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Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA
Ph.D. Political Science Fall, 2003
Dissertation: "White Noise: Media Use by Right Wing Extremist Groups for Political Purposes."
Committee Chair: Jerome Mileur
Comprehensive Exam Fields: American National Government, American Political Institutions
(Pass with Distinction), and Comparative Government

St. Lawrence University Canton, NY
B.A., Government Spring, 1991

Teaching Experience

Shippensburg University Shippensburg, PA
Professor Fall 2013 - Present
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science Fall 2008- Spring 2013
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science Fall, 2003 – Spring 2008

Teaching Responsibilities: U.S. Government and Politics (PLS 100), Politics and the Media (PLS 321), The Presidency (PLS 312), Interest Groups in American Society (PLS 322), Legislative Process (PLS 311), Campaigns, Elections & Political Parties (PLS323), Women in American Politics (PLS 324), Honors U.S. Government (HON 279), Honors Election Seminar (HON 394) American Political Thought, (PLS 363) Online U.S. Government and Politics (PLS 100), Political Satire in American Politics (PLS 393), Two Capitals – Experiential Learning in Harrisburg & Washington, DC (PLS 292) (HON 397) Scandals in American Politics, Advocacy in Public Administration (PLS 522)

Shippensburg University Student Association "Faculty Member of the Year 2014-2015"
Shippensburg University Student Association "Faculty Member of the Year 2008-2009"
Shippensburg University Student Association "Faculty Member of the Year 2004-2005"

St. Lawrence University
Instructor, Department of Government Fall, 2000 – Fall, 2001
Teaching Responsibilities: Race & Urban Politics, Politics in Film, Women in Politics, Politics and the Media, Campaigns & Elections, Introduction to American Politics

University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Instructor, Department of Political Science Fall, 1999 & Spring 2000
Teaching Responsibilities: Politics and the Media, Politics in Film

Teaching Assistant

Fall 1996 - Spring 1999

Teaching Responsibilities: Introduction to American Politics, Introduction to Public Policy, The Jackie Robinson Initiative

Publications

Dagnes, Alison “The evolving format of US Cable News and the Proliferation of Opinion,” *in* Stephen Cushion, ed. The Rise of 24-hour News: Global Perspectives, 2nd Edition (New York: Peter Lang) Forthcoming 2016.

Dagnes, Alison and Mark Sachleben, eds. Scandal! An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Consequences, Outcomes, Significance of Political Scandals (New York: Bloomsbury) 2013

Dagnes, Alison, "Humor, Satire, and Politics," *in* Michael Shally-Jensen, ed., *American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia*. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO). 2015

Dagnes, Alison., "Scandals in Politics," *in* Michael Shally-Jensen, ed., *American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia*. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO). 2015

Dagnes, Alison, A Conservative Walks Into a Bar: The Politics of Political Humor (New York: Palgrave-Macmillan) 2012

Dagnes, Alison, Editor, Sex Scandals in American Politics: A Multidisciplinary Approach (New York: Continuum Press) 2011

Dagnes, Alison, Politics on Demand: The Effects of 24 Hour News on American Politics (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger) 2010.

Dagnes, Alison, Analyze Perspective on Media-Driven Permanent Campaigns Online Ancillary Resource for U.S. Government Textbook (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio) 2012.

Dagnes, Alison, The toxic atmosphere created by PACs and Super-PACs in political advertising Online Ancillary Resource for U.S. Government Textbook (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio) 2012.

Dagnes, Alison, “Book Review: State of Denial: Bush at War, Part III - by Bob Woodward, The Assassins' Gate: America in Iraq - by George Packer and No End in Sight: Iraq's Descent into Chaos,” *Journal of Peace and Change* (July, 2009 Volume 34 Issue 3) 294-301.

Dagnes, Alison and Stephanie Jirard, “Gagging on the Donkey: African Americans and the Republican Party in the 2004 Election” *Georgetown Public Policy Review*, (Fall 2004, Volume 10, Number 4).

Dagnes, Alison and Stephanie Jirard, Co-Editors, “Introduction” *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas* Edition on Race & Politics (Spring 2004)

Dagnes, Alison, “Putting the ‘W’ Into Jew: The Jewish Vote in 2004” *Birikim Magazine* (Fall, 2004).

Dagnes, Alison, "A Galling Event" *Chronicle of Higher Education On-Line Edition* (January, 2004).

Book Review, Communication in the Presidential Primaries: Candidates and the Media, 1912-2000 by Kathleen Kendall. *Political Science Quarterly* (Summer, 2001).

