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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Colorado College – Colorado Springs, CO
Assistant Professor, 2011 – Present
Core Faculty Member, Feminist & Gender Studies Department, 2011-Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, The Ohio State University, June 2011
Committee: Thomas Nelson (co-chair), Kira Sanbonmatsu (co-chair), Kathleen McGraw, Craig Volden
Dissertation: Toward A Theory of Institutional Representation --- The Link Between Political Engagement & Gendered Institutions

M.A., Political Science, The Ohio State University, October 2007

B.A., Political Science, The University of California at Santa Barbara, June 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Volden, Craig, Alan Wiseman, and Dana Wittmer. 2016. "Women's Issues and Their Fates in Congress." *Political Science Research and Methods*. Forthcoming.

Nelson, Thomas, Dana Wittmer, and Dustin Carnahan. 2015. "Should Science Class Be Fair? Frames and Values in the Evolution Debate." *Political Communications* 32(4): 625-647.

Bouche, Vanessa, and Dana Wittmer. 2015. "Gendered Diffusion on Gendered Issues: The Case of Human Trafficking." *Journal of Public Policy* 35(1): 1-33.

Wittmer, Dana, and Vanessa Bouche. 2013. "The Limits of Gendered Leadership: The Public Policy Implications of Female Leadership on Women's Issues." *Politics & Gender* 9(3): 245-275.

Volden, Craig, Alan Wiseman, and Dana Wittmer. 2013. "When Are Women More Effective Lawmakers Than Men?" *American Journal of Political Science* 57(2): 326-341.

Fournet, Monique, Kyle Kopko, Dana Wittmer, and Lawrence Baum. 2009. "Evolution of Judicial Careers in the Federal Courts, 1789-2008." *Judicature* 93(2): 62-74.

Nelson, Thomas, Dana Wittmer, and Allyson Shortle. 2009. "Value Recruitment in the Debate Over Teaching Evolution." In *Winning with Words: The Origins of Framing*. Brian Schaffner and Patrick Sellers, eds. New York: Routledge Press, pp. 11-40.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

"The Intersection of Behavior and Political Knowledge: The Case of Human Trafficking." With Vanessa Bouche and Amy Farrell.

“The Impact of Human Trafficking Victim Frames on American Public Opinion.” With Vanessa Bouche and Amy Farrell.

“Perceptions of Gender Discrimination in Politics”

“The Power of Collective Representation”

“Diffusion of Human Trafficking Policies.” With Vanessa Bouche and Amy Farrell. (Book Project)

GRANTS/AWARDS

Sophonishba Breckinridge Award (with Craig Volden and Alan Wiseman) for the best paper delivered on women and politics at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference. 2014.

Co-Principal Investigator (with Katya Botchkovar, Vanessa Bouche, Amy Farrell). 2013. “Gauging Public Opinion on Human Trafficking in Moldova and Ukraine: Employing Survey Experimentation to Inform Effective Prevention and Awareness Programs.” U.S. Agency for International Development (\$189,983).

Co-Principal Investigator (with Vanessa Bouche, Amy Farrell). 2012. “Identifying Effective Counter Trafficking Programs in the U.S.: Legislation, Law Enforcement, and Demand Reduction Strategies that Work.” Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice (\$339,001.00).

Co-Principal Investigator (with Abby Fink). 2012. Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Grant. Colorado College.

Social Science Executive Committee. Colorado College. 2011, 2012, 2015. Grants for research-related expenses.

Ray Travel Award. 2010. “The Limits of Gendered Leadership.” The Ohio State University. Grant to attend and present at the American Political Science Association Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Principal Investigator. 2010. Harvey Walker Senior Research Grant. The Ohio State University. Grant to fund survey-related dissertation expenses.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award. 2010. Southern Political Science Association. Grant to attend and present at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia.

Principal Investigator. 2010. Alumni Grant for Graduate Research and Scholarship. The Ohio State University. Grant to fund survey-related dissertation expenses.

Ray Travel Award. 2009. “The Politics of Battered Women’s Syndrome in the United States.” The Ohio State University. Grant to attend and present at the European Consortium for Political Research in Potsdam, Germany.

Co-Principal Investigator (with Vanessa Bouche). 2009. Critical Difference for Women Professional Development Grant. Grant used to fund travel for interviews related to human trafficking legislation (NY, CA, MN, TX).

Principal Investigator. 2008. Harvey Walker Senior Research Grant. The Ohio State University. Grant to fund dissertation related focus groups.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Impact of Human Trafficking Victim Frames on American Public Opinion.” With Vanessa Bouche and Amy Farrell. Paper presented at the 2015 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April.

“Diffusion of Criminal Policy: A Complex Learning Process.” With Vanessa Bouche and Amy Farrell. Paper presented at the 2014 meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C., September.

“Assessing the Effectiveness of State Anti-Trafficking Legislation.” With Vanessa Bouche and Amy Farrell. Paper presented at the 2014 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April.

“The Issue Specialization of Women in Congress.” With Craig Volden and Alan Wiseman. Paper presented at the 2013 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April.

“Toward A Citizen-Consumer Movement to End Demand for Commercial Sexual Exploitation.” With Vanessa Bouche. Paper to be presented at the 2012 meeting of the American Political Science Association. New Orleans, September (Note: Conference Cancelled due to Hurricane Isaac)

“Do Women Candidates Have An Advantage After Sex Scandals?” With Shauna Shames. Paper to be presented at the 2012 meeting of the American Political Science Association. New Orleans, September. (Note: Conference Cancelled due to Hurricane Isaac)

“The Power of Collective Representation.” Paper presented at the 2011 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, March.

“The Limits of Gendered Issues.” With Vanessa Bouche. Paper presented at the 2010 meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C., September.

