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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. 1995, political science, University of Minnesota.  
B.A. 1986, *cum laude* in history, Yale University.

**EMPLOYMENT**

Professor of political science, George Washington University 2005-present  
Senior fellow, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution, 2002-present  
Associate professor of political science (with tenure), George Washington University, 2001-2005  
Assistant professor of political science, George Washington University, 1999-2001  
Fellow, Governmental Studies, The Brookings Institution, 1997-2002  
Research associate, Governmental Studies, The Brookings Institution, 1995-97

**AWARDS/HONORS**

Walter Beach Award, 2021  
Oscar and Shoshana Trachtenberg Prize for Faculty Scholarship, 2020  
Barbara Sinclair Lecture Award, 2018  
Gladys M. Kammerer Award for best book published in the field of U.S. national policy, 2017  
Richard F. Fenno Jr. Prize for best book published on legislative politics, 2017  
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected 2015  
Jewell-Loewenberg Award for best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2004  
Richard F. Fenno Jr. Prize for best book published on legislative politics, 2003  
University of Minnesota Department of Political Science Distinguished Alumna, 2003  
CQ Prize for best paper on legislative politics at 1998 annual meeting of APSA  
E.E. Schattschneider Award (co-winner 1996) for best dissertation in field of American government

**GRANTS**

Hewlett Foundation (2024-2026) (\$200,000): Brookings Roundtable on the Future of the Senate  
Democracy Fund (2022-2024) (\$150,000): Brookings Roundtable on the Future of the Senate  
Atlantic Philanthropies, 2010 (\$25,000): "Reforming Rule 22"  
Cabot Family Charitable Trust, 2009 (\$25,000): "Improving the Housing Crisis"  
Carnegie Corporation, 2003-2005 (\$100,000): "Politics of Judicial Selection"  
O'Melveny and Myers, 2005 (\$10,000): "Politics of Judicial Selection"

National Science Foundation, 1998-99 (\$48,320): "Confirmation Politics" The Dillon Fund, 1997-99 (\$200,000): "Circumventing Gridlock."

## FELLOWSHIPS

Kluge Chair in American Law and Governance, Library of Congress, Fall 2020  
Robert W. Hartley Fellowship in Governmental Studies, Brookings Institution, 1994-95  
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 1993-94  
Graduate School and William W. Stout Fellowships, University of Minnesota, 1990-3

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

Binder, Sarah and Mark Spindel. 2017. *The Myth of Independence: How Congress Governs the Federal Reserve*. Princeton University Press. Recipient of the Richard F. Fenno Jr. Prize and the Gladys Kammerer Award.

Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2009. *Advice and Dissent: The Struggle to Shape the Federal Judiciary*. Brookings Institution Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2003. *Stalemate: Causes and Consequences of Legislative Gridlock*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press. Recipient of the Richard F. Fenno Jr. Prize.

Binder, Sarah. A. 1997. *Minority Rights, Majority Rule: Partisanship and The Development of Congress*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

Binder, Sarah A. and Steven S. Smith. 1997. *Politics or Principle? Filibustering in the United States Senate*, Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.

### Edited volumes:

Rhodes, R. W., Sarah A. Binder, and Bert Rockman, eds. 2006. *Handbook of Political Institutions*. Oxford University Press.

Quirk, Paul J. and Sarah A. Binder, eds. 2005. *The Legislative Branch*. Oxford University Press.

### Articles:

Binder, Sarah, Jackson Gode, Christian Potter, and Mark Spindel. 2024. "Tweeter-in-chief: Dynamics of Trump's populist campaign against the Fed." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 54:541–550. DOI: 10.1111/psq.12890.

Binder, Sarah. 2020. "How we (should?) study Congress and history." *Public Choice* 185, 415–427 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-019-00693-5>.