Professional Papers Presented

Dagnes, Alison, "Ideological Resonance: Partisan Isolation in Modern Political Media," Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Juan, PR (Jan. 2016)

Dagnes, Alison, "Circles of Influence: How the Current Partisan Media Divides Us," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia (Nov. 2015)

Dagnes, Alison, "Stand By Your Man: Political Sex Scandals in Pop Culture," Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV (April 2015)

Dagnes, Alison, "Good Wife, Better Subject: Political Sex Scandals on TV and in Popular Culture," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference Boston (Nov. 2014).

Dagnes, Alison, "Story of Redemption: The Repercussions and Electoral Consequences of Political Sex Scandals," Midwest Political Science Assoc. Conference Chicago, (April 2014).

Dagnes, Alison, "But Seriously, Folks: Using Funny Stuff in Serious Policymaking," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia (Nov. 2013)

Dagnes, Alison, "A Target Rich Environment: The Hits and Misfires of Political Satire," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, (November, 2012)

Dagnes, Alison, "A Conservative Walks Into A Bar: Ideology in Modern Political Satire," Midwest Political Science Assoc. Conference Chicago, IL (April, 2012).

Dagnes, Alison, "Sahl to Stewart: The Importance of Modern Political Satire," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, (November, 2010)

Dagnes, Alison, "Seriously Funny: The Significance of Modern Political Satire Within Historical Context," Midwest Political Science Assoc. Conference Chicago, IL (April, 2010).

Dagnes, Alison, "Laughing to the Left: Ideology and Modern Political Satire," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November, 2009).

Dagnes, Alison, Kim Klein, Grace Burkholder, Annamarie McCormack, "Promoting Civic Engagement Across Campus: The Honors Elections Debate Series," National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, Washington, DC. (October, 2009).

Dagnes, Alison, "Power Corrupts? Absolutely! The Politics of Political Sex Scandals" Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. (Nov., 2008).

Dagnes, Alison, John Kalathas and Stephanie Kelly, "Working Without a Net: Political Party Message Dissemination." Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November, 2007).

Dagnes, Alison, "Taking Policy to Market: Selling Presidential Initiatives to the American Public." Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference, Harrisburg, PA (March, 2006). Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA (November, 2006).

Dagnes, Alison, "Right Here: Conservatism in Modern American Politics" Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. (November, 2004).

Dagnes, Alison and M. Beth Jones, "Taking the 'Fun' Out of Fundamental: Religious Fundamentalism and American Politics a Century Apart" New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Portsmouth, NH. (April, 2004).

Dagnes, Alison, "Learning How to Encourage Learning: A First-Year Faculty Retrospective" The Teaching Professor Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (May, 2004).

Dagnes, Alison and David Wiltse, "Loose Change: Soft Money Use in the 2000 Election," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November, 2001).

Dagnes, Alison, "Painting Hate: Mainstream Perspectives of Extremist Groups & Democratic Disconnect" New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Portsmouth, NH (May, 2001).

Dagnes, Alison, "Congress on Television: How Special Order Speeches Changed the Institution" Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Albany, NY (October, 2000).

Dagnes, Alison, "The Racialization of the Media: National Media Coverage of the MOVE and Waco Bombings" New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Providence, RI (May, 1999).

Professional Colloquia and Conference Panel Participation

Chair, "The Power of Narratives," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia (Nov. 2015)

Discussant, "Congress from the Inside Out: Building Majorities, Careers and influence," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia (Nov. 2013)

Participant, "The Future of the Parties: 2016 and Beyond," Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 2015)

Chair, "Using Social Media to Appeal to the Voting Public," Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV (April 2015)

Discussant, “News Coverage, Accountability, and Civil Discourse,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV (April 2015)

Chair & Discussant: “Patriotism, Veterans and Votes,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA (November 2014).

Participant: “The Future of the Parties After 2014,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston (November 2014)

Discussant, “Batman Meets Bullet Boy: Communication and Popular Culture,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference Chicago, IL (April 2014)

Participant: “The Future of the Parties: 2016 and beyond,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 2013)

Chair & Discussant: “Considering Media Messages and Sources,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 2013)

Discussant: “Congress: Institutional Behavior” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 2013)

Chair & Discussant: “Dunder Mifflin Justice, the Alternative Press, and Pop Culture Ubiquity,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA (November 2012).

Chair & Discussant: “Military Matters in the Political World: Symbol and Substance” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA (November 2012).

Chair: “A Woman Not His Wife: Political Sex Scandals Across the Disciplines” Meet the Author Roundtable, Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 2011).

Chair, “Marx, Macbeth, Vampires, Zombies and Political Songs: Critiquing Capitalism, Corruption, Gender and Institutions” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 2011).

