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## CURRENT POSITIONS

Leone Reaves and George W. Spicer Professor of Politics, University of Virginia

- *Faculty Affiliate, Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy*
- *Faculty Senior Fellow at the Miller Center*

Director, Department of Politics Honors Program (since August 2026)

Interim Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Politics (since August 2026)

Co-Chair, American Politics Subfield, Department of Politics (since August 2026)

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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| August 2020 – August 2026 | Chair, Department of Politics, University of Virginia |
| August 2018 – January 2021: | Commonwealth Professor of Politics, University of Virginia |
| April 2014 – July 2021: | Non-Resident Senior Fellow in Governance Studies, Brookings Institution |
| June 2013 – August 2018: | Professor of Government and Director of the Women & Politics Institute, American University |
| September 2009 – May 2013: | Associate Professor of Government and Director of the Women & Politics Institute, American University |
| July 2009 – August 2009: | Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Brown University |
| July 2003 – June 2009: | Assistant Professor, Political Science and Public Policy, Brown University |

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

American Politics: women and politics, candidate emergence, campaigns and elections, media

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Political Science – June 2003,** STANFORD UNIVERSITY – Stanford, CA

**M.A. Political Science – June 2000,** STANFORD UNIVERSITY – Stanford, CA

**B.A. Political Science – June 1997** (*Summa Cum Laude*)**,** UNION COLLEGE – Schenectady, N

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Richard L. Fox. 2025. It Takes More than a Candidate: *Why Women Don't Run for Office*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Richard L. Fox. 2022. *Field Guide to American Politics*. New York: W.W. Norton.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2021. *News Hole: The Demise of Local Journalism and Political Engagement*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Awarded the Shorenstein Center's Goldsmith Book Prize (for the academic book that examines the intersection among media, politics, and public policy).
- Featured title at Virginia's 2022 Festival of the Book.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Richard L. Fox. 2017. *Women, Men & U.S. Politics: 10 Big Questions*. New York: W.W. Norton.

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- Awarded one of CHOICE's outstanding academic titles by Association of College and Research Libraries

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Richard L. Fox. 2015. *Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2012. *Becoming a Candidate: Political Ambition and the Decision to Run for Office*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

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### Chapters in Books:

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Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2015. "News as a Casualty: District Polarization and Media Coverage of U.S. House Campaigns." In James Thurber and Antoine Yoshinaka (eds.) *American Gridlock: Causes, Characteristics, and Consequences of Polarization*. New York: Cambridge University Press: pages 287-308.

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Lawless, Jennifer L. and Sean M. Theriault. 2009. "Women in Congress: From Entry to Exit." In Lois Duke Whitaker (ed.) *Women in Politics: Outsiders or Insiders? 5th Edition*. Upper Saddle River: Prentice-Hall: pages 155-68.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Kathryn Pearson. 2008. "Competing in Congressional Primaries." In Beth A. Reingold (ed.) *Legislative Women: Getting Elected, Getting Ahead*. Boulder: Lynne Reinner: pages 21-40.

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Brody, Richard A. and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2003. "Political Ideology in the United States: Conservatism and Liberalism in the 1980s and 1990s." In R. Schultze, R. Strom, and D. Eberle (eds.) *Conservative Parties and Right-Wing Politics in North America*. Opladen: Leske and Budrich: pages 53-77.

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Lawless, Jennifer L., Sean M. Theriault, and Samantha Guthrie. 2018. "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Bipartisan Cooperation in the U.S. Congress." *Journal of Politics* 80(4):1268-82.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2018. "The Decline of Local News and Its Effects: New Evidence from Longitudinal Data." *Journal of Politics* 80(1):332-6.

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Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2015. "A Non-Gendered Lens? Media, Voters, and Female Candidates in Contemporary Congressional Elections." *Perspectives on Politics* 13(1):95-118.

Hayes, Danny, Jennifer L. Lawless, and Gail Baitinger. 2014. "Who Cares What They Wear? Media, Gender, and the Influence of Candidate Appearance." *Social Science Quarterly* 95(5):1194-1212.

Fox, Richard L. and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2014. "Uncovering the Origins of the Gender Gap in Political Ambition." *American Political Science Review* 108(3):499-519.

Fox, Richard L. and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2014. "Reconciling Family Roles with Political Ambition: The New Normal for Women in 21st Century U.S. Politics." *Journal of Politics* 76(2):398-414.

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Fox, Richard L. and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2011. "Gendered Perceptions and Political Candidacies: A Central Barrier to Women's Equality in Electoral Politics." *American Journal of Political Science* 55(1):59-73.

Fox, Richard L. and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2010. "If Only They'd Ask: Gender, Recruitment, and Political Ambition." *Journal of Politics* 72(2):310-36.

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Lawless, Jennifer L. and Richard L. Fox. 2008. "Why Are Women Still Not Running for Public Office?" *Issues in Governance Studies*, May, Number 14, Washington, DC: Brookings.

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Lawless, Jennifer L. and Richard L. Fox. 1997. "Why Women's Voices Are Not Heard: Gender and Political Socialization in Kenya." *Current World Leaders* 40(6):86-105.

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Lawless, Jennifer L. and Richard L. Fox. "The Invincible Gender Gap in Political Ambition," *Fifteen Eighty Four Blog*, March 25, 2025.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Paul Freedman. "Avoid Polling Whiplash: 5 Things to Watch When You're Watching the Polls," *Miller Center Election 2024 Blog*, September 25, 2024.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Paul Freedman, "Five Things to Watch in Thursday's Debate," *Miller Center Election 2024 Blog*, September 9, 2024.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Kathleen Dolan. "What the Gender Gap Is and What It Isn't," *Miller Center Election 2024 Blog*, September 4, 2024.

