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Academic Appointments

Professor of Political Science, Appalachian State University, 2022–present.

Affiliate Faculty of Gender, Women’s, and Sexuality Studies, Appalachian State University, 2016–present.

Associate Professor of Political Science, Appalachian State University, 2018–2022.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Appalachian State University, 2012–2018.

Education

Ph.D., Stony Brook University, Political Science, 2012.

M.A., University of Georgia, Political Science, 2007.

A.B., Georgetown University, Government and Women’s Studies, 2004.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Farris, Emily M., Ellen M. Key, and Jane L. Sumner. Forthcoming. “‘Wow, I Didn’t Know These Options Existed’: Understanding Tenure-Track Start-Up Packages.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

Kraft, Patrick, Ellen M. Key, and Matthew Lebo. 2022. “Hypothesis Testing with Error Correction Models.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 10(4): 870-878.

Rivero, Albert, Ellen M. Key, and Jeffrey Segal. 2022. “Invisible Constitutions: Concurring Opinions and Plurality Judgments under *Marks v. United States*.” *Justice System Journal* 43(3): 323-338.

Donovan, Kathleen M., Paul Kellstedt, Ellen M. Key, and Matthew J. Lebo. 2020. “Motivated Reasoning, Public Opinion, and Presidential Approval.” *Political Behavior* 42(4): 1201-1221.

Ondercin, Heather L. and Ellen M. Key. 2020. “Women’s Political Involvement in the 100 Years since the 19th Amendment.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 53(3): 465-469.

Key, Ellen M. and Jane L. Sumner. 2019. “You Research Like a Girl: Gendered Research Agendas and Their Implications.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 52(4): 663-668.

Moyer, Laura and Ellen M. Key. 2018. “Political Opportunism, Position Taking, and Court-Curbing Legislation.” *Justice System Journal*.

Alvarez, R. Michael, Ellen M. Key and Lucas Núñez. 2018. “Research Replication: Practical Considerations.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 51(2): 422-426.

Key, Ellen M. and Kathleen Donovan. 2017. “The Political Economy: Political Determinants of the Macroeconomy.” *Political Behavior* 39(3): 763-786.

Eskridge, Robert and Ellen M. Key. 2017. “Elements of Trust in Municipal Government.” in *Social Capital in Mexico and the United States: Reflections and Research*. Jose Luis Sergio Sosa-Gonzales and Carrie Blanchard Bush eds. Puebla, Mexico: BUAP Printing Press.

Carson, Jamie, Ellen M. Key, Gregory Koger, and Matthew J. Lebo. 2017. “The Electoral Costs of Party Loyalty in the House and Senate.” in *Strategic Party Government* by Matthew Lebo and Gregory Koger. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Bush, Carrie Blanchard, Ellen M. Key, and Robert Eskridge. 2016. “Assessing the Impact of City Manager Ideology on Local Expenditures.” *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management*. 28(2): 196-221.

Key, Ellen M. 2016. “How Are We Doing? Data Access and Replication in Political Science.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 49(2): 268-272.

Other Publications

Lebo, Matthew and Ellen Key. 2022. “Can Americans be Shielded from the U.S. Supreme Court?” *The Conversation* 7/4/2022.

<https://theconversation.com/can-americans-be-shielded-from-the-u-s-supreme-court-186084>

- Republished in the *National Post* 7/5/2022. <https://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/can-americans-be-shielded-from-the-u-s-supreme-court>

Key, Ellen M. 2020. “Constitutional Disfunction on Trial: Congressional Lawsuits and The Separation of Power”, by Jasmine Farrier. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2019. 188pp. Hardcover: \$115.00. ISBN: 1-501-702505. Paper \$29.95. ISBN: 1-501-74710-X.” *Law and Politics Book Review* 30(8): 128 - 131.

Key, Ellen M. and Phillip J. Ardoin. 2019. ”Students Rate Male Instructors More Highly Than Female Instructors. We Tried to Counter That Hidden Bias.” *Washington Post* 8/20/2019.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/08/20/students-rate-male-instructors-more-highly-than-female-instructors-we-tried-counter-that-hidden-bias/>.

Key, Ellen M. and Matthew J. Lebo. 2015. “Political Science, Time Series, and Pooled Cross-Sectional Time Series Analysis.” *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition.

