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Curriculum Vitae**

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Education and Professional History

Education

2004 Ph.D., Political Science, Indiana University
1998 B.A., Political Science, Loyola University (New Orleans, LA), *magna cum laude*

Academic Positions

2007-present Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa
2004-2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Bridgewater State College (MA)

Honors and Awards

2008 Old Gold Fellowship, University of Iowa (\$6000)
2010 Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates Summer Fellowship (\$2500)
2007-2011 Travel Funding, Department of Political Science
2011 Travel Funding, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
2012-2013 Dean's Scholar, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Scholarship

Publications or Creative Works

a. Refereed

Book

Osborn, Tracy. 2012. *How Women Represent Women: Political Parties, Representation, and Gender in the State Legislatures*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Articles

Osborn, Tracy, and Jeanette Mendez. 2011. "Two Become One? Spouses and Agreement in Political Opinions." *American Politics Research* 39(5): 783-803.

Mendez, Jeanette, and Tracy Osborn. 2010. "Gender and the Perception of Knowledge in Political Discussion." *Political Research Quarterly* 63(2): 269-79.

Osborn, Tracy, Scott McClurg and Benjamin Knoll. 2010. "Voter Mobilization and the Obama Victory." *American Politics Research* 38(2): 211-232.

Osborn, Tracy, and Jeanette Mendez. 2010. "Speaking as Women: Women and the Use of Floor Speeches in Congress." *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy* 31(1): 1-21.

Clark, Jennifer Hayes, Tracy Osborn, Jonathan Winburn, and Gerald Wright. 2009. "Representation in America's Legislatures: The Acquisition and Analysis of State Legislative Roll Call Data." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 9(3): 356-70.

Gerrity, Jessica, Tracy Osborn, and Jeanette Mendez. 2007. "Women and Representation: A Different View of the District." *Politics & Gender*. June 3(2): 179-200.

Huckfeldt, Robert, Jeanette Morehouse Mendez, and Tracy Osborn. 2004. "Disagreement, Ambivalence, and Engagement: The Political Consequences of Heterogeneous Networks." *Political Psychology* 25(1): 65-95.

Book Chapter

Huckfeldt, Robert, Jeanette Morehouse Mendez, and Tracy Osborn. 2004. "Heterogeneous Networks and Citizen Capacity: Disagreement, Ambivalence, and Engagement," Chapter 8 in Robert Huckfeldt, Paul E. Johnson and John Sprague, *The Persistence of Political Disagreement among Citizens: How Disagreement Survives within Communication Networks*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

b. Non-refereed

Solicited review. *Where Women Run: Gender and Party in the American States* (University of Michigan Press, 2006), Kira Sanbonmatsu. *Perspectives on Politics* 5(1): 177-8.

Solicited review. *Hillary Clinton's Race for the White House: Gender Politics and the Media on the Campaign Trail* (Lynne Reiner Press, 2011), Regina Lawrence and Melody Rose. *Perspectives on Politics*, Forthcoming 2012.

Grants Funded

a. Internal

2011 Department of Political Science Summer Small Grant (\$2400)

2011 Social Science Funding Program Grant, "Women's Issues and Political Party Change in the State Legislatures" (\$19,445)

Recent Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

2012

“Liberalism in Roll Call Voting among Women State Legislators.” With Cassie Cumings-Peterson and Rebecca Kreitzer. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (January).

“Liberalism in Roll Call Voting among Women State Legislators.” With Cassie Cumings-Peterson and Rebecca Kreitzer. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference, Houston, TX (upcoming, February).

“The Gridlock Interval, Legislative Preemption, and Initiative Use in the American States.” With Fred Boehmke and Emily Schilling. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR (upcoming, March).

“Political Parties and Women’s Issues: The Case of the Washington State Legislature.” With Cassie Cumings-Peterson. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (upcoming, April).

“Political Parties and Women’s Issues: The Case of the Washington State Legislature.” With Cassie Cumings-Peterson. Paper to be presented at the inaugural meeting of the European Consortium for Political Research Standing Group on Parliaments, Dublin, Ireland (upcoming, June).

2011

“Racialized Institutions and Electoral Constraint: When and Where Does Descriptive Representation Matter?” with Rene Rocha and Natasha Altema. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (September).

“Initiative Use and the Recruitment of State Legislative Candidates.” With Fred Boehmke. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (September).

“Polarization in Roll Call Voting among Women State Legislators.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).

2010

“Racialized Institutions and Electoral Constraint: When and Where Does Descriptive Representation Matter?” with Rene Rocha. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference, Springfield, IL (June).

“Political Discussion Patterns among Spouses.” With Jeanette Mendez. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).