- Binder, Sarah. 2018. "Dodging the Rules in Trump's Republican Congress." *Journal of Politics* 80(4):1454-63.
- Binder, Sarah and Mark Spindel. 2018. "Why Study Monetary Politics." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 51(4):732-6.
- Binder, Sarah. 2015. "The Dysfunctional Congress." *Annual Review of Political Science*. 18(May): 85-101.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2015. "Challenges Ahead for Legislative Studies." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 40(1): 5-11.
- Binder, Sarah and Mark Spindel. 2013. "Monetary Politics: Origins of the Federal Reserve." *Studies in American Political Development* 27(1): 1-13.
- Lawrence, Eric D., Sarah A. Binder and Forrest Maltzman. 2011. "The Impact of Party Cues on Citizen Evaluations of Senators." *Congress & the Presidency* 38(1):1-15.
- Primo, David M., Sarah A. Binder, and Forrest Maltzman. 2008. "Who Consents? Competing Pivots in Federal Judicial Selection." *American Journal of Political Science* 52 (July): 471-489.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2008. "Taking the Measure of Congress: Response to Chiou and Rothenberg." *Political Analysis* 16 (2): 213-225.
- Binder, Sarah A., Anthony J. Madonna, and Steven S. Smith. 2007. "Going Nuclear, Senate Style." *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 5 (4, December): 729-40.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2007. "Where do Institutions Come From? Exploring the Origins of the Senate Blue Slip." *Studies in American Political Development*, 21 (Spring) 1-15.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2006. "Parties and Institutional Choice Revisited." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 31 (November): 513-532.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2005. "Ten More Years of Republican Rule?" *Perspectives on Politics* v. 3 (September): 541-3.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2004. "The Limits of Senatorial Courtesy." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 24 (February): 5-22.
- Binder, Sarah A., Eric D. Lawrence, and Steven S. Smith. 2002. "Tracking the Filibuster, 1917-1996." *American Politics Research* 30 (July): 407-23.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2002. "Senatorial Delay in Confirming Federal Judges, 1947-1996." *American Journal of Political Science* 46 (January): 190-9.
- Binder, Sarah A. 1999. "The Dynamics of Legislative Gridlock, 1947-1996." *American Political Science Review*, 93 (September): 519-33.

- Binder, Sarah A., Eric D. Lawrence, and Forrest Maltzman. 1999. "Uncovering the Hidden Effect of Party." *Journal of Politics*, 61 (August): 815-831.
- Binder, Sarah, Forrest Maltzman, and Lee Sigelman. 1998. "Senators' Home-State Reputations: Why Do Constituents Love a Bill Cohen So Much More Than an Al D'Amato?" *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 23 (November): 545-560.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Steven S. Smith. 1998. "Political Goals and Procedural Choice in the Senate." *Journal of Politics*, 60 (May): 398-416.
- Binder, Sarah A. 1996. "The Partisan Basis of Procedural Choice: Allocating Parliamentary Rights in the House, 1789-1990." *American Political Science Review*, 90 (March): 8-20.
- Maltzman, Forrest, Lee Sigelman, and Sarah Binder. 1996. "Leaving Office Feet First: Death in Congress." *PS: Political Science and Politics*.
- Binder, Sarah A. 1995. "Partisanship and Procedural Choice: Institutional Change in the Early Congress, 1789-1823." *Journal of Politics* 57 (November): 1093-1117.

#### **Book chapters:**

- Binder, Sarah. 2026. "Stretching Rules in the Modern Congress," in Brian Alexander, Ed., *The Idea of Congress: Congressional Norms in an Age of Conflict*. Bloomsbury Publishers / Brookings Institution Press.
- Binder, Sarah. 2025. "Challenges of Legislating in Partisan Times," in Lawrence Dodd, Bruce I. Oppenheimer, Ruth Bloch Rubin, and C. Lawrence Evans, eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 13<sup>th</sup> edition, CQ Press.
- Binder, Sarah. 2022. "Presidential and Congressional Rivalry in an Era of Polarization," in James Thurber and Jordan Tama, Eds., *Rivals for Power*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, Rowman and Littlefield.
- Binder, Sarah. 2021. "Legislative Stalemate in Postwar America, 1947-2018," in Eric M. Patashnik and Wendy J. Schiller, eds., *Dynamics of American Democracy: Partisan Polarization, Political Competition and Government Performance*. University of Kansas Press.
- Binder, Sarah. 2021. "The Struggle to Legislate in Polarized Times," in Lawrence Dodd, Bruce I. Oppenheimer, and C. Lawrence Evans, eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 12<sup>th</sup> edition, CQ Press.
- Binder, Sarah. 2017. "Congress and the President: Legislating in Polarized Times," in James Thurber and Jordan Tama, Eds., *Rivals for Power*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, Rowman and Littlefield.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2016. "Polarized We Govern?" in Alan Gerber and Eric Schickler, Eds. *Governing in a Polarized Age: Elections, Parties, and Political Representation in America*. Cambridge University Press.
- Binder, Sarah. 2016. "Legislating in Polarized Times," in Lawrence Dodd and Bruce Oppenheimer, eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 11<sup>th</sup> ed. CQ Press.

