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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Political Science, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, MN (2011-present)
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, MN (2005-2011)
Instructor, Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2003-2005)

EDUCATION

Ph. D., Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2005)
Dissertation Title: "Selling Arguments: Religious Interest Group Strategy and Success in Mediated Political Deliberation" *Committee:* Bryan D. Jones, Mark A. Smith, W. Lance Bennett, Anthony Gill
Fields: American Politics, Political Communication, Public Policy

M.A., Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2001)
Thesis Title: "The Invisible Left in the World of Christian Politics: Comparing Christian Conservative and Liberal Interest Groups"
Fields: American Politics, Public Policy

BA, Political Science and Sociology, Linfield College, McMinnville, OR, *Magna Cum Laude* (1999)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American Politics	Political Communication	Women and Politics
Religion and Politics	Public Policy	Political Institutions
Interest Groups	Civic Engagement	Campaigns and Elections

COURSES TAUGHT

U.S. Government and Politics (POL 110)
Analyzing Politics (POL 200)
Public Policy (POL 220)
Politics and Media (POL 244)
U.S. Congress (POL 312)
The American President (POL 318)
Interest Groups in American Politics (Senior Seminar) (POL 344)
Fast Food and Society (First Term Seminar) (FTS 100)
Hawaii, Beyond Tourism (January Term) (NDL 100)
Inauguration Politics: Washington, DC (January Term) (POL 111)
The Politics of Same-Sex Marriage (January Term) (POL 202)

PUBLICATIONS

Interfaith Advocacy: The Role of Religious Coalitions in the Political Process. (2013) Routledge Press.

"Interfaith Advocacy Groups in American Politics," The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices, and Politics, Stanley Brunn (Ed.). (forthcoming). Springer Press.

"Women, Religion, and the 2008 Presidential Elections," Religion, Race, and Barack Obama's New Democratic Pluralism, Gaston Espinosa (Ed.). (2012). Rutledge Press

"Sharing the Faith: How Religious Interest Groups Build Media Strategies," with Mikka McCracken '09, *The Journal of Communication and Religion*, Vol 34, No 2 (November 2011): 157-180.

"Adding an Integrated Library Component to an Undergraduate Research Methods Course," with Chris Gilbert (Political Science) and Julie Gilbert (Library), *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol 45, No. 1 (January 2012).

"Breaking the Chains: Constraint and the Political Rhetoric of Religious Interest Groups," *Politics and Religion*, Vol. 4, No. 2, (2011): 312-337.

"Religion and Public Policy," In Religion and Politics: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives, Amy E. Black, Douglas L. Koopman and Larycia Hawkins (Eds.), New York: Pearson Longman, 2011.

"Women, Religion, and the American Presidency," In Religion, Race, and the American Presidency, Gaston Espinosa (Ed.), Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008: 101-126. (Published as Katherine Stenger)

"Same-Sex Marriage: The Impact of Religiously-Motivated Political Action on Public Policy," Church and State Issues in America Today, Steven Jones and Ann Duncan (Eds.), Praeger Publishers, 2007: 37-74. (Published as Katherine Stenger)

"The Underrepresentation of Liberal Christians: Mobilization Strategies of Religious Interest Groups," *The Social Science Journal* 43 (2006): 391-403. (Published as Katherine Stenger)

"Forensics as Preparation for Participation in the Academic World," *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta* (Summer 1999): 13-23. (Published as Katherine Stenger)

"Male Generic Language in the Forensics Community: Definition, Usage and Harms," with Daniel Roth, *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta* (Summer 1998): 19-24. (Published as Katherine Stenger)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The Unlikely Ties That Bind: The History of Minnesota's Joint Religious Legislative Coalition." Book manuscript in progress.

"Representing Religious Voices: The Growing Prevalence of Religious Groups in Mediated Debates." Article manuscript in progress.

"One God, Many Arguments? Examining Argument Frame Diversity in Religious Group Rhetoric." Article manuscript in progress.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Teaching Research by Doing Research." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2013.

"Minnesota's Joint Religious Legislative Coalition: An Experiment in Interfaith Advocacy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, March 2011. With Jacqueline Schwerm '11 (student co-author).

"With One Voice? Religious Advocacy Groups at the State and National Level." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2010.

"Women, Religion, and the 2008 Presidential Election." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2009. With Mikka McCracken '09 and Amy Erickson '09 (student co-authors).

"Sharing the Faith: How Religious Interest Groups Build Media Strategies." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2008. With Mikka McCracken '09 (student co-author).

