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## EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Political Science, UC Berkeley (expected)  
Committee: Gabe Lenz and Laura Stoker (co-chairs); Sarah Anzia, Ruth Collier, Amy Lerman  
Subfields: Political Behavior (with distinction), American Politics, Methodology
- 2014 M.A., Political Science, UC Berkeley  
Thesis: “The Effects of Gender Normativity on Candidate Electability”
- 2009 B.A., Government; B.A., Classical Studies, *magna cum laude*, Dartmouth College

## RESEARCH

### INTERESTS

Gender in politics; experiments and design-based causal inference; effects of information sparsity and complexity on voter decision-making.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2009 “Design of Lightweight Robots for Over-Snow Mobility,” with James Lever and Sally Shoop. *Journal of Terramechanics*, 46(3): 67-74

### UNDER REVIEW

“Tinder Decides: Mate Desirability Influences Votes.”

“The More You Know: Voters’ Quest for Information about Local Candidates for Office.” With Sean Freeder.

Co-editor (with Mirya Holman, Shauna Shames, and Dawn Teele), Dialogues on “Diversifying Women’s Candidacies,” in *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. Expected in issue 6(3), 2018.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

“To Emerge? Evidence from Women’s Candidate Training Programs.” With Shauna Shames, Rachel Silbermann, and Dawn Teele. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2017; manuscript available.

“Timing the Gap: Gender Stereotyping in Local Elections in California, 1995-2014.”  
With Sarah Anzia. Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political  
Science Association (APSA) 2017; manuscript available.

“Wearing the Pants? Gendered Leadership Styles and Candidate Evaluations.”  
Presented at MPSA 2017; manuscript available.

“A Change of Face.” With Dominik Hangartner, Jens Hainmueller, Gabe Lenz, and  
Teppei Yamamoto; manuscript available.

“Untamed Shrews: Obstacles to Attaining Office in Women’s Own Words.”

“High Standards? Candidate Height Drives Vote Choice.”

Co-editor (with Mirya Holman, Shauna Shames, and Dawn Teele), *Good Reasons to  
Run*. Proposal submitted to presses.

## **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

|           |  |
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| 2017      | Research Assistant for Amy Lerman   UC Berkeley                                |
| 2016      | Institute of Governmental Studies 2016 Poll Director   UC Berkeley             |
| 2015      | Consultant   Even, Inc.  |
| 2013      | Research Assistant for Alison Post   UC Berkeley                               |
| 2009      | Research Assistant for Paul Christesen   Dartmouth College                     |
| 2007-2008 | Presidential Research Assistant for Richard Ned Lebow   Dartmouth College      |
| 2006-2008 | Research Assistant for James Lever   Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab |

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 2017         | Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award   UC Berkeley                  |
| 2017         | SMART Research Award   |
| 2017         | Early Career Conference Travel Grant   ISPP                                  |
| 2017         | Soroptimist Founder Region Fellowship  |
| 2017         | International Conference Travel Grant   UC Berkeley                          |
| 2017         | SMART Mentoring Program Award  |
| 2016         | Conference Travel Grant   APSA   |
| 2016         | International Conference Travel Grant   UC Berkeley                          |
| 2016         | Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship   IGS                                |
| 2015         | Tri-Valley Area Local Scholarship   American Association of University Women |
| 2013         | Summer Methods Grant   UC Berkeley   |
| 2013-2016    | Summer Research Fellowship   UC Berkeley                                     |
| 2012-present | Regent’s Fellowship   UC Berkeley  |
| 2009-2010    | Richard D. Lombard Fellowship for Public Service   Dartmouth College         |
| 2009         | Phi Beta Kappa   Dartmouth College   |
| 2009         | Citation for Outstanding Academic Achievement   Dartmouth College            |
| 2008-2009    | War and Peace Senior Fellow   Dartmouth College                              |
| 2007-2009    | Rufus Choate Scholar (top 5% of class)   Dartmouth College                   |
| 2007-2008    | James O. Freedman Presidential Scholar   Dartmouth College                   |
| 2006         | Citation for Outstanding Academic Achievement   Dartmouth College            |

## TEACHING

### COURSES

- 2016, 2018 Computational Tools and Techniques for the Social Sciences  
Graduate Course | Primary Instructor | UC Berkeley
- 2015 Political Psychology  
Undergraduate Course | Teaching Assistant | UC Berkeley
- 2015 Elections and Democratic Accountability  
Undergraduate Course | Teaching Assistant | UC Berkeley
- 2014 Introduction to Research Methodology  
Undergraduate Course | Teaching Assistant | UC Berkeley
- 2009 Introduction to Classical Studies  
Undergraduate Course | Teaching Assistant | Dartmouth College