- Binder, Sarah and Forrest Maltzman. 2016. "Is Advice and Consent Broken? The Contentious Politics of Confirming Judges and Justices," in Lawrence Dodd and Bruce Oppenheimer, eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 11th ed. CQ Press.
- Binder, Sarah and Mark Spindel. 2016. "Congress and the Federal Reserve: Independence and Accountability," in Jeffrey Jenkins and Eric Patashnik, Eds. *Congress and Policy Making in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Cambridge University Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Frances E. Lee. 2015. "Making Deals in Congress," in Nathaniel Persily, ed., *Solutions to Political Polarization in America*. Cambridge University Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2014. "Advice and consent in a polarized era: Time to pull a normative alarm?" in Brandon L. Bartels and Chris W. Bonneau, Eds., *Making Law and Courts Research Relevant: The Normative Implications of Empirical Research in Law and Courts*. Routledge.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2012. "Advice and Consent: The Politics of Selecting Federal Judges," in Lawrence Dodd and Bruce Oppenheimer, eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. CQ Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2011. "The Senate and the Executive: Nomination Politics," in Burdett A. Loomis, ed., *The U.S. Senate: From Deliberation to Dysfunction*. CQ Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2011. "Legislative Productivity and Gridlock." In Eric Schickler and Frances E. Lee, *The Oxford Handbook on Congress*. Oxford University Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2008. "The Politics of Advice and Consent: Putting Federal Judges on the Bench," in Lawrence Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer, Eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 9<sup>th</sup> edition, CQ Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2008. "Consequences for the Courts: Polarized Politics and the Judicial Branch." In David Brady and Pietro Nivola, Eds., *Red and Blue Nation? Volume 2: Consequences and Correction of America's Polarized Politics*. Brookings and Hoover Institution Presses.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2006. "Can Congress Serve the General Welfare?" In *Promoting the General Welfare: Government Performance*, Editors Eric Patashnik and Alan Gerber. Brookings Institution Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2005. "Elections, Parties, and Governance." In *The Legislative Branch*, eds. Paul Quirk and Sarah Binder. Oxford University Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2005. "Congress and the Politics of Judicial Appointment," In *Congress Reconsidered*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2003. "Sticky Rules: Procedural Change in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Congress." In *Congress Responds to the Twentieth Century*, In Sunil Ahuja and Robert Dewhirst, eds., Ohio State University Press.

- Binder, Sarah A. 2003. "The Senate: Can it Deliberate? Does it Act?" In *Workways of Governance*, Roger D. Davidson, ed. Brookings Institution Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2001. "The Senate as a Black Hole? Lessons Learned from the Judicial Appointments Experience." In *Innocent Until Nominated: The Breakdown of the Presidential Appointments Process*, Calvin MacKenzie, ed., Brookings Institution Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2001. "Can the Parties Govern?" In Jeffrey Cohen, Richard Fleisher, and Paul Kantor, eds., *American Political Parties: Decline or Resurgence?* Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2001. "Congress, the Executive, and the Production of Public Policy: United We Govern?" In C. Lawrence Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer, eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition. Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Steven S. Smith. 1995. "Acquired Procedural Tendencies and Congressional Reform." In James A. Thurber and Roger H. Davidson, eds., *Remaking Congress: Change and Stability in the 1990s*. Congressional Quarterly Press.