Key, Ellen M. and Matthew J. Lebo. 2012. “Time Series Software: Stata 12 versus RATS 8.” *The Political Methodologist* 20(1): 8-9.

Invited Presentations

“You Research Like a Girl.” McMaster University, Canada, 2023.

“*Roe v. Wade* in 2022.” University of Innsbruck, Austria, 2022.

“Rate My Professor: The Determinants of Student Evaluations of Teaching.” Appalachian State Council of Chairs, 2021.

“Rate My Professor: The Determinants of Student Evaluations of Teaching.” Appalachian State University Academic Assessment Council, 2020.

“You Research Like a Girl: Gendered Research Agendas and Their Implications.” St. Norbert College, 2020.

“Motivated Reasoning, Public Opinion, and Presidential Approval.” University of Minnesota, 2019.

“You Research Like a Girl: Gendered Research Agendas and Their Implications.” GWS Distinguished Lecture Series, Appalachian State University, 2018.

“The Political Economy: Political Determinants of the Macroeconomy.” Ohio State University, 2014.

“The Politics of Abortion.” Stony Brook University, 2010.

“Introduction to Teaching Political Science.” University of Georgia, 2006.

Invited Workshops

“Economics and Politics Revisited.” Executive Approval Project, June 2021.

“Economics and Politics Revisited.” Executive Approval Project, January 2021.

Honors, Awards, and Grants

Recognized as Most Helpful Faculty and Staff, 2019-2020.

BRIDGES Academic Leadership for Women, Class of 2019.

Inducted into College of Arts and Sciences Academy of Outstanding Teachers, 2019.

Recognized as Most Helpful Faculty and Staff, 2018-2019.

Student and Faculty Excellence Fund Grant \$2000 (with Kevin Mullinix), 2017.

Pre-Law Advisors National Council Conference Scholarship, 2016.

Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award, 2016.

Visions in Methodology Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2015; 2019.

Undergraduate Research Award: Kyle McMakin; Daniel Wentworth; Lola Benfield; Felicity Kornegay; Josie Maines.

Political Methodology Summer Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2011; 2013; 2014; 2016; 2017.

Milton Lodge Award for Graduate Student with Outstanding Potential, Stony Brook University, 2011.

Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Award, Stony Brook University, 2011.

Presidential Fellowship, Stony Brook University, 2007-2010.

Graduate Dean's Fellowship for Professional Activities Award, Stony Brook University, 2009.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia, 2007.

Selected Conference Presentations

“Democracy Labs: How To Teach Polarizing Issues in Introduction to American Politics.” (with Joseph Anthony and Emily Farris). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2023.

“The Costs of Doing Research.” (with Emily Farris and Jane Sumner). Annual Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, July 2021.

“Presidential Approval in the United States.” (with Kathleen Donovan, Paul Kellstedt, and Matthew Lebo). Economics and Politics Revisited, June 2021.

“Presidential Approval in the United States: Does Anything Matter Anymore?” (with Kathleen Donovan, Paul Kellstedt, and Matthew Lebo). Economics and Politics Revisited: Government Popularity in Europe in the 21st Century, January 2021.

“Rate my Professor: The Determinants of Student Evaluations of Teaching.” (with Phillip Ardoin). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2021.

“Bench Trials in Felony Cases: A Viable Alternative to Jury Trials in an Era of Expediency?” (with Marian Williams). Annual Meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Nashville, TN September 2019.

“Gender Bias in Teaching Evaluations: Can Recognizing Biases Serve as a Step in Addressing Them?” (with Phillip Ardoin). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX January 2019.

“Scandals, Presidential Approval, and Motivated Reasoning” (with Scott Basinger). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2018.

“You Research Like a Girl: Gendered Research Agendas and their Implications” (with Jane Lawrence Sumner). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2017.

“Has Polarization Killed the Study of Presidential Approval?” (with Kathleen Donovan, Paul Kellstedt, and Matthew Lebo). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA September 2016.

“Why’s Everybody Always Picking on Me?’ Court Curbing Legislation and the Ninth Circuit” (with Laura Moyer). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2016.

“Dynamic Economic Voting: Partisanship and Polarization.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR January 2016.

“Raising your Professional Profile: A Roundtable on Networking and Professional Development for Women in the Discipline.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR January 2016.