Chair: “Public Opinion and Governance,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA (November 2010).

Discussant: “Legitimization and Exploitation in Popular Culture: Colonial Literature, Modern Governments, and Mainstream Media,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA (November 2010).

Chair, “The Politics of People, Places and Programs,” Celebration of Student Research Conference Shippensburg, PA (April 2010).

Chair, “Political Communications Experiments,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference Chicago, IL (April 2010).

Discussant: “Language, Values and the Formation of Public Opinion,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 2009).

Panel Chair: “Power Corrupts? Absolutely! The Politics, Psychology, Criminality, and Geography of Presidential Sex Scandals.” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. (November, 2008).

Roundtable Chair: “The War Womb: Feminism & The Bush Administration.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (April, 2007).

Panel Chair: “Topics In Public Policy,” Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference, Harrisburg, PA. (March, 2006).

Selected Attendant: PASSHE Summer Academy for the Advancement of College Teaching, Millersville University (June, 2005).

Discussant, “Experiential Learning Track,” American Political Science Association Conference on Teaching and Learning, Washington, DC (February, 2005).

Conference Attendance

Campaigns & Elections: “The Art of Political Campaigning,” Washington, DC (June 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012).

National Capital Area Political Science Association and The Center for American Progress: “Obama in Office,” April, 2011.

Grant Funding

C-FEST Travel Grants (Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008) Provided funding for travel to academic conferences.

Shippensburg University Undergraduate Research Grant (Fall 2012) *Faculty Advisor* Provided Sophomore Christopher Silvia funding for research and conference travel. (\$1,345)

Shippensburg University C-FEST Teaching & Research Excellence Grant (Summer 2010) Provided grant assistance for national interviews on ideology and satire. (\$5,029)

Shippensburg University Faculty Professional Development Council Grant (Summer 2007) Provided grant assistance for student research to aid in data collection, coding and analysis.

Shippensburg University General Education Grant (Spring 2012, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2007, Fall 2005, Fall 2004)

Provided grant assistance to take U.S. Government & Politics students to Capitol Hill to tour Congress, National Museum of American History, the National Archives, the NRA Firearms Museum, Air & Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center to hear about NASA funding and aeronautics lobbying. and national monuments. (Total: Approx. \$8,000)

C-SPAN Archive Grant (Fall, 2004)

Provided money for the purchase of videotapes to use in classroom instruction.

C-FEST Travel Grants (Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007) Provided funding for travel to seven academic conferences.

New Courses Developed

Applications in Public Affairs (PLS 202) A skills class incorporating academic and vocational aptitudes for Political Science majors and minors.

Advocacy in Public Administration (PLS 522) An examination of how citizens and advocacy groups lobby for public policy at the state and national level.

Sex Scandals in American Politics (HON 397) An interdisciplinary consideration of the political, social, and cultural consequences of political sex scandals.

Political Satire in American Politics (PLS 393) A critical study of political humor, this course examines satire's effects and consequences in a democratic society.

Two Capitals – Experiential Learning in Harrisburg & Washington, DC (PLS 292) This course brings Shippensburg students to Harrisburg for one week to explore state government, and then to Washington, DC for one week to look at the federal system.

Student Research Advisement

Silvia, Christopher, "This Lesson's A Joke: Learning from Political Humor." (Spring 2013)
Undergraduate Research Grant recipient.

New England Political Science Association Annual Conference (Portland, ME)

May, 2013

Shippensburg University Celebration of Undergraduate Research (Shippensburg University)

April, 2013

Ecker, Own, Brandon Engle and Emile Troupe, "The Vast Media Attention of Stephen Colbert." (Spring 2012) Presentation at two academic conferences:

Pennsylvania Political Science Association Annual Conference (Muhlenberg College) March, 2012

Shippensburg University Celebration of Undergraduate Research (Shippensburg University)

April, 2012

Broadcast/ Online Political Publications

“The Invisible Primary” Blog updating the run-up to the 2016 Presidential Elections, weekly postings: invisibleprimary.blogspot.com

Invited Research Lectures, Media Appearances, & Forum Participation Bright blue indicates hyperlinks to online materials.

