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Curriculum Vitae

Academic Appointments

Chair, Political Science Department, Washington College (2007-2008; 2009—present)
Department of Political Science

Louis L. Goldstein Professor of Public Affairs, Washington College (2012-present)
Professor of Political Science, Washington College (2012-present)
Louis L. Goldstein Associate Professor of Public Affairs, Washington College
(2009-2012)
Associate Professor of Political Science, Washington College (2006-2012)
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Washington College (2000-2006)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, American University (1999-2000)
Department of Government

Education

American University, Department of Government, Washington, DC
Ph.D. in Political Science, August 1999
M.A. in Political Science, May 1997

St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD
B.A. in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*, Class Valedictorian, May 1993

Oxford University, Keble College, Oxford, England
Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Spring Semester 1992

Friends World College, San José, Costa Rica
Spanish Language/Central American Politics Program, Summer 1990

Awards and Grants

Sabbatical, Washington College, Spring Semester 2020
Faculty Enhancement Grant, Washington College, Fall 2019
Faculty Enhancement Grant, Washington College, Fall 2018

Appointed Chair, Board of Directors, Public Religion Research Institute, (January 2015-current)

Appointed Member, Board of Directors, Public Religion Research Institute, (July 2013-current)

Faculty Enhancement Grants, Washington College, Spring 2013

Affiliated Scholar, Public Religion Research Institute, July 2012-current

Faculty Enhancement Grant, Washington College, Spring 2012

Sabbatical, Washington College, AY 2012-2013

Faculty Enhancement Grant, Washington College, Fall 2011

Alumni Membership to Phi Beta Kappa (Zeta Chapter), St. Mary's College of Maryland, Spring 2010

Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Grant to fund a Japanese-American Women Symposium's "Open Boundaries" Workshop at the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting and Washington College, in 2010; total grant: \$36,727; working with the American Political Science Association

American Political Science Association's Hubert Morken Award for *School Board Battles*, which recognizes the best book on religion and politics, Fall 2007

Christian A. Johnson Junior Faculty Leave, Spring 2005

Who's Who Among American Teachers, Spring 2004

Faculty Enhancement Grant, Washington College, Spring 2004, Spring 2003, Spring 2002, Fall 2000

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Spring 2002

Fichter Grant, for the study of women clergy and politics, Spring 2000
Association for the Sociology of Religion

Dissertation Fellowship, American University, 1997-1998

Distinction, Public Administration Comprehensive Exam

Doctoral Fellowship, American University, 1993-1996

Dean's Scholar Award, American University, 1993-1996

1993 Edythe Portz Award for Outstanding College Honors Student in Maryland

Fields of Concentration

American Politics and Government: Religion and Politics, Women and Politics, Political Behavior and Public Opinion

Publications

Books

Deckman, Melissa. 2016. *Tea Party Women: Mama Grizzlies, Grassroots Activists, and the Changing Face of the American Right*. New York: NYU Press.

Dolan, Julie, Melissa Deckman, and Michele Swers. 2021. *Women and Politics: Paths to Power and Political Influence*, 4th ed, revised (Special Election Edition). Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

2019. *Women and Politics: Paths to Power and Political Influence*, 4th ed. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

2017. *Women and Politics: Paths to Power and Political Influence*, 3rd ed, revised (Special Election Edition). Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

2015. *Women and Politics: Paths to Power and Political Influence*, 3rd ed. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

2011. *Women and Politics; Paths to Power and Political Influence*, 2nd ed. Upper Saddle River: Pearson/Prentice Hall.

2006. *Women and Politics: Paths to Power and Political Influence*. Upper Saddle River: Pearson/Prentice Hall.

Deckman, Melissa and Joseph Prud'homme, eds. 2014. *Curriculum and the Culture War: When and Where is the Bible Appropriate in Public Schools?* New York: Peter Lang Publishers.

Olson, Laura R., Sue E.S. Crawford, and Melissa M. Deckman. 2005. *Women with a Mission: Gender, Religion, and the Politics of Women Clergy*. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press.

Deckman, Melissa M. 2004. *School Board Battles: The Christian Right in Local Politics*. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Hickel, Flavio and Melissa Deckman. "Did Sexism Drive Latino Support for Trump? Latinx, Sexism, and Presidential Vote Choice." Under review at *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*.

Deckman, Melissa and Jared McDonald, "Uninspired by Old, White Guys: The Mobilizing Factor of Younger, More Diverse Candidates for Gen Z Women" Under review at *Politics & Gender*.

