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EDUCATION

Ph.D, Political Science, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, Expected Spring 2010
Concentrations: American Politics and Research Methods
Dissertation: *Neither Force Nor Will: A Theory of Judicial Power*
Committee: Georg Vanberg (co-chair), Kevin T. McGuire (co-chair), Virginia Gray,
James A. Stimson, Karen O'Connor

M.A., Political Science, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, 2007

B.A., Political Science, American University, 2005
Summa Cum Laude
University Honors in Political Science
Certificate in Advanced Leadership Studies
Certificate in Women, Policy, and Political Leadership

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

“Judging Alone: Reflections on the Importance of Women on the Court.” *Gender & Politics* (Forthcoming, 2010) (With Karen O'Connor)

“Full Court Press: An Examination of Media Coverage of State Supreme Courts.” *Justice System Journal* (Forthcoming, 2009)

“The Chilly Climate Continues: Defrosting the Gender Divide in Political Science and Politics.” *Journal of Political Science Education* 5 (2009): 108-118. (With Karen O'Connor)

“Where Have all the Pro-Choice Groups Gone?: An Analysis of Organized Interests in Supreme Court Reproductive Rights Litigation.” *Law & Policy* 29 (2007): 368-379. (With Karen O'Connor)

BOOKS

Essentials of American Government: Roots and Reform, 2009 Edition. New York: Longman, 2009. (With Karen O'Connor and Larry J. Sabato)

Essentials of American and Texas Government: Roots and Reform, 2009 Edition. New York: Longman, 2009. (With Karen O'Connor, Larry J. Sabato, Stefan Haag, and Gary Keith)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Interest Groups and the Court.” In Burdett A. Loomis, ed. *Guide to Interest Groups*. Washington, DC: CQ Press. Forthcoming. (With Karen O'Connor)
- “Litigating for Social Change: The Role of Women’s Groups in Advancing Women’s Rights,” In Lois Duke Whitaker, ed. *Women in Politics: Insiders or Outsiders?* New York: Longman. Forthcoming. (With Karen O'Connor)
- “Women Judges as Political Leaders.” In Karen O'Connor, ed. *The Women’s Leadership Handbook*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Press. Forthcoming.
- “Women as Leaders in Social Movements.” In Karen O'Connor, ed. *The Women’s Leadership Handbook*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Press. Forthcoming. (With Karen O'Connor)
- “Lesbian Women as Leaders.” In Karen O'Connor, ed. *The Women’s Leadership Handbook*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Press. Forthcoming. (With Karen O'Connor)
- “Where Have All the Interest Groups Gone? An Analysis of Interest Group Participation in Presidential Nominations to the Supreme Court of the United States.” In Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A. Loomis, eds. *Interest Group Politics*, 7th ed. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2007, pp. 340-365. (With Karen O'Connor and Linda Mancillas Patterson)
- “Til Death—Or the Supreme Court—Do Us Part: Litigating Gay Marriage.” In Craig Rimmerman and Clyde Wilcox, eds. *The Politics of Same-Sex Marriage*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007, 291-311. (With Karen O'Connor)
- “Women and Political Leadership.” In George Goethals, Georgia Sorenson, and James MacGregor Burns, eds. *The Encyclopedia of Leadership*. New York: Sage, 2004, 1664-1670. (With Karen O'Connor)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Advanced Placement Study Guide to Accompany American Government: Roots and Reform*. New York: Longman, 2009. (co-authored)
- Test Bank to Accompany American Government: Roots and Reform*, 2009 Edition. New York: Longman, 2009. (co-authored)
- Power Points to Accompany American Government: Roots and Reform*, 2009 Edition. New York: Longman, 2009.

Power Points to Accompany Texas Government: Roots and Reform, 2009 Edition.
New York: Longman, 2009.

Power Points to Accompany American and Texas Government: Roots and Reform, 2009 Edition. New York: Longman, 2009.

Power Points to Accompany Essentials of American Government: Continuity and Change, 2009 Edition. New York: Longman, 2009.

Power Points to Accompany Essentials of American and Texas Government: Continuity and Change, 2009 Edition. New York: Longman, 2009.

Citizenship Test for MyPoliSci Lab. New York: Longman, 2009.

Pearson Education American Government Open Access Web site. New York: Pearson, 2009. (Includes multiple choice questions, true/false questions, essay questions, and web links for 29 topics on American and Texas government.)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Judiciary as Agenda Setter: Explaining Interest Group Participation in the Courts.”
Paper prepared for the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association,
Toronto, ON, September 3-6.

