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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Rochester

- Associate Professor, Dept of Political Science, July 2009-present
- Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, July 2002-June 2009

EDUCATION

Harvard University

- Ph.D. in Political Science, Dept of Government, Nov. 2002
- A.M. in Political Science, Dept of Government, Nov. 1997

Brown University

- A.B. in International Relations with Honors, May 1995
Graduated Magna Cum Laude (highest honor available)
- Study Abroad, Université de Genève & Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales (through Smith College), Geneva, Switzerland, 1993-94

Google Scholar citation count: 4851 (as of 2/9/2026)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics), 2008. *Winner of the 2010 Council for European Studies Best Book Prize, the 2009 William H. Riker Award (Best Book, Political Economy Section, APSA) and the 2009 Best Book Award (European Politics & Society Section, APSA)*

Journal Articles and Edited Chapters

“Continuity and Change: The Role of Nativism and Gender Attitudes in the Long-term Dynamics of Radical Right Party Support.” (with Sami Gul). *Party Politics*. Accepted January 5, 2026.

“Strategic Inclusion Without Transformation: How Populist Radical Right Parties Engage with Women’s Interests.” (with Hilde Coffé, Miki Kittilson and Ana Catalano Weeks). *Comparative*

Updated February 2026

Political Studies. Online First, available September 30, 2025.

“Transferring Power to Maintain Control: Decentralization as a National-Level Electoral Strategy in Western Europe.” *World Politics*. 76.1 (2024): 1-37.

“Parties, Issues and Gender.” (with Hilde Coffé, Miki Kittilson and Ana Catalano Weeks). Chapter in *The Routledge Handbook of Political Parties*. London: Routledge Press. 2023. 312-22.

“Adaptation or Inflexibility? Niche Party Responsiveness to Policy Competition, with Evidence from Regionalist Parties” *European Journal of Political Research*. 62.2 (2023): 355-76.

“When Do Männerparteien Elect Women? Radical Right Populist Parties and Strategic Descriptive Representation” (with Ana Catalano Weeks, Miki Kittilson and Hilde Coffé). *American Political Science Review*. 117 (May 2023): 421-38.

“Does Polarization Mobilize or De-Mobilize Voters? The Answer Depends on Where They Stand.” (with Maria Murias Muñoz) *Electoral Studies*, 70 (April 2021).

“Selective Contestation: The Impact of Decentralization on Ethnoterritorial Party Electoral Strategy,” *Electoral Studies*, 52 (April 2018): 94-102.

“Multilevel Elections and Party Fortunes: The Electoral Impact of Decentralization in Western Europe.” *Comparative Politics*, 47.4 (July 2015): 379-98.

“Institutional Change and Ethnoterritorial Party Representation at the European Level.” in Andrew C. Gould, and Anthony M. Messina, editors. *Europe's Contending Identities: Supranationalism, Ethnoregionalism, Religion, and New Nationalism*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014. 100-117.

“Issue Salience, Issue Ownership, and Issue-based Vote Choice.” (with Éric Bélanger). *Electoral Studies*, 27.3 (Sept. 2008): 477-91.

“Competition Between Unequals: The Role of Mainstream Party Strategy in Niche Party Success.” *American Political Science Review*, 99.3 (August 2005): 347-59.

Book Review of Marcus Kreuzer’s “Institutions and Innovation: Voters, Parties, and Interest Groups in the Consolidation of Democracy – France and Germany, 1870-1939,” *Comparative Political Studies*, 35.6 (August 2002): 744-48.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

“Thinly Veiled: The Use of Femonationalist Speech in European Parliaments” (with Jorge Fernandes and Ana Catalano Weeks) *Revise and Resubmit*

WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Femonationalist Politics: How Gendered Rhetoric Shapes Perceptions of Nativist Parties” (with Ana Catalano Weeks and Jorge Fernandes)

“Splitting the Vote: Examining how gendered cultural wedge issues shape Americans' support for outpartisan candidates.” (with Nazita Lajevardi)

“Is the Culture War Real? The importance of transgender rights in US vote choice.” (with Nazita Lajevardi and Thomas Chamberlain)

“The Emergence and Appeal of Cultural Wedge Issues in European Party Competition”

“Endogenous Institutions: The Origins of Compulsory Voting Laws.” (with Gretchen Helmke).

