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EDUCATION

Ph.D in Political Science from American University, Washington, DC May 1998
M.A. in Political Science from American University, Washington, DC May 1995
B.A. in Government and Studio Art from Smith College, Northampton, MA May 1991

TEACHING and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, American University (affiliated faculty with the Women & Politics Institute) 2004-present

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Zürich, Switzerland 2015

Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Advancement of Women into Politics, Queen's University, Belfast 2009

Assistant Professor, Christopher Newport University 2001-2004

Visiting Assistant Professor, St. Mary's College of Maryland 2000-2001

Assistant Professor, American University 1998-2000

Senior Fellow, Ireland Leadership Program, American University 1999-2000

Instructor, American University 1994-1996

Assistant Director, Drew University Washington Semester Program 1994-2001

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Religion and Politics in the Nineteenth Century: The Party Faithful in Ireland and Germany, Greenwood Publishing Group, 160pp. ISBN: 0275971856 2002

Journal Articles

'Women's Parties: A New Party Family,' with Elizabeth Evans and Ki-young Shin, *Politics & Gender* (published online June 2019) March 2020

'The Women's Movement Knocks on the Door: Theorizing the Strategy, Context and Impact of Frauen Macht Politik (FraP!) on Women's Representation in Swiss Politics,' *Politics & Gender* (published online May 2019) March 2020

'The Contagion Effects of the Feminist Initiative in Sweden: Niche Parties and the Agenda of Mainstream Parties,' *Scandinavian Political Studies*, 40(4):481-493 December 2017

'Women's Political Parties in Europe,' *Politics & Gender*, 12(1):1-27 March 2016

'So You Want to Create a Student Research Journal? How to Craft a Journal Based on Peer-Learning,' with Ben Mainwaring, Sean Dugdale, Carly Kinney and Brian Hanson, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 48(3): 492-496 July 2015

'The Social Movement as Political Party: The Northern Ireland Women's Coalition and the Campaign for Inclusion,' *Perspectives on Politics*, 12(1): 61-80 March 2014

'Measuring Women-Friendly Public Policy in the American States,' with Laura Langbein, *Women, Politics & Policy*, 34 (2): 159-185 April 2013

'A Collarlette on a Donkey: The Northern Ireland Women's Coalition and the Limits of Contagion Theory,' *Political Studies*, 59 (2): 411-431. July 2011

'Linking Women's Descriptive and Substantive Representation in the American States,' with Laura Langbein, *Politics & Gender* 5: 491-518. December 2009

'Sheer Numbers: Critical Representation Thresholds and Women's Political Representation,' with Karen Beckwith, *Perspectives on Politics*, 5 (3): 553-565 September 2007

'Teaching Politics Using *Antigone*,' *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 39(2): 347-349 April 2006

'Women in Northern Ireland Politics: Gender and the Politics of Peace-Building in the New Legislative Assembly,' *Irish Political Studies* 18 (1): 72-96 Summer 2003

- 'Gender, Power and Peace: A Preliminary Look at Women in the Northern Ireland Assembly,' *Women & Politics* 23 (3): 55-88 2001
- 'Human Rights as Conflict Management: The Unionist Use of Human Rights Language in Northern Ireland,' with David Cowell, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 5(1): 1-28 Spring 1999

Commissioned/Invited Publications

- 'Women's Parties Win Change, If Not Votes: A Surprising Record of Power Beyond the Ballot Box,' *Foreign Affairs* February 2020
- '2015 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference and Track Summaries: Curricular and Program Assessment.' with Lisa Argyle, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 48(3): 501-503 July 2015
- 3 essays in the Faith & Politics Briefing Book for the Congressional Delegation to Ireland and Northern Ireland April 2014
- 'Women Legislators in Northern Ireland: Gender and Politics in the New Legislative Assembly,' Occasional Paper #3, Centre for the Advancement of Women into Politics, Queen's University, Belfast February 2003
- 'Problems in Interviewing Northern Ireland Legislators,' *British Politics Group Newsletter*, American Political Science Association, vol. 106 Fall 2001
- 12 entries in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* on paramilitaries, people, and parties in Northern Ireland 2000
- 'Northern Ireland,' *State of World Conflict Report, 1997-1998: A Publication of the International Mediation Network*, The Carter Center 1999

