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Education

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

Dissertation: “The Political Economy: Political Determinants of the Macroeconomy”

Examination Fields: American Politics, Methodology, Political Economy

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Matthew Lebo, Dr. Jeffrey Segal, Dr. Helmut Norpoth, Dr. Janet Box-Steffensmeier

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

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

Academic Appointments

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

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

Research and Teaching Interests

Public Opinion, Voting Behavior, and American Elections

Political Institutions and Judicial Politics

Political Methodology and Time Series

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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

Alvarez, R. Michael, **Ellen M. Key**, and Lucas Núñez. Forthcoming. “Research Replication: Practical Considerations.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

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.

Editor-Reviewed Publications

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.

Papers Under Review and Working Papers

"You Research Like a Girl: Gendered Research Agendas and Their Implications" with Jane Lawrence Sumner (Under review at *American Political Science Review*)

"Motivated Reasoning, Public Opinion, and Presidential Approval" with Kathleen Donovan, Paul Kellstedt, and Matthew Lebo (Manuscript in preparation for the *Oxford Handbook of Behavioral Political Science*)

"Unpopular Decisions and 'So-Called' Judges: Attacking the Courts and Perceptions of Legitimacy" with Kevin Mullinix. (In preparation for submission)

"Has Polarization Killed the Study of Presidential Approval?" with Kathleen Donovan, Paul Kellstedt, and Matthew Lebo (Working paper)

"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. (Working Paper)

"Scandals, Presidential Approval, and Motivated Reasoning" with Scott Basinger. (Data collection and analysis)

"Family Ties: An Agent-Based Model of Academic Genealogy in Political Science" with Jane Lawrence Sumner. (Data collection and analysis)

"The Effects of Gender on Argument Evaluation" with Kevin Mullinix. (Data collection and analysis)

Invited Presentations

"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.

Honors, Awards, and Grants

Political Methodology Summer Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2017.

Political Methodology Summer Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2016.

Pre-Law Advisors National Council Conference Scholarship , 2016.

Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award, 2016.

Undergraduate Research Award: Lola Benfield 2016.

Nominated for College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Advisor Award, 2015-2016.

Visions in Methodology Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2015.

Nominated for College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Advisor Award, 2014-2015.

Political Methodology Summer Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2014.

Undergraduate Research Award: Daniel Wentworth, 2014.

Undergraduate Research Award: Kyle McMakin, 2014.

Political Methodology Summer Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2013.

Political Methodology Summer Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2011.

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.

Conference Presentations

“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.

“The Political Economy: Political Determinants of the Macroeconomy.” Annual Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, Princeton, NJ July 2011.

“Approval Gaps and Partisan Polarization in the American Electorate, 1968–2008” (with Matthew Lebo, Heather Ondercin, and Christopher Weber). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2011.

“The Effect of Politics and Public Opinion on Consumer Behavior.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2011.

“The Dynamic Relationship Between Media Sentiment and Presidential Approval.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2011.

“The Politics of Scandal” (with Jeffrey Segal and Charles Cameron). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC September 2010.

“Large Scale Online Text Analysis Using Lydia” (with Leonie Huddy, Matthew Lebo, and Steve Skiena). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC September 2010.

“The *Marks v. United States* Narrowest Grounds Holding: Is it as Flawed Empirically as it is Doctrinally?” (with Jeffrey Segal). Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL May 2010.

“Pink Slips and Policy Preferences: An Examination of the Effects of Changes in the Unemployment Rate on Labor Cases.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2010.

“The Impact of Diplomatic and Economic Intervention on Repression after Civil War” (with Cynthia McMeekin). Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA February 2010.

“How Low Can You Go? Modeling the Amount of Negative Advertisements in Campaigns” (with Wendy Gross). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2009.

“A New Twist: Negative Campaigning and Split-Ticket Voting in Congressional and Gubernatorial Elections” (with Wendy Gross). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA August 2008.

“Fail to the Chief: The Effect of Failed Presidential Primary Bids on Congressional Re-Election Campaigns” (with Elizabeth Coggins and Cynthia McMeekin). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2008.

“State vs. Local Influences on Turnout and Rolloff in an Open Primary” (with Arnold Fleischmann and Damon Cann). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL September 2007.

“A New Game in Town: Rules Changes and Voting in an Open Primary” (with Arnold Fleischmann and Damon Cann). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2007.

“Problem-Solving Courts: Patterns and Effectiveness” (with Brian Levey, John Newton, and Wendy Gross). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2007.

“Framing the Public Debate: Gays and Lesbians vs. Homosexuals” (with Adam Fowler and Brian Levey). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA September 2006.

Teaching Experience

Appalachian State University

American National Government and Politics

Judicial Process

Law and Politics

Judicial Decision-Making

Constitutional Law

The Washington Experience

Washington at Work

Politics of Sport

Law and Society

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

Student Mentorship and Thesis Direction

Appalachian State University

Director, Department Honors Thesis: Mallory Block, 2018.

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 Oswalt, 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

APSA 2011, “Health, Law, and Policy”

SPSA 2017, “Roundtable on Academic Self-Promotion: Problems and Strategies”

Discussant

PolMeth 2014, “Text Analysis”

MSPA 2014, “Street Fighting Man: Candidates in Elections”

Ad Hoc Reviewer

American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science; Political Analysis; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; PS: Political Science and Politics; Social Science Quarterly

Other Activity

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
Co-Founder, Women in Time Series group

University and Departmental Service

Appalachian State University

Faculty Co-Advisor: Phi Alpha Delta, 2017-present
Facilitator, Student/Faculty Exchange, Fall 2017.
Coordinator, Law School Mock Admission Session, 2016
Coordinator, Law School Fair, Fall 2016.
Participant, Faculty Fireside Chat, Fall 2016.
Facilitator, Student/Faculty Exchange, Fall 2016.
Faculty Advisor: Turning Point USA, 2015-present
Faculty Co-Advisor: Pi Sigma Alpha, 2016-2017.
Coordinator, Law School Admissions Workshop, 2015
University Representative, DC State Authorization Workshop, 2014.
Coordinator, Law School Forum, Spring/Fall 2014.

Department of Government and Justice Studies

Member, Department Personnel Committee (DPC), 2016–2017.
Author: Law School Student Survey, 2017
Member, Edward Allan and David Sutton Scholarship Committee, 2016.
Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2016.
Member, Department Personnel Committee (DPC), 2015–2016.
Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2015.
Member, Pre-Professional Legal Studies Search Committee, 2015.
Member, Political Science Search Committee, 2015.
Member, Department Personnel Committee (DPC), 2014–2015
Member, Edward Allan and David Sutton Scholarship Committee, 2014.
Member, Political Science VAP Search Committee, 2014.
Member, Political Science Search Committee, 2014.
Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2014.
Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2013.
Member, Political Science VAP Search Committee, 2013.
Undergraduate Student Advisor, GJS Department, 2013-present.
Member, Political Science Curriculum Committee, 2012-present.
Member, Pre-Professional Legal Studies Curriculum Committee, 2012-present.

References

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