Dolan, Kathleen and Jennifer L. Lawless, "Gender Stereotypes about Female Candidates Are Waning," *Election Watch Blog*, August 29, 2024.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Richard L. Fox, "Running for Office Is Still for Men—Some Data on the 'Ambition Gap'," *Brookings FixGov Blog*, February 8, 2022.

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Lawless, Jennifer L. and Mary Kate Cary, "Liberal and Conservative Teach the 2020 Election. Together. On Zoom. What Could Go Wrong?" *USA Today*, December 28, 2020.

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Lawless, Jennifer L. "Results 1; Revolution 0," *Politico Magazine*, March 16, 2020.

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Lawless, Jennifer L. "If You Liked Biden or Warren or Sanders Going In, You Probably Liked The Two Hours Later," *Politico Magazine*, January 15, 2020.

Lawless, Jennifer L. "Biden and Buttigieg: Winners with the Most to Lose," *Politico Magazine*, November 21, 2019.

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Lawless, Jennifer L. "How to Fix Politics? End the Permanent Campaign," *Politico Magazine* September 20, 2019.

Lawless, Jennifer L. "There's No Longer a Frontrunner," *Politico Magazine*, September 13, 2019.

Lawless, Jennifer L. "An Odd Stretch of Forgettable White Guys Yelling at Each Other," *Politico Magazine*, June 27, 2019.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2019. "The Citizens for Life Poll – and Some Problems with It," *UpriseRi.com*, February 13, 2019.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2018. "Midterm Results that Will Shape America's Future: Three Lessons from Texas 23," *CNN.com*, November 7.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Sean M. Theriault. 2018. "D or R > X or Y: Party Trumps Sex in the Contemporary Congress," *Legbranch Blog*, October 18.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2018. "Fourteen Midterm Races that Could Change America," *CNN.com* October 2.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2018. "A Year of the Woman? Not So Far," *CNN.com*, May 9.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2018. "Trump's 1st State of the Union Address: Empowered, Politically Active Will Be Watching," *Brookings Blog*, January 26.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2017. "The Internet Isn't Saving Local News. Here's How that's Hurting Democracy." *The Monkey Cage* (at the *Washington Post*), November 13.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Danny Hayes. 2017. "In Tuesday's Elections, Women Won Big. Here Are Three Things We Learned about Women in Politics." *The Monkey Cage* (at the *Washington Post*), November 9.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2017. "Congress 100 Years Later: What Would Jeanette Rankin Think?" *Mischiefs of Faction (at Vox)*, April 7.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2016. "Think there's a lot of gender bias in elections? Think again." *FifteenEightyFour Blog*, August 11.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Sean M. Theriault. 2016. "Off the Softball Field, Congresswomen Are Plenty Partisan." *Brookings Blog*, June 15.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2016. "Are Voters Biased against Women in Politics? Actually, No." *Washington Post*, June 12.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2016. "There's Much Less Gender Bias in Politics than You Think. Here's Why." *The Monkey Cage* (at the *Washington Post*), May 24.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2016. "Fiorina Just a Pawn in a Cynical Game Cruz Can't Win." *CNN.com*, April 28.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Sean M. Theriault. 2015. "Can Al Franken's Secret Santa Exchange Improve the Senate?" *CNN.com*, December 16, 2015.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2015. "Why I Ran for Office, and Why Young Americans Run from It." *Generation Citizen Blog*, October 8.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Richard L. Fox. 2015. "Just Say Run: How to Overcome Cynicism and Inspire Young People to Run for Office." *Brookings Blog*, July 7.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2015. "Is Hillary 2016 All about Electing a Woman?" *CNN.com*, April 12.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Danny Hayes. 2015. "Politico Shoo-Ins Are Bad for Journalism as Well as Democracy." *Newsweek*, February 12.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Danny Hayes. 2015. "The Troubling Causes and Consequences of Diminished Local News." *Brookings Blog*, February 3.

Fox, Richard L. and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2013. "Turning Off the Next Generation of Politicians." *Washington Post*, November 24.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2013. "Voters Don't Care How Women in Politics Look." *Washington Post Wonkblog*, June 23.

Dolan, Kathleen and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2012. "Does Romney Get Women Who Work?" *CNN.com*, October 19.

Dolan, Kathleen and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2012. "In Veepstakes, Women Don't Rate." *CNN.com*, April 24.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2012. "Face It: Romney is Way Out in Front." *CNN.com*, January 11.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2011. "Bachmann for President? I'll Take the Glass Ceiling." *CNN.com*, June 27.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2011. "A Government Shutdown? Yes, Please." *CNN.com*, April 8.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2010. "It Was No Year of the Woman." *CNN.com*, November 3.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2010. "Not the Year of the Woman." *Slate.com*, November 3.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2010. "Is It Really a Great Year for Women in Politics?" *Slate.com*, November 2.

Lawless, Jennifer L. 2010. "Vote Not New Dawn for Women in Politics." *CNN.com*, June 9.

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

University of Virginia Quantitative Collaborative, *Closing the Gender Gap in Political Ambition* ($12,000). Co-Principal Investigator (with Todd S. Sechser), 2026.

University of Virginia SPARC Grant, *Closing the Gender Gap in Political Ambition* ($30,000). Co-Principal Investigator (with Todd S. Sechser), 2026.

Hewlett Foundation, *2024 National Election Integrity Study* ($90,000). Co-Principal Investigator (with Paul Freedman), 2024.

Karsh Institute, *Confidence in Elections*, ($20,000). Co-Principal Investigator (with Paul Freedman), 2021.

*Politico* Collaboration, *The Trump Bump? Or an Enduring Gender Gap in Political Ambition?* ($15,000). Co-Principal Investigator (with Richard L. Fox), 2017.