- Deckman, Melissa and Erin Cassese. 2021. "Gendered Nationalism and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election: How Party, Class, and Beliefs about Masculinity Shape Voting Behavior." *Politics & Gender*. 17(2): 277-300.
- McDonald, Jared and Melissa Deckman. 2021. "New Voters, New Attitudes: Re-Evaluating Theories of Race and Gender in Light of Gen Z Attitudes." *Politics, Groups and Identities*. DOI: [10.1080/21565503.2021.1962372](https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2021.1962372)
- Deckman, Melissa, Laurel Elder, Steven Greene, and Mary-Kate Lizotte. 2020 "Do Moms Demand Action on Guns? Parenthood and Gun Policy Attitudes." 2020. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*. DOI: [10.1080/17457289.2020.1862130](https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2020.1862130).
- Deckman, Melissa. 2020. "Civility, Gender, and Gendered Nationalism in the Age of Trump." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2020.1842771>
- Deckman, Melissa, Jared McDonald, Stella Rouse and Mileah Kromer. 2020. "Gender, Gen Z, and Covid-19." *Politics & Gender*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X20000434>.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2018. "Too Soft and Feminine: Masculinity and the Gender Gap in the 2016 US Presidential Election." *Journal of Gender Studies* (21): 9-32. (Published in Japan).
- Deckman, Melissa, Dan Cox, Robert Jones, and Betsy Cooper. 2017. "Faith and the Free Market: Evangelicals and Economic Policy Attitudes" *Politics & Religion*. 10(1), pp.82-110.
- Deckman, Melissa and John McTague. 2015. "Did the War on Women Work? Women, Men, and the Birth Control Mandate in the 2012 Presidential Election." *American Politics Research*. 43(1): 3-26
- Deckman, Melissa. 2014. A Gender Gap among Evangelicals? An Examination of Vote Choice by Gender and Religion in the 2008 Presidential Elections. *Journal of Women, Politics, and Public Policy*. 35(3): 199-221.
- Deckman, Melissa, Sue E.S. Crawford, and Laura Olson. 2008. "The Politics of Gay Rights: A Perspective on the Clergy." *Religion & Politics*. 1(3): 384-410.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2007. "Gender Differences in the Decision to Run for School Board." *American Politics Research*. 35(4): 541-563.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2006. "Women at the School Board Level: Ideology, Party and Policy Concerns." *Journal of Women, Politics, and Public Policy*. 28(1): 87-117.

Deckman, Melissa. 2004. "Women Running Locally: How Gender Affects School Board Elections." Article Abstract. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 36(1): 61-62. Full Article available as part of the E-Symposium "An Open Boundaries Workshop: Women and Politics in Comparative Perspective." *PSOnline*. January 2004. www.apsanet.org.

Smidt, Corwin, Sherrie Steiner-Aechelman, Sue E.S. Crawford, Melissa M. Deckman, Donald Gray, Dan Hofrenning, Laura Olson and Beau Weston. 2003. "The Political Attitudes and Activities of Mainline Protestant Clergy in the Election of 2000: A Study of Five Denominations." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 42(4): 515-532.

Deckman, Melissa M., Sue E.S. Crawford, Laura R. Olson, and John C. Green. 2003. "Clergy and the Politics of Gender: Women and Political Opportunity in Mainline Protestant Churches." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 42(4): 621-632.

Deckman, Melissa M. 2002. "Holy ABCs! How Religion Affects Attitudes About Education Policies." *Social Science Quarterly*. 83(2): 472-487.

Deckman, Melissa M. 2001. "Religion Makes the Difference: Why Christian Right Candidates Run for School Board." *Review of Religious Research*. 42(4): 349-371

Crawford, Sue E.S., Laura R. Olson, and Melissa M. Deckman. 2001. "Issue Mobilization of Professionals: The Case of Women Clergy." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. 30(2): 321-350.

Deckman, Melissa M. 1999. "School Board Elections and the Christian Right: Strategies and Tactics at the Grassroots." *American Review of Politics*. 20 (Spring & Summer): 123-140.

Ezra, Marni J. and Melissa Deckman. 1996. "Flextime and Child Care in the Federal Government." *Public Administration Review* 56(2): 174-179.

