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Education

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1996.
Dissertation: *Unwanted Claims: Politics, Participation, and the U.S. Welfare System*
- M.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1991.
- Certificate, Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Ohio State University, 1993.
- B.A. Government, University of Texas-Austin, 1989

Academic Positions

- Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003-present.
- Associate Professor of Government, American University, 2000-2003.
- Assistant Professor of Government, American University, 1997-2000.
- Teaching and Research Assistant, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1991-95.
- Research Assistant, Political Science, University of Tennessee, 1990.

Teaching Areas

Politics of Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy; Political Psychology, Political Behavior, and Public Opinion; Race and U.S. Politics; Research Methodologies.

Book Publications

Unwanted Claims: The Politics of Participation in the U.S. Welfare System. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press (2000, paperback 2002).

Race and the Politics of Welfare Reform. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press. (2003, co-edited with Sanford Schram and Richard Fording).

Journal Articles

“The Consequences of Public Policy for Democratic Citizenship: Bridging Policy Studies and Mass Politics.” *Perspectives on Politics*. 2(1): 1-19. (2004, with Suzanne Mettler).

“Why Do White Americans Support the Death Penalty?” *Journal of Politics*. 65(2): 397-421 (2003, with Laura Langbein and Alan Metelko).

“Setting the Terms of Relief: Explaining State Policy Choices in the Devolution Revolution.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 45(2): 378-95 (2001, with Sanford Schram, Thomas Vartanian, and Erin O’Brien).

“Success Stories: Welfare Reform, Policy Discourse, and the Politics of Research.” *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 557(September): 49-65. (2001, with Sanford Schram). Reprinted in the Finnish journal, *Tiedotustutkimus*. 2001, Issue 4: 94-108.

“Lessons of Welfare: Policy Design, Political Learning, and Political Action.” *American Political Science Review*. 93(2): 363-80 (1999).

“Welfare Application Encounters: Subordination, Satisfaction, and the Puzzle of Client Evaluations.” *Administration & Society*. 31(1): 50-94 (1999).

“The Real Value of Welfare: Why There Is No Welfare Migration.” *Politics & Society*. 27(1): 39-66 (1999, with Sanford Schram).

“Spectacular Politics, Dramatic Interpretations: Multiple Meanings in the Thomas/Hill Hearings.” *Political Communication*. 16: 285-314 (1999, with Virginia Sapiro,).

“Already Hit Bottom: General Assistance, Welfare Retrenchment, and Single Male Migration.” *American Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*. 26(2): 151-74 (1999, with Thomas Vartanian, Sanford Schram, and Jim Baumohl).

“With Good Cause: Bureaucratic Discretion and the Politics of Child Support Enforcement.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 42(4): 1133-56 (1998, with Lael Keiser).

“Making Something Out of Nothing: Welfare Reform and a New Race to the Bottom.” *Publius*. 28(3): 67-88 (1998, with Sanford Schram).

“Reading Public Opinion: The Influence of News Coverage on Perceptions of Public Sentiment.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 61(3): 431-51 (1997, with Diana Mutz).

“Partisan Divisions and Voting Decisions: U.S. Senators, Governors, and the Rise of a Divided Federal Government.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 48(2): 253-274 (1995, with David Canon).

Book Chapters

“Making Clients and Citizens: Welfare Policy as a Source of Status, Belief, and Action.” In Anne Schneider and Helen Ingram, eds. *Deserving and Entitled: Social Constructions and Public Policy*. State University of New York Press. (forthcoming).

“Introduction” In S.F. Schram, J. Soss, and R.C. Fording, eds. *Race and the Politics of Welfare Reform*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press. (2003, with Sanford Schram and Richard Fording).

“The Hard Line and the Color Line: Race, Welfare, and the Roots of Get-Tough Reform” In S.F. Schram, J. Soss, and R.C. Fording, eds. *Race and the Politics of Welfare Reform*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press. (2003, with Sanford Schram, Thomas Vartanian, and Erin O’Brien).

“Contemporary Public Opinion: Poverty and Welfare.” Entry written for Gwendolyn Mink and Alice O’Connor, eds. *Poverty and Social Welfare in America: An Encyclopedia*. ABC-CLIO (forthcoming, with Erin O’Brien).

“Success Stories: Welfare Reform, Policy Discourse, and the Politics of Research.” In R. Albelda and A. Withorn, eds. *Lost Ground: Welfare Reform, Poverty, and Beyond*. Boston, MA: South End Press. pp.57-78. (2002, reprinted from *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, with Sanford Schram).