Political Parity Project / Hunt Alternatives, *Sex, Bipartisanship, and Collaboration in the U.S. Congress* ($49,683). Co-Principal Investigator (with Sean M. Theriault), 2015.

National Science Foundation, *Understanding the Origins of the Gender Gap in Political Ambition* ($301,113). Co-Principal Investigator (with Richard L. Fox), 2012 – 2014.

Linda Gruber Family Foundation, *The Continued Underrepresentation of Women in Politics* ($5,000). 2012.

American University Faculty Research Award, *The Citizen Political Ambition Studies* ($5,000). 2010.

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Barbara Lee Foundation, Grant for the *Citizen Political Ambition Study, Wave II* ($7,600). Co-Principal Investigator (with Richard L. Fox), 2007.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (last 10 years)**

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2025. "News Consumption and Political Ambition: The Effects of Local and National News on the Decision to Run for Office." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 23 – 26.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2025. "All Ambition Is Local." Paper presented at the spring meeting of the National Capital Area Political Science Association, Washington, DC: June 5.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2025. "All Ambition Is Local." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 3 -6.

Dolan, Kathleen and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2025. "Gender Bias in Primary Elections? Survey Says No." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico: January 8 – 11.

Dolan, Kathleen and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2024. "Gender Bias in Primary Elections? Survey Says No." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 4 – 7.

Dolan, Kathleen and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2023. "Gender Bias in Primary Elections? Survey Says No." Paper presented at the spring meeting of the National Capital Area Political Science Association, Washington, DC: June 6.

Fox, Richard L. and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2022. "Man Enough for Politics? How Masculinity in U.S. Politics Affects Political Ambition." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 7 – 10.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2019. "Reinvigorating Local News: An Exit Poll Experiment." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC: August 29 – September 1.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2019. "No Harm Done? Gender Stereotyping in Primary Elections." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 4 -7.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2018. "Taste for Local Politics and Attention to Local News." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA: August 31 – September 2.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2018. "News Hole: Measuring the Erosion of Local News." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 5 – 8.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2018. "Growing Distrust toward the Local Press in the Time of Trump." Presentation at the Politics of Truth Conference, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, Washington, DC: March 28, 2018.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2017. "Measuring the Erosion of Local News." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA: August 31 – September 3.

Hayes, Danny and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2016. "The Decline of Local News and Its Effects: New Evidence from Longitudinal Data." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Associations, Philadelphia, PA: September 1 – 4.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Sean M. Theriault. 2016. "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Associations, Philadelphia, PA: September 1 – 4.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Sean M. Theriault. 2016. "Mean Girls (and Boys)? Sex, Bipartisanship, and Collaboration in the U.S Congress." Paper presented at the spring meeting of the National Capital Area Political Science Association, Washington, DC: June 8.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Sean M. Theriault. 2016. "Sex, Bipartisanship, and Collaboration in the U.S Congress." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 7 – 10.

Lawless, Jennifer L. and Sean M. Theriault. 2016. "Sex, Bipartisanship, and Collaboration in the U.S Congress." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA: March 24 – 26.

## INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (last 10 years)

### Invited Lectures (Academic):

Vanderbilt University (Department of Political Science), Nashville, TN, "All Ambition Is Local," April 17, 2026.

Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, "The Bro-Economy and the Bro-Democracy," March 13, 2025.

University of North Carolina (Department of Political Science), Chapel Hill, NC, "Gender Bias in Primary Elections? Survey Says No," September 13, 2024.

SUNY Buffalo (Department of Political Science), "Pi Sigma Alpha Keynote Address – Women and Politics: The Good, the Bad, and the Challenging," May 6, 2024.

Radcliffe Institute / Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, "Gender and Politics: Navigating Power and Perception," April 26, 2024.

Clark University (Department of Political Science), Worcester, MA, "News Hole: The Decline of Local News and What We Can Do about It," March 20, 2023. (via Zoom)

New York University (School of Law), New York, NY, "It Takes More than a Candidate: The Invincible Gender Gap in Political Ambition," November 15, 2022.

George Washington University (Department of Political Science), Washington, DC, "News Hole: The Decline of Local News and What We Can Do about It," April 22, 2022. (via Zoom)

Northwestern University (Department of Political Science), Oxford, UK, "News Hole: The Decline of Local News and What We Can Do about It," April 9, 2021. (via Zoom)

Oxford University (Department of Political Science), Oxford, UK, "News Hole: The Decline of Local News and What We Can Do about It," November 13, 2020. (via Zoom)

University of Chicago (Harris School), Chicago, IL, "News Hole: The Decline of Local News and What We Can Do about It," October 28, 2020. (via Zoom)

Pennsylvania State University (Department of Political Science), State College, PA, "News Hole: The Decline of Local News and What We Can Do about It," September 18, 2020. (via Zoom)

Hoover Institution and Hewlett Foundation, Palo Alto, CA, "News Hole: The Decline of Local News and What We Can Do about It," February 11, 2020.

Stanford University (Department of Political Science), Stanford, CA, "No Harm Done? Gender Stereotyping in Primaries," May 1, 2019.

Quantitative Collaborative at UVA, Charlottesville, VA, "No Harm Done? Gender Stereotyping in Primaries," February 6, 2019.

Colby College, Waterville, ME, "A Year of the Woman? Putting 2018's Candidates and Campaigns in a Broader Context," October 25, 2018.

Union College, Washington, DC Semester Program, Arlington, VA, "Women, Politics, and Political Ambition," May 6, 2018.

Washington University (Department of Political Science), St. Louis, MO, "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress," April 24, 2018.

Brigham Young University (Department of Political Science), Provo, UT, "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress," February 22, 2018.