“Bringing Government Back to the People? The Impact of Political Decentralization on Voter Engagement in Western Europe.”

“Institutional Change as Strategy: The Role of Decentralization in Party Competition.” *Winner, James B. Christoph Prize for the Best Conference Paper on British Politics awarded by the British Politics Group.*

SELECT ACADEMIC HONORS

Grants, the Program in Empirical Policy Research, Wallis Institute, Rochester, NY: 2026, 2024, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 (x2), 2017, 2014, 2008, 2007, 2006

Grant, Student Course Development Projects, CETL, University of Rochester, 2022

Goergen Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of Rochester, 2013

James B. Christoph Prize for the Best Conference Paper on British Politics, 2010

Council for European Studies Best Book Prize, 2010

William H. Riker Prize, for best book on political economy, Pol. Economy section, APSA 2009

Best Book Award, European Politics and Society section, APSA 2009

Alternate, AAUW American Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship, 2006-07

Samuel H. Beer Prize for the Best Dissertation on British Politics, 2004

Honorable Mention, Best Paper on European Politics, APSA 2003

James B. Christoph Prize for Best British Politics Paper by Ph.D. Candidate at APSA, 2000

Program for the Study of Germany and Europe Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Harvard, 2000

Center for European Studies Graduate Student Affiliate, Harvard, 1998-2002

Sawyer Predoctoral Fellowship for the Performance of Democracies, Fall 1999

Krupp Foundation Fellowship for Dissertation Research, 1998-1999

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 1995-1998

William Gaston Premium Scholarship for Outstanding Performance in Major, Brown U., 1995

Anne Crosby Emery Fellowship, May 1995 (declined)

Phi Beta Kappa Membership, May 1995

INVITED TALKS

IE University, Madrid, Politics Research Group Speaker series, September 2024

Rice University, Hudspeth Lecture Series, September 2023

University of Salzburg & University of Oslo, Re:Presentations: Seminar Series on Political Representation, December 2021

King's College London & Royal Holloway, Gender and Politics Seminar, February 2021

Syracuse University, European Politics (EuroPOW) Seminar Series, October 2020

University College London, Comparative Politics Seminar Series, October 2020

University of Toronto, Political Science Department Seminar Series, February 2018

Arizona State University, School of Politics and Global Studies, January 2016

Binghamton University, Keynote Address, Han-Jyun Hou Conference, May 2013

Emory University, Political Institutions and Methodology Colloquium, March 2013

ECPR, Parties Summer School, Brussels, Belgium, September 2011

University of Wisconsin, Political Economy Speaker Series, April 2011

UCLA, Comparative Politics Workshop, June 2010

Columbia University, Seminar on Modern Europe, December 2009

University of Rochester, LLE Science and Technology Seminar, December 2008

University of Michigan, Comparative Politics Speaker Series, November 2008

Princeton University, Political Institutions and Economic Policy (PIEP) Conference, May 2008

Cornell University, Institute for European Studies, April 2008

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Politics through the Lens of Parties Conference, April 2007

University of California, Davis, Political Science Department Seminar, June 2006

University of Michigan, Challenges to Parties and Representation Conference, May 2005

University of Rochester, Wallis Institute of Political Economy Seminar, May 2004

University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute Lecture Series, April 2004

Harvard, Challenges to Political Parties in Europe since 1870 Conference, April 2001

Yale University, Society for Comparative Research's International Student Retreat, May 2000

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Femonationalist Politics: How Gendered Rhetoric Shapes Perceptions of Nativist Parties” (with Ana Catalano Weeks and Jorge Fernandes). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2025) and the Comparative Representation in Advanced Parliamentary Democracies Conference (UT-Austin, October 2025).

“Thinly Veiled: The Use of Femonationalist Speech in European Parliaments” (with Jorge Fernandes and Ana Catalano Weeks). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA, Sept 2024).

