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### **Curriculum Vitae**

#### **Academic Appointments**

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

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)

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Affiliated Scholar, Public Religion Research Institute (July 2012-July 2014)

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

Department of Government  
American University  
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Washington, DC 20016  
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#### **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 Jose, Costa Rica  
Spanish Language/Central American Politics Program, Summer 1990

### **Awards and Grants**

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-July 2014

Faculty Enhancement Grant, Washington College, Spring 2012

Sabbatical, Washington College, to be taken 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

Faculty Enhancement Grant, Washington College, Spring 2003

Faculty Enhancement Grant, Washington College, Summer 2002

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

Faculty Enhancement Grant, Washington College, Fall 2000

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, State and Local Politics, Political Participation & Behavior

### **Publications**

#### Ongoing Research and Works Under Review.

*Mama Grizzlies and American Politics: Motherhood, Feminism and the Tea Party in America.* Under contract with NYU Press. Due 2015.

Melissa Deckman, Dan Cox, Robert Jones, and Juhem Navarro-Rivera. "Faith and the Free Markets: Evangelicals and Economic Policy." In progress.

### Books

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.

Dolan, Julie, Melissa Deckman, and Michele Swers. 2011. *Women and Politics; Paths to Power and Political Influence*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Upper Saddle River: Pearson/Prentice Hall.

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

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

Deckman, Melissa and John McTague. "Did the War on Women Work? Women, Men, and the Birth Control Mandate in the 2012 Presidential Election." *American Politics Research*, December 2013.

Deckman, Melissa. A Gender Gap among Evangelicals? An Examination of Vote Choice by Gender and Religion in the 2008 Presidential Elections. (Forthcoming). *Journal of Women, Politics, and Public Policy*.

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](http://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. 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. 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. Forthcoming. Review of *Mothers of Conservatism* by Michelle Nickerson. *Journal of Women, Politics, and Public Policy*.

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.

## Conferences

### *Papers*

- 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.

Laura R. Olson, 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.

Melissa M. Deckman. 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.

Sue E.S. Crawford 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.

Melissa M. Deckman, 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.

Sue E.S. Crawford, 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*

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 13, 2013.

Chair, “Context Matters: Understanding the Electoral Opportunities of Women.” Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting. Chicago, April 13, 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 31, 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, 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**

Member, Tenure and Promotion, 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-present.

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: 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*.

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.**