Book Reviews

- Bruce F. Norton, *Politics in Britain*, Book Review, *Journal of Political Science Education*, vol. 4, no. 2: 260-261 May-August 2008
- Roger Swift and Christine Kinealy, eds. *Politics and Power in Victorian Ireland*, *Journal of British Studies*, vol. 47, no. 1: 226-227 January 2008
- David Bloomfield, *Developing Dialogue in Northern Ireland: The Mayhew Talks, 1992*, Book Review *British Politics Group Newsletter*, American Political Science Association Winter 2002
- David Fitzpatrick, *Two Irelands*, Book Review, *British Politics Group Newsletter*, American Political Science Association, vol. 98 Winter 2000
- Thomas Hennessey, *A History of Northern Ireland*, Book Review, *British Politics Group Newsletter*, American Political Science Association, vol. 95 Winter 1999
- Stathis Kalyvas, *The Rise of Christian Democracy in Western Europe*, Book Review *Catholic Historical Review*, vol. 84, no. 1 Jan. 1998

JOURNALISM AND COMMENTARY

- 'After 3 years, Northern Ireland's legislators have finally gone back to work. What happened?' with Carolyn Gallaher, *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog* 17 Jan 2020
- 'Will Brexit return Northern Ireland to war or reinforce the status quo?' with Carolyn Gallaher, Dublin City University, *Brexit Institute News Blog* 8 May 2019
- 'Northern Ireland's peace was already in trouble. Brexit is making things harder to fix,' with Carolyn Gallaher, *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog* 1 May 2019
- 'Brexit is a rejection of the Good Friday Agreement for peace in Northern Ireland,' with Carolyn Gallaher, *The Conversation* 10 April 2019
- 'Women's political parties may be marginal in electoral terms, but they still matter,' with Liz Evans and Ki-young Shin, *Kings College, London Newscentre Blog* 15 January 2019
- 'How Brexit could kill Northern Ireland's peace accords,' with Carolyn Gallaher, *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog* 20 April 2018
- 'The surprising effect of the Swedish Feminist Initiative' *Saktuel* 26 October 2017
- 'This is how the U.K. election may destabilize Northern Ireland,' with Yvonne Golligan, *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog* 13 June 2017
- 'The Women's Equality Party will struggle to win seats, but it can push women's issues up the political agenda,' *Democratic Audit*, London School of Economics 11 November 2015

- 'Swedish Feminist Initiative has lessons for social movements elsewhere' *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog* 20 June 2014
- Interviewed (background) by Anna Molin, *Wall Street Journal* August 2014
- Interviewed (background) by Fernanda Cardoso Allegretti, *VEJA* August 2014
- Interviewed on camera for *Danish National News*, discussing the congressional and presidential election results in the U.S. 5 Nov. 2004
- 'Northern Ireland's Critical Moment,' *Christian Science Monitor*, Opinion Essay 4 Oct. 2000
- Interviewed for "Seven Days," *BBC-Northern Ireland* (1-hour live radio program) 19 March 2000
- Interviewed on camera by David Eades, *BBC-Northern Ireland* 23 Feb. 2000
- Interviewed (background) by C. M. Lanzolotti, *Columbia News Service* 14 and 17 Feb. 2000
- Interviewed on camera by David Borgida, *Voice of America* 30 Nov. 1999
- 'Talking Peace in Northern Ireland,' *Christian Science Monitor*, Opinion Essay 14 Jan. 1998
- 'Update on Northern Ireland,' Close-Up with David Inge, *WILL Radio*, (1 hour call-in program) 24 July 1996
- 'Unionist Intransigence and Violence in Northern Ireland,' *Christian Science Monitor*, Opinion Essay 15 March 1996
- 'How Peace Grows Despite Ulster Stalemate,' *Christian Science Monitor*, Opinion Essay 7 Sept. 1995
- 'Perspective on Northern Ireland: Don't Rush In and Tip the Scales,' *Los Angeles Times* Commentary 13 Sept. 1994