“Unpacking the Femonationalist Factor: The Intersection of Nativism, Gender Attitudes, and Radical Right Party Support” (with Sami Gul). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA, Sept 2024) and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2024).

“Niche Party Strategies: The Populist Radical Right's Use of Gender.” Presented at the Peter Hall Celebration Conference, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, October 2023.

“The Impact of Women's Descriptive Representation on Gender Differences in Party Voter Support and Party Overall Electoral Success” (with Hilde Coffé, Ana Catalano Weeks and Miki Kittilson). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Los Angeles, Sept 2023).

“More than Window Dressing? Salience and Positions on Women's Interests among Populist Radical Right Parties” (with Hilde Coffé, Ana Catalano Weeks and Miki Kittilson). Presented at the Changing Voters, Changing Parties: Redefining the Electoral Landscape in Europe workshop, University of Pittsburgh (Oct 2022) and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Montreal, Sept 2022).

“The New Defenders of Gender Equality? When Do Radical Right Populist Parties Incorporate Women's Interests” (with Hilde Coffé, Ana Catalano Weeks and Miki Kittilson). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, April 2022) and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Seattle, Oct. 2021).

“When Do Männerparteien Elect Women? Radical Right Populist Parties and Strategic Descriptive Representation” (with Ana Catalano Weeks, Miki Kittilson and Hilde Coffé). Presented at the “Parties in the Electoral Cycle” Workshop (University of Fribourg and Humboldt University Joint Workshop, virtual, Dec. 2020) and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (virtual, Sept. 2020).

Roundtable Presentation, “Populism in Central and Eastern Europe” roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC, Sept. 2019).

“Transferring Power to Maintain Control: Decentralization as a National-Level Electoral Strategy in Western Europe.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC, Sept. 2019) and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2019).

Roundtable Presentation, “European Integration and Disintegration: The EU, Devolution and Secession” roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston, MA, Sept. 2018).

“How Do Niche Parties React to Policy Appeasement? The Effect of Decentralization on Regionalist Party Programmatic Strategies.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston, MA, Sept 2018), the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2018) and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, CA, Sept 2017).

“Arena Shopping: The Effects of Decentralization on Selective Entry of Ethnoterritorial Parties in National Parliamentary Elections.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA, Sept 2016), Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2016), the Conference of Europeanists (Paris, France, July 2015) and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2015).

“Transferring Power to Maintain Control: Decentralization as a National-Level Electoral Strategy in Western Europe.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC, August 2014).

“Decentralization as a National-Level Electoral Strategy in Western Europe.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2014) and the Conference of Europeanists (Amsterdam, NL, June 2013).

“Multilevel Elections and Party Fortunes: The Electoral Impact of Decentralization in Western Europe.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Seattle, WA, Sept. 2011) and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2011).

Roundtable Presentation, “Citizen-Government Linkages and Representation” roundtable, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2011).

“Institutional Change and Ethnoterritorial Party Representation at the European Level.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC, Sept. 2010) and the “European Identities? Regionalism, Nationalism and Religion” Conference (London, UK, Oct. 2008).

“Institutional Change as Strategy: The Role of Decentralization in Party Competition.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (Toronto, Canada, Sept. 2009) and the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2009). *Awarded the James B. Christoph Prize for the Best Conference Paper on British Politics, 2010.*

“Endogenous Institutions: The Origins of Compulsory Voting Laws.” Co-authored with Gretchen Helmke. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2008) and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, Sept. 2007).

“Decentralization: An Institutional Strategy of Appeasement in Party Competition.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston, MA, August 2008) and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2008).

“Bringing Government Back to the People? The Impact of Political Decentralization on Voter Engagement in Western Europe.” Presented at the European Union Studies Association Meeting (Montreal, Canada, May 2007), the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2007), and the Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research (Edinburgh, UK, March 2003).

“Issue Saliency, Issue Ownership and Issue-based Vote Choice: Evidence from Canada.” Co-authored with Éric Bélanger. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (London, ON, Canada, June 2005), the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, April 2005), and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, Sept. 2004).

