspirant Opportunism: Understanding the Politics of Presidential Elections, 1796 - 2004” at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, April 2007, Chicago, Illinois.

“Earned Luck: A Theory of Aspirant Opportunism and William McKinley’s Presidential Aspirations” at the Western Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, March 2007, Las Vegas, Nevada.

“Friends in High Places: The Institutional Politics of Post-Disaster Recovery” with J.M. Wrighton at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, April 2006, Chicago, Illinois.

“Invoking Jefferson, Recollecting Roosevelt, and Imitating Hamilton: President William J. Clinton’s Use of Exemplars,” at the Western Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, March 2006, Albuquerque, New Mexico.



“Demystifying the DLC: The Democratic Leadership Council and its Unnamed Founder, Alexander Hamilton,” at the 11th Presidential Conference: William Jefferson Clinton at Hofstra University, November 2005, Hempstead, New York.

“Leeches, Lemmings, and Pet Rocks: The 2004 Democratic Presidential Nomination Process” with J.M. Wrighton at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2004, Boston, Massachusetts.

“Recall Recollections: Media Messages and Voter Information Processing During the California Recall Election” with E. Jerome and X. Kayden at the Western Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, March 2004, Portland, Oregon.

“Revisiting the Character of Congress: Scandals in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1966-2002” at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2003, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“Social Constructions in AIDS Policy: Discrimination Against Women” at the Western Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, March 1995, Portland, Oregon.

#### SERVICE ON SCHOLARLY PANELS

Discussant, “Understanding the Presidential Election” panel at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, September 2012, New Orleans, Louisiana (cancelled – hurricane)

Chair, “Primaries and Nomination Campaigns” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, April 2012, Chicago, Illinois.

Discussant, “The Tea Party Movement” panel at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, November 2011, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Discussant, “Presidential Election Forecasting” panel at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, September 2011, Seattle, Washington.

Chair and Discussant, “Politics of Elections and Governance” panel at the Pennsylvania Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, April 2011, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Discussant, “Counter-Realignment” panel at the Northeast Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, November 2010, Boston, Massachusetts.

Chair, “Competing Roles of the President as Party and National Leader” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, April 2010, Chicago, Illinois.

Chair and Roundtable Participant, “The Party System in the Obama Era: An Eye Toward 2010 and 2012” panel at Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2009, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Discussant, “Elections in the Obama Era” panel at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2009, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Discussant, “Newly Emerging Questions and Trends in Presidential Elections” panel at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, September 2009, Toronto, Canada.

Chair and Discussant, “Candidates and Character” panel at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2008, Boston, Massachusetts.

Roundtable Participant, “Coattails, Waves, or Local Politics: The 2008 Elections in the States” panel at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2008, Boston, Massachusetts.

Discussant, “2008 Election in Long-Term Perspective” panel at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, September 2008, Boston, Massachusetts.

Discussant, “Campaigning For and From the White House” panel at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, September 2007, Chicago, Illinois.

Chair, “Unitary Executives” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, April 2007, Chicago, Illinois.

Roundtable Participant, “The 2006 Congressional Elections: What Happened and Why” panel at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2006, Boston, Massachusetts.

Roundtable Moderator, “The 2008 Presidential Election: Media and Fundraising” panel at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2006, Boston, Massachusetts.

Discussant, “Origins and Development: Presidential History,” panel at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, September 2006, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Discussant, “Media Effects and the Presidential Elections” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, April 2006, Chicago, Illinois.

Chair and Discussant, “Presidential Staff Management” panel at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, April 2006, Chicago, Illinois.

Discussant, “Voting Mechanisms, Third Parties, and the Shape of the Electorate” panel at the Western Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, March 2006, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Discussant, “Rhetoric in American National Institutions” panel at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2004, Boston, Massachusetts.

Roundtable Participant, “The 2004 Congressional Elections: What Happened and Why,” panel at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, November 2004, Boston, Massachusetts.

Chair, “Implications and Strategies for Presidential Speech” panel at the Western Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, March 2004, Portland, Oregon.

