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Academic Interests

American Political Institutions, Politics of the Policymaking Process, Bureaucratic Politics, Regulation, Interest Groups, and Public Management

Appointments and Education

Assistant Professor: University of Wisconsin at Madison (July 2007-present).

Units: La Follette School of Public Affairs and Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor: University of Southern California (July 2005-June 2007).

Unit: School of Policy, Planning, and Development

Postdoctoral Fellow: University of Michigan (August 2003-June 2005).

Unit: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research

Ph.D., Political Science: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (May 2003).

Dissertation: An Agent, But An Agent of Whom? Organized Interests and the U.S. Bureaucracy

M.A., Political Science: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (May 2000).

Thesis: Punctuating the Agenda Across Time: Strategic Scheduling by Congressional Leaders

B.A., Business Administration: Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (May 1997). *Summa cum laude.*

Peer Reviewed Publications

Yackee, Jason Webb and Susan Webb Yackee. "Is Agency Rulemaking 'Ossified'? Testing Congressional, Presidential, and Judicial Procedural Constraints." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, Forthcoming. [Winner of the 2008 Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar(s) at the Midwest Political Science Conference.]

Christine Kelleher Palus and Susan Webb Yackee. 2009. "A Political Consequence of Contracting: Organized Interests and State Agency Decision-Making." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, Vol. 19: 579-602.

Yackee, Susan Webb. 2009. "Private Conflict and the Public Will: The Influence of Interest Group Conflict on State Medical Malpractice Policies." *Policy Studies Journal*, Vol. 37: 213-231.

Naughton, Keith, Celeste Schmid, Susan Webb Yackee, and Xueyong Zhan. 2009. "Understanding Commenter Influence During Agency Rule Development." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Vol. 28: 258-277.

Peer Reviewed Publications (Continued)

Yackee, Jason Webb and Susan Webb Yackee. 2009. "Divided Government and U.S. Federal Rulemaking." *Regulation and Governance*, Vol. 3: 128-144.

McKay, Amy and Susan Webb Yackee. 2007. "Interest Group Competition on Federal Agency Rules." *American Politics Research*, Vol. 35: 336-357. [Reprinted in the *La Follette Policy Report*, Winter 2008.]

Yackee, Susan Webb. 2006. "Assessing Inter-Institutional Attention to and Influence on Government Regulations." *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 36: 723-744.

Yackee, Jason Webb and Susan Webb Yackee. 2006. "A Bias toward Business? Assessing Interest Group Influence on the Bureaucracy." *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 68: 128-139.

Yackee, Susan Webb. 2006. "Sweet-Talking the Fourth Branch: Assessing the Influence of Interest Group Comments on Federal Agency Rulemaking." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, Vol. 26: 103-124.

Kelleher, Christine A. and Susan Webb Yackee. 2006. "Who's Whispering in Your Ear? The Influence of Third Parties Over State Agency Decisions." *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 59: 629-643.

Yackee, Susan Webb and David Lowery. 2005. "Understanding Public Support for the U.S. Bureaucracy: A Macro Politics View." *Public Management Review*, Vol. 7: 515-536. [Winner of the 2005 Best Article Award from *Public Management Review*.]

Cho, Chung-Lae, Christine A. Kelleher, Deil S. Wright, and Susan Webb Yackee. 2005. "Translating National Policy Objectives into Local Achievements Across Multiple Planes of Governance and Among Multiple Actors: Second-Order Devolution and Welfare Reform Implementation." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, Vol. 15: 31-54.

Kelleher, Christine A. and Susan Webb Yackee. 2004. "An Empirical Assessment of Devolution's Policy Impact." *Policy Studies Journal*, Vol. 32: 253-270.

Yackee, Susan Webb. 2003. "Punctuating the Congressional Agenda: Strategic Scheduling by House and Senate Leaders." *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 56: 139-149.

McAtee, Andrea, Susan Webb Yackee, and David Lowery. 2003. "Reexamining the Dynamic Model of Divided Partisan Government." *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 65: 477-490.

Other Publications

Yackee, Susan Webb. Book Review of *Teaching, Tasks, and Trust* by John Brehm and Scott Gates, New York City, NY, Russell Sage Foundation. Review in *Public Management Review*, Forthcoming.