“Only the Strong Survive: A Theory of Interest Group Climate Change.” Paper
prepared for delivery at the 2009 State Politics and Policy Conference, Chapel Hill, NC, May
22-23. (With Adam S. Chamberlain)

“Full Court Press: An Examination of Media Coverage of State Supreme Courts.” Paper
prepared for delivery at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science
Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15.

“Targeting the Median Justice: A Content Analysis of Legal Arguments and Judicial
Opinions.” Paper prepared for delivery at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political
Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 4-7. (With Kevin T. McGuire and Georg
Vanberg)

“Reconsidering the Participation of Organized Interests as Amicus Curiae in State Supreme
Court Litigation.” Paper prepared for delivery at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 4-7.

“Covering the Courts: A View from the States.” Paper prepared for delivery at the 2006 Annual
Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-
September 3.

“Gay Marriage and the Courts.” Paper prepared for delivery at the 2006 Annual Meeting of
the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, January 5-7. (With Karen
O’Connor)

“Where Have all the Pro-Choice Groups Gone?: An Analysis of Organized Interests in Supreme Court Abortion Litigation.” Paper prepared for delivery at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 6-8. (With Karen O’Connor)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Targeting the Median Justice: A Content Analysis of Legal Arguments and Judicial Opinions.” (With Kevin T. McGuire and Georg Vanberg)

“Mind the Gap: Notes on Political Science Education in Community Colleges.” Under review. (With Karen O’Connor and Jon L. Weakley)

“Only the Strong Survive: A Theory of Interest Group Climate Change.” (With Adam S. Chamberlain)

American Government: Roots and Reform, 2011 Edition. New York: Longman. (With Karen O’Connor and Larry J. Sabato)

American and Texas Government: Roots and Reform, 2011 Edition. New York: Longman. (With Karen O’Connor and Larry J. Sabato)

Essentials of American Government: Roots and Reform, 2011 Edition. New York: Longman. (With Karen O’Connor and Larry J. Sabato)

Essentials of American and Texas Government: Roots and Reform, 2011 Edition. New York: Longman. (With Karen O’Connor and Larry J. Sabato)

TEACHING

Instructor

Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics, Carolina Courses Online
Fall 2009 (25 students)

Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
Spring 2009 (45 students)
Fall 2008 (34 students)

Graduate Research Assistant

Pressure and Power, Fall 2009 (16 first-year students in an Interest Groups)

Recitation Leader

Introduction to State and Local Politics, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
Thomas Carsey, Spring 2007 (3 sections of approximately 20 students, plus 2 additional sections for six weeks while a colleague was on leave)
Virginia Gray, Fall 2007 (3 sections of approximately 20 students)
Virginia Gray, Spring 2007 (3 sections of approximately 20 students)

Thomas Carsey, Fall 2006 (3 sections of approximately 20 students)

Teaching Assistant

Politics in the U.S., American University

David Lublin, Spring 2004 (125 students)

Karen O'Connor, Fall 2003 (20 honors students)

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2009

Thomas M. Uhlman Competitive Summer Research Fellowship, 2009

Marian Irish Award for the Best Paper Presented on Women and Politics at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2007

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2007

The Chancellor's List, 2006

University of North Carolina American Politics Research Group Summer Stipend, 2006 and 2007

Q. Whitfield Ayres Fellowship for the Study of Liberty and Markets in the Department of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2005-2006 (Full tuition and stipend)

American University Award for Outstanding Scholarship at the Undergraduate Level, 2005

American University School of Public Affairs Award for Outstanding Scholarship at the Undergraduate Level, 2005

Outstanding Paper in Women & Politics, Women & Politics Institute, 2004

Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society, 2004

Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, 2004

Golden Key National Honor Society, 2003

American University School of Public Affairs Dean's List, 2001-2005

National Dean's List, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, 2002

Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society for First Year Students, 2002

American University Honors Program, 2001-2005

American University Presidential Scholarship, 2001-2005 (Full tuition)

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, 2001-2005

FIELDS OF INTEREST

American Politics

Judicial politics, public law, interest groups, women and politics, state and local politics, media and politics

Research Methodology

Undergraduate research methods, scope and methods of the discipline

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Managing Editor, *Women & Politics*, 2004

Research Assistant

Professor Andrew Reynolds, Spring/Summer 2009
Professor Cecilia Martinez Gallardo, Spring 2008
Professor Graeme Robertson, Fall 2007
Professor Kevin McGuire, Summer 2006
Professors Brian Schaffner and Maryann Barakso, Summer 2005
Professor Karen O'Connor, 2001 to 2005

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Women's Caucus for Political Science, South

REFERENCES

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