“Electoral Change, Term Limits, and Women’s Representation in the State Legislatures.” With Jessica Gerrity and Jeanette Mendez. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).

“Direct Democracy’s Effect on the Political Participation of Women.” With Fred Boehmke. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).

“Direct Democracy and the Mobilization of Women Voters.” With Fred Boehmke and Alicia Mundy. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (April).

“Pursuing a Women’s Agenda in the State Legislatures.” Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. March 26.

(for conferences prior to 2010, please contact)

Manuscripts in Progress

“The Role of Gender in Evaluations of and Support for Hillary Clinton’s Candidacy in the 2008 Nomination Contest.” (with David Redlawsk and Allison Hamilton).

“Direct Democracy and the Mobilization of Women Voters.” (with Frederick Boehmke).

“The Initiative Process and the Election of Women in the States.” (with Frederick Boehmke).

“Patterns of Representation in the American States.” (with Gerald Wright and Jonathan Winburn).

“Dimensions of Comparability: The Influence of Institutional Structure on Roll Rates in the States.” (with Gerald Wright, Jonathan Winburn, and Jennifer Hayes Clark).

“Electoral Change, Term Limits, and Women’s Representation in the State Legislatures” (with Jessica Gerrity and Jeanette Mendez). Under review.

“Racialized Institutions and Electoral Constraint: When and Where Does Descriptive Representation Matter?” (with Rene Rocha and Natasha Altema).

“Polarization in Roll Call Voting among Women State Legislators.” (with Cassie Cumings-Peterson and Rebecca Kreitzer)

Service

Profession

- a. Professional Reviews
American Journal of Political Science (x2); *Journal of Politics*; *American Politics Research* (x2); *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics and Gender*; *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (x2); *Congress and the Presidency*; *Journal of Legislative Studies*; *Political Behavior*; *Social Science Quarterly*; Congressional Quarterly Press; Routledge Press
- b. Grant Reviews
National Science Foundation
- c. Editorial Board Service
State Politics and Policy Quarterly (March 2011-present)
- d. Other service in professional organizations

Chair/Discussant:

Midwest Political Science Association: 2012 (upcoming), 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006
American Political Science Association: 2011, 2009
State Politics and Policy Conference: 2012 (upcoming), 2010
Southern Political Science Association: 2012

Roundtable Panelist:

Midwest Political Science Association: 2009, 2008, 2006

Short Course Panelist:

American Political Science Association, 2011

Memberships

- a) American Political Science Association (1999-present)
 - 2006-present: member, Women and Politics, Legislative Studies, State Politics and Policy, Political Networks Sections
 - 2011-2013: Treasurer, Legislative Studies Section
 - 2011-2012: President-Elect, National Women's Caucus
 - 2011-2012: Member, Women and Politics Best Dissertation Committee
 - 2012-2013: Member, State Politics and Policy Book Award Committee
- b) Midwest Political Science Association (2000-present)
 - 2010: Program Chair, Midwest Women's Caucus
 - 2009-2010: President, Midwest Women's Caucus
 - 2008-2009: President-Elect, Midwest Women's Caucus
 - 2006-2008: Treasurer, Midwest Women's Caucus
- c) Southern Political Science Association (2001-2004; 2010-present)
 - 2011-2012: Program Chair, Legislative Politics
- d) Western Political Science Association (2010-present)

Department

Contentious Politics Search Committee, Fall 2011
Executive Committee, Fall 2009-Spring 2010
Graduate Committee, Fall 2008-Spring 2010
Fundraising Committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2009

University

Chair, "Women and Political Discourse," University of Iowa Public Policy Center, Symposium on Political Discourse, September 2011.

Panelist, "Women in Iowa Politics," University of Iowa Law School, Symposium on Women in Iowa Law and Politics, March 2012

Community

Reviewer for Project Vote Smart (www.vote-smart.org) "Key Votes" Identification, 2007-present

Member, Board of Directors, Domestic Violence Intervention Program of Iowa, January 2012-present

Presentation, "Women in American Politics," Marengo County (Iowa) Public Library, August 2010

Presentation, "The Most-Asked Questions in Women and Politics," Linn County Legal Support Professionals, January 2009

Guest on "The Exchange," Iowa Public Radio, on why Iowa has yet to elect a woman to Congress, November 8, 2008

Interviews related to the Iowa Caucus/2008 Election, October 2007-October 2008, with Campaigns and Elections, Reuters, The Houston Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, Lowell Sun, Chicago Tribune, The Observer (UK), Shanghai Evening Post (China), Al-Ahrem Weekly (Egypt), Iowa City Press-Citizen, Daily Iowan

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