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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

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

Affiliate Faculty of Gender, Women’s, and Sexuality Studies, Appalachian State University, 2016–2018.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Appalachian State University, 2012–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**. 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 Attitudes and Economic Behavior.” *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 *Politics & Gender*)

“Motivated Reasoning, Public Opinion, and Presidential Approval” with Kathleen Donovan, Paul Kellstedt, and Matthew Lebo (Under review for *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)

“Public Opinion and Support for FDR’s Court Packing Plan” with William Blake. (Data collection and analysis)

“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

Undergraduate Research Award: Felicity Kornegay, 2018.

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.

Undergraduate Research Award: Lola Benfield, 2016.

Visions in Methodology Meeting Fellowship, 2015.

Undergraduate Research Award: Daniel Wentworth, 2014.

Undergraduate Research Award: Kyle McMakin, 2014.

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

“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.

“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.

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 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

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

References

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