A Conservative Walks Into a Bar Media Forums, Book Reviews & Interviews:

- *The Washington Times*, ‘[Taint Funny Hillary](#)’ (October 7, 2015)
- *Sinclair Broadcast Group*: [Colbert as ‘Late Show’ host adds unpredictable new factor to 2016 race](#). (September 8, 2015)
- *The Atlantic Monthly*, [Waiting for the Conservative Jon Stewart](#) (Feb. 14, 2015)
- *CBC Radio: Q With Jian Ghomeshi* [The Flipside: Can This Right-Wing Show Shake Up Satire?](#) (September 11, 2014)
- *HuffingtonPost Live Chat*: [What’s Holding Conservative Satire Back?](#) (March 17, 2014)
- *Smithsonian.com* [Is There a Liberal Bias in Comedy?](#) (August 9, 2013)
- BBC World Service “Political Humour in the U.K.” (March 16, 2013)
- *The Independent* (U.K.) [“Can You Have a Right Laugh?”](#) (March 12, 2013)
- WITF Public Radio Book Discussion & Call-In Program on “Smart Talk” [The Politics of Political Humor](#) (November 1, 2012)
- *Wired.com* [Scientifically Speaking, Who’s Funnier: Democrats or Republicans?](#) (October 23, 2012)
 - [Re-Posted on HuffingtonPost](#) (October 31, 2012)
- *BBC.com* [The Joke Election: Are Liberals or Conservatives Funnier?](#) (Oct. 25, 2012)
 - [Re-Posted on Minnesota Public Radio.com](#)
- MSNBC “The Cycle:” [The Politics of Punch Lines](#) (October 8, 2012)
- Sirius/XM Radio POTUS “Standup! With Pete Dominick” (October 8, 2012)
- *The Buzz Bissinger Show* (1210AM WPHT in Philadelphia) [The Politics of Political Humor](#) (September 28, 2012)
- *The Shippensburg Sentinel* [Dagnes Writes Book on Political Humor](#) (September 28, 2012)
- *NPR.org* [A Political Litmus Test, In 6 Jokes](#) (September 25, 2012)
- *Radio Times* (NPR show) [Political Comedy & Satire in Campaign Season](#) (September 19, 2012)
- *The Shippensburg News Chronicle* SU [Faculty Member Examines Political Humor in New Book](#) (September 20, 2012)
- *The National Post* (Canada) [Knock Knock. Who’s There? Not Conservative Comedians, That’s For Sure](#) (September 18, 2012)
- *The Washington Monthly* [On Political Books](#) (September/ October 2012)
- *The Global Mail* (Australia) [Your Politics Stink](#) (June 14, 2012)

A Conservative Walks Into a Bar Book Readings and Discussions

- *Gettysburg College*, Book Discussion, Class Taught (Gettysburg, PA) October 2013
- *Netroots Nation 2013* Book/ Panel Discussion (San Diego, CAP) June, 2013.
- *Shippensburg University Women's Consortium* Book Discussion (May, 2013)
- *Chambersburg Democratic Club* (Chambersburg, PA) Book Reading & Discussion (March, 2013)
- PA Progressive Conference (Harrisburg, PA) Book Discussion & Interview with Sen. Daylin Leach (D-Philadelphia) March, 2013
- *Brookline Booksmith* (Boston, MA) Book Reading & Discussion (November 2012)
- "Author Meets Hecklers" Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. (November, 2012).
- *Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University* (Carbondale, IL) Book Reading & Discussion (October 26, 2012)
- *Magnet Theater NYC* "A Conservative Walks Into a Bar: Author & Panel Discussion" (October 8, 2012)

Sex Scandals in American Politics Media Forums & Interviews:

- *CBC Radio News (British Columbia)* Monica Lewinsky TED Talk to Bring Personal Story of Clinton Sex Scandal (March 19, 2015)
- *Excelcior (Mexico)* Sucumben Ante el Encanto Feminino (February 14, 2015)
- *BBC News* US Elections: Scandal hit politicians on the ballot (October 30, 2014)
- *Al Jazeera America* Monica Lewinsky's Return and the Sexism 2.0 of Political Scandals (May 9, 2014)
- *The Hill* Is Monica A Problem for Clinton? (May 11, 2014)
- *Al Jazeera America*, The Stream "Sex Scandals in Politics" (January 7, 2014)
- *New York Post* "Scandal' and SVU Riff on Weiner's Sexting Scandal (Oct22, 2013)
- *The Age (Australia)* Silly Sausage (August 1, 2013)
- *The Voice of Russia* American Sex Scandals in Perspective (July 29, 2013)
- *The Inquisitr* Anthony Weiner Slips in the Polls, Cops to More Carlos Danger-ing (July 25, 2013)
- *CNN.com* Will 'Sexters' in the City Give Weiner a Pass? (July 25, 2013)
- *CNN.com* The Ups and Downs of a Political Sex Scandal (July 25, 2013)
- *NBC.com* Is the Political Sex Scandal on its Last Legs? (July 9, 2013)
- *NPR: All Things Considered* What Makes a Sex Scandal Survivable? (July 8, 2013)
- *Psychology Today: Brainstorm* Sex Scandals in Politics: Who Cares? (June 28, 2013)
- *Canadian Broadcast Company (CBC): The Current* The Anatomy of a Sex Scandal That Sticks (June 20, 2013)
- *National Journal* Mark Sanford's Sex Scandal Survival Guide (May 8, 2013)
- *USA Today* Weiner, Sanford illustrate politics of redemption (April 11, 2013)
- *BBC.com* Petraeus affair: is this scandal different? (November 14, 2012)