### **Non-peer reviewed articles**

- Binder, Sarah. 2023. "Bridging the Gap Between Political Science and Politics: Lessons Learned." *Law, Culture and the Humanities* 19(1): 19–21. <https://www.scopus.com/inward/record.uri?eid=2-s2.0-85111918302&doi=10.1177%2f17438721211035464&partnerID=40&md5=0e48022eac5d572036cc2292652b50>.
- Binder, Sarah. 2022. "Marching (Senate style) towards Majority Rule." *The Forum*. <https://doi.org/10.1515/for-2022-2039>
- Binder, Sarah. 2021. "Bridging the Gap Between Political Science and Politics: Lessons Learned." *Law, Culture and the Humanities* (August). <https://doi.org/10.1177/17438721211035464>.
- Binder, Sarah and Mark Spindel. 2020. "How Politics Shapes Federal Reserve Communications." *Cato Journal*, 40 (Spring/Summer).
- Binder, Sarah. 2016. "The Federal Reserve as a "Political" Institution," *Bulletin of the Academy of Arts & Sciences*, Spring 2016, pp. 47-9.
- Binder, Sarah and Mark Spindel. 2016. "Congress Independence and accountability: Congress and the Fed in a polarized era." Center for Effective Public Management at Brookings.
- Binder, Sarah. 2014. "Polarized We Govern?" Center for Effective Public Management at Brookings.
- Binder, Sarah and Frances E. Lee. 2013. "Making Deals in Congress," in Jane Mansbridge and Cathie Joe Martin, Eds., *Negotiating Agreement in Politics*, American Political Science Association.
- Binder, Sarah and Forrest Maltzman. 2013. "New Wars of Advice and Consent: Judicial Selection in the Obama Years." *Judicature* July-August.

- Binder, Sarah A. 2011. "Through the Looking Glass, Darkly: What Has Become of the Senate?" *The Forum*, December.
- Binder, Sarah and Thomas Mann. 2011. "Constraints on Leadership." The Brookings Institution.
- Wheeler, Russell and Sarah A. Binder. 2011. "Do Judicial Emergencies Matter? Nomination and Confirmation Delay during the 111th Congress." The Brookings Institution.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2009. "Advice and consent during the Bush years: The politics of confirming federal judges." *Judicature* V. 92, N. 6 (May-June): 320-9.
- Binder, Sarah A., Thomas E. Mann, Norman Ornstein, and Molly Reynolds. 2009. "Assessing the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, Anticipating the 111<sup>th</sup>." Brookings Institution.
- Binder, Sarah A., Thomas E. Mann, and Molly Reynolds. 2008. "One Year Later: Is Congress Still the Broken Branch?: A Report on the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress." Brookings Institution.
- Mann, Thomas E., Sarah A. Binder, and Molly Reynolds. 2007. "Is the Broken Branch on the Mend? An Early Report on the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress." Brookings Institution.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2006. "Can Congress Legislate for the Future?" John Brademas Center for the Study of Congress. Research Brief #3.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2005. "Elections and Congress's Governing Capacity." *Extensions*. Fall 2005.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Bill Frenzel. 2002. "The Business of Congress After September 11." *Brookings Policy Dialogue*, No. 1.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2001. "The Senate as a Black Hole: Lessons Learned from the Judicial Appointment Experience." *The Brookings Review*, 19 (Spring):37-40.
- Binder, Sarah A. 2000. "Going Nowhere: A Gridlocked Congress?" *The Brookings Review*, 18 (Winter): 16-19.
- Binder, Sarah A. 1996. "The Disappearing Political Center: Congress and the Incredible Shrinking Middle." *The Brookings Review*, 14 (Fall): 36-39.
- Binder, Sarah A. and Thomas E. Mann. 1995. "Slaying the Dinosaur: The Case for Reforming the Senate Filibuster." *The Brookings Review*. 13 (Summer): 32-36.
- Binder, Sarah A., 1995. "Minority Rights." In *The Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*, eds. Donald Bacon, Roger H. Davidson, and Morten Keller (New York: Simon and Schuster).

**Book reviews:**

*Imagining the Fed: The Struggle for the Heart of the Federal Reserve, 1913-1970*, by Nicolas Thompson, *Perspectives on Politics* 20(3):1115-6 (2022).

*The Whips*, by C. Lawrence Evans. *The Legislative Scholar* 4 (Winter), 2020.

Critical Dialogue: Review of *Fed Power* by Lawrence Jacobs and Desmond King and Response to Desmond King's review of *The Myth of Independence: How Congress Governs the Federal Reserve*, *Perspectives on Politics* 16(3):779-84 (2018).

*Austerity*, by Mark Blyth. *Perspectives on Politics* 15(2) 555-6 (2017).

*The Fed and the Credit Crisis*, by Kevin Corder. *Perspectives on Politics* 11(1) 238-9 (2013).

*Filibuster: Obstruction and Lawmaking in the U.S. Senate*, by Gregory J. Wawro and Eric Schickler. *The Review of Politics*. 2006.

*The Invention of the United States Senate*, by Daniel and Stephen Wirls. *Political Science Quarterly*. 2005.