"Teaching U.S. Government," Workshop Co-Facilitator at the biennial meeting of Christians in Political Science. Wheaton, IL, June 2007.

"One God, Many Arguments? Examining Argument Frame Diversity in Religious Group Rhetoric." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2007. With Kathryn L. Johnson '07 (student co-author).

"Breaking the Chains? Constraint and the Political Rhetoric of Religious Interest Groups." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2006.

"Sex, Faith, and Presidential Politics: The Role of Religious Women in American Politics." Presented at the Religion and the American Presidency conference. Claremont McKenna College, CA, April 2005.

"Defining Right and Wrong: Religious Interest Groups and the Creation and Promotion of Morality-Based Arguments in Policy Debates." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2005.

"A Voice in the Wilderness: Media Coverage of Religious Groups in Political Debates." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, September 2004.

"Representing Religious Voices: Media Coverage of Religious Groups in Political Debates." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2004.

"Religious Groups as Sources: Media Coverage of Religious Groups in Political Debates." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Norfolk, VA, October 2003.

"Selling Arguments: Interest Group Strategy and Success in the Process of Issue Development." Presented at the biennial meeting of Christians in Political Science. St. Paul, MN, June 2003.

"Defining the Issue: Discovering an Alternate Indicator of Group Influence." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2003.

"Framing Charitable Choice: Interest Group Influence on Issue Evolution." Presented at the biennial Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics. Grand Rapids, MI, May 2002.

"Mobilizing Potential Members: Comparing the Christian Left and the Christian Right." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA, August 2001.

"Targeting Moms: Politics of Fragmentation in the Million Mom March." Poster session at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, August 2001.

"Selling Sexuality: The Presentation of Self in the Cammermeyer Campaign." Presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR, April 1999.

"Talking Like a Woman: Gendered Political Communication." Presented at the annual meeting of the Northwest Communication Association. Coer'd Alene, ID, April 1999.

"Recruiting Representatives of Marginalized Groups to the Russian Regional Legislatures." Presented at

the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association with Dr. Dawn Nowacki. Chicago, IL, April 1998.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- "Interfaith Advocacy in Minnesota," Partners in Education, First Lutheran Church, LeSueur, MN, April 2013
- "Interfaith Advocacy in Minnesota," Learning is Forever Adult Education Program, Rochester, MN, January 2013
- "Supporting Student Engagement with Challenging Classroom Topics," Teachers Talking, Gustavus Adolphus College, December 2012
- "Religion and the 2012 Election," Partners in Education, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Peter, MN, November 2012
- "American Politics: Dysfunctional by Design?," Partners in Education, Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale, MN, November 2012.
- "FAIR, FTS, and the First Year Experience at Gustavus," Student Life Division, Gustavus Adolphus College, October 2012.
- "Media and Politics," Learning is Forever Adult Education Program, Rochester, MN, October 2012
- "American Politics: Dysfunctional by Design?," Learning is Forever Adult Education Program, Rochester, MN, October 2012
- "Forty Years of Interfaith Advocacy," Joint Religious Legislative Coalition Banquet Keynote Speaker, St. Paul, MN, January 2011
- "Free Speech and Civility," Campus Forum on Civility, Gustavus Adolphus College, November 2010
- "With One Voice? Religious Advocacy Groups at the State and National Level," Political Science Department Friday Forum, Gustavus Adolphus College, April 2010
- "Religion in American Politics," The U.S. and the Abrahamic Faiths (Judaism, Christianity and Islam): The Public Role of Religion, Gustavus Adolphus College, October 2009
- "Research in the Social Sciences," CUR 210 The Individual and Society (Lori Carsen Kelly), Gustavus Adolphus College, October 2009
- "Religion and the 2008 Presidential Election," St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN, October 2008
- "The Political Rhetoric of Religious Interest Groups: Agenda Advancement and Frame Development," Women's Studies Explorations, Gustavus Adolphus College, March 2007 (with Kathryn L. Johnson)
- "The Politics of Immigration," ENG 126 Ethnic American Literature (Elizabeth Baer), Gustavus Adolphus College, February 2007
- "The Politics of Immigration," Continuing Education, Gustavus Adolphus College, 2006
- Chapel Homily, Gustavus Adolphus College, 3/6/06, 9/15/06, 4/13/10
- "Question 84: Immigration Reform and the Bill of Rights," Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society Banquet, Gustavus Adolphus College, 2006

