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POSITIONS

Professor of Public Policy and Politics, 2017 – present
Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia

Chief Innovation Officer, 2024 – present
Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia

Special Advisor to the Dean on Strategic Opportunities, 2022 – 2024
Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia

Director of Social Entrepreneurship @ UVA, 2011 – 2021
Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Politics, 2013 – 2017
Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia

Visiting Professor and director of EntrepreneurSHIP at Sea, 2014
Semester at Sea, Spring World Voyage

Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Politics, 2010 – 2013
Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2007 – 2010
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

Director, 2008 – 2010
European Union Center & Center for European Studies, Syracuse University

EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2006, Pennsylvania State University, Political Science
Fields: American politics, Comparative politics, Research Methods & Statistical Analysis

- Fulbright Fellow, Brussels, Belgium, Aug 2004-Dec 2005
- Visiting Scholar, Oxford University, Nuffield College, Oxford, UK, Jan-June 2004
- Researcher, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium, Aug 2004-Dec 2005

M.A., 2003, Pennsylvania State University, Political Science

- University of Essex, 36th Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, Colchester, United Kingdom, Summer 2003

B.A., 2001, Pennsylvania State University, Major: International politics. *Phi Beta Kappa*

- University of Franche-Comté, Besançon, France, Summer 2001
- Institute for Shipboard Education, Semester at Sea. Spring 1999

BOOKS

Banking on Belonging: Why Investing in Refugee Entrepreneurs Benefits Everyone. With John Kluge. (forthcoming 2026 with Columbia University Press).

Failure and Hope: Fighting for the rights of the Forcibly Displaced. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press (hardback 2016, paperback and ebook 2017).

Brussels vs. the Beltway: Advocacy in the United States and the European Union. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press. (2008).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025-present: **Chair**, Local Impact Investing Committee, Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- 2019-present: **Advisor** to the Refugee Investment Network. Developed and executed refugee-entrepreneur focused market assessment of Mexico for impact investors, field work in Mexico City, Guadalajara, Saltillo, and Jalisco. Co-Authored report on Refugee Lens Investing.
- 2019 – 2021: **Advisor** to the Virginia Impact Investing Forum. Developed and oversaw research team to conduct a [Virginia Impact Investing Ecosystem Mapping](#), the report was covered in Impact Alpha and other state-wide publications.
- 2015: **Consultant** to Elrah: Global Humanitarian Research and Innovation Prioritization Exercise. Sub-grantee and member of collaborative team to carry out mapping of humanitarian innovation space with the Global Emergency Group, Global Policy Center, Amani Insititue, IRMA and Care USA.
- 2012: **Consultant** to World Bank Program Evaluation of South-South Learning Initiatives – Human Development Network. “Learning from Each Other: Social Protection and Labor and the Global South” (with Jeanine Braithwaite)
- 2010: **Consultant** to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – GPS mapping and GPS/GIS training of staff at Beldangi I Refugee Camp, Nepal – pro bono/ experiential learning capstone course for Syracuse University
- 2006-2007: **Instructor & Postdoctoral Fellow**, Maxwell European Research Centers, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. Organized EU Speakers Series bringing in 8 scholars of European Integration for lectures and meetings with the university community.

- 2004: **Consultant** to DLA Piper Rudnick - Upstream; Brussels-based European Union lobbying and government relations firm. Conducted policy research, monitored legislative developments and devised and implemented a business conference on EU pharmaceutical policy and the European Medicines Agency.
- 2004: **Visiting Scholar & Research Assistant**, Oxford University, Nuffield College, Oxford, United Kingdom. Conducted original research on EU lobbying and worked as the research assistant on the history of European Court of Justice case law and EU legislative activity to the Official Fellow and Chair of Comparative Government
- 2003: **Intern** at DLA Piper Rudnick - Upstream; Brussels-based European Union lobbying and government relations firm. Conducted policy research; monitored legislative and regulatory developments for clients; developed lobbying strategy, business development and marketing proposals; monitored legislative activity of European Parliament committee meetings and hearings.
- 2000-2004: **Head Research Assistant** on National Science Foundation funded collaborative research project studying lobbying in the United States.