*America's Congress*, by David Mayhew, *American Political Science Review*, 95 (June, 2001): 480.

*Turning the Legislative Thumbscrew*, by Douglas Dion, *American Political Science Review* 93 (June, 1999): 450.

*Senators on the Campaign Trail: The Politics of Representation*, by Richard F. Fenno, Jr. *Political Science Quarterly* 112 (Spring, 1997): 145-146.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Red ink: Why Congress struggles to rein in the debt

Rule stretching in the contemporary Congress

Fragility of Fed independence

The Disappearing Congress

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“Rule Stretching in Congress.” Paper presented at the annual Congress & History Conference, Brown University, June 2025.

“Bridging the Gap Between Political Science and Politics: Lessons Learned.” Paper presented at Public Works: Academics in the Arena in the Trump Era and Beyond (on-line conference), Amherst College, April 2021.

“Interdependence: How Politics Shapes Federal Reserve Communications,” with Mark Spindel. Paper presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Cato Monetary Conference, Washington, D.C., November 14, 2019; Public Choice conference, March 2020.

- “Marching (Senate-style) toward majority rule.” Paper presented at Oppenheimer Reconsidered, April 26-8, 2019.
- “How we (should?) study Congress and history.” Paper presented at the Causal Inference and American Political Development Conference, University of Southern California, January 10-11, 2019.
- “Legislative Stalemate in Postwar America, 1947-2018.” Paper presented at The Dynamics of American Democracy: Partisan Polarization, Political Competition and Government Performance, Brown University, November 14-15, 2018.
- “Revisiting and Restoring Madison’s American Congress.” White paper prepared for “A Madisonian Commission for All.” National Constitution Center, October 2018.
- “Rule Breaking in Trump’s Republican Congress.” Paper presented at the Parties & Partisanship in the Age of Trump Symposium, Bedrosian Center, Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California, February 13, 2018.
- “Challenges Posed by Contemporary Party Polarization.” Paper presented at Hewlett Foundation Conference on Polarization and U.S. Politics, University of California, Berkeley, April 29-30, 2016.
- “Congressional Attempts to Limit Central Bank Independence,” with Mark Spindel. Paper presented at Congress and Policy Making in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference University of Virginia, June 3-4, 2013.
- “Can Congress Govern in Polarized Times?” Paper presented at Representation & Governance: A Conference in Honor of David Mayhew, Yale University, May 29-30, 2013.
- “De-Central Bank: The Politics of Selecting the Federal Reserve Banks in 1914.” With Mark Spindel. Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference, Brown University. June 2011.
- “Vote Margins and Support for the U.S. Congress.” With Eric Lawrence and Forrest Maltzman. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2011.
- “De-Central Bank: The Politics of Selecting the Federal Reserve Banks in 1914.” With Mark Spindel. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2010.
- “Playing the Gender Card: Ideology, Gender and Vote Choice.” With Jake Haselswerdt and Forrest Maltzman. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.
- “The Senate and the Executive: Nomination Politics.” Presented at the Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas, March 2010.

- “The Impact of Party Cues on Citizen Evaluations of Senators.” With Eric Lawrence and Forrest Maltzman. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008.
- “Congress, the Courts, and Polarization.” Paper presented at the Hoover-Brookings conference on polarization. January 2007, Stanford University.
- “Can Congress Serve the General Welfare?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2006.
- “Congressional Construction of the Federal Bench.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2006.
- “Half-empty or Half-full? Do Vacant Judgeships Matter?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2005.
- “Origins of the Senate Blue Slip: The Politics of Creating Senate Norms.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004.
- “Blue Slips Sink Ships: Institutionalizing Senatorial Courtesy.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003.
- “Consequences of Legislative Gridlock.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, Sept. 2002.
- "Parties and Institutional Choices Revisited." Presented at the Conference on Congress and History, Columbia University, June 2002.
- "The Limits of Senatorial Courtesy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2002. With Forrest Maltzman.
- "Parties and Institutional Choices Revisited." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2001.
- "Does It Deliberate? The Case of the U.S. Senate." Presented at the Workshop on Legislative Workways, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C. July 2000.
- "Holding Up the Senate: The Politics of Senate Confirmation." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2000. With Forrest Maltzman.
- “The Dynamics of Legislative Gridlock, 1947-1996.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1998.
- “Conditions of Effective Governance: The Case of the Senate.” Presented at the Workways of Governance Colloquium, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. October 1997.
- “Explaining Senate Change: The Rise in Filibustering, 1917-1996.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1997. With Eric Lawrence and Steven S. Smith.