- *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* [Political fallout from Petraeus scandal ‘Very Different’](#) (November 14, 2012)
- *Canadian Broadcasting Company*: “Day 6” [Bouncing Back from Political Scandals](#) (July 2012)
- KNPR’s “State of Nevada” [More on the Ensign Investigation](#) (May 2011)
- “The Real Entitlement Problem” [The Fiscal Times](#) (May 2011)
- WERS’s “You Are Here” [Political Sex Scandals](#) (June 2011)
- WHAG-Hagerstown (NBC Affiliate) [Political Sex Scandals](#) (June 2011)
- ABC News: “[Twitter: The Political Sex Scandal Response Tool](#)” (November 2011)
- *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* “[Cain Denies Sexual harassment Allegations](#)” (Nov. 2011)
- *Kansas City Star* “[Sex scandals can be overcome, but Cain’s task is difficult](#)” (November 2011)
- *USA Today* [Analysis: If Cain falters, Gingrich may rise in GOP race](#) (November 2011)

Sex Scandals in American Politics: Book Readings & Discussions

- *University of Pennsylvania, Penn Political Review* “Political Sex Scandals Today” (March 27, 2014)
- *Shippensburg University Women’s Consortium Spring Retreat* “Celebrating SU Women: Recognizing Feminine Influence,” (May 2012)
- *International Association of Torch Clubs, Inc.* Chambersburg Chapter (May 2012)
- *Culpepper County (VA) Library* (May 2012)
- *Shippensburg University Authors’ Night*: Book reading and discussion among nine contributing authors to *Sex Scandals in American Politics* (October 2011)

Politics on Demand Media Forums & Interviews:

- *National Press Club*, Washington DC: [Book Fair & Authors Night](#) (November 2010)
Invited to & attended the 33rd Annual Event which featured more than 90 authors.
- *Barnes and Noble*, Camp Hill, PA Book Reading and Signing: (September 2010)
Taped for [C-SPAN 2 Book TV Programming](#) which aired 4 times between October 23-25, 2010
- *WITF Public Radio* Book Discussion & Call-In Program on “[Smart Talk](#)” (November, 2010)

Politics on Demand Book Readings & Discussions:

- *Institute for Retired Persons*, Chambersburg, PA (September 2010)
- *Chambersburg Democratic Club*, Chambersburg, PA (November 2010)
- *Shippensburg Rotary Club*, Shippensburg, PA (December 2010)
- *Franklin County Medical Society Holiday Season Meeting & Dinner*, Chambersburg, PA (December 2010 and December 2011)
- *AARP Regional Meeting*, Shippensburg, PA (February 2011)
- *Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Penn State Mont Alto*, Chambersburg, PA (April 2011)

University Service

University Wide Promotion Committee (Elected for Academic Years 2014-2016)

Honors Steering Committee (Fall 2003 to Present)

Organized Honors Political Debate Series (2004 Presidential and 2006 PA Senate & Gubernatorial), hosted Pizza with a Prof (2012), led “Honors Read” Chaired “Honors 25th Anniversary Party” Committee (Spring 2010) Led Summer Freshman Registration (2011) Summer Orientation Lecture, Orientation Talk (2011) **Summer Orientation Activities (2013, 2014, 2015)** Awarded “*Outstanding Contributions Award*” 2005 by the Honors Program.

Advisory Board Member, Student Veterans of America (SVA) (Spring 2010 to Present)

Serve as one faculty advisor to the Shippensburg SVA, provide guidance and council on organization and activities.

Undergraduate Research Committee (Summer 2007 to Fall 2011)

Chair, 2007 – 2009, Dean’s advisory committee on undergraduate research efforts.

Faculty Advisor, Shippensburg University College Democrats (Fall 2003 to Fall 2011)

Participated in “Political Extravaganzas I, II, III, IV and VII,” assisted in coordinating civic engagement projects, and voter registration efforts.

Faculty Advisor, Shippensburg University College Republicans (Fall 2004 to Fall 2010)

Helped revitalize club and assisted in re-organization and membership drives.