University of Michigan (Institute for Social Research), Ann Arbor, MI, "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress," February 7, 2018.

University of Virginia (Department of Politics), Charlottesville, VA, "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress," January 16, 2018.

Columbia University (Department of Political Science), New York, NY, "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress," September 19, 2017.

Union College, Washington, DC Semester Program, Arlington, VA, "Women, Politics, and Political Ambition," May 15, 2017.

American Politics Research Lab, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, "Did Feminism Die with the 2016 Presidential Election?" March 2, 2017.

University of Pennsylvania (Department of Political Science), Philadelphia, PA, "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress," February 24, 2017.

Stanford University (Department of Political Science), "Triumph and Defeat: Feminism and Election 2016," February 7, 2017.

University of North Carolina, Charlotte (Department of Political Science), Charlotte, NC, "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress," February 2, 2017.

Cornell University, Program for Ethics and Public Life, "Women on the Run: Gender, Media, and Political Campaigns in a Polarized Era," November 14, 2016.

Stanford University (Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity), "Election 2016: Gender, Elections, and Political Ambition," October 17, 2016.

Rice University (Department of Political Science), Houston, TX, "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress," September 23, 2016.

Duke University (Sanford School of Public Policy), Durham, NC, "Nice Girls? Sex, Collegiality, and Cooperation in the U.S. Congress," September 14, 2016.

Union College, Washington, DC Semester Program, Arlington, VA, "Women, Politics, and Political Ambition," April 24, 2016.

American University, Department of Government, Washington, DC, "Sex, Bipartisanship, and Collaboration in the U.S. Congress," April 20, 2016.

Portland State University (Department of Political Science and Center for Women's Leadership), Portland, OR, "Women on the Run: Gender, Media, and Political Campaigns in 21st Century American Political Campaigns," April 14, 2016.

University of California, Berkeley (Travers Conference on Government Accountability), Berkeley, CA, "After the 2016 Elections: Prospects for Governing," April 15, 2016.

Fordham University (Department of Political Science), Bronx, NY, "Women on the Run: Gender, Media, and Political Campaigns in 21st Century American Political Campaigns," March 31, 2016.

**Invited Lectures and Public Speaking (Applied Research, Political Analysis, and Commentary):**

OLLI (Charlottesville, VA), "It Still Takes a Candidate: Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," November 15, 2024.

Shorenstein Center at Harvard University (Cambridge, MA), "Is She Electable, though? Gender Bias in the Media," September 17, 2024. (via zoom)

Akin Group (NY), "Celebrating Women's History Month: The Good, the Bad, and the Challenging," March 15, 2024. (via zoom)

U.S. State Department (Delegation from Easy Asia), "U.S. Elections and the Media," February 20, 2024.

Blue Ridge Group, "Does Your Vote Matter," February 12, 2024.
U.S. State Department (Delegation from Kazakhstan), "U.S. Elections and the Media," November 3, 2023.

VA Humanities and Karsh Institute, "Virginia News Summit: The State of Play," April 20, 2023.

Library of Virginia, "Celebrating Women's History Month," March 29, 2023.

PSG Consulting, "News Deserts Webinar," June 6, 2022. (via Zoom)

Albermarle/Charlottesville Democratic Party, "The Democrats' Messaging Problem," April 20, 2022. (via Zoom)

Virginia Festival of the Book, "The Demise of Local Journalism," March 17, 2022 (via Zoom).
She Should Run, "The Gender Gap in Political Ambition," March 9, 2022. (via Zoom)

Ascend, "The Gender Gap in Political Ambition," February 22, 2022. (via Zoom)

Thompson Center on Political Leadership (University of Wisconsin), "The Pipeline of Candidates for Public Office," February 4, 2022. (via Zoom)

Medill Center for Journalism, Northwestern University, "Local Journalism: Shrinking Resources, Growing Challenges," December 6, 2021. (via Zoom)

Center for Politics and the People, Ripon College, "Local News and Political Engagement," October 13, 2021. (via Zoom)

Washington and Lee University, "Congressional Norms in an Era of Conflict," April 8, 2021. (via Zoom)

Women in Government Relations, "Election 2020 Recap," March 4, 2021. (via Zoom)

Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, "Perspectives on the U.S. 2020 Presidential Election," October 30, 2020. (via Zoom)

Kennedy Library, "Expanding Democracy: The 19th Amendment and Voting Rights Today," October 28, 2020. (via Zoom)

Suez Water, "Election 2020: Everything You Need to Know," October 15, 2020. (via Zoom)

Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota, "Webinar: Will 2020 Be the Year of the Woman – Again?" October 7, 2020. (via Zoom)

Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, "Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," September 22, 2020. (via Zoom)

United States Studies Centre, Sydney, Australia, "The Vice Presidential Sweepstakes," July 13, 2020. (via Zoom)

Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota, "Webinar: A Conversation with Amy Klobuchar and Walter Mondale," April 9, 2020. (via Zoom)

Stanford University, Stanford, CA, "Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," February 10, 2020.

Harvard Law School, Cambridge Massachusetts, "Women and Election 2020," November 19, 2019.

Featherman Lecture at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, "Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," October 21, 2019.

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, "Enacting Change," Richmond, VA, October 20, 2019.

Women's Leadership Program at George Washington University, Washington, DC, "#MeToo: Catalyst for Change," March 29, 2019.

Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, "Women on the Rise: Reflections on the 2018 Election," March 21, 2019.

Miller Center and Hoover Institution, Washington, DC, "Navigating Gridlock after the Midterms," November 15, 2018.

Temple B'rith Kodesh. "Women and Election 2018," Rochester, NY, October 19, 2018.

Rhode Island National Organization for Women, Providence, RI, "Women Winning in 2018," May 14, 2018.