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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Member, Executive Board, 2008-2014 (elected twice to serve a three-year term)  
*Presidency and Executive Politics* (an organized section of the APSA)

Program Chair, Presidency Studies Section, 2013  
*Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

Academic Liaison, "McAndrews Endowed Fund for Intensive Learning Experiences," 2012  
*College of Arts & Sciences, Villanova University*

Featured Politics Scholar, "Business Leaders Forum," 2012  
*Villanova Business School, Villanova University*

Member, Richard E. Neustadt Book Award Committee, 2011  
*Presidency and Executive Politics* (an organized section of the APSA)

Program Co-Chair, Parties, Interest Groups, and Electoral Behavior Section, 2008-2011  
*Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

Program Chair, American Government and Public Policy, 2011  
*Pennsylvania Political Science Association Annual Meeting*

Co-organizer, Panel Proposal, "Competing Roles of the President as Party and National Leader," 2009  
*Midwest Political Science Association (convened in April 2010)*

Participant, Advanced Placement U.S. Government & Politics Conference, 2009  
*The College Board*

Moderator, Alumni Leadership Summit's Break-out Session on Education, 2009  
*Villanova University*

Co-organizer, "Constitution Day" Symposium on Hamilton and Jefferson, 2009  
*The Matthew J. Ryan Center and the Department of Political Science, Villanova University*

Member, Task Force on Benchmarking, 2008  
*College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Villanova University*

Organizer, Panel Proposal, "Hamilton & Hamiltonianism," 2008  
*American Historical Association (convened in January 2009)*

Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2007-present  
*Department of Political Science, Villanova University*

Peer Reviewer, Journal Articles and Book Manuscripts, 2007-present  
*Polity, Perspectives, PS: Political Science and Politics, Congress and the Presidency, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Cambria Press, Roxbury Press, and Palgrave/MacMillan Press.*

Organizer, Panel Proposal, "Previewing the 2008 Presidential Election," 2006  
*American Political Science Association panel (convened in September 2007)*

Mentor, APSA's Mentor Program, 2003-present  
*American Political Science Association*

Editor, *Policy Currents* (quarterly public policy section journal of the APSA), 1994-1995  
*The Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona*

### **SELECTED PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP, MEDIA APPEARANCES, AND INVITED LECTURES**

Commentator, "The Electoral College and the Proposed Republican Reforms," OpinionJournal, an online daily show broadcast on *The Wall Street Journal.com* website, January 25, 2013.

Speaker, "The Electoral College and the 2012 Election," The Andrus Center for Public Policy, Boise State University, Boise, ID, October 4, 2012.

Speaker, "The 2012 Election in the States," White Horse Village, PA, September 26, 2012.

Speaker, "The 2012 Election in the States," Gwynedd-Mercy College, PA, September 18, 2012.

Speaker, "On the Road Again: The 2012 Presidential Election," with Villanova alumnus and UNH political scientist, Dante Scala, Villanova University's Alumni Weekend, Villanova, PA, June 8, 2012.

Commentator, "To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe," PBS Show, Washington D.C., April 27, 2012.

Commentator, "Weekends with Alex Witt," MSNBC Show, New York, NY, March 24, 2012.

Speaker, "Render Unto Caesar: Learning to Have Faith in the American Democratic Process," St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Villanova, PA, March 11, 2012.

Speaker, "The Presidential Election 2012," Medford Leas Village, Medford Leas, NJ, February 28, 2012.

Commentator, "To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe," PBS Show, Washington D.C., February 10, 2012.

Speaker, "The Presidential Election 2012," White Horse Village, Newtown Square, PA, October 9, 2012.

Commentator, "Radio Times with Marty Moss-Coane," WHYY Show, Philadelphia, PA, August 15, 2011.

Commentator, "To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe," PBS Show, Washington D.C., July 8, 2011.

Commentator, "To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe," PBS Show, Washington D.C., June 3, 2011.

Visiting Scholar, *Road Scholar*, a seminar program organized for senior citizen communities. Directed and led ten seminars at retirement communities around Pennsylvania and New Jersey, 2010-2011.

Commentator, "To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe," PBS Show, Washington D.C., April 1, 2011.