“The Critical Role of Non-Proximal Parties in Electoral Competition: Evidence from France.” Presented at the Conference of Europeanists (Chicago, IL, March 2004) and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA, August 2003). *Awarded Honorable Mention for Best Paper in the Field of European Politics and Societies at APSA 2003*

“Competing with the Neophyte: The Role of Mainstream Party Strategy in Rising Party Success.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, Apr. 2002) and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, CA, Aug.-Sept. 2001).

“The Sub-National Effects of National-Level Strategies: The Case of Devolution in the United Kingdom.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, CA, Aug.-Sept. 2001).

“Stability in the Face of Change: The Strategic Role of Mainstream Political Parties in the Maintenance of Western European Political Landscapes.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC, Aug-Sept. 2000). *Awarded James B. Christoph Prize for best paper on British Politics presented by a graduate student at the Annual Meeting of the APSA.*

“Understanding Policy Failure: The Overlooked Role of Ethnic Credibility in Party Strategic Success.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC, Sept. 2000).

“The Failure of British Devolution: The Overlooked Role of Ethnic Sentiment in Party Strategic Success.” Presented at the 8th Summer School on European Parties and Party Systems (Keele University, Keele, U.K. Sept. 6-17, 1999).

“When Ethnicity Proves Insufficient: Understanding the Discrepancy in the Scottish and Welsh Votes for Devolution.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Atlanta, GE, Sept. 1999).

PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Appointments

Journals

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2025-

Editorial Board Member, *Comparative Political Studies*, 2013-

Editorial Board Member, *Party Politics*, 2008-

Editorial Board Member, *The American Journal of Political Science*, 2014-2018

Editorial Board Member, *Acta Politica*, 2011-2018

Committees

Member, Emerging Scholar Award Committee, POP Section, APSA, 2024

Co-Organizer, Peter Hall Celebration Conference, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2023

Chair, Jack Walker Outstanding Article Award committee, POP Section, APSA, 2023

Member, Award Committee, Kellogg/Notre Dame Award, MPSA, 2023

Executive Council Member, Political Organizations and Parties (POP) Section, APSA, 2021-23

Chair, Political Economy Section, APSA, 2020-22

Affiliate, Democracy Center, University of Rochester, 2022-

Member, POP Best Paper Award Committee, POP Section, APSA, 2022

Founding Member, Women in Comparative Parties Research group, 2018-

Executive Committee Member, Representation and Electoral Systems Section, APSA, 2016-18

Executive Committee Member, British Politics Group, 2018-2020

Chair, Mancur Olson Best Dissertation Prize, Political Economy Section, APSA, 2019

Member, Early Career Award selection committee, MPSA Women's Caucus, 2019

Division Co-Chair, Comparative Politics of Advanced Industrial Societies, APSA, 2018

Member, Best Paper Award Committee, Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Section of APSA, 2017

Member, Riker Best Book Prize Committee, Political Economy Section of APSA, 2015

Member, Kellogg/Notre Dame Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Assoc., 2014

Division Co-Chair, Political Organizations and Parties Section, APSA Meeting, 2013

Member, Best Dataset Award Selection Committee, Comparative Politics Section, 2013

Executive Council Member, Political Economy Section of APSA, Sept 2010-2012

Treasurer/Secretary, Representation and Electoral Systems Section, APSA, 2007-2010

Chair, Best Book Award Selection Committee, European Politics and Society Section, 2010

Member, Haas Dissertation Fellowship Competition Selection Committee, European Union Studies Association, 2009

Member, Jack Walker Outstanding Article Prize Committee, Political Organizations and Parties Section of APSA, 2009

Member, Party Politics Award Prize Committee, Political Organizations and Parties Section of APSA, 2007

Member, Longley Award Prize Committee, Representation and Electoral Systems Section of APSA, 2007

Member of the Diversity Committee, Political Methodology Section of the American Political

Science Association, 2006-07

Member, Stokes Dissertation Research Award Committee, British Politics Group, 2006

Conference Discussant

APSA: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002.