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 'Parsing the Backstop: Northern Ireland and the Good Friday Agreement in the Brexit Debates,' International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto March 2019
- 'Brexit and the Good Friday Agreement,' American University Symposium on the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement 20th Anniversary, Washington, DC April 2018
- 'Waiting in the Wings?: The Experience of Women's Wings of Political Parties in Multiple Regions,' European Conference on Politics and Gender, Lausanne, Switzerland June 2017
- 'Do Women's Parties Improve the Lot of Women? Theorizing Impact, Strategy and System in Assessing the Effect of Women's Parties,' American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA August 2016
- 'The Contagion Effects of the Swedish Feminist Initiative: Charting the Emergence of Consensus on Women's Inequality,' European Conference on Politics and Gender, Uppsala, Sweden June 2015
- 'The Social Movement as Political Party: The Northern Ireland Women's Coalition and the Campaign for Inclusion,' American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, *Perspectives on Politics* invited identity politics panel August 2014
- 'The Rise of Women's Political Parties in Europe,' Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL April 2013
- 'Women's Political Parties in Europe: Explaining their Emergence,' European Conference on Politics and Gender, Barcelona, Spain March 2013
- 'Social Movements into Political Parties: How the Women's Movement in Northern Ireland Used a Political Party to Gain Access,' European Consortium for Political Research, Reykjavik, Iceland August 2011
- 'A Collarete on a Donkey: The Northern Ireland Women's Coalition and the Limits of Contagion Theory,' American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC September 2010
- 'The Impact of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition on Other Parties in the System: Developing Contagion Theory to Explain Party Change,' Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL April 2010
- 'Linking Women's Descriptive and Substantive Representation in the American States,' with Laura Langbein, State Politics and Policy Conference, Chapel Hill, NC May 2009
- 'Transforming Armed Conflict: The Moderation of Political Violence in Four Cases,' with Catherine Warrick, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL April 2009

'Moderating Political Violence or How Groups Learn to Stop Loving the Bomb,' with Catherine Warrick, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA	<i>August 2008</i>
'Linking Women's Descriptive and Substantive Representation in the American States,' with Laura Langbein, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL	<i>April 2008</i>
'In Search of Women's Policy,' with Laura Langbein, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA	<i>August 2006</i>
'The Impact of Women's Organizations on Policy in the US States,' Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL	<i>21 April 2006</i>
'Deconstructing Women's Policy in the US States,' with Laura Langbein, Women & Political Leadership Research Conference, Women & Politics Institute, American University	<i>8 April 2006</i>
'Sheer Numbers,' with Karen Beckwith, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA	<i>29 Aug. 2003</i>
'Presidential Leadership of Mass Public Opinion: Presidential Inaugural Addresses from 1896-2000,' with Quentin Kidd, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA	<i>28 Aug. 2003</i>
'Women in Peace Building in Northern Ireland: The Effects of Gender in the New Legislative Assembly,' ESRC Seminar, "Women in Parliament: Influencing Change?," Centre for the Advancement of Women in Politics, Queen's University, Belfast	<i>27 Oct. 2001</i>
'Women Waging Peace: The Effects of Gender in the New Legislative Assembly in Northern Ireland,' American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA	<i>31 Aug. 2001</i>
'Gender, Power and Peace,' Ireland in America Conference, Caspersen School of Graduate Studies, Drew University, Madison, NJ	<i>13 March 2001</i>
'The Ghost of Good Friday Past: The Belfast Agreement One Year On,' with David Cowell, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA	<i>5 Sept. 1999</i>
'The Party Faithful: Religious Mobilization and Political Conflict,' International Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC	<i>16 Feb. 1999</i>
'Northern Ireland and the European Convention on Human Rights: The Evolution of Consensus,' with David Cowell, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA	<i>6 Sept. 1998</i>
'Changing Options for Minority Groups in the Post-Westphalian System,' with David Cowell, International Studies Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN	<i>19 March 1998</i>
'Dilemmas in Peace-Making: The Anglo-Irish Conflict,' Capital Area Association of Peace Studies Conference, Washington, DC	<i>21 Feb. 1998</i>
<u>CONFERENCE SERVICE</u>	
Invited Participant, 'Professional Advancement through Narrative,' National Science Foundation, Washington, DC	<i>October 2017</i>
Discussant, 'Examining Female Leadership,' European Conference on Politics and Gender, Lausanne, Switzerland	<i>June 2017</i>
Chair, 'Gendered Activism: Protest, Collective Action, and Good Governance,' American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA	<i>August 2016</i>
Invited Panelist, 'Perspectives on Politics: Gender, Politics and Political Science,' American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC	<i>August 2014</i>
Discussant, 'Comparative Party Development,' Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL	<i>April 2013</i>
Discussant, 'Social Change, Political Transitions, and Women's Empowerment,' European Conference on Politics and Gender, Barcelona, Spain	<i>March 2013</i>