Yackee, Jason Webb and Susan Webb Yackee. 2009. "Is the Bush Bureaucracy Any Different? A Macro-Empirical Examination of Notice and Comment Rulemaking under '43'" in *President George W. Bush's Influence Over Bureaucracy and Policy: Extraordinary Times, Extraordinary Powers*. Editors: Colin Provost and Paul Teske. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, Pg. 41-59.

Kelleher, Christine A. and Susan Webb Yackee, Editors. 2002. *Meeting Challenges: North Carolina Responds to Welfare Reform, 1996-2001*. Chapel Hill, North Carolina: The School of Government Press.

Kelleher, Christine A. and Susan Webb Yackee. 2002. "Second-Order Devolution: A Focus on the Opinions of County-Level Officials." *Policy Currents*, Vol. 11: 1-10.

Research in Progress

Palus, Christine Kelleher and Susan Webb Yackee. "Learning from Experience? Second-Order Policy Devolution and Government Responsiveness." Article submitted to a journal.

Yackee, Susan Webb. "The Hidden Politics of Regulation: Interest Group Influence During Rule Development." Article in process.

Ratkovic, Marc, Jason Webb Yackee and Susan Webb Yackee. "Politically-Induced Regulatory Uncertainty?" Article in process.

Palus, Christine Kelleher and Susan Webb Yackee. "The Agent as Principal? Explaining the Policy Influence of Agency Leadership in the American States." Research in process.

Cavari, Amnon, Jason Webb Yackee, and Susan Webb Yackee. "Judicial Interference with Regulatory Policymaking, 1950 to 1990." Research in process.

Funded Research and Awards

External Awards

APSA's Paul Volcker Endowment Junior Scholar Research Grant, American Political Science Association's Public Administration Section (2008), \$3,000.

MPSA's Emerging Scholar Award, Midwest Political Science Association's Best Paper by Emerging Scholar(s) at the 2007 Meeting (Presented in 2008) "Is Agency Rulemaking 'Ossified'? Testing Congressional, Presidential, and Judicial Procedural Constraints" with Jason Webb Yackee.

APSA's Emerging Scholar Award, American Political Science Association's Political Parties and Organizations Section (2007).

Smith Richardson Foundation Fellowship, *Domestic Public Policy Fellow* (2006-2007), \$60,000.

Best Article Award, *Public Management Review* (2005) "Understanding Public Support for the U.S. Bureaucracy: A Macro Politics View" with David Lowery.

H.B. Earhart Foundation Grant, *Research Fellowship* (2002-2003), \$16,500.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship (1997), \$30,000.

Internal Awards

UW's Fall Competition Research Grant (2009-10) with Jason Webb Yackee, \$36,000.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Course Development Grant (2009), awarded to generate new health policy content within an undergraduate policy process course, \$5,000.

UW's Engage Teaching Award (2008-09), awarded to enhance collaborative group projects in the classroom via new technologies, with Karen Holden, \$1,500.

UW's Fall Competition Research Grant (2008-09), \$31,000.

Centennial Award for Outstanding Research at UNC-CH (2003) with Christine Kelleher.

Professional Experience

Project Director and Co-Project Director (September 1998-May 2003)

Tracking County Responses to Welfare Reform Project, Odum Institute at UNC-CH

Management Analyst (June 1999-August 1999)

U.S. Department of Education, Washington DC

Legislative Research Assistant (May 1997-August 1998) and **Casework Assistant** (June 1996-August 1996)

U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan, Washington DC and Fargo ND

Presentations

Palus, Christine Kelleher and Susan Webb Yackee. "The Agent as Principal? Explaining the Policy Influence of Agency Leadership in the American States." To be presented at the Public Management Research Conference, Columbus, OH, October 2009.

Ratkovic, Marc, Jason Webb Yackee and Susan Webb Yackee. "Politically-Induced Regulatory Uncertainty?" Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2009.

Yackee, Susan Webb. "The Hidden Politics of Regulation." Versions at the UW American Politics Workshop, March 2008, and the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2008.