Student Affairs Liaison, Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties (Summer 2004 to Summer 2007)

Represented APSCUF in statewide Student Affairs Liaison meetings, organized Faculty representation for Freshman Move-In Days (2004, 2005, 2006), planned the Voter Van to drive students to polls on Election Days, organized faculty participation in Relay for Life. Organized information sessions with faculty and students about campus events.

Co-Char: Academic Day 2005

Served with Dr. Chad Kimmel to organize and implement Academic Day activities to include a reading discussion with faculty and students.

Member, Secondary Education Committee (Fall 2004 to Fall 2008)

Member, First Year Experience Task Force (2005/2006)

Faculty Advisor, Theta Phi Alpha Sorority (Fall, 2004 to Spring 2006)

Political Science Department Service

Chair, Department Professional Affairs Committee (DPAC) (2009 to 2011, 2013-present)
Wrote DPAC probationary/ review letters and promotion letters for Political Science Department members.

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society (Spring, 2004 to Present)
Winner: PSA National Best Chapter Award 2011-2012 Academic Year

- Organized “Electoral College Roll Call” to predict the winner of the 2012 presidential campaign, hosted by President & Mrs. Ruud at the Martin House.
- Organized “Potential Nights” and “Networking Nights” which brought PSA alumni back for five evening seminars to talk about: Graduate School; Resume Building; Internships; Interviewing; Etiquette
- Created “Young Alumni Cooperative Help and Training (YACHT):” A network to connect PSA Alumni with current students for a series of social and educational gatherings.
- **Super Tuesday Super Party, State of the Union Parties and Election Night Parties at Blackhorse Tavern/ University Grille (2015, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006, 2005,).**
- Organized five Silent Auction fundraisers (total raised: approximately \$14,000).
- Planned and guided three field trips to New York City to tour the United Nations, view *Daily Show with Jon Stewart* (twice) and *Colbert Report* tapings.
- Planned and guided five field trips to Washington to tour Congress, the Newseum, C-SPAN & Fox News, NRCC.

Faculty Advisor, Shippensburg University Political Science Club (Fall, 2003 to Spring 2007) and (Fall 2009 – Present)

Coordinated Pizza Parties, “Cookout Kickoff” for Department, arranged and guided overnight field trip to Washington, DC, advised students on activities and opportunities, helped organize philanthropic clothing drive.

Coordinated mentor program and advising.

Search Committees: State and Local Politics Hire 2004, Judicial Process Hire 2005, Public Administration Hire 2009.

Department Committee Service: Capstone Development Committee, Marketing Committee, Internship Advising Committee, Author: Advising Award Submission (2007)

Undergraduate Advising: Advise between 20-30 Students, Directed 3 Internships, Organized “Pizza with a Prof” advising meeting about post graduate opportunities.

Colloquia Organized

Shippensburg University Caucus (January 2016): Simulated a political caucus for 70 student participants.

Scandal! An Interdisciplinary Conference on the Consequences, Outcomes, and Significance of Political Scandals Shippensburg University (June 2012) Co-Chaired an academic conference bringing 14 scholars from around the country to Shippensburg to examine political scandal with a variety of analytical lenses.

Shippensburg University Caucus (January 2014, 2012): Simulated a political caucus at the home of Shippensburg University President Bill Ruud for 70 student participants.

Inside the 2010 Campaigns (November 2010) Brought three recent Shippensburg alumni to speak to campus community about working on national and state midterm elections.

An Evening With Pennsylvania Cable Network President Brian Lockman (October 2010) Invited and hosted Brian Lockman for a campus-wide talk on the Midterm Elections and modern Pennsylvania media.

Midterm Midtastic! The 2010 Midterm Election Preview (Fall 2010) Organized an evening to educate the Shippensburg community about the four most important Pennsylvania races in this election, with analysis of the greater electoral climate.

The Army & The Law (April 2010) Hosted U.S. Army attorney Helen Lardner to speak on campus about working in the Pentagon as a civilian lawyer.

Afghanistan Today: Military Presence 8 Years After Our Invasion (November 2009) Hosted Shippensburg University alum Capt. James Costigan (USA) to speak to the campus community about our war in Afghanistan.

Honors Political Debate Series (Fall 2008) Directed four student debates on issues facing the presidential candidates in 2008, to include the following topics: The Environment, Women & the Family, Foreign Policy, and The Economy.

Shippensburg University Caucus (February 2008): Simulated a political caucus at the home of Shippensburg University President Bill Ruud for 75 student participants.

An Evening With C-SPAN Founder Brian Lamb (October 2007) Invited and hosted C-SPAN Founder and C.E.O. Brian Lamb for an afternoon to speak with a small group of Political Science & Communication/ Journalism students, followed by an evening discussion in Old Main Chapel for the entire campus and surrounding community.