“The Limits of Gendered Issues.” With Vanessa Bouche. Paper presented at the 2010 Gender Equality Policies Program at the Women & Politics Section’s American Political Science Association Pre-Conference/Short Course. Washington, D.C., September.

“Why Are Women More Effective Lawmakers in Congress?” With Craig Volden and Alan E. Wiseman. Paper presented at the 2010 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April.

“The Limitations of Fairness.” With Thomas Nelson and Dustin Carnahan. Paper presented at the 2010 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April.

“The Evolution of Legislative Comprehensiveness for New Issue Areas: The Case of Human Trafficking Legislation Across the States.” With Vanessa Bouche. Paper presented at the 2010 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April.

“The Limits of Gendered Issues: The Case of Sex Trafficking.” With Vanessa Bouche. Paper presented at the 2010 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta, January

“The Determinants of Comprehensiveness for Human Trafficking Legislation Across the States.” With Vanessa Bouche. Paper presented at the 2009 Interdisciplinary Conference on Human Trafficking. Lincoln, October.

“Statewide Variation in Battering Defenses.” With Irfan Nooruddin and Allyson Shortle. Paper presented at the 2009 European Consortium for Political Research. Potsdam, Germany, September.

“Descriptively Championing Human Rights: Sponsorship of Human Trafficking Legislation in the United States.” With Vanessa Bouche. Paper presented at the 2009 Sex Trafficking Conference. South Texas College, April.

“Should Science Education be Fair? Values and the Debate over Intelligent Design.” With Thomas Nelson and Dustin Carnahan. Paper presented at the 2009 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April.

“The Evolution of Judicial Careers.” With Monique Fournet, Kyle Kopko, and Larry Baum. Paper presented at the 2009 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, January.

“Value Recruitment in Action: Evidence from Two Case Studies.” With Thomas Nelson, Sarah Bryner, and Allyson Shortle. Paper Presented at the 2008 Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, August.

“Self Perceptions or Societal Perceptions: Women, Candidacy, and Perceptions of Qualifications.” Paper Presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April.

“Women, Candidacy, and Perceptions of Qualifications.” Paper Presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, January.

“The Politics of Battered Women’s Syndrome in the United States.” With Irfan Nooruddin and Allyson Shortle. Paper Presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, January.

“Value Recruitment in Public Disputes Over Evolution.” With Tom Nelson, Allyson Shortle, and Maureen Beaver. Paper Presented at the 2007 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April.

SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY (RECENT):

Invited Talk for the Colorado Governor’s Human Trafficking Task Force (2016)
Key Note Speaker for Colorado Springs International Women’s Day Brunch (2014)

DISCIPLINE:

Reviewer/Referee: National Science Foundation; *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Politics and Policy*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *International Journal of Public Opinion*; *Politics, Groups, & Identities*; *Political Studies*; *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Political Studies*; *Politics, Groups, & Identities*; Routledge Press (New Direction in American Politics Series); Department of Justice

COLLEGE:

Faculty Executive Committee, non-tenured member of Budget Committee (2016-2017)
Core Faculty Member, Feminist and Gender Studies Program (2011-Present)
Career Center Faculty Liaison for Feminist & Gender Studies Program (2012-2015)
Faculty Scholarship Action Team (2013-2015)
Transitions Fellowship Selection Committee (2011-2012)
Co-Organizer, 2012 & 2016 Presidential Symposium
Faculty Advisor

Honor Council (2013 – 2014)
Truman Scholarship (2012-Present)
Washington Semester Program (2012-Present)
Pi Sigma Alpha, (2012-Present)
Pi Gamma Mu (2012-Present)

Panels/Presentations:

Teaching, Modeling, and Assessing Presentation Skills (2014)
Amnesty International (2013)
CCSGA/Female Leadership (2013)
Building, Maintaining, and Renewing Scholarly Networks and Relationships (2013)
Boettcher Finalists (2013)
Introduction for Somaly Mam (2012)
Undecided Voter Panel (2012)

SELECTED NEWS COVERAGE

Parton, Heather Digby. “Hillary’s Amazing Achievement: Understanding the Magnitude of Clinton’s Historic Win.” *Salon*. June 8, 2016.

Stanley, Adrian. “Colorado College Professor Wants to Aim Reliable Data at Human Trafficking Policies.” *Colorado Springs Independent*. February 10, 2016.

Perl, Peg. “Women Legislators Are More Effective, But Only If They Are in the Room.” *Women’s Lobby of Colorado*. November 11, 2015.

Volden, Craig, Alan Wiseman, and Dana Wittmer. "On Average, Women in Congress Are More Effective Lawmakers than Men." *London School of Economics Blog*.

Sides, John. "What Would Change If There Were More Women in Congress? More Than You Think." *The Washington Post*. March 7, 2015.

"Congressional Sisterhood a Powerful Voice for the Voiceless." *CNN*. May 14, 2014.

Chang, Alisa. "Women On Capitol Hill Reach Across Aisle to Get Things Done." *NPR*. May 8, 2014.

Henderson, Nia-Malika. "A Rift Among Senate Women: It's About Time." *The Washington Post*. March 10, 2014.

Steinhauer, Jennifer. "Once Few, Women Hold More Power in Senate." *The New York Times*. March 21, 2013.

Sandler, Lauren. "Women Govern Differently Than Men – They're Better." *NY Magazine*. November 5, 2013.

COURSES TAUGHT AT COLORADO COLLEGE

American Government & Politics
Constitutional Law
Human Trafficking
Media & Politics
Methods in Political Science
Parties & Voting Behavior
Political Psychology
Tutorial in American Politics
Women, Government, & Public Policy

References Available Upon Request