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

- “Techno-economic assessment of solar photovoltaic systems in Appalachian Virginia: Geospatial multivariate approach” with Mary Asare-Addo, Will W. Couch, Galen Maclaurin, and Bevin Etienne. *Energy Nexus* 21, 100629 (2026)
- “Crash into Housing: How the Bama Works Fund mobilized private, public, and philanthropic capital to transform public housing”. *Stanford Social Innovation Review* April 28, 2025. <https://ssir.org/articles/entry/funding-public-housing-bama-works-fund> (2025)
- “Investing for Inclusion: How Refugee Lens Investing can facilitate the inclusion of the forcibly displaced into local host communities” with John Kluge in the edited book *The Search for Home among Migrants and Refugees*, Antonio Argandoña and Maria Sophia Aguirre, co-editors. Routledge Press (2024)
- “Can Capitalism Save Itself? Capitalism’s Looming Threats to Democracy and Practical Strategies to Step Back from the Brink” in the edited book *Can Democracy and Capitalism Be Reconciled?* Sidney Milkis and Scott Miller, co-editors. Oxford University Press (2024)
- “Building Inclusive Economies - Applications of Refugee Lens Investing” with John Kluge. Report published with the *Rockefeller Foundation* - <https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/report/building-inclusive-economies-applications-of-refugee-lens-investing-refugee-investment-network/> (2021).
- “Post-Map-Ask: Toward a More Democratic, Modern Lobbying Process” with Lee Drutman. Published Policy Paper with New America. March (2016).
- “On the Advantages of a Well-Constructed Lobbying System: Towards a more democratic, modern lobbying process” with Lee Drutman. *Interest Groups & Advocacy*. (2017)
- “Partners in Advocacy: Lobbyists and Government Officials in Washington.” With Frank Baumgartner. *Journal of Politics*. Vol. 77 (1): 202-215 (2015)

- “Framing in context: how interest groups employ framing to lobby the European Commission”
With Heike Klüver and Marc Oppert. *Journal of European Public Policy* Vol. 22 (4): 481-498
(2015)
- “Measuring Interest Group Framing Strategies in Public Policy Debates.” With Heike Klüver. *Journal
of Public Policy*. Vol. 35 (2): 223-244 (2014)
- “Identifying frames: A comparison of research methods.” With Frida Boräng, Rainer Eising, Heike
Klüver et al. *Interest Groups & Advocacy* Vol. 3 (2): 188-201 (2014)
- “The InterEuro Project: Logic and structure”. With Jan Beyers, Laura Chaqués Bonafont, Andreas
Dür, Rainer Eising, Danica Fink-Hafner, David Lowery, William Maloney and Daniel
Naurin. *Interest Groups & Advocacy* Vol. 3 (2): 126-140 (2014)
- "Following the Money: EU Funding of Civil Society Groups," with Michael J. Beckstrand. *Journal of
Common Market Studies* Vol. 49(6): 1339–1361 (2011).
- “Measuring the Size and Scope of the EU Interest Group Population.” with Arndt Wonka, Frank R.
Baumgartner and Joost Berkhout. *European Union Politics*. Vol. 11(3): 463-476 (2010).
- “Converging Perspectives on Interest-Group Research in Europe and America.” with Frank R.
Baumgartner. *West European Politics*. Vol. 31(6): 1251-1271 (2008).
- “The Two Faces of Framing: Individual-Level Framing and Collective Issue-Definition in the EU”
with Frank R. Baumgartner. *European Union Politics*. Vol. 9(3):435-449 (2008).
- “Networking vs. Allying: The Decision of Interest Groups to Join Coalitions in the US and the EU,”
Journal of European Public Policy. Vol. 14(2):366-383 (2007).
- “Lobbying Success in the United States and the European Union,” *Journal of Public Policy*. Vol 27(2):
35-56 (2007).
- “The Power of Institutions: State and Interest-Group Activity in the European Union,” *European
Union Politics*. Volume 5 (4): 441–466 (2004).
- “Activating the Citizen” Book Review of *Activating the Citizen: Dilemmas of Participation in Europe and
Canada* Edited by: Joan DeBardeleben & Jon H. Pammett. *West European Politics*. Vol. 33, No.
2, 399–414 (2010).
- “The Role of Interest Groups in Fostering Citizen Engagement: The Determinants of Outside
Lobbying” Chapter in *From National toward International Linkages? Civil Society and Multi-level
Governance*. William Maloney and Jan Van Deth Eds. Cheltenham: Elgar Publishing (2008)
Pp.170-192.
- “Assessing Horizontal and Vertical Coordination” Book Review of *The Coordination of the European
Union: Exploring the Capacities of Networked Governance in Public Administration Review* (2008). Pp.
952-954.
- “Interest Groups in Multilevel Governance” Chapter in *Politics Beyond the State*. Kris Deschouwer and
Maarten Theo Jans Eds. Brussels: VUB University Press. (2007). Pp.109-138.
- “Help versus Harm: The Impact of NGO Interventions” Book Review of *Aiding Peace? The Role of
NGOs in Armed Conflict* in the *International Studies Review* (2007). Pp. 286-289.