Book Chapters

Deckman, Melissa and Stella Rouse. Forthcoming. "In God 'Z' Trusts? Generation Z's Attitudes about Religion and COVID-19." In *An Epidemic on My People: Religion in the Age of COVID-19*, edited by Paul A. Djupe and Amanda Friesen. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Deckman, Melissa and Kelley Gardner (WAC '19). 2020. "Women Voters in Trump's America." In *Trump's America: Political Culture and National Identity*, edited by Liam Kennedy. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press: 107-132.

- Deckman, Melissa. 2018. "Women in the Tea Party and the GOP: A Natural Alliance?" In *The Right Women: Republican Party Activists, Candidates, and Legislators*, edited by Malliga Och and Shauna L. Shimes. Praeger/ABC-CLIO: 50-73.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2016. "Women for Trump." In *The Science of Trump: The Emergence of an Unlikely Candidate*, edited by John Sides and Henry Farrell. Amazon Digital Services.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2014. "Introduction." In *Curriculum and the Culture War: When and Where is the Bible Appropriate in Public Schools?* New York: Peter Lang Publishers.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2014. "Religious Literacy in Public Schools: Teaching the Bible in America's Classrooms." In *Curriculum and the Culture War: When and Where is the Bible Appropriate in Public Schools?* New York: Peter Lang Publishers.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2012. "Mama Grizzlies and the Tea Party." In *Steep: the Vertiginous Rise of the Tea Party*, edited by Christine Trout and Larry Rosenthal. Berkeley: University of California Press, 171-191.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2010. "Women as Leaders in Protestant Denominations." In *Handbook on Women and Leadership*, edited by Karen O'Connor. Los Angeles: Sage Publications.
- Crawford, Sue E.S., Melissa M. Deckman and Laura R. Olson. 2008. "Culture Wars, Family Wars? The Political Mobilization of Clergy on Family Issues," in *Religion and the Family: Historical, Social and Theological Dimensions*, edited by Ronald Simpkins. Omaha: Creighton University Press.
- Olson, Laura, Melissa M. Deckman and Sue E.S. Crawford. 2004. "Disciples of Christ." In *Pulpits and Politics: Clergy and the 2000 Presidential Election*, edited by Corwin Smidt. Waco: Baylor University Press.
- Crawford, Sue E.S., Melissa M. Deckman, and Christi Braun. 2001. "Gender and the Political Choices of Clergy." In *Christian Clergy In American Politics*. Eds. Sue E. S. Crawford and Laura R. Olson. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press

Invited Works

- Deckman, Melissa. 2018. "Legacy of Rediscovering the Religious Factor in American Politics." *Politics & Religion*. 11(2): 432-434.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2015. "Tips for Teaching: Getting Students Out of the Classroom and Into the Pew." *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*. 44(2).

Deckman, Melissa. 2006. "Governing with the Christian Right." *The School Administrator*. 63(9): 26-30.

Encyclopedia Entries

Deckman, Melissa M. 2003. "Christian Right School Board Candidates," "Vouchers/School Choice," "Home Schooling," and "Textbook Controversies." In Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson, eds. *The Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. New York: Facts on File.

Book Reviews

Deckman, Melissa. 2019. Review of *Raised Right: Fatherhood in Modern American Conservatism*, by Jeffrey Dudas. *Perspectives on Politics*. 17(1): 201-202.

Deckman, Melissa. 2018. Review of *From Politics to the Pews* by Michele Margolies. *The Washington Monthly*. July.

Deckman, Melissa. 2015. Review of *Mothers of Conservatism* by Michelle Nickerson. *Journal of Women, Politics, and Public Policy*. 36(1): 110-112.

Deckman Melissa. 2013. Review of *Religious Rhetoric in American Politics: The Endurance of Civil Religion in Electoral Campaigns*, by Christopher B. Chapp. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 52(3): 652-653.

Deckman, Melissa. 2013. Review of *Prophetic Activism: Progressive Religious Justice Movements in Contemporary America*, by Helene Slessarev-Jamir. *Politics & Religion*. 6(3): 695-697.

Deckman, Melissa. 2004. Review of *Marching to the Millennium: The Christian Right in American Politics*, by John C. Green, March J. Rozell and Clyde Wilcox, eds. 2003. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 43(3): 461-462.

Deckman, Melissa. 2001. Review of *Prayers in the Precincts: the Christian Right in the 1998 Elections*, by John Green, Mark Rozell, and Clyde Wilcox, eds. 1999. Washington: Georgetown University Press. *Review of Religious Research*. 42(4): 428-429.