### RESEARCH SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

- 2017-present Ernesto Rojas | Political Science Department
- 2016-present Alan Yan | SMART Mentoring Program and Political Science Department
- 2015-present Marissa Lei Aclan | Political Science Department
- 2015-present Julia Konstantinovsky | Political Science Department
- 2015-2017 Caitlin Olson | Political Science Department
- 2015-2016 Rikio Inouye | Political Science Department
- 2015 Grayson Dimick | Undergraduate Research Assistant Program
- 2015 Jesse Luís Lopez | Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (now Ph.D. student at Duke University and APSA Minority Fellow)

## PRESENTATIONS

### CONFERENCES

- 2017 U. Penn. “Give Women Reasons to Run” Conference (upcoming) | organizer
- 2017 New Research on Gender and Political Psychology Conference (upcoming) | panel
- 2017 APSA Annual Meeting | roundtable and panel
- 2017 ISPP Annual Meeting | two panels
- 2017 Yale CSAP American Politics Annual Conference | poster
- 2017 Yale Empirical Study of Gender Research Network Conference | panel
- 2017 WPSA Annual Meeting | panel
- 2017 MPSA Annual Meeting | two panels
- 2016 APSA Annual Meeting | panel
- 2016 ISPP Annual Meeting | two panels
- 2015 APSA Annual Meeting | panel

### WORKSHOPS

- 2017 UC Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics (upcoming)
- 2017 U. Penn. American Politics Workshop (invited)
- 2017 UC Berkeley Research Workshop in Statistical Methodology (invited)
- 2016 UC Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics
- 2014 UC Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics

## GUEST LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

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| 2017 | Facebook, Inc.   May 1  |
| 2017 | Goldman School of Public Policy   UC Berkeley   April 18      |
| 2017 | Pivotal, Inc.   February 14                                   |
| 2017 | American Association of University Women Alameda   January 14 |
| 2016 | League of Women Voters Alameda   November 19                  |
| 2016 | Emerge America National Conference   November 13-16           |
| 2016 | Public Policy Institute   Stanford   September 13             |
| 2016 | League of Women Voters Alameda   May 10                       |
| 2015 | Emerge America National Convening   November 14-15            |

## SERVICE

### DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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|--------------|--|
| 2016-present | Co-founder, Political Behavior Workshop   Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley      |
| 2013-2015    | Co-organizer, Women in Political Science   Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley     |
| 2013-2014    | Co-chair, working group on “State-Society Relations in Latin America”   Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley |

### MEDIA

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|------|---|
| 2017 | DiSanto, Jill. February 17. <a href="#">Penn’s Dawn Teele Studies What Factors Lead Women to Run for Political Office.</a> <i>Penn News</i> .                                     |
| 2016 | Johnson, Lizzie. November 16. <a href="#">Political Women Gather to Shake Off Loss   Look for Way Forward.</a> <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> .                                   |
| 2016 | Elian, Melissa Bunni. November 7. <a href="#">‘Season of Discontent’ Project Voices Millennial Anxieties.</a> NBC News.   |
| 2016 | Elliot, Krissy. October 13. <a href="#">Sexual Politics: The 2016 Presidential Race is Notable for Misogynist Rhetoric.</a> <i>California Magazine</i> .                          |
| 2016 | Smith, Chris. Fall Issue. <a href="#">Coded and Loaded: How Politicians Talk About Race and Gender Without Really Talking About Race and Gender.</a> <i>California Magazine</i> . |
| 2016 | Kalem, Stefanie. Spring Issue. <a href="#">Do Voters Prefer Well-Behaved Women?</a> <i>Promise of Berkeley Magazine</i> , p. 9.   |
| 2015 | Maclay, Kathleen. September 25. <a href="#">Women Candidates and Winning Mixes of Femininity   Masculinity.</a> <i>Berkeley News</i> .  |

## MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association | International Society of Political Psychology | Midwest Political Science Association | Western Political Science Association

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND EDUCATION

### COURSEWORK

- 2017 Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS) | Summer training on research transparency and reproducibility
- 2015-2017 Berkeley Workshops on Teaching | Workshops on syllabus design, rubrics, student participation, teaching large lecture courses, and student learning
- 2013 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) | Summer courses on network analysis and causal inference

### LANGUAGES

Proficient research-level Spanish, some French

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: R | Python | Bash | Javascript | HTML/CSS  
Programs/Applications: Stata | Qualtrics | Git | Adobe Creative Suite | List of other industry-specific programs available upon request

### REFERENCES

*(in alpha order)*

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