- “Social Movements and the Rise of New Issues” with Frank R. Baumgartner. Chapter in *Routing the Opposition: Social Movements, Public Policy and Democracy*. Eds. Helen Ingram, Valerie Jenness and David S. Meyer. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. (2004). Pp. 65–86
- “Negative Binomial Distribution,” “Probing” and “Coefficient of Determination” In *Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods*. Eds. Michael S. Lewis-Beck, Alan Bryman and Tim Futing Liao. Oregon, OH: Sage (2003).

FUNDRAISING & GRANTS

- 2025: Tadler Gift to Support Impact Investing in Action: Appalachia Program. **\$1,528,500**
- 2024: EPA Community Change Grant (November 2024 **\$20,000,000; 3-years**) Mahoney PI in partnership with Dickenson County IDA, Buchanan County IDA, United Way of Southwest Virginia; The Nature Conservancy; UVA Wise, Engineering, and the Weldon Cooper Center. – Appalachian Environmental Resilience
- 2023: Climate Collaborative Grant from UVA Environmental Institute (September 2023 **\$1,500,000; 3-years**) Mahoney-PI with Eric Loth, Julie Quinn, Bevin Etienne, Bill Shobe, Shannon Blevins, and Tanya Denckla Cobb – “Appalachian Renewable Energy and Resilience”
- 2023: Explore-2-Build (E2B) Clean Energy Initiative UVA Vice President for Research (November 2023 **\$300,000; 3-years**) – “Super-rated Wind Turbines for Offshore Wind Energy” with Eric Loth and Bevin Etienne
- 2023: Tadler Gift to Support Impact Investing in Action: Appalachia Program. **\$1,450,000**
- 2023: Spark Grant from UVA Environmental Institute (April 2023 **\$30,000**) co-PI with Eric Loth – “A Case-based Study for Mountain-based Wind Energy”
- 2023 Post-Doctoral Scholar funding for Energy Transitions Project. **Fully Funded Post-doctoral fellow position (2 years)**, with Eric Loth and Andres Clarens. G2G PostDoc program funded by the UVA Environmental Institute for Global-to-Community program to diversify the voices represented in climate science. Recruited Mary Asare-Addo, recent PhD student from Ghana, who will begin her research with us in March 2024.
- 2021: Tadler Gift to Support an Endowed Professor in Entrepreneurship. **\$10 million**
- 2020: Tadler Gift to Support Impact Investing in Action: Appalachia Program. **\$257,000**
- 2019: Tadler Gift to Support Impact Investing in Action: Appalachia Program. **\$408,000**
- 2018: Bridging Grant – Strengthening New Hill. Amount: **\$50,000**
- 2018: Royster-Lawton Gift to support the Royster Lawton Fellows in Social Enterprise Program. **\$250,000**
- 2017: Provost Flash Funding– African-American-led redevelopment – A New Vinegar Hill Amount: **\$25,000**.