Sample Opinion Writing and Shorter Pieces:

Kromer, Mileah and Melissa Deckman. 2020. "What College Students are Thinking about the Pandemic and How it is Impacting Their Lives." *Baltimore Sun*. July 3.

- Kromer, Mileah and Melissa Deckman. 2020. "The GOP's Gen Z Problem and Path Forward." *The Niskanen Center*. June 30. <https://www.niskanencenter.org/the-gops-gen-z-problem-and-path-forward/>.
- McDonald, Jared, Melissa Deckman, Mileah Kromer, and Anne Moses. 2020. "A Gen Z Awakening at the Ballot Box." *The Hill*. June 25.
- Rouse, Stella M. and Melissa Deckman. 2020. "Generation Z, Immigration, and the Fall Election." PRRI Spotlight. May 25. <https://tinyurl.com/ybdd21aq>
- Deckman, Melissa. 2020. "Generation Z and Religion: What New Data Show." February 10. *Religion in Public*.
- Deckman, Melissa and Mileah Kromer. 2019. "Young LGBT Americans are more politically engaged than the rest of Generation Z." *The Conversation*. June 28.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2018. "There's Never Been Better Time for Women to Run for Office." *Washington Post*. August 27.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2018. "What Women Want: Issue Priorities for Women Voters in Election 2008." *Gender Watch 2018*. August 10.
- Deckman, Melissa and Shauna Shames. 2018. "Will Young Women of Color Shape the Democratic Party." *Vox*. August 23.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2018. "Will Promoting Gender Equality Be a Winning Strategy for Women Candidates in the Midterms?" *Gender Watch 2018*. July 24.
- Cox, Dan and Melissa Deckman. 2018. "Young Women Could Redefine the Women's Vote." *FiveThirtyEight*. July 5.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2018. "Women and the Maryland Primaries." *Gender Watch 2018*. June 29.
- Deckman, Melissa and Mileah Kromer. 2018. "The Case for More Women in Public Office." *Baltimore Sun*. May 24.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2018. "#MeToo and the Midterms." *Gender Watch 2018*. May 8.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2018. "A New Poll Shows How Younger Women Could Help Drive a Democratic Wave." *Washington Post*. March 5.
- Deckman, Melissa. 2017. "How the Resist Trump Movement Could Turn into the Tea Party of the Left." March 24. *London School of Economics Blog on American Politics and Policy*

Deckman, Melissa. 2017. "Why Did Women Vote for Trump?" *Prospect UK*. February. <http://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/magazine/why-did-women-vote-for-trump>

Deckman, Melissa. 2017. "Can Pro-Life and Pro-Choice Women Find Common Ground: It's Complicated." *Washington Post*. January 20.

Cooperman, Rosalyn and Melissa Deckman. 2016. "Republican Women Poised to Play a Key Role as Messengers in the 115th Congress." *Presidential Gender Watch*. December 22.

Deckman, Melissa. 2016. "Why is Anyone Sticking with Trump? His Alpha-Male Appeal." *Washington Post*. October 14.

Deckman, Melissa. 2016. "This One Survey Shows Why Trump Supporters Won't Win Over Sanders Supporters." *Washington Post*. July 19.

Melissa Deckman and Kelly Dittmar. 2016. "Trump and Women Voters: Moving Beyond the Primaries?" *Presidential Gender Watch*. June 16.

Kelly Dittmar and Melissa Deckman. 2016. "In Hillary Clinton's Run, the 'Woman Card' Works in Surprising Ways." *Washington Post*. June 10. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/06/10/how-do-ideas-about-gender-affect-voters/>.

Deckman, Melissa. 2016. "Some Women Do Support Donald Trump. Here's Why." *Washington Post*. April 7.

Melissa Deckman. 2016. "Favorability and the 2016 Presidential Race: Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump." *PRRI.org*. March 28, 2016.

Melissa Deckman. 2016. "What Sarah Palin's Endorsement of Donald Trump May Say About Tea Party Women." *Ms. Magazine blog*. January 27.

Melissa Deckman. 2015. "Republicans Hope Carly Fiorina Will Close the Gender Gap. Here's Why She Won't." *Washington Post*. September 28.

Conferences

Papers

Deckman, Melissa and Flavio Hickel. "Evaluating the Influence of Latinx 'Machismo' on Attitudes Toward Donald Trump." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2021 (Virtual).