“Making Something Out of Nothing: Welfare Reform and a New Race to the Bottom.” In Sanford Schram, ed. *Welfare Reform: A Race to the Bottom?* Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press. pp.83-104 (1999, reprinted from *Publius*, with Sanford Schram).

“Already Hit Bottom: General Assistance, Welfare Retrenchment, and Single Male Migration.” In Sanford Schram, ed. *Welfare Reform: A Race to the Bottom?* Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press. pp.111-28 (1999, reprinted from *American Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, with Thomas Vartanian, Sanford Schram, and Jim Baumohl).

Book Reviews

“*The Divided Welfare State: The Battle over Public and Private Benefits Social Benefits in the United States* by Jacob S. Hacker.” *Perspectives on Politics*. 1(4): 782-83 (2003).

“*Why Americans Hate Welfare: Race, Media, and the Politics of Antipoverty Policy* by Martin Gilens.” *American Political Science Review*. 94(4): 944-45 (2000).

Media and Research Newsletter Publications

“Welfare Policy Choices in the States: Does the Hard Line Follow the Color Line?” *Focus*.23(1): 9-15 (2004, with Sanford F. Schram, Thomas P. Vartanian, and Erin O’Brien).

“Has Welfare Reform Reduced Poverty?” published by *Women’s Enews*, August 1, 2001, as “New Report Sows Confusion About Welfare, Poverty” and by *The Chicago Tribune*, August 8, 2001, as “Report Clouds Welfare, Poverty Picture” (with Sanford Schram)

Works in Progress

“Putting Sanctions into Practice: Devolution, Implementation, and Local Variation in the Florida TANF Program.” A large multi-method study of sanction implementation, currently in its early stages (with Richard Fording and Sanford F. Schram).

“Making the Politics of Poverty and Inequality: How Public Policies Are Reshaping American Democracy.” Conference sponsored by the Institute for Research on Poverty, April 21-22, 2005, to be published as an edited volume (with Jacob Hacker and Suzanne Mettler).

“The Implicit Politics of Welfare Reform: Racial Bias and the Mainsprings of Opinion Mobilization.” Revised version of material presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004.

“Race, Sex, and the Roots of Welfare Opinion: The ‘Welfare Queen’ Revisited” Revised version of material presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004. (with Danielle LeClair)

“Talking Our Way to Meaningful Explanations: In-Depth Interviews for Interpretive Research” Chapter for an edited volume on Interpretive Methodologies, edited by Dvora Yanow and Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, under contract with M.E. Sharpe.

“The Political Roots of Disability Claims: How State Environments and Policies Shape Citizen Demands.” (with Lael Keiser).

“Policy Design and the Pursuit of Civic Incorporation.” Paper for the National Poverty Center’s edited volume on *Race, Immigration, and Poverty*, edited by David R. Harris and Ann Chih Lin (with Ann Chih Lin).

“Policy Discourse and Public Management: How Therapeutic Frames Organize the Politics of Administration.” (with Ann Chih Lin).

Honors & Awards

American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science, 2002.

American University Outstanding Teacher Award (campus-wide), 2002.

American University School of Public Affairs Outstanding Teacher Award, 2002.

American University Elmer Plischke Award for Outstanding Research in Political Science, 2002.

Selected for the Executive Council of the Public Administration Caucus for the Midwest Political Science Association, 2002-2003.

Nominated for the Robert H. Durr Award for the best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem in political science, 2001 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (paper co-authored with Lael Keiser).

American University School of Public Affairs Outstanding Teacher Award, 1998.

American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science, 1998.

American University School of Public Affairs Outstanding Teacher Award, 1997.

Dissertation nominated by the Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, for the American Political Science Association’s Harold Lasswell Award for the top dissertation in the field of Public Policy, 1997.

Dissertation nominated by the Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, for the American Political Science Association's E.E. Schattschneider Award for the top dissertation in the field of American Politics, 1996.

University of Wisconsin-Madison Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Paper by a Graduate Student, 1992-93.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science, Teaching Assistant Mentor Award, 1992, 1993.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science, Teaching Assistant Excellence Award, 1992.

University of Texas-Austin, National Merit Scholarship, 1985-1989.

Selected Conference Papers

"Beyond Representation: Policy Feedback and the Political Construction of Citizenship." Paper prepared for the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2003 (with Suzanne Mettler).

"Policy Discourse and Public Management: How Therapeutic Frames Organize the Politics of Administration." Paper presented at the Workshop on the Empirical Study of Governance, Management, and Performance, College Station, TX, February 2002 (with Ann Chih Lin).

