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EDUCATION

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

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

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, 2007-present

Department of Political Science, Villanova University
Serve as a faculty member in the Department of Political Science and teach classes on American national politics, government, and political development.

Adjunct Professor, 2005-2007

Department of Political Science, California State University, Channel Islands
Appointed to the Department of Political Science and taught several sections of American Political Institutions.

Visiting Scholar, 2004

Department of Politics, Hendrix College
Appointed to the Department of Politics and taught one section of American Political Parties & Elections.

Visiting Lecturer, 2004

Department of Political Science, University of Arkansas, Little Rock

Appointed to the Department of Political Science and 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 political candidate expectations.

Research Assistant, 1994-1995

The Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona

Worked with Dr. Helen Ingram on her research on social constructions 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.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

BOOKS

The Presidential Leadership Dilemma: Between the Constitution and a Political Party, with Julia R. Azari and Zim G. Nwokora, editors. (SUNY Press, in press).

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 (SUNY Press, in press).

"Inside Parties: The Politics of Earning a Presidential Nomination," in *From Votes to Victory: Winning and Governing the White House in the 21st 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

"A High Speed Chase: Presidential Aspirants and the Nomination Process," in *Understanding the Presidency*, edited by James P. Pfiffner and Roger H. Davidson (Pearson, 2008, 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*," in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 40, no.2 (March 2010): 375-376.

"Bruce Ackerman: *The Failure of the Founding Fathers: Jefferson, Marshall, and the Rise of Presidential Democracy*" in *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* and 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, COLUMNS, & BLOG POSTS

"The Arena," Politico.com, serve as a contributor, writing weekly (each Friday) posts on political topics garnering news that day, 2012-present, at http://www.politico.com/arena/bio/lara_brown.html

"The New Agenda Blog," served as a contributor, writing biweekly posts on women and politics, 2011-2012, at: <http://www.thenewagenda.net/blog>

"Brokered Convention Would Ensure Obama Second Term," Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, March 21, 2012 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/can-romneys-rivals-force-him-into-a-brokered-convention/brokered-gop-convention-would-ensure-a-second-obama-term>

“Newt Has No Self-Interested Reason to Drop Out...Yet,” Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, March 14, 2012 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-newt-gingrich-drop-out/newt-gingrich-has-no-self-interested-reason-to-drop-outyet>

“Mitt Romney Will Have a Tough March in the South,” Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, March 7, 2012 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/is-mitt-romney-vulnerable-in-the-south/mitt-romney-will-have-a-tough-march-in-the-south>

“Will Mitt Romney Make It or Break It?,” *Riding the Tiger*, Miller Center online, University of Virginia, March 6, 2012 at: <http://millercenter.org/ridingthetiger/super-tuesday>

“We’re Still a Divided Nation,” Room for Debate, the *New York Times* online, March 4, 2012 at: <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/03/04/is-the-republican-party-almost-over/republicans-and-democrats-remain-evenly-matched>

“Romney is Proving Himself to Conservatives, Slowly But Surely,” Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, February 29, 2012 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/can-mitt-romney-close-the-deal-with-conservatives/mitt-romney-is-proving-himself-to-conservatives-slowly-but-surely>

“Rick Santorum Repulses Independent and Moderate Voters,” Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, February 22, 2012 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/is-rick-santorum-more-electable-than-mitt-romney/rick-santorum-repulses-independent-and-moderate-voters>

“Newt Gingrich is Bringing Down the Republican Party,” Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, February 1, 2012 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/will-newt-gingrich-do-the-gop-more-harm-than-good-by-staying-in-the-2012-race/newt-gingrich-bringing-down-the-republican-party>

“Winning Words, But Not a Winner,” Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, January 25, 2012 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/did-obama-lay-out-a-winning-agenda-for-2012-in-his-state-of-the-union-address/winning-words-but-not-a-winner>

“Democrats Know This Script Well,” Room for Debate, the *New York Times* online, January 4, 2012 at: <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/01/04/for-gop-one-party-but-three-platforms/the-democrats-know-this-script-well>

“The United States Has Seen Much Worse,” Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, December 30, 2012 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/was-2011-one-of-the-worst-years-for-the-us-government-in-american-history/the-united-states-has-seen-much-worse>

“The Fruits of Evangelicals Labor,” Room for Debate, the *New York Times* online, December 13, 2011 at: <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2011/12/13/have-evangelicals-lost-their-sway/republican-primary-shows-evangelicals-influence>

“Newt Gingrich Nomination Would Be a Gift to Barack Obama,” Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, December 6, 2011 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/can-newt-gingrich-beat-barack-obama/a-newt-gingrich-nomination-would-be-a-gift-to-barack-obama>

“Flies in the Face of History,” Room for Debate, the *New York Times* online, November 17, 2011 at: <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2011/11/17/should-candidates-have-to-pass-a-civics-test/an-exam-for-elective-office-flies-in-the-face-of-us-history>

“Scandals Colored Republican, Democrat, and Women: Herman Cain, Bill Clinton, John Edwards, and Newt Gingrich,” *Huffington Post*, November 7, 2011 at: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lara-m-brown-phd/scandals-colored-republic_b_1082021.html