Deckman, Melissa, Laurel Elder, Steven Greene, and Mary-Kate Lizotte, "Do Moms Demand Action on Guns? Parenthood and Gun Policy Attitudes." Paper

- presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC, August 29-September 1, 2019
- Deckman, Melissa. "Building Each Other Up? Evangelicals' Attitudes About Civility in the Age of Trump." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC, August 29-September 1, 2019.
- Deckman, Melissa. "The Political Future is Female: Gender and Civic Engagement in Generation Z." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, April 4-6, 2019 and at the Identity Politics Conference at George Washington University, March 29, 2019.
- Deckman, Melissa, & Cassese, Erin C. Gendered nationalism and the 2016 U.S. presidential election: How party, class, and beliefs about masculinity shaped voting behavior. Paper presented at the 2018 meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association and at the 2018 meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association.
- Deckman, Melissa. "Political Civility in the Age of Trump." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Meeting in Montreal, November 2018.
- Deckman, Melissa. "Civility, Gender and Toxic Masculinity in the Age of Trump." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, August 2018.
- Deckman, Melissa. "Toxic Masculinity in the Age of Trump: How Attitudes about Gender Equality, Sex Discrimination and Masculinity Impact Political Behavior." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, April 6-8, 2018.
- Deckman, Melissa. "Faith and Gender in the Tea Party." Presentation as part of a panel on Religion and the Tea Party at the Annual Meeting of the Association of the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL. August 2015.
- Deckman, Melissa. "Mama Grizzlies and the Welfare State." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas. April 2015.
- Deckman, Melissa. "Gender Roles and the Tea Party: Are Conservative Women Feminists?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. April 2014.
- Deckman, Melissa. "A New Civic Motherhood? Placing Tea Party "Mothers" in Historical Political Context." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia. November 2013.

Deckman, Melissa. "A Gender Gap in the Tea Party? A Gendered Analysis of Tea Party Voters in the 2012 Presidential Elections." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. April 2013.

Deckman, Melissa. "Women and the Tea Party: Motherhood, Families, and the Role of Government in America." Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association to be held in New Orleans, September 2012. Meeting was cancelled due to hurricane.

Deckman, Melissa. "Mama Grizzlies and the Midterms: Women in the Tea Party." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington. September 2011.

Deckman, Melissa. "Religious Literacy in Public Schools: Teaching the Bible in America's Classrooms." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2011.

Deckman, Melissa. "A Gender Gap among Evangelicals? An Examination of Vote Choice by Gender and Religion in the 2008 Presidential Elections." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. September 2010.

Deckman, Melissa. "Evangelical Women, Obama, and the 2008 Elections." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Montreal, Canada. November 2009.

Author Meets Critic: Melissa Deckman's *School Board Battles: The Christian Right in Local Politics*. Round table discussion at the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada. September 2009.

Deckman, Melissa. "Style or Substance? An Examination of Media Coverage of Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin During the 2008 Elections." Paper presented at the Japanese and American Women's Symposium on Women and Foreign Policy, at Ochanimizou University, Tokyo, Japan, July 2009.

Deckman, Melissa. "The ABCS of Fighting AIDS Internationally." Paper presented at the Japanese/American Women's Symposium at Macalester College, August 2007.

Crawford, Sue E.S., Melissa Deckman, and Laura R. Olson. "Cleavages, Camps, and Parties: Issue Group Affiliation Dynamics." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2006.

Crawford, Sue E. S., Laura R. Olson, and Melissa M. Deckman. "Cleavages, Camps, and Parties: Political and Religious Boundaries in Clergy Advocacy."