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- "Summer Professional Development Seminar on Vocation, Teaching, and Learning in the Liberal Arts," Center for Vocational Reflection, Summer 2010
- "Writing and Oral Communication for Today's Student," Summer Workshop on Teaching and Learning, Gustavus Adolphus College, Summer 2009
- Presidential Classroom Volunteer Instructor, Washington, D.C., Summer 2007
- "Educating for Civic Engagement: Making Democracy an American Reality," Faculty Resource Network Summer Seminar, New York University, Summer 2007
- First Term Seminar Training Workshop, Gustavus Adolphus College, Summer 2006
- Pew *Civitas* Program in Faith and Public Affairs, Summer Scholar, Washington, D.C., Summer 2002
- Pollsters and Parishioners: Seminar on Survey Research and American Religion, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, Summer 2001

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Religion and Politics Section (Executive Committee 2008-2010)
Midwest Political Science Association
Religion and Politics Section
Harrell Rogers Graduate Student Scholarship Committee Member 2011
Christians in Political Science

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Community Service Center Fellow, Gustavus Adolphus College, 2010-2011
Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant, Gustavus Adolphus College, Summer 2010
This grant was used to support research of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, an interfaith advocacy group in Minnesota. During the summer of 2010, Jackie Schwerm ('11) and I conducted interviews with group members and leaders, conducted a content analysis of group documents and media coverage, and engaged in participant observation of the group. The data collected will be used in a book-length manuscript exploring the activities of religious advocacy groups in the political process.
Bush Teaching and Learning Mini Grant, Gustavus Adolphus College, Summer 2007
This grant was used to support research and preparation of a scholarly article on the rhetorical strategies of politically liberal and conservative religious advocacy groups. During the summer of 2007, I conducted in-depth interviews with representatives from seven religious interest groups who are directly responsible for the media strategies of their group.
Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, Gustavus Adolphus College, Summer 2007
This grant was used to support my participation as a volunteer instructor for the Presidential Classroom program in the summer of 2007. Presidential Classroom is a non-profit educational program based in Washington, D.C. that provides high school students with the opportunity to visit the nation's capital and to participate in seminars and other experiential learning opportunities. During my time at PC, I helped to facilitate a core group of 43 students (called a caucus) and led three separate discussion-based sessions of 20 students (called crossfires). I also accompanied the students on visits to various sites related to American government and history and attended seminars given by a wide array of public officials and journalists.
Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Prize. University of Washington, 2001-2002
National Council of State Legislatures / Sprint Scholarship Winner, 1999
Outstanding Senior Political Science Student, Linfield College, 1999
Howd Sociology Prize for Undergraduate Thesis, Linfield College, 1999

SERVICE

Service to Department:
Coordinated applications for Political Science Writing Award and Christenson Scholarship, 2009-2011
Co-coordinated Minnesota Gubernatorial Candidate Forum, Fall 2009
Co-organizer of the Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Spring 2010
Technology Committee, 2005-present
Faculty Co-Advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary Society, 2006-present
Model United Nations Chaperone, 2006
Academic Advisor to 15 political science majors

Service to Faculty:
Director, First Term Seminar Program, 2012-2016
Program Assessment and Development Committee, 2010-2011
Grade Appeals Board, 2009-2011
Gustavus 150 Student Life Task Force, 2009
Learning Living Communities Task Force, 2007-2008
Faculty Committee on Student Life, 2007-2009 (Chair 2008-2009)
College Judicial Board Member, 2007-2011
Presidential Scholarship Interviews, 2006-present

Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Program (formerly Women's Studies), 2005-present

Service to Students/Student Affairs:

Faculty-in-Residence for the First Year Experience, 2012-2013

Summer registration, 2008, 2010

Member of the Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students Search Committee, 2011

Member of the Counseling Center Search Committee, 2009

Member of the Service Learning Center Search Committee, 2008

Member of the High Risk Drinking Task Force, 2008-2009

Faculty Advisor to Proclaim, 2007-present

Boundary Waters Wilderness Experience Program Leader, 2006

Faculty Advisor, Community Service House, 2006-2007

Head Resident (Residential Life) Hiring Committee, 2006

Area Coordinator (Residential Life) Hiring Committee, 2007, 2010

Gustie Greeter Faculty Advisor, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Faculty Advisor to Democracy Matters, 2005-2011

Head Resident, Rundstrom Hall, 2005-2012

Server at Midnight Express, 2005-present

REFERENCES

Available upon request