Institute of Politics, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, "The Pink Wave: Surge of Female Candidates in 2018," May 2, 2018.

Brigham Young University Center for Public Engagement, Provo, UT, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics," February 22, 2018.

Amherst College, Amherst, MA, "Keynote: Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," November 10, 2017.

University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Amherst, MA, "Keynote: Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," November 9, 2017.

Emerge Kentucky, Louisville, KY, "She Persisted: An Evening with Jennifer Lawless," November 4, 2017.

Montgomery Women, Rockville, MD, "Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," October 18, 2017.

Women Impacting Public Policy, Washington, DC, "Why Women Don't Run for Office," October 4, 2017.

National Foundation of Women Legislators, Washington, DC, "Getting Young Women to Run for Office," September 21, 2017.

Emerge America, Washington, DC, "Keynote: Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," September 15, 2017.

National Multi-Family Housing Council, Washington, DC, "Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," September 12, 2017.

Emily's List, Washington, DC, "The Trump Effect," July 17, 2017.

Politico, Washington, DC, "Women Rule: Ambition in the Age of Trump," June 20, 2017.

Ladies High Tea, Providence, RI, "Five Things You Need To Know about Women and Politics," June 15, 2017.

Sixth and I Synagogue, Washington, DC, "If Women Ruled the World," May 9, 2017.

University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO, "Keynote: Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," April 20, 2017.

Belmont Paul Women's Equality National Monument and the League of Women Voters, "Women and the Vote: What Difference Do We Make?" March 30, 2017.

Prince William County National Organization for Women, Vienna, VA, "Women on the Run: A Conversation with Eleanor Clift," March 22, 2017.

Keynote: International Women's Day, Clemson University, Spartanburg, SC, "Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," March 8, 2017.

University of North Carolina, Department of Political Science, Charlotte, NC, "Training the Next Generation to Lead," February 1, 2017.

Women+Girls Research Alliance, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Charlotte NC, "Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," February 1, 2017.

Bucknell University Institute for Public Policy, Lewisburg, PA, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics," November 1, 2016.

Ewing Forum Lecture, Drew University, Morristown, NJ, "Understanding the Unusually Unusual 2016 Election," October 26, 2016.

Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women, Arlington, VA, "From Public Service to Office: The Role of Gender in Politics," October 24, 2016.

The Edwin Eshelman Lecture, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, "Women on the Run: Gender, Media, and Campaigns in a Polarized Era," October 20, 2016.

Dickinson College's Clarke Forum, Carlisle, PA, "Keynote: Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," October 5, 2016.

Maine Democratic Party, Portland, ME, "Keynote Address: Why Women Don't Run for Office and What Happens When They Do," October 1, 2016.

The Vox Conversations, Washington, DC, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics," September 21, 2016.

Penn State University in DC, Washington, DC, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics," September 20, 2016.

Women Impacting Public Policy Webinar Series, "Women and Politics: A Conversation with Jennifer Lawless," Washington, DC, September 7, 2016.

Foreign Press Center, Washington, DC, "The Electoral College," July 14, 2016.

Duke University's POLIS Center, Washington, DC, "Forecasting Election 2016," July 12, 2016.

One Day University, Richmond, VA, "Men, Women, and Politics: A World of Difference?" June 18, 2016.

National Conference of the League of Women Voters, Washington, DC, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics and What We Can Do About It," June 17, 2016.

Athleta Georgetown, Washington, DC, "Women on the Run Book Signing," June 16, 2016.

New America Foundation, Washington, DC, "Women on the Run," June 16, 2016.

State Department (U.S. Post in Bermuda via Skype), Washington, DC, "Election 2016 and Young People's Involvement," June 14, 2016.

University or Oregon, Eugene, OR, "Increasing the Visibility of Your Humanities or Social Science Research," June 3, 2016.

Wayne Morris Center for Law and Politics, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics and What We Can Do About It," June 2, 2016.

Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC, "What Gridlock and Polarization Mean for American Democracy," May 6, 2016.

National Cooperative Business Association, Washington, DC, "Why You Don't Want to Run for Office and Why Should Do It Anyway," May 4, 2016.

Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposium, Germantown, MD, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics and What We Can Do About It," April 5, 2016.

*Seattle Times* / One Day University, Seattle, WA, "Men, Women, and Politics: A World of Difference?" March 5, 2016.

Political Parity Project – Webinar, "Sex, Bipartisanship, and Collaboration in the U.S. Congress," March 3, 2016.

USAID / IRI / NDI, Washington, DC, "Why Women Don't Run for Office," March 1, 2016.

Filene Research Institute, Washington, DC, "Women, Young People, and Election 2016," February 22, 2016.

Warden Exchange Program, Washington, DC, "Women's Leadership," February 18, 2016.

Empowered Women, Washington, DC, "*Suffragette* Screening and Discussion," November 19, 2015.

Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy, Washington, DC, "Media's War on Women in Politics? How New Research Is Challenging Traditional Beliefs," November 18, 2015.

New America Foundation, Washington, DC, "What Women Want in 2016," November 17, 2015.

*Washington Post* / One Day University, Washington, DC, "Men, Women, and Politics: A World of Difference?" November 15, 2015.

Westminster Forum, Minneapolis, MN, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics and What We Can Do About It," October 29, 2015.

*National Geographic* / One Day University, New York, NY, "Running from Office: Why Americans Dislike Politics and Politicians," October 25, 2015.

Generation Citizen, New York, NY, "Keynote: Running from Office," October 20, 2015.

Montgomery County League of Women Voters, Potomac, MD, "Keynote: Running from Office," October 19, 2015.

National Organization for Women, Woodbridge, VA, "Keynote: Voter Registration and Equality Rally," October 10, 2015.