ASU Book Conference: 2016

Conference of Europeanists: 2013, 2010

Dynamics of Parties' Policy Position Taking, Binghamton University: 2007

European Parties and Representation Workshop, Syracuse University: 2009

Frances Rosenbluth Pol Economy Workshop: 2022

Kopf Conference, ASU: 2017

Losers' Consent Conference, Binghamton University: 2002

MPSA: 2025, 2024, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2009, 2007, 2006, 2005

Anonymous Reviewer

Acta Politica; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative European Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; Electoral Studies; Environmental Politics; European Journal of Political Research; European Journal of Politics and Gender; EPSR; German Politics; Government and Opposition; Journal of East Asian Studies; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of Politics; Journal of Theoretical Politics; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Nationalism & Ethnic Politics; National Science Foundation grants; Party Politics; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Political Communication; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; Political Studies; Public Choice; Public Opinion Quarterly; Regional and Federal Studies; Social Science History; Social Science Quarterly; Swiss Political Science Review; TESS; West European Politics; World Politics.

University and Department Service

University of Rochester:

Department Brownbag Series Coordinator, 2025

Undergraduate PSC and IR Major Advisor, 2002-06, 2007-09, 2010, 2012-13, 2016-23, 2024-25

Co-Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2023-4

Co-Organizer, Riker Speaker Series, 2023-4

Comparative Politics Field Coordinator, 2018-19; 2022-23; 2023-24

Chair, Black Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2022

Member, Open Field Faculty Search Committee, 2022
Co-Organizer, Riker Speaker Series, 2021-22
Fulbright Campus Committee, 2021-22
Committee Member, Symposium on Race, Policing and Criminal Justice in Rochester, 2020-21
Member, Riker Speaker Series Committee, 2018-19
Senior Honors Thesis Advisor, 2018-2019
Director of Undergraduate Outreach, 2016-2018
Chair, PSC Undergraduate Curriculum Reform Committee, 2015-16
Member, Undergraduate Honors Committee, 2015-16
Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2014-15
Member, Discover Grant (undergrad research) Review Committee, 2014
Member, CPE Faculty Search Committee, 2013
Chair, Undergraduate Honors Committee, 2012-13
Member, Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2012-13
Chair, Comparative Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2010-12
Organizer, Comparative Politics Workshop, 2010-2012
Member, Comparative Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2009-2010
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2008-09
Member, International Field Research Grant Selection Committee, 2009
Thesis Advisor, Take Five Scholars Program, 2008-09
Member, International Relations Major Committee, 2007-08
Senior Honors Thesis Advisor, 2007-08
University Beinecke Scholarship Selection Committee, 2006
Chair, Undergraduate Honors Committee, 2005-06
Senior Honors Thesis Advisor, 2005-06
Co-organizer, Riker Seminar Series, 2004-05
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2003-04
Member, University European Studies Major Committee, 2003-04

MENTORING

University of Rochester

PhD Dissertation Committees: Ruth Holloway; Alice Brocheux; Matteo Bertoli; Tse-Luen Wu

(chair); Sami Gul (chair); Yeonkyung Jeong; Aram Kim (chair); Shichao Ma; Sergio Ascencio Bonfil; Ioannis Vassiliadis; Chitrlekha Basu; Mattan Sharkansky; Peter Haschke; Patrick Kuhn; Hyesung Kim; Paulina Marek; Deniz Aksoy; JeongHun Han; Gail McElroy.

Undergraduate Advisees who went on to PhD programs: Alex Evert (University of Chicago, Political Economy); Maria Murias Munoz (Zurich ETH, Political Science); Mariam Malashkhia (Stanford GSB); Benjamin Dees (Johns Hopkins, Mathematics); Joan Cho (Harvard, Government Department); Colin Brown (Harvard, Government Department)

COURSES TAUGHT

Department of Political Science, University of Rochester

Undergraduate Courses:

- Comparative Political Parties – 2025, 2023, 2021, 2018, 2016, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2002
- Ethnic Politics – 2011
- Identity, Ethnicity and Nationalism – 2024, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2006, 2005
- Introduction to Comparative Politics – 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003

Graduate Courses:

- Comparative Institutions and Behavior – 2024, 2023
- Comparative Parties and Elections – 2019, 2017, 2015, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006
- Topics in Comparative Politics: Parties and Party Competition – 2021
- Western European Politics – 2004, 2003