Pornucopia: A Study of Pornography Across the Disciplines (April 2007) Organized and chaired campus-wide panel discussion on pornography to coincide with Women's Consortium speaker and book discussion. Looked at the issue of porn from the political, criminal, psychological and women's studies perspectives.

Honors Political Debate Series (September/ October 2004 and September/ October 2006)

- Fall 2004: Directed four student debates on issues facing the presidential candidates in 2004, to include the following topics: The Environment, Women & the Family, Foreign Policy, and The Economy.

- Fall 2006: Directed two student debates outlining the issue positions of the 2006 U.S. Senate race between Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) and Democratic challenger Robert Casey, and incumbent Governor Ed Rendell (D-PA) and challenger Lynn Swann.

Solicited Media Appearances & Interviews About Politics & Political Media

- *Trib Live* [Supreme Court Justice Scalia's death throws a wrench in presidential race.](#) (February 15, 2016)
- *Trib Live* [Few Political Outsiders find success in Oval Office, experts say](#) (December 13, 2015)
- *BBC* [Why Is Hillary Leaving Out The Rodham?](#) (November 21, 2015)
- *Off Road Politics with Salena Zito* [News Roundup with Salena Zito and Lara Brown](#) (October 30, 2015)
- *Trib Live* [Carson, Trump and Clinton Lead Support in PA](#) (October 29, 2015)
- *HuffPo Live Chat* [It Takes THIS Long?](#) (October 27, 2015)
- *SlateOnline* [Bipartisanship Series](#) (October 5, 2015)
- *Miami Herald* [Scammers, jokers, this PACs for you](#) (September 5, 2015)
- *Trib Live* [Super donors give growing share of campaign cash](#) (May 17, 2015)
- *The Fiscal Times* [Biden vs. Clinton: Would Joe Stand a Chance?](#) (Aug 19, 2013)
- *NPR.org* [2016 'Invisible Primary' Made Visible](#) (August 16, 2013)
- *Harrisburg Patriot News* [Disgraced former Politician should stay out of politics](#) (January 19, 2013)
- WHAG-Hagerstown (NBC Affiliate) [Pennsylvania Historically Leans Left in Presidential Races](#) (November 5, 2012)
- WHAG-Hagerstown (NBC Affiliate) [Pennsylvania Up For Grabs in Presidential Race](#) (October 23, 2012)
- *Trib Live* [President Not Only Factor on Economy, Experts Agree](#) (Sept 15, 2012)
- *Trib Live* [Bill Clinton Next Up on DNC Platform](#) (September 5, 2012)
- WHAG-Hagerstown (NBC Affiliate) [GOP Convention Could "Define" Romney](#) (August 28, 2012)
- *Pittsburg Tribune-Review* [Pennsylvania's GOP Delegates are Ready to 'Celebrate Politics'](#) (August 27, 2012)
- *HispanicBusiness.Com* [Ryan: Bring on Medicare First](#) (August 17, 2012)
- WMPT, Fox43 (Harrisburg) [Ryan Selected as Running Mate](#) (August 13, 2012)
- WMPT, Fox43 (Harrisburg), [Negative Political Ads Hit Airwaves Months Before Election Day](#) (July 2, 2012)
- *Pittsburg Tribune-Review*, [Casey, Toomey Enjoy Rare Cross-Party Bond, Respect](#) (June 10, 2012)
- *NPR.org* Hmmm. [The 2012 Election Reminds Me Of Something](#) (May 29, 2012)
 - NPR article picked up by *UPI.com* : [Politics: Primary Season Winds Down](#) (June 3, 2012)
- *Pittsburg Tribune-Review* [Experts Debunk 10 Myths Heading into Election](#) (March 18, 2012)
- *Pittsburg Tribune-Review*: [Romney Delegate Numbers Daunting](#) (March 8, 2012)

- WHAG- Hagerstown (NBC Affiliate) [Young Voters Say Neither Party is Reaching Out](#) (March 6, 2012)
- *Real Clear Politics* [Ohio: Portrait of America](#) (March 4, 2012)
- *Pittsburgh Tribune- Review* [Conservatives set aside differences at CPAC conference](#) (February 12, 2012)
- *Pittsburgh Tribune- Review* [Conitration, honesty are called keys to weathering political scandal](#) (January 23, 2012)
- *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* [Santorum Unlikely to top Romney](#) (January 5, 2012)
- WHAG-Hagerstown (NBC Affiliate) [Interview on the "Supercommittee"](#) (November 2011)
- WHAG-Hagerstown (NBC Affiliate) [Interview on 2012 Election](#) (October 2011)
- *WITF Public Radio* "Smart Talk" [Blame the Media](#), Discussion & Call-In Program (January 2011)
- *WITF Public Radio* "Election Night 2010" Cut-in interviews during NPR's Election night coverage to provide state/ local analysis of the midterm elections.