*Philadelphia Inquirer* / One Day University, Philadelphia, PA, "Men, Women, and Politics: A World of Difference?" October 3, 2015.

National Woman's Democratic Club, Washington, DC, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics," September 29, 2015.

Annie's List, Austin, TX, "Running for Office: Why You Don't Want To Do It, but Why You Should," September 17, 2015.

United States Coast Guard, Washington, DC, "Keynote Address: Women's Equality Day," August 26, 2015.

Politics & Prose, Washington, DC, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics," July 12, 2015.

Emerge America – Webinar, "Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics," May 27, 2015.

Homefront Rising, Washington, DC, "Running for Office: Why You Don't Want To Do It, but Why You Should," May 6, 2015.

Garrison Forest School, Owings Mill, MD, "Running from Office: Why Young People Are Turned Off to Politics and What We Can Do About It," May 1, 2015.

George Washington University Student Government Association, Washington, DC, "Celebrating Women's History Month," March 23, 2015.

U.S. Department of State (Executive Women at State and the Civil Rights Division), Washington, DC, "Women Marched Then, Why Don't They Run Now?" March 16, 2015.

Eisenhower Institute, Washington, DC, "Women, Politics, and the Next Election," March 11, 2015.

Emerge Kentucky, Louisville, KY, "A Non-Gendered Lens? Media, Voters, and Female Candidates in Contemporary Congressional Elections," January 23, 2015.

Leiden University and Young Democrats, Leiden, Netherlands, "Election 2014: What Happened and What It Means for Women in Politics," January 15, 2015.

John Adams Institute, Amsterdam, Netherlands, "The U.S. Midterm Elections: Where Do We Go from Here?" January 14, 2015.

KVINFO, Copenhagen, Demark, "The United States of Men: Women's Under-Representation in U.S. Politics," January 12, 2015.

USAID / IRI / NDI, Washington, DC, "Why Women Don't Run for Office," November 17, 2014.

Emerge America, Washington, DC, "A Non-Gendered Lens? Media, Voters, and Female Candidates in Contemporary Congressional Elections," November 15, 2014.

University of Northern Iowa – Women and Politics Scholarship Fund, Cedar Falls, IA, "Why Women Don't Run for Office," October 30, 2104.

Emily's List, Washington, DC, "A Non-Gendered Lens? Media, Voters, and Female Candidates in Contemporary Congressional Elections," October 10, 2014.

Emerge America, Oakland, CA, "Policies versus Pantsuits? The Latest Research on Media Coverage of Women Candidates," October 2, 2014.

Emerge America, Menlo Park, CA, "Policies versus Pantsuits? The Latest Research on Media Coverage of Women Candidates," October 1, 2014.

*The Atlantic*, New York, NY, "Men, Women, and Politics: A World of Difference?" September 28, 2014.

*Dallas Morning News*, Dallas, TX, "Men, Women, and Politics: A World of Difference?" September 20, 2014.

California Congressional Delegation Staff Association, Washington, DC, "Women, Politics, and Political Ambition," September 13, 2014.

Cape Cod Heritage Museum and Gardens, Sandwich, MA, "Why Public Opinion Polls Are So Often Wrong," August 17, 2014.

Women's Political Committee, Los Angeles, CA, "Why Women Don't Run for Office and How to Close the Ambition Gap," March 12, 2014.

New York Women's Foundation / CitiFoundation, "Men Rule: The Under-Representation of Women in U.S. Politics," March 5, 2014.

## MEDIA APPEARANCES AND COMMENTARY

Featured regular as an expert for Bloomberg News (on *Day Break* and *Bloomberg Surveillance* roughly every other week).

Featured weekly in a national news segment on GoLocal, Rhode Island's top internet news outlet.

Appeared in *Miss Representation* (a 2011film that exposes how the mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. It premiered at the *Sundance Film Festival* and aired on the *Oprah Winfrey Network*).

*Scholarly and political commentary and analysis also quoted in (or on) the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Washington Post, New Republic, New Yorker, Chronicle of Higher Education, Boston Globe, American Prospect, Christian Science Monitor, Politico, Associated Press Newswire, Reuters, National Public Radio, the Today Show, the Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell, the Situation Room, C-SPAN's Washington Journal, the CBS Evening News, ABC World News Tonight, NBC's Election Center, PBS Newshour, Jansing & Co., Voice of America, Sun News (Canada), CTV (Canada), cnn.com,* and *msnbc.com.*

## SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Chair, Department of Politics, 2020 – 2026.

Member, Selection Committee for the Politics Honors Program, 2020 – 2026.

Judge, Jefferson Debate Society, "Should Israel Denuclearize?" October 8, 2025.

Panelist, Department of Politics, "The First 100 Days of Donald Trump," April 28, 2025.

Moderator, Karsh Institute, "Congress: A Cornerstone of Democracy: A Conversation with Will Hurd," January 15, 2025.

Panelist, College of Arts and Sciences, "Chairs Leadership Series: Re-Recruitment," November 19, 2024.

Moderator, UVA Democracy Dialogues, "How to Disagree Better, with Governors Spencer Cox and Phil Murphy," November 19, 2024.

Panelist, Miller Center Governing Council Dinner, "Recapping Election 2024," November 14, 2024.

Speaker, Virginia Film Festival, "Shaking It Up: The Life of Liz Carpenter," November 2, 2024.

Panelist, College Foundation Trustee Dinner, "Election 2024 12 Days Out," October 25, 2024.

Panelist, UVA Office of Alumni Engagement, "Teaching Election 2024 from a Bipartisan Perspective," September 25, 2024.

Panelist, UVA Law School, "Immigration Law and Policy: What's at Stake in November?" September 23, 2024.