“Investigation is Not a Witch Hunt But a Call for More Answers,” Debate Club, *U.S. News & World Report* online, October 13 at: <http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-eric-holder-lose-his-job/investigation-is-not-a-witch-hunt-but-a-call-for-more-answers>

“The Power of Dissatisfaction,” Room for Debate, the *New York Times* online, October 11, 2011 at: <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2011/10/11/what-do-voters-want/presidential-races-and-the-power-of-dissatisfaction>

“Democracy Is Messy,” Room for Debate, the *New York Times* online, August 2, 2011, at: <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2011/08/01/in-debt-talks-did-the-tea-party-win/democracy-can-be-messy>

“Michele Bachmann and Migraines: Presidential Disqualifier or Sexism?” the *Huffington Post*, July 21, 2011, at: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lara-m-brown-phd/michele-bachmann-migraines_b_906126.html

“The Party Needs Her,” Room for Debate, the *New York Times* online, May 25, 2011, at: <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2011/05/25/what-a-palin-bid-means-for-the-gop/the-republican-party-needs-palin>

“No One Wants to Be A Sell-Out,” Room for Debate, the *New York Times* online, December 6, 2010, at: <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2010/12/06/can-obama-win-back-his-base/no-one-wants-to-be-a-sell-out-on-a-tax-deal>

“Outsider Magic and Clinton’s Blessing,” Room for Debate, the *New York Times* online, May 19, 2010, at: <http://roomfordebate.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/05/19/angry-boomers-and-other-election-clues/#lara>

“Republican Heart and Soul: The Definitional Battle for the 2012 Presidential Nomination,” The Ripon Society’s *The Forum* (November 2010), <http://www.riponsociety.org/forum410o.htm>

“Restlessness Unleashed: The Tea Partiers and the Lessons of History,” *Campaigns & Elections* (October 2010), at: http://www.campaignsandelections.com/publications/campaign-election/2010/October_2010/Relentlessness-Unleashed-The-Tea-Partiers-and-the-Lessons-of-History

“If We Want to Rein in the Imperial Presidency We Have to Grade Presidents Differently,” on George Mason University’s *History News Network* (February 2006), <http://hnn.us/articles/19939.html>

“Here’s The Thing,” serving as a columnist, writing biweekly op-eds on national and state politics from a “flaming moderate” perspective, 2004-2005, *The Santa Monica Daily Press*, Santa Monica, California.

IN PROGRESS

- Book Manuscript: *Protected from Retribution: Scandals, Media Coverage, and Democratic Accountability in Congressional Elections*, with J. Girish Gulati (under contract with Cambia Press, expected manuscript completion by December 2012).
- Book Manuscript: *Cracking the Code: How Presidents Talk About Their Predecessors and Shape America's Great Debate* (expected manuscript completion August 2014).
- Journal Article: "Umpire or Advocate?: How the News Media Choose the Winner of a Presidential Debate" with Zim G. Nwokora (May 2012).
- Journal Article: "The Third Year Decision: The Reelection Strategies of Incumbent Presidents" (summer 2012).
- Conference Paper: "2012 Election Forecast: A Political, Economic, and Cultural Model," in preparation for the American Political Science Association Conference, September 2012 (summer 2012).
- Book Chapter: "Nomination Politics: Parties, Presidents, and Process" for *The Presidency and the Political System*, edited by Michael Nelson (book chapter for next revised and updated edition – expected summer 2012).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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

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

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

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

Northeastern Political Science Association, Women's Caucus Award for *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" (November 2008).

COURSES TAUGHT

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

PAPERS PRESENTED

"Presidential Aspirants: Securing the Nomination and Shaping the Contest," 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 J. G. Gultai 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 J. G. 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, “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

Member, Executive Board, 2008-2014 (elected twice to serve a three-year term).
Presidency and Executive Politics – a division of the APSA.

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

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, 2009
Midwest Political Science Association panel “Competing Roles of the President as Party and National Leader” (accepted and convened in April 2010)

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

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

Co-organizer, “Constitution Day” Symposium on Hamilton and Jefferson, 2009
The Matthew J. Ryan Center, Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Office of Academic Affairs, Villanova University

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

Organizer, Panel Proposal, 2008
American Historical Association panel “Hamilton & Hamiltonianism: Fresh Reflections from the Globalized 21st Century” (accepted and 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, Political Science Quarterly, Cambria Press and Roxbury Press

Organizer, Panel Proposal, 2006
American Political Science Association panel “Previewing the 2008 Presidential Election” (accepted and 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

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP, MEDIA APPEARANCES, AND INVITED LECTURES

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," Meaford Leas Village, Meaford 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 program organized for senior citizen communities, whereby a professor gives a seminar on such topics as, the U.S. Senate, congressional elections, presidential rhetoric. I have given about ten talks at various 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, "Jockeying for the American Presidency: Aspirants and Political Parties," Villanova University's Falvey Library as part of the Scholarship Series, September 10, 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* (online column), *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

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

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