Kelleher, Christine A. and Susan Webb Yackee. "A Political Consequence of Contracting: Organized Interests and State Agency Decision-Making." Versions at the Public Management Research Conference, Tuscan, AZ, October 2007, the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2006, the American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. September 2006, and USC's SPPD Research Seminar, Los Angeles, CA. September 2006.

Yackee, Susan Webb, Keith Naughton, Celeste Schmid, and Xueyong Zhan. "Conditions, Credentials, and Consequences: Assessing Interest Group Influence on Federal Agency Rulemaking." American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. September 2007.

Yackee, Jason Webb and Susan Webb Yackee. "Is the Bush Bureaucracy Any Different? A Macro-Empirical Examination of Notice and Comment Rulemaking." Politics and Policy Making in the Bush Administration's Federal Bureaucracy Conference at Oxford University, Oxford, England. June 2007.

Yackee, Jason Webb and Susan Webb Yackee. "Is Agency Rulemaking 'Ossified'? Testing Congressional, Presidential, and Judicial Procedural Constraints from 1983 to 2006." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2007.

Kelleher, Christine A. and Susan Webb Yackee. "Devolution and Government Responsiveness." Versions presented at the Public Management Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA. September 2005, and the American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. September 2004.

Yackee, Susan Webb. "Coalitions in Conflict: Competing Interests in State Medical Malpractice Laws." Versions at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2005, the State Politics and Policy Conference, Lansing, MI. May 2005, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Conference, Aspen, CO. June 2005.

Yackee, Jason Webb and Susan Webb Yackee. "Strength in Numbers? Assessing Equality of Participant Influence in the Informal Rulemaking Process." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2004.

McKay, Amy and Susan Webb Yackee. "Does the Squeaky Wheel Get the Grease? Interest Group Influence on the Bureaucracy." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2004.

Yackee, Susan Webb and David Lowery. "Understanding Public Support for the U.S. Bureaucracy: A Macro Politics View." American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. August 2003.

Yackee, Susan Webb. "Political Control or Agency Capture? Measuring Bureaucratic Responsiveness in Policy Implementation." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2003.

Cho, Chung-Lea, Christine A. Kelleher, Deil S. Wright, and Susan Webb Yackee. "Second-Order Devolution and the Implementation of Welfare Reform Objectives." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2003.

Kelleher, Christine A. and Susan Webb Yackee. "Social Services Agencies Respond to Welfare Reform: An Analysis of Punctuated Change." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2002.

Kelleher, Christine A. and Susan Webb Yackee. "Devolution as a Policy Solution? Towards a New Theory of Policy Change." American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 2001.

McAtee, Andrea, Susan Webb Yackee, and David Lowery. "Reexamining the Dynamic Model of Divided Partisan Government." American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 2001.

Webb, Susan Kaye. "Using Deadlines to Push Party Policies: A Power of Congressional Leaders." Versions at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2001 and the Southern Political Science Association Conference, Savannah, GA. November 1999.

Kelleher, Christine A., Susan Kaye Webb, and Deil S. Wright. "Patterns of Perspectives on Second-Order Devolution: County Officials and County-State Relations in North Carolina." South Eastern Conference on Public Administration, Greensboro, NC. October 2000.

Webb, Susan Kaye and Jennifer J. Hora. "State-Level Bureaucrats and the Federal Grant Making Process: Addicted or Pleasure Users." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2000.

Other Information

- **Member:** American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Public Management Research Association, and Association of Public Policy and Management.
- **Reviewer for Academic Journals, Book Publishers, and Foundations:** American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Political Research Quarterly, Regulation and Governance, State and Local Government Review, Administration & Society, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organizations, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Public Management Review, American Politics Research, Texas A&M University Press, TESS-Temporary Experiments in the Social Sciences, Smith Richardson Foundation, and National Science Foundation.
- **Notable External Service:** APSA's Political Parties and Organizations Section's Committee to select the 2008 Emerging Scholar; APSA's State Politics and Policy Section's Executive Council, 2008-2010; Chair of APSA's State Politics and Policy Section's Committee to select the 2008 best papers, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory's (JPART) Board of Editors, 2009-2012; Midwest Public Administration Caucus's 2010 Herbert Simon Award Selection Committee.