Chair, 'Women in Office, Political Representation, and Linking Representatives and Constituents,' European Conference on Politics and Gender, Barcelona, Spain	March 2013
Discussant, 'Do Men and Women Act Differently on Legislatures?' Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL	April 2010
Discussant, Research Methods section, APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, MD	February 2009
Discussant and Chair, 'Comparative Perspectives on Women's Substantive Representation,' Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL	April 2008
Panelist, 'Religion and Politics,' Women in International Security Annual Conference, Washington, DC	June 2007
Discussant, 'Gendered Politics Around the World,' Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL	20 April 2006
Participant, 'Frontiers of Women and Political Research Miniconference' of the Women & Politics section, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC	Aug. 2005
Discussant, "Reshaping the British State: Institutions, Identities, and Policies since Devolution," American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA	29 Aug. 2002
Invited Participant, 'Women Waging Peace,' International Research Symposium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	10-12 Nov. 2000

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board: *Politics & Gender* 2010-2014

Manuscript Referee: *American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Journal of British Studies, Journal of Political Science Education, Journal of Politics, Journal of Women, Politics and Public Policy, Latin American Political Studies, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Studies, Politics & Policy, Politics & Gender, Political Research Quarterly, Women, Politics and Public Policy, Women & Politics* 2000-present

Committee Membership

American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference Committee Member 2014-15

Best Paper in Women and Politics Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Women & Politics section 2007

Membership in Professional Organizations and Honor Societies

- American Political Science Association, Women & Politics Research section, Comparative Politics section, British Politics Group 1991-present
- International Studies Association 1998-present
- Midwest Political Science Association 2005-present
- Pi Sigma Alpha 2002-present

University Service

- Chair, Government Department Assessment and Learning Committee, American University 2012-present
- Founder and Faculty Advisor, *Clocks and Clouds*, undergraduate public affairs research journal, American University 2011-present
- Member, SPA Term Faculty Affairs Committee 2017-present
- Member, Senate Committee on Learning Assessment, Faculty Senate, American University 2012-present
- Coordinator, Departmental Honors Program, American University 2008-2017
- Chair, Senate Committee on Learning Assessment, Faculty Senate, American University 2015-2017
- Member, Dean's Advisory Council, School of Public Affairs 2015-2017
- Member, Ad-Hoc Term Faculty Policy Committee, Faculty Senate, American University 2012-2016
- Member, Director of Leadership Program Search Committee, American University 2015
- Member, Middle States Reaccreditation Committee, American University 2012-2014