- Paper presented at the 2004 Social Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association (SSSR/RRA) Annual Meeting, October 2004.
- Olson, Laura R., John C. Green, Sue E.S. Crawford, and Melissa M. Deckman. 2004. "The Role of Gender in the Politics of Female and Male Protestant Clergy." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April and at the Symposium on Religion and Politics, Henry Institute, Calvin College, May.
- Deckman, Melissa . 2003. "Women Running Locally: How Gender Affects School Board Elections." Paper presented at the Japanese and American Women Symposium, University of Delaware, August 24-27.
- Crawford, Sue E.S. and Melissa M. Deckman. 2003. "'Rallying the Armies of Compassion:' Examining Faith-Based Initiatives at the Local and Federal Level." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, August, 2003.
- Deckman, Melissa, Sue E.S. Crawford, Laura R. Olson, and John C. Green. 2003. "Clergy and the Politics of Gender. Women and Political Opportunity in Mainline Protestant Churches." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, April 2003.
- Crawford, Sue E.S., Melissa M. Deckman, and Laura R. Olson. 2002. "Clergy as Political Mobilizers: Does Gender Matter?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in Chicago, August and at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, September.
- "The Political Attitudes and Activities of Disciples of Christ Clergy in the Election of 2000." Paper presented with Laura Olson and Sue E.S. Crawford at the Symposium on Religion and Politics, Henry Institute, Calvin College, May 2002.
- "The Political Attitudes and Activities of Mainline Protestant Clergy in the Election of 2000: A Study of Five Denominations." Paper presented with Corwin Smidt, Sherrie Steiner-Aechelman, Sue E.S. Crawford, Donald Gray, Dan Hofrenning, Laura Olson and Beau Weston at the Symposium on Religion and Politics, Henry Institute, Calvin College, May 2002.
- "A Christian Right Takeover? Testing whether Conservative Christians are Advantaged in School Board Elections." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, April 2002

“Culture Wars, Family Wars: Clergy Mobilization on Family Politics.” Paper presented with Sue E.S. Crawford and Laura R. Olson at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, April 2002

“Taking Political Action: A Look at Disciples Clergy in the 2000 Election.” Paper presented with Laura Olson and Sue E.S. Crawford at the 2001 Social Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association (SSSR/RRA) Annual Meeting, October 2001.

“Social Theology and Political Engagement among Disciples of Christ Clergy in the Election of 2000.” Paper presented with Sue E.S. Crawford and Laura Olson at the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) Annual Meeting, August 2001.

“Discerning Voices: How Religious Traditions Affects the Political Choices of Women Clergy.” Paper presented with Laura Olson and Sue E.S. Crawford at the Midwest Political Science Association’s (MPSA) Annual Meeting, April 2001.

“Holy ABCs! How Religion Affects Attitudes About Education Policies.” Paper presented at APSA’s Annual Meeting, August 2000.

“Women as School Board Candidates.” Paper presented at MPSA’s Annual Meeting, April 2000.

“Does She Walk the Talk?” Paper presented with Sue E.S. Crawford and Laura Olson at APSA’s Annual Meeting, September 1999.

“Local Battlefields: School Boards and the Impact of Christian Right School Board Members.” Paper presented at MPSA’s Annual Meeting, April 1999.

“School Board Elections and the Christian Right: Strategies and Tactics at the Grassroots.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association’s (SPSA) Annual Meeting, October 1998.

“Issue and Action Agendas of Women Clergy in Politics.” Paper presented with Laura Olson, Sue E.S. Crawford, and Christi Braun at APSA’s Annual Meeting, September 1998. (Also presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 1998)

“Gender and the Political Choices of Clergy.” Paper presented with Sue E.S. Crawford and Christi Braun at the “Clergy in Politics: Choices and Consequences” conference held at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, July 1998.

“The Christian Right and School Board Elections.” Paper presented at SPSA’s Annual Meeting, November 1997

“The 1994 Congressional Elections and the Role of the Christian Right.” Paper presented at SPSA’s Annual Meeting, November 1995

“The Role of Religious Groups in the 1992 Maryland Abortion Referendum Campaign.” Paper presented at SPSA’s Annual Meeting, November 1994

Participation

Panelist, “Author Meets Critic: Rachel Blum, *How the Tea Party Captured the GOP: Insurgent Factions in American Politics*. Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting. April 2021. (Virtual).

Presenter, “Americans’ Attitudes about Civility and Politics.” Research Convening, National Institute for Civil Discourse, University of Arizona, Tucson. September 28-29, 2019.

Chair and Discussant, “Franken Women: The Politics of Reproductive Rights and Technology.” Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting. Chicago, April 2019

Presenter, “Masculinity and Politics in the Age of Trump.” American Political Science Association’s Short Court on Gender, Resurgent Nationalism, and Masculinist Politics in the US and Europe. August 2018.

Organizer and Panelist. “Roundtable: Religion and Values in the 2016 Elections Roundtable: A Post-Election Analysis of the Public Religion Research Institute’s American Values Survey.” Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting. Chicago, April 2017.

Panelist, “Roundtable: Gender and Politics in the 2016 Presidential Election. Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting. Chicago, April 2017.