"The Racial Basis of Welfare Reform." Paper presented at the 2001 Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, DC.

"Why Do White Americans Support the Death Penalty?" Paper presented at the 2001 meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. (with Laura Langbein and Alan Metelko).

"The Political Roots of Disability Claims: How State Environments and Policies Shape Citizen Demands." Paper presented at the 2001 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2001 (with Lael Keiser), nominated for the Robert H. Durr Award.

"Setting the Terms of Relief: Political Explanations for State Policy Choices in the Devolution Revolution." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2000 (with, Sanford Schram, Tom Vartanian, and Erin O'Brien).

"Spoiled Identity and Collective Action: Political Consequences of Welfare Stigma" Paper delivered at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology.

"Challenged Bureaucracies: Disability Determinations and the Politics of Administrative Appeals." Paper delivered at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. (with Lael R. Keiser).

"Social Processes and Political Demands: Welfare Claiming as a Collective Accomplishment" Paper delivered at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL (April, 1998).

“The Real Value of Welfare: Why There Is No Welfare Migration.” Paper delivered at the conference, “Welfare Reform: A Race to the Bottom?” Washington, D.C.: Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars (with Sanford Schram, March, 1998).

“With Good Cause: Bureaucratic Discretion and Child Support Enforcement.” Paper delivered at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. (with Lael Keiser, April, 1997).

“What’s the Issue? Evaluations of Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill.” delivered at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL (with Virginia Sapiro, April, 1995).

“The Political Construction of Welfare Citizenship: Reconceptualizing Welfare Seeking as Political Participation.” Paper delivered at the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. New York, NY (September, 1994).

“Reading Public Opinion: The Influence of News Coverage on Perceptions of Public Sentiment.” Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL (with Diana C. Mutz, April, 1994).

“Partisan Divisions and Voting Decisions: U.S. Senators, Governors, and the Rise of a Divided Federal Government.” Paper delivered at the 89th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C. (with David T. Canon, September, 1993).

“Social Influences on Political Attitudes: The Role of Imagined Communities.” Paper delivered at the 89th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C. (with Diana C. Mutz, September, 1993).

Invited Lectures & Public Speaking

“Welfare Claiming through a Political Lens” Invited Presentation at the Workshop on Public Policy, Choice, and Program Participation. Institute on Inequality and Social Structures, University of Washington, January 2004.

“The Color of Capital Punishment: Racial Context, Racial Prejudice, and the Dynamics of White Support for the Death Penalty.” Invited Presentation for the Institute for Research on Poverty Speaker Series, UW-Madison, December 2003.

“Making Clients and Citizens” Invited Presentation for the Politics, Culture, and Society Seminar Series, UW-Madison, April 2003.

“Race and the Politics of Welfare Reform” Invited Presentation to the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr College, January 2003.

“Policy Feedback and the Construction of Citizenship” Invited Presentation to the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, November 2003

“Economic Inequity, Democratic Participation, and Political Empowerment.” Invited Presentation to Demos USA, New York, NY, April 2002.

“Race and Welfare in the United States.” Invited Presentation to The Coalition on Human Needs, Welfare Advocates Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2002.

“Research Methods in Graduate Education.” Invited Presentation to the NASPA national conference on core competencies in Ph.D. education. Washington, DC, 1999.

Service to the Profession

Editorial Board: *Women & Politics*

Executive Council: Public Administration Caucus, Midwest Political Science Association, 2002-2003.

Manuscript Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *Law & Society Review*, *Governance*, *Milbank Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Women & Politics*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Publius*.

Invited Member: Urban Institute’s Technical Work Group, Welfare Reform Evaluation, Fall 2000.

Technical Advisor, Social Scientists’ *amicus* brief in *Saenz v. Roe*. (U.S. Supreme Court), 1997

Conference-Related Service

Discussant, “Policy Organizations and Social Policy,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 2003.

Discussant, “The Future of Welfare Reform” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003.

Chair, “Race, Welfare, and the Politics of Reform” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2001.

Chair and Discussant, “The Importance of Public Opinion” First Annual Graduate Research Day, School of Public Affairs, American University.

Chair and Discussant, “Surveying Advances in Survey Research Methodology.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2000.

Discussant, “Innovative Research in Public Administration,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1998.

Chair, “Public Opinion,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 1997.

Discussant, “The New Politics of Social Policy,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 1997.

Membership in Professional Organizations: American Political Science Association (1990-present), International Society for Political Psychology (1992-present), Midwest Political Science Association (1993-present).

Union Steward: Teaching Assistants Association, University of Wisconsin, 1991-93.