- Member, General Education Policy Committee, American University 2012-2013
- Member, Educational Policy Committee, School of Public Affairs, American University 2010-2012
- Member, Ann Ferren Teaching Conference Planning Committee, American University 2008-2012
- Member, Political Theory Search Committee, Dept. of Govt, American University 2011-2012
- Member, Academic Integrity Code and Grievance Committee, American University 2008-2009
- Faculty Advisor, Juggling Club, American University 2007-2008
- Faculty Advisor, Democracy for America student club, American University 2007-2008
- Chair of the Christopher Newport University Campus International Study and Work Abroad Committee of the Virginia Tidewater Consortium 2005-2006
- Member Presidential Taskforce on Curriculum and Academic Culture, Christopher Newport University 2001-2003
- Member Faculty Peer-Review Committee, Andrew Velkey, Steven Breese, Christopher Newport University 2002-2003
- Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations Society, International Relations Organization (Christopher Newport University) 2001-2004
- Member, Political Theory Search Committee, Dept. of Govt, American University 1992-1993, 1994-1995, 1995-1996

AWARDS

- Outstanding Teaching in a Full-time Appointment, Term Faculty, School of Public Affairs 2018
- Teaching with Research Award, American University, Center for Teaching, Research and Learning 2016
- Outstanding Service, School of Public Affairs, American University 2013-2014
- Outstanding Teaching in Political Science, American Political Science Association 2012
- Outstanding Teaching in the Honors Program, School of Public Affairs, American University 2011-2012
- Outstanding Teaching in a Full-Time Appointment, School of Public Affairs, American University 2008-2009
- Nominated Professor of the Year, Christopher Newport University 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04
- Faculty Student Life Award, St. Mary's College of Maryland 2000-2001
- Outstanding Teaching in the General Education Program, School of Public Affairs, American University 1999-2000

GRANTS AND ACADEMIC HONORS

- Swiss National Science Foundation, International Short Visit Award, 'Niche Political Parties and Contagion: Women's Political Parties in Switzerland and their Effect on Women's Representation' 2015
- School of Public Affairs, Scholars Award, 'Are Women's Political Parties a Good Idea? Considering the Impact of the Women's Movement Choice to Hybridize in Several Swiss Cantons,' with Sonja Walti, American University 2013-2014
- Carrie Chapman Catt Prize, Carrie Chapman Catt Center at Iowa State University 2013
- Faculty Research Award, 'Explaining the Emergence of Women's Political Parties,' American University 2012-2013
- Faculty Research Award, 'Diffusing Notions of Gender Equality and Human Rights across Parties: The Impact of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition on its Competitors,' American University 2009-2010
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Summer Stipend Award, Development of Model United Nations Course, Christopher Newport University 2003
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, American University 1996-1997
- Milton Greenberg Scholarship, American University 1993-1994
- Dean's Scholar Award, American University 1991-1993

- Graduate Fellowship, American University

1991-1994

COURSES TAUGHT**Comparative Politics**

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (as a general education course, as an honors seminar and with a lab component)
- Dynamics of Political Change (upper-level comparative politics of revolutions)
- Post-Industrial Societies (upper-level)
- Women in Comparative Politics (upper-level)
- Politics of Peace in Northern Ireland (upper-level)
- Politics & Political Contestation (Ph.D. course in comparative politics of dissent and opposition)
- Education about Contentious Topics: Teaching about the Civil Rights Movement in Northern Ireland (1 credit, honors research course)
- Women's Movements/Women's Parties: Collective Strategies for Improving Women's Representation (1 credit, honors research course)
- Waiting in the Wings: Women's Units of Political Parties (1 credit, honors research course)
- Gender Quotas for Corporate Boards (1 credit, honors research course)
- No Spring without Flowers: Women in the Arab Spring (4 week honors module)
- Where do You Stand? Human Rights and the International System (4 week honors module)
- AU Scholars Lab (1 credit, honors experiential learning supplement to the Intro to Comparative)

American Politics

- Politics in the U.S. (introduction to American government) [incl. as an honors seminar]
- How Washington Works (introduction to American government for international students)

Political Theory

- Individual Freedom vs. Authority (introduction to political theory)
- Introduction to Politics

International Relations

- International Organizations (upper-level)
- US Foreign Policy (upper-level)
- International Relations Theory and World Issues (upper-level)

Research

- Introduction to Political Research
- Honors Senior Seminar Sequence (year-long course to support students writing capstones in political science)

Teaching

- Seminar for Teaching Assistants