“Revisiting the Senate Filibuster: Political Goals and Procedural Choice in the Senate.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1996. With Steven S. Smith.

"The Partisan Basis of Procedural Choice: Allocating Parliamentary Rights in the House, 1789-1991." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 1995.

"Partisanship and Procedural Choice: Institutional Change in the Early Congress, 1789-1823." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1995, Chicago, IL.

"Acquired Procedural Tendencies and Congressional Reform." Presented at the Conference on Congressional Change, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University, October 1994. With Steven S. Smith.

"The Limits of Partisanship: Extending Minority Rights in the Senate, 1789-1992." Presented at the 1993 meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

"A Partisan Theory of Procedural Change: Creation of Minority Rights in the House of Representatives, 1789-1991." Presented at the 1992 meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (TO THE DISCIPLINE)**

Good Authority (website successor to the The Monkey Cage), co-editor (American politics) 2023-present  
Center for Effective Lawmaking Advisory Board, member (2020-2026)

The Monkey Cage (*Washington Post* blog), co-editor (American politics), 2017-2022

*Legislative Studies Quarterly* (Co-editor, 2010–2013; Editorial board member, 1998-2000, 2014-2022)

*Political Research Quarterly* (editorial board member, 2006-2009)

*Congress & the Presidency* (editorial board member, 2009-present)

*The Forum* (editorial board member, 2013-present)

*Journal of Politics* (Editorial board member, 2005-2006)

*American Politics Research* (Editorial board member, 2003-present; Guest co-editor Vol. 34, No. 2)

*American Journal of Political Science* (Editorial board member, 1998-2005, Chair, Publication Ethics Committee, 2018-present)

Midwest Political Science Association: Program Committee (1998, 2001), Patrick Fett Award Committee (2004), Emerging Scholar award committee (2007), Council member (2009-2013), Council vice president (2015-2018), President-elect (2018-19), President (2019-20), Past-president (2020-21), Nominations committee chair (2022)

American Political Science Association: Program Committee (2004), Hubert H. Humphrey Award committee (2002), E.E. Schattschneider Award committee (2010), Carey McWilliams Award Committee (2012), Task Force on Negotiating Agreement in Politics (2013), *Perspectives on Politics* editor selection committee (2014), Committee on Career Diversity (2021-2023), Nominating committee (2024-26), Kammerer Book Award Committee (2026)

Legislative Studies Section (APSA): Nominating Committee (1997, 2006-8), CQ paper award committee (1999), Jewell Loewenberg Award Committee (2008), Executive Committee (1999-2001, 2003-4), Fenno award committee (chair, 2005, 2018; member, 2009), Section chair (2009-2011)

Women in Legislative Studies (co-organizer, Research Workshop 2020-2023)

History and Politics Section (APSA): Mary Parker Follett award committee (chair, 2005)

National Capitol Area Political Science Association: Council member (1998-2000), Best paper committee (1998, 2000).

The Dirksen Center (Board of Directors of Endowment Fund member, 2006-2012)

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Annual Review of Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Studies in American Political Development*, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Electoral Studies*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *Party Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Women & Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *American Review of Politics*, *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *Rand Journal*, *Southern Economic Journal*, National Science Foundation, Cambridge University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Kansas Press, Brookings Institution Press, W.W. Norton, Routledge Press, Princeton University Press, Smith Richardson Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, Carnegie Corporation.

Discussant, chair, or participant, Midwest Political Science Association and/or the American Political Science Association (1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2023); Discussant, Conference on the History of Congress, Stanford University (1999, 2004); Discussant and/or participant, Congress and History Conference, (2001 Columbia; 2003 MIT; 2005 Washington University, St. Louis; 2006 Yale University; 2007 Princeton University; 2008 GWU; 2009 UVA; 2010 UC Berkeley; 2011 Brown University; 2013 Columbia; 2014 University of Maryland-College Park; 2015 Vanderbilt University, 2017 Library of Congress, 2018 Princeton University, 2020 University of Wisconsin-Madison, virtual; 2021 Washington University, St. Louis & University of Kansas (virtual); 2022 Columbia University; 2024 Princeton University; 2025 Brown University); Discussant, Women in Legislative Studies Annual Conference (2023, 2024); Discussant, Jennifer Victor book manuscript workshop, George Mason University (2026); Panelist, Keeping the Republic Conference, University of Notre Dame (2026).