Guest Speaker, Miller Center/Center for Liberal Arts, "Teaching Election 2024 from a Bipartisan Perspective: What Could Go Wrong?" September 21, 2024.

Guest Speaker, UVA Alumni Network (Nashville), "Women and the 2024 Election," September 12, 2024.

Guest Speaker, College Foundation, "The Politics Department in 2024," July 8, 2024.

Panelist, Karsh Institute for Democracy," Immigration and Election 2024," April 24, 2024.

Panelist, "Departments on the Rise," UVA College Foundation Board, April 11, 2024.

Panelist, Miller Center, "Rules, Norms, Parties, and the Presidential Selection Process," October 20, 2023.

Panelist, Karsh Institute for Democracy, "Toward a More Inclusive Democracy," October 19, 2023.

Panelist, Miller Center, "Presidency, the Courts, and the People," October 19, 2023.

Chair, First Year Orientation, "Exploring Democracy," August 18, 2023.

Member, Democracy Initiative Faculty Advisory Committee, Fall 2020 – Spring 2023.

Member, Karsh Initiative on Saving Local News Advisory Committee, Fall 2022 – Spring 2023.

Panelist, Miller Center, "The State of the Union Past, Present, and Future," February 7, 2023.

Panelist, Karsh Institute/Batten School, "What If We Had an Election and Everyone Came?" January 19, 2023.

Chair, Target of Opportunity Search Committee, Fall 2022.

Panelist, "Election 2022: Looking Back and Looking Ahead," Karsh Institute, November 29, 2022.

Speaker, "Election 2022," UVA Alumni Association (Phoenix and New York City Clubs), October 30, 2022. (via Zoom)

Panelist, "Teaching in a Polarized Era," Colonnade Club, October 27, 2022.

Panelist, Miller Center, "The 2022 Midterm Elections," October 14, 2022.

Panelist, First Year Orientation, "Exploring Democracy," August 22, 2022.

Speaker, Batten Hour, "The Gender Gap in Political Ambition," March 29, 2022.

Panelist, Miller Center, "News Hole: The Demise of Local Journalism and Political Engagement," November 4, 2021. (via Zoom)

Guest Speaker, College Foundation, "Teaching Politics from Both Sides of the Aisle," October 15, 2021. (via Zoom)

Panelist, Miller Center, "America's Electoral Future – Where Are the Parties Headed?" October 15, 2021. (via Zoom)

Chair, Race and U.S. Politics Search Committee, Fall 2021.

Chair, International Relations and Comparative Politics Search Committee, Fall 2021.

Panelist, Department of Politics," "What Happened? An Assessment of the Insurrection of January 6th," January 13, 2021. (via Zoom)

Chair, Judicial Politics Search Committee, Spring 2021.

Panelist, Batten School "Election 2020 Faculty Hour," November 6, 2020. (via Zoom)

Panelist, Miller Center, "Election 2020: What Just Happened?" November 4, 2020. (via Zoom)

Panelist, Lifetime Learning Center's Engaging the Mind Series, "Women in Politics: Past, Present, and Future," October 2, 2020. (via Zoom)

Chair, Democracy Initiative Faculty Advisory Committee, Fall 2018 – Spring 2020.

Member, Target of Opportunity Search Committee (Batten School), Fall 2019 – Spring 2020.

Moderator, Miller Center, "Election 2020: The State of the Race," September 3, 2020. (via Zoom)

Moderator, Miller Center, "Primaries and Primary Reform," May 14, 2020. (via Zoom)

Guest Speaker, Hereford Residential College, "Presidential Primaries in a Pandemic," April 10, 2020. (via Zoom)

Chair, American Political Speaker Series, Fall 2018 – Spring 2020.

Member, Democracy Initiative Academic Director Search Committee, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020.

Guest Speaker, "Election 2020 – The Primaries," UVA Law School, February 27, 2020.

Chair, Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Working Group, Fall 2018 – Spring 2019.

Panelist, "Above the Glass Ceiling: Women in Leadership," Presidential Ideas Festival, Miller Center, May 24, 2019.

Panelist, "Election 2020," Miller Center Spring Board Meeting, April 24, 2019.

Guest Speaker, Girl Up, April 17, 2019.

Guest Speaker, IRO Student Organization, April 10, 2019.

Member, Endowed Chairs Ad Hoc Committee, Spring 2019.

Member, Leonard Schaeffer Fellowship Committee (Miller Center), April 2019.

Panelist, "The Future of the Democratic Party," Miller Center, March 26, 2019.

Member, Selection Committee for the Politics Honors Program, February 2019
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Member, Political Theory Search Committee, Summer 2018 – December 2018.

Member, Political Institutions Search Committee (Batten School), Summer 2018 – December 2018.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

### Editorial Service:

Co-Editor in Chief, *American Journal of Political Science*, June 2019 – May 2025.

Associate Editor, *American Journal of Political Science*, June 2018 – May 2019.

Board Member, *Political Research Quarterly*, July 2016 – June 2018.

Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, January 2015 – June 2017.

Board of Overseers, American National Election Studies, Fall 2014 – Spring 2017.

Editor, *Politics & Gender*, July 2010 – September 2013.

### Conference and Association Service (last 10 years):

Chair and Discussant, "Political Communication, Information, and Learning about Politics," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 23 – 26.

Discussant, "All News Is Local? The State of Local News Today," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 23 – 26.

Discussant, "When QTPOC Run, QTPOC Win: Intersectional Ambition and the Fight for State Legislative Power in America," Junior Workshop on American Politics, April 1, 2026. (via zoom)

Chair and Discussant, "Gender and Elections," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 3 – 6, 2025.