“Dynamic Economic Voting: What Makes the Economy Matter?” Visions in Methodology, Lexington, KY May 2015.

“Roundtable on Women in Methodology: Challenges and Solutions.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2015.

“The Effects of Party Unity in Primary Elections.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2014.

“Separation of Powers, Pivotal Players, and Judicial Review: An Examination of When and How the Supreme Court Invalidates Federal Laws” (with Naser Javaid and Andrew O’Geen). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2013.

“The Dynamic Relationship Between Media Sentiment and Presidential Approval.” Annual Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, Chapel Hill, NC July 2012.

“The Causes and Consequences of Instability in Consumer Sentiment.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2012.

Teaching Experience

Appalachian State University

American National Government and Politics

Judicial Process

Issues in Judicial Politics

Law and Politics

Judicial Decision-Making

Constitutional Law

The Washington Experience

Washington at Work

Politics of Sport

Law and Society

Law, Power, and Equity

Political Science Capstone

Research Methods and Statistics, *Graduate level*

Foundations of American Politics, *Graduate level*

Stony Brook University, Instructor of Record

Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
Introduction to American Government

Stony Brook University, Teaching Assistant

Research Methods in Sociology
Political Economy: Government and Market Failures
Intermediate Statistics for Public Policy, *Graduate level*

University of Georgia, Teaching Assistant

Introduction to American Government

Teaching Workshops

University of Colorado Law School's Mini Law School, Fall 2018.
Road to Online, Spring 2018.

Student Mentorship and Thesis Direction

Appalachian State University

Director, Department Honors Thesis: Caleb Osborne, 2022.

Director, Department Honors Thesis: Paige Skinner, 2021.

Director, Department Honors Thesis: Abby Hord, 2019.

Director, Department Honors Thesis: Mallory Block, 2018.

– Published in Fall 2018 edition of *The Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics*

Director, Department Honors Thesis: Ryan Doval, 2018.

Director, University Honors Thesis: Aaron Walker, 2016.

– Published in Spring 2017 edition of *Ramapo Journal of Law & Society*

Second Reader, University Honors Thesis: Timothy Sasser, 2016.

Second Reader, University Honors Thesis: Kyle McMakin, 2016.

Second Reader, University Honors Thesis: Ayako Nakano, 2016.

Director, Departmental Honors Thesis: Courtney Bradway, 2014.

Director, Departmental Honors Thesis: Emily Oswald, 2014

Second Reader, Departmental Honors Thesis: Magdalene Blunk, 2014

Stony Brook University

Faculty Mentor, New York Redistricting Project Competition, 2011.

Advisor, Intel Talent Search, 2010.

Professional Activities

Conference Co-Organizer

SPSA 2018, SPSA Women Conference-within-a-Conference

SPSA 2017, SPSA Women Conference-within-a-Conference
SPSA 2016, SPSA Women Conference-within-a-Conference

Panel Chair

SPSA 2021, “Innovating Teaching and Student Outcomes”
APSA 2019, “Mentoring: Challenges and Strategies in the Contemporary University”
SPSA 2018, “Mentoring Across Genders”
SPSA 2017, “Roundtable on Academic Self-Promotion: Problems and Strategies”
APSA 2011, “Health, Law, and Policy”

Discussant

SPSA 2021, “Gender and Campaigns”
SPSA 2019, “Inclusion and Diversity in Academia: Bias and Student Teaching Evaluations”
PolMeth 2014, “Text Analysis”
MSPA 2014, “Street Fighting Man: Candidates in Elections”

Other Activity

Member, *PS: Political Science and Politics* Editorial Board, 2020–present.
Member, APSA Law & Courts Section Teaching and Mentoring Award Committee, 2023.
Member, APSA Law & Courts Section Lasting Contribution Award Committee, 2022.
Member, Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting Program Committee, 2020.
Co-editor, *PS* Symposium on the 19th Amendment, 2020.
Co-organizer, APSA Short Course: #MeTooPoliSci, 2018.
Member, Erika Fairchild Award Committee, 2017.
President, Southern Political Science Association Women’s Caucus, 2017.
Vice President, Southern Political Science Association Women’s Caucus, 2016.
Secretary, Southern Political Science Association Women’s Caucus, 2015.