Discussant, “The Constitutional Politics of Religion and Education in the US.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2016.

Roundtable Panelist, “Factions of the GOP: How will the Republican Party bring everyone together?” Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association. November 2015

Organizer, Panelist and Discussant. “Roundtable: Religion and Values in the 2012 Elections Roundtable: A Post-Election Analysis of the Public Religion Research Institute’s American Values Survey.” Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting. Chicago, April 2013.

Chair, "Context Matters: Understanding the Electoral Opportunities of Women."
Midwest Political Science Association's Annual Meeting. Chicago, April 2013.

Chair and Discussant, "Women State Legislators: Politics and Policy." Midwest Political
Science Association's Annual Meeting. Chicago, April 2012.

Discussant, American Political Science Short Course, "Teaching Gender and Politics:
Views from the Field." American Political Science Association's Annual
Meeting. Seattle, Washington. August 2011.

Discussant, "Religion and Political Participation." MPSA's Annual Meeting, April 2011.

Panelist and Discussant, "Gendering Research and other Research Gaps Explaining
Additional Areas of Difference Between Women." Women & Politics Institute at
American University Conference: "EnGENDERING Theories of Difference and
Commonality: Women and Political Leadership in an Era of Identity Politics."
Washington, DC. April 2008.

Section Chair, Religion and Politics Division, Southern Political Science Association's
Annual Meeting, January 2008.

Participant, Roundtable discussion on Women and Foreign Policy, American Political
Science Association's Annual Meeting. August 2007.

Chair and Discussant, Religion and US Politics Panel, Southwestern Social Science
Association's Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March 2007.

Featured presenter at Roundtable at the Southwestern Social Science Association's
Annual Meeting on my book, *School Board Battles*, Albuquerque, NM, March
2007.

Chair, Religion and American Politics Panel, SPSA's Annual Meeting, January 2004.

Chair and Discussant, Religion and American Politics Panel, SPSA's Annual Meeting,
November 1997.

Related Research

"The Use of Visiting Judges in Federal District Courts." With Jennifer Evans Marsh. A
Report Written for the Judicial Officers Resources Working Group, June 1999.

"Field Report – Road to Victory." *APSA Religion and Politics Newsletter* Fall 1996:10.

Guest Lectures/Appearances

Invited Speaker, Women in Wednesdays Series. "Politics and Priorities Across Generations." October 14, 2020.

Invited Speaker, University College of Dublin Clinton Institute. "Women and American Politics." October 16, 2020.

Invited Speaker, Notre Dame of Maryland University. "Intersectionality of Women in Politics." March 5, 2020.

Invited Speaker, Brookings Institution. American Values Survey Launch with PRRI. October 21, 2019.

Invited Speaker, United States Marine Corps Strategy Summit "Generations Summit." Washington DC. September 18, 2018.

Invited Speaker, Omnicrom Delta Kappa, Induction Ceremony, Washington College. March 3, 2018.

Invited Speaker, Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony, St. Mary's College of Maryland. "Women, the Tea Party, and Liberal Activism in the Age of Trump," April 26, 2017.

Invited Speaker, Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan. "The Gender Gap in the Age of Trump. What Did We Learn About Women Voters?" March 18, 2017.

Invited Speaker, Hood College. Frederick, Maryland. "Tea Party Women: Mama Grizzlies, Grassroots Activist and the 2016 Election." October 24, 2016.

Invited Speaker, University of Quebec, Montreal, Canada: Center for United States Studies. "The Future of Mama Grizzlies? Rightwing Women and the 2016 Elections. How Women Will Shape the 2016 Presidential Elections." October 12, 2016.

Invited Speaker, Heron Point, Chestertown, Maryland. Women and the Vote: How Women Will Shape the 2016 Presidential Election," September 13, 2016

Invited Speaker, Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony, "Mama Grizzlies and Politics: Women in the Tea Party," April 23, 2013. Washington College.

Invited Speaker and Panelist, National Press Club, "Post-Election American Values Survey Release," sponsored by the Public Religion Research Institute and the Brookings Institution, November 16, 2012.

Invited Lecturer, Johns Hopkins University Odyssey Program Course: Intellectual & Activist Movements in US Politics.. My topic: The Tea Party Movement in American Politics. Johns Hopkins University, October 25, 2012.