Panelist, "So You're Thinking about Editing a Journal?" Midwest Political Science Association, July 12, 2024. (via Zoom)

Panelist, "Journal Publishing for Junioe Scholars," ICPSR Summer Session, July 10, 2024. (via Zoom)

Committee Member, "Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship ,"American Academy of Arts and Science, 2024 – present.

Chair, "Gender and Elections," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 4 – 7, 2024.

Roundtable Participant, "The 2024 U.S. Elections: Déjà vu or the Unexpected?" Virtual research meeting, American Political Science Association, February 8 – 9, 2024.

Member, Site Selection Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2022 – 2023.

Chair, "Who Becomes an Effective Lawmaker in Congress, and How?" annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 13 – 16, 2023.

Chair, "Congressional Elections in the United States," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 13 – 16, 2023.

Discussant, "Congressional Elections in the United States," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 13 – 16, 2023.

Discussant, "The Fractured American Electorate," annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete's Beach, FL: January 12 – 15, 2023.

Roundtable Participant, "Desk Rejections in Political Science Journals," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 7 – 10, 2022.

Discussant, "Congress and Norms: Fresh Perspectives in an Age of Conflict," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 7 – 10, 2022.

Roundtable Participant, "Meet the Editors," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 29 – October 2, 2021. (via Zoom)

Roundtable Participant, "A Discussion among the Editors: What It Means to Be a Political Science Journal Editor in 2021," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 29 – October 2, 2021. (via Zoom)

Discussant, "Gender and Political Communication," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 14 – 17, 2021. (via Zoom)

Roundtable Participant, "Challenges in Peer Review," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC: August 29 – September 1, 2019.

Roundtable Participant, "The Cash Ceiling: Author Meets Critics," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC: August 29 – September 1, 2019.

Chair and Roundtable Participant, "Election 2018: Cases, Consequences, and Conundrums," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 4 -7, 2019.

Discussant, "Congressional Elections: Context Matters," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 4 -7, 2019.

Chair, Joseph L. Bernd Award for the Best Paper in the *Journal of Politics*, Southern Political Science Association, 2018.

Roundtable Participant, "Trump and the 115th Congress," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association," Boston, MA: August 31 – September 2, 2018.

Discussant, "Women Grab Back," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA: August 31 – September 2, 2018.

Discussant, "The Role of Identity in Political Communication," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association," Chicago, IL: April 5 – 8, 2018.

Moderator, "The Power of Women: Voters, Candidates, and Consultants," annual meeting of the American Association of Political Consultants, Washington, DC: November 15, 2017.

Discussant, "Gender and Legislative Politics," annual meeting of the Annual American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA: August 31 – September 3, 2017.

Program Co-Chair, annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 6 – 9, 2017.

Roundtable Organizer and Moderator, "The Media and the 2016 Election: A View from the Campaign Trail," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 6 – 9, 2017.

Roundtable Participant, "President Trump and the Congress: An Early Appraisal," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 6 – 9, 2017.

Roundtable Participant, "Gender and the 2016 Election," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 7 – 10, 2016.

Discussant, "Congressional and Legislative Representation," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL: April 7 – 10, 2016.

Roundtable Participant, "Forecasting the 2016 Election." annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico: January 7 – 9, 2016.

Discussant, "Gender and Voting Behavior," annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico: January 7 – 9, 2016.

Member, Patrick Fett Award Committee (for the best conference paper on Congress and the Presidency), Midwest Political Science Association, 2016.

Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, TESS, Russell Sage Foundation, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Michigan Press, University of Chicago Press, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Politics & Gender*, *Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly*, *Electoral Studies*, *Politics, Groups, & Identities*, *Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Communication*, *Political Science Quarterly, Research & Politics*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy*, *Urban Studies*, *Congress & the Presidency, Women, Politics, and Policy, International Journal of Press / Politics,* and *American Politics Research*, *Political Science Research and Methods*.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Shorenstein Center's Goldsmith Book Prize (for the academic book that examines the intersection among media, politics, and public policy), March 2023

Placed on Washingtonian Magazine's "Guest List" – "a monthly roundup of people we'd like to have over for drinks, food, and conversation," August 2017

Outstanding Scholarship, Research, Creative Activity, and Other Professional Contributions Award, American University, April 2017

Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Research, and Professional Contributions, awarded by the School of Public Affairs, American University, April 2017

Honorary Changemaker Award, awarded by Generation Citizen, for commitment to youth civic participation, October 2015

Commissioned "Kentucky Colonel," awarded by Kentucky's Governor and Secretary of State for noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to the state and nation, January 2015

She Changes the World Award, awarded by the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, May 2013

Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Research, and Professional Contributions, awarded by the School of Public Affairs, American University, April 2013

"Jennifer Lawless Day," Providence, Rhode Island, awarded by Providence Mayor David Cicilline, 2009

"Jennifer Lawless Day," Cranston, Rhode Island, awarded by Cranston Mayor Alan Fung, 2009

Brown University Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award, 2009, 2008, 2005, 2004

Humanities Research Award, Brown University, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004

Sophonisba Breckinridge Award, for best paper on women and politics, presented by the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2006

Marian D. Irish Award, for best paper on women and politics, presented by the Southern Political Science Association, January 2004

Sophonisba Breckinridge Award, for best paper on women and politics, presented by the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004

Pi Sigma Alpha, Spring 1997

Phi Beta Kappa, Spring 1996

## AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member, New Politics Leadership Academy, January 2021 – present.

Advisory Board Member, Emerge America, January 2012 – present.

Board Member, Emerge America, 2009 – 2011.

Board Member, Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island, 2006 – 2009.

Board Member, Women's Fund of Rhode Island, 2006 – 2009.

Member of the American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, National Capital Area Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, and Western Political Science Association.