## **DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### GWU Political Science Department:

PSC Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2001-present

PSC search committees: political theory (2001-2), open field (2000-1), methods (2012, 2013), American politics (1998-present, chair 2016, 2018, 2019, 2025)

PSC American politics comprehensive exam committee (Masters, PhD), (1999-2020, 2024)

PSC American politics field chair (2015-2017)

Current or past dissertation committee member for: Annika Davies (chair), Bryce Mendez, Kerry Synan, Brian Kamoie, Colin Emrich (chair), Jared Heern (chair), Shannon McQueen, Jonathan Hack (co-chair), Cory Maks-Solomon (chair), David Richardson (chair), Daniel Epstein (chair), William Cubbison, Abboud Kayyali, Philip Wininger, Sarah Eckman (chair), Jake Haselswerdt (chair), Alyx Mark, Daniel Green, Morgan Lyon Cotti, Aaron Dusso (chair), Kenneth Halla (chair), Maeve Carey.

### GWU Columbia School of Arts and Sciences:

GW Election Series, Roundtable participant (2024)

GW WID Faculty Roundtable participant (2023)  
GW Admissions—Inside GW speaker (2015, 2016, 2017)  
Department of Sociology, search committee for new chair (2015-6)  
UFF – social sciences review panel, 2011, 2013, 2018  
CSAS Student Appeals Committee, 2002-5  
CSAS Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell Scholarship Endorsement Committee, 2004-2006

#### GWU University:

Parliamentarian, Faculty Senate and Assembly (May 2021 - present)  
Panelist, Power and Precedent: A Conversation with Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi (2026)  
Commencement Speaker selection committee (2019-20)  
Search committee, associate dean for health and well-being, GWU (2019)  
Judge, University Commencement student speaker competition (2012, 2014, 2015, 2016)  
University Writing Task Force, 2002-2004  
University Search Committee, GWU Writing Program Director (2003-2004)

#### Brookings Institution:

Brookings Advisory Group for presidential search (2022-3)  
Pechman Lunch, co-moderator (2020- )  
Governance Studies Ombuds (2018-)  
Working group on authorship and attribution (2018-)  
Scholar Advisory Committee (2005-2007, 2015-2019)  
Governance Studies Research Fellows selection committee, 1995-2008 (chair, 2003-2008)

#### **INVITED RESEARCH TALKS**

Columbia University (1997, 2011); University of Rochester (1998); UCLA (1998); UNC-Chapel Hill (1999); Duke University (1999); University of Illinois (1999); Harvard University (CAPS-2000, Kennedy School of Government-2001, Department of Government workshop- 2005); University of Iowa (2001); University of Virginia (Miller Center 2002, 2007); University of Pennsylvania (2002); Stanford University (2002); Yale University (ISPS- 2003), University of Minnesota (2003), University of Wisconsin-Madison (2004) Michigan State University (PIPC-2004), University at Albany (2004), Albany Law School (2004), William and Mary (2005), Washington University St. Louis (2005, 2006), Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy (2005), Georgetown University (2005, 2014), Stanford University (2006), Temple University (2007), MIT (2008), University of Michigan (2009), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2009), University of Georgia (2010), Texas A&M (2010), John Marshall Law School (2010), Yale (2010), Oxford University (2011), University of Minnesota at Morris (2011), NYU-Abu Dhabi (2012), University of Connecticut (2012), University of Texas, Austin (2013), Clark University (2013), Social Science Research Council (2014), Columbia Law School (2015), Ohio State University (2015), William and Mary (2015), UC Berkeley (2015), Washington University, St. Louis (2017), Washington History Seminar (2017), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (2018), Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (2018), Rutgers University (2019), Fordham University (2020), Wesleyan University (2020), McMaster University (2020), Colgate University (2020), University of Colorado (2020), Yale Law School (2021), Florida State University (2021), Library of Congress (2021), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (2022), Vanderbilt (2023), Syracuse (2023), Georgetown (2023).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Political parties and interest groups (undergraduate and graduate), legislative politics (undergraduate and graduate), American political institutions (graduate), other seminars on American politics (undergraduate).

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