Speaker & Organizer, "Seizing Opportunity and Developing Prudence: Leadership Lessons from the U.S. Presidents," Villanova School of Business, Executive MBA Seminar, March 9, 2011.

Commentator, "To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe," PBS Show, Washington D.C., February 4, 2011.

Commentator, "Book TV: George W. Bush's Memoir," C-SPAN, Washington, D.C., December 5, 2010.

Speaker, "Seizing Opportunity: Leadership Lessons from the U.S. Presidents," Alpine Capital Bank, New York, October 20, 2010.

Speaker, "Jockeying for the American Presidency: Aspirants and Political Parties," University of California, Santa Barbara, October 9, 2010.

Speaker, "Seizing Opportunity: Leadership Lessons from the U.S. Presidents," Villanova Business School's Alumni Reception, Boston, June 4, 2010.

Moderator, "Government, Education & Public Institutions: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution" breakout session at Villanova University's Summit on Leadership, October 2009.

Moderator, "Hamilton versus Jefferson" roundtable panel, Villanova University, September 2009

Speaker, "A Squeaker or a Landslide?: The 2008 Presidential Election Forecasts in Historical and Institutional Perspective," Cabrini College, November 2008.

Speaker, "Reactionary Ideologues and Uneasy Partisans: Bush and Party Realignment," Villanova University's *Judging Bush: Is George W. Bush Ulysses S. Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson, or Ronald Reagan* presidential symposium, November 2008.

Speaker, "So Who's Better? (at winning the vote that matters: the Electoral College)," Gwynedd-Mercy College, PA, September 2008.

Commentator, "Your Morning," a cable morning show on CN8, a mid-Atlantic region's Comcast network. Discussed the Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin choice for vice presidential nominee, September 2008.

Presenter, "Through the Briar Patch: Presidential Opportunism and William J. Clinton's Presidency," Massachusetts School of Law's *Chasing Success or Courting Failure* presidency conference, April 2008.

Commentator, "The Washington Journal," a cable television talk-show on C-SPAN, whose focus that morning was the impact of congressional scandals on elections, Washington, D.C., September 3, 2007.

Speaker, "The Election of 1860," The Idaho Humanities Council's Summer Institute, *Controlled By Events: The Presidency of Abraham Lincoln*, Caldwell, Idaho, July 2006.

Commentator, "The Fairer Sex," a cable television talk-show, which focuses on women's issues and current events, Los Angeles, California, March 2006.

Keynote Speaker, "The Nature of Leadership" Cate School's *Celebrating 100 Years of Coeducation Weekend*. Carpinteria, California, September 2002.

In addition, I have served as a political analyst on the radio in political stories on WHYY (Philadelphia, PA market), Minnesota Public Radio's "Midmorning with Keri Miller," KPSI's "Morning Show" (Palm Springs, CA market), Wisconsin Public Radio's "The Joy Cardin Show," WABC's John Batchelor Show (New York, NY market), and NPR's "Talk of the Nation" and "All Things Considered host Guy Raz."

I have also been quoted in news articles and columns in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Hill*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Pittsburgh Tribune*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Reuters News*, *Delaware County Times*, *Washington Blade*, and *New Yorker*.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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The New Agenda  
Board Member (501c4, 501c3), 2011-present

The Urban Guild  
Steering Committee Member, 2006-2007

Los Angeles Leadership Academy  
Advisory Board Member, 2004-2005

California's Platform Committee to the DNC Convention  
Senator John Edwards Delegate, 2004

Reading Is Fundamental, Southern California  
Board Member, 2003-2005

Senator John Edwards 2004 Presidential Campaign  
National Finance Council & Education Advisory Committee Member, 2003-2004

California's High Tech High Advisory Board  
Appointed Committee Member, 2002

California's Education Master Plan Working Group  
Appointed Committee Member, 2001-2002

Pennsylvania's High Tech School District Initiative  
Appointed Committee Member, 2001

Cate School Board of Trustees  
Board Member, 1998-2004

Democratic National Committee - Saxophone Club  
Member & Co-Chair of Los Angeles Chapter, 1995-1999

UCLA Governmental Relations  
Steering Committee Member, 1995-1999

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

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American Political Science Association  
Northeastern Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
New York Historical Society