Invited Speaker and Panelist, Brookings Institution, "2012 American Values Survey: Assessing Political and Moral Views on the Economy in the Shifting Religious

- Landscape,” sponsored by the Public Religion Research Institute and the Brookings Institution, October 23, 2012.
- Invited Speaker and Panelist, National Press Club, “The Catholic Vote in the 2012 Election,” sponsored by the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies Catholic University of America. October 22, 2012
- Invited Speaker and Panelist, Washington College Alumni Weekend:” 57th quadrennial United States Presidential Election,” Washington College, May 19. 2012
- Invited Speaker and Panelist, National Press Club, “Religion and the American Presidency,” sponsored by the Public Religion Research Institute and the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies at The Catholic University of America. January 30, 2012
- Invited Speaker and Panelist, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University, “The 2011 American Values Survey Launch,” sponsored by the Public Religion Research Institute. November 8, 2011.
- Invited Lecturer to the Women’s League of Washington College, “Women and Politics: Why Don’t More Women Run for Office in the US?” November 10, 2011.
- Invited Speaker and Panelist, Brookings Institution: “Decoupling the Values Agenda: Millennials, Religion, and Shifting Attitudes toward Abortion and Same-Sex Marriage.” June 9, 2011.
- Invited Lecturer to Heron Point, "The Impact of the Christian Right on School Boards." September 23, 2008.
- Invited Lecturer to American University, “Women and Politics” and the Publishing Process, October 2006 (held during AU’s Homecoming Weekend).
- Invited Lecturer to St. Mary’s College of Maryland. “School Board Battles: The Christian Right in Local Politics.” April 27, 2005.

Courses Taught

Washington College

Introduction to Political Science, The American Presidency, State and Local Politics, American Government and Politics, Empirical Political Research, Maryland General Assembly Internship, The Legislative Process, Women and Politics, Media and Politics, Elections and the Political Process, Religion and Politics in the US, CNW Course: Red States/Blue States: Religion and Culture in American Politics

American University

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

Politics in the US, Introduction to the American Political System (for foreign M.P.A. students), Senior CLEG (Communications/Law/Economics/Government Interdisciplinary Major) Seminar on Political Communication, Politics in the TV Age

Washington College Service

Faculty Moderator, AY 2020-2021

Chair, Political Science Department

Faculty Secretary, Faculty Meeting, 2016-2019

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2013-2016

Chair, Dean's Search Committee, 2011-2012

Member, Benefits and Finance Committee, 2009-2012

Member, 403(b) Subcommittee.

Member, Appeals Committee, 2010-2012

Member, Members-in-Course Committee, Phi Beta Kappa, 2010-2012.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Faculty Governance, 2000-2010.

Chair, 2009-2010

Member, 2008-2009

Member, Task Force on Evaluation, Spring 2006-Fall 2007

Member, Review Board for Research on Human Subjects, Washington College, Fall 2001-4

Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, Fall 2002-Spring 2004; Fall 2006-current

Faculty Advisor, Washington College: Lean-In Circle (2015-current); College Democrats (Fall 2001-present); Pi Sigma Alpha (Fall 2001-present); PLEN Program; William James Forum (Fall 2003-Spring 2004)

Faculty, American Studies Institute at Washington College, sponsored by the CV Starr Center on the American Experience and the US State Department (Summer 2003-current)

Other Professional Activity

Manuscript Reviewer (journal articles): *American Politics Research*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*; *Review of Religious Research*; *Social Forces*; *Sex Roles*; *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*; *Administration and Society*; *Politics and Policy*; *Women, Politics, and Public Policy*; *Politics & Gender*; *Politics & Religion*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Behavior*; *Sociological Forum*; *Social Science Journal*.

Manuscript Reviewer (books): MacMillan, Baylor University Press, Lynne Reiner Press, Rowman & Littlefield; Temple University Press.

Consultant, Survey Research, Head Start Collaboration Project, Chesapeake College, 2003-2007.

Faculty Consultant/Reader, College Board Advanced Placement Examination in US
Government and Politics, 2000-2003

Related Work Experience

Research Associate, Research Division, Federal Judicial Center, June 1998-July 1999.
Position involved conducting research on the structure and operation of the
federal courts. The position incorporated the use of both quantitative methods
(primarily in the form of survey research) and qualitative legal research.

Political Intern, Women's Campaign Fund, Summer 1994

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association

Religion and Politics Subsection – Council Member (Fall 2001-Fall 2003)

Midwest Political Science Association

Religious Research Association

Association for the Sociology of Religion

References available upon request.