Invited Lectures About Politics & Political Media

"Targeted Exposure: Modern Partisan Media in Polarized Politics," *Torch Club of Chambersburg*, (February 2016).

"Election 2016: A Preview," *Institute for Retired Persons*, Chambersburg PA (October 2015)

"Hate Crimes: Ninth Annual Criminal Justice Symposium" *Shippensburg University* (April 2015)

"Political Media and the 2014 Midterm Elections" *Institute for Retired Persons*, Chambersburg PA (October 2014)

"The Invisible Primary" *Institute for Retired Persons*, Chambersburg PA (March 2014)

"Congressional Redistricting in Modern American Politics"
Institute for Retired Persons, Chambersburg PA (October 2013)
Torch Club of Chambersburg, Chambersburg PA (October 2013)

"Sex & Politics in Modern America" *Institute for Retired Persons*, Chambersburg PA (April 2013)

"Modern Political Media," *Family Health Council of PA*, Camp Hill, PA (April 23, 2013)

"Who's the Next President?!" *Falling Spring Elementary Fifth Grade Classes* (Oct. 15, 2012)

"Election 2012: The Perspective of the Media" *Institute for Retired Persons*, Chambersburg PA (September 2012)

“The American Political Media System & Campaign 2012” *Institute in American Politics and Political Thought for Higher Education Faculty*: A U.S. State Department program for scholars visiting the United States from abroad. Shippensburg University (July, 2012).

“Election 2012: Expectations, Disappointments & Analysis” *Institute for Retired Persons*, Chambersburg PA (March 2012)

“Politics and Media in Campaign 2012,” *Clarion University* (November 2011)

“The Changing American Political Media System & International Relations” *Institute in American Politics and Political Thought for Higher Education Faculty*: University of Massachusetts, Amherst (July, 2011).

“American Politics, the Media, and the 2010 Midterm Elections” *Institute in American Politics and Political Thought for Higher Education Faculty*: A U.S. State Department program for scholars visiting the United States from abroad. Shippensburg (July 2010).

“American Political Media & College Students,” Young Leaders Program: U.S. State Department programs for college students visiting the United States.

- Pakistani Students (August 2012, July 2011 and August 2010)
- Iraqi Students (July 2011 and August 2010)

“The American Political Media System” *Institute in American Politics and Political Thought for Higher Education Faculty*: A U.S. State Department program for scholars visiting the United States from abroad. Shippensburg University (July 2009).

“Media & Campaign 2008” *Institute in American Politics and Political Thought for Higher Education Faculty*: A U.S. State Department program for scholars visiting the United States from abroad. Shippensburg University (July 2008).

Panelist, Women’s Consortium Panel Discussion on Legal Rights & Self Expression
Women’s Consortium Spring Retreat (May, 2007).

Moderator, Franklin County Democratic Party Primary Debate between County Commissioner Candidates, Chambersburg, PA (May, 2007).

Panelist, Third Annual Criminal Justice Symposium: *Roe v. Wade* (1973) (September, 2006).

Panelist, DEBATE: "Reds vs. Blues: The State of Moral Values in America" with Jonah Goldberg, *The National Review* and Peter Beinart, *The New Republic*, (October, 2005).

“National News and Public Affairs” Lecture sponsored by the Chambersburg Institute for Retired Persons on the role of the media in American government, (April 2005).

Panelist, 2004 Election Panel sponsored by the Political Science Department for the campus community, moderated by Department Chair Niel Brasher. (November, 2004).

“Media and Politics,” Lecture sponsored by the Chambersburg Institute for Retired Persons on the role of the media in American government. (May, 2004).

“Not Just Politics” Lecture sponsored by the Shippensburg University Student Senate on slim majorities in Congress and bi-partisanship in modern politics. (November, 2003).

Professional Organization Membership

Shippensburg University Women’s Consortium
American Political Science Association
Academy of Political Science
New England Political Science Association
Pennsylvania Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Northeast Political Science Association
National Capital Area Political Science Association

Other Experience

Publications Reviewer

Congressional Quarterly, McGraw-Hill Publications, Political Science Quarterly,
Prentice Hall Publications, Sage Publications, Palgrave-MacMillan Publishers,

C-SPAN Public Affairs Network
Producer

Washington, DC
(1991-1996)