- 2017: Jefferson Scholars Foundation Exploratory Fund. **\$23,200** to support the SE@UVA Pay for Success Lab research on Sustainability Pay for Success Models (\$9,200), as well as the cost of underwriting two Jefferson Fellows in Social Financing (\$14,000).
- 2016: Jefferson Trust Foundation. **\$48,000** to support the Founders-and-Funders-in Residence program, a project to bring UVA alumni entrepreneurs to Grounds to meet and mentor students, in collaboration with Darden, Engineering and McIntire.
- 2016: Provost Grant for Building the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem. **\$50,000** to support staffing for the Social Entrepreneurship at UVA Initiative for 3 years.
- 2015: Provost Grant for Transformative Programs. **\$25,000** to support the Social Entrepreneurship at UVA Initiative.
- 2013: Jefferson Trust Foundation & UVA Provost. **\$180,000** to support the Social Entrepreneurship at UVA Initiative
- 2013: State Department Young African Leaders Initiative. **\$1.5 million** – lead drafter of collaborative grant to run a 5-year summer capacity building program for young African leaders.
- 2011: National Science Foundation Grant - Award Id: 1102978, PI: Mahoney. **\$300,000** to University of Virginia for support of the project entitled "Framing Policy Debates in the European Union" with Heike Klüver.
- 2010: University of Virginia, Center for International Studies, Office of the Vice Provost for International Programs, Travel Grant. **\$1,500**
- 2010: Institutional Grant: EU-US ATLANTIS Grant to launch a “Transatlantic Dual Degree in International Security & Development” between Syracuse University, the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany and the International Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands. Wrote for grant as Director of the Moynihan European Research Centers. Award: (\$416,000 from the US Department of Education and 408,000€ from the European Commission, DG Education), total: **\$971,967**
- 2004-2005: Fulbright Grant, EU Program, Full Research Fellowship awarded by the Fulbright Commission and the Commission for Educational Exchange between Belgium, Luxembourg and the United States. **\$12,000**

AWARDS

- 2025: Batten **Award for Excellence in Engagement**
- 2023: UVA Vice Provost for Research **Award for Community Engaged Research**
- 2023: **Anthem Award**, with Briana Hart, CEO of BuyVerde for our collaborative research on social and environmental certification schemes
- 2021: [Apolitical's 100 Most Influential Academics in Government list](#) - Apolitical
- 2021: **Public Impact Research Award** – Vice Provost for Research, University of Virginia
- 2020: **Award for Excellence in Public Interest Research** – VP for Academic Outreach Office, University of Virginia

- 2020: **Outstanding Faculty Award** from the UVA Office of Engagement
- 2017: **Foreign Policy Interrupted Fellow** – Foreign Policy Magazine media fellowship
- 2014: Named one of *Civille's* “15 under 40” in their annual “Power Issue” – June 22, 2014 including an extensive write up of my work: “A Fulbright, tenure at 33, one book published and another in the works, a major grant from the National Science Foundation to study human rights advocacy in conflict zones: It’s easy to mark Batten School Associate Professor of Public Policy and Politics Christine Mahoney as a rising star among UVA’s faculty based on her bio. But her career is worth watching for reasons that go well beyond her CV.”
- 2011: **Emerging Scholar Award** – American Political Science Association, Political Organizations & Parties Section
- 2009: **Appleby-Mosher Award**, Maxwell School of Syracuse University
- 2008: **Appleby-Mosher Award**, Maxwell School of Syracuse University
- 2006-2007: **Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Maxwell European Research Centers, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School, Syracuse University.
- 2005: **Dissertation Writing Fellowship**. Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) within the College of the Liberal Arts, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2004: Penn State Political Science Department **Summer Research Award**
- 2003: Penn State University **Graduate Research Support Award**
- 2003: Department of Political Science **Best Masters Essay Award**
- 2002-2003: **John Martz Award** Supporting Graduate Research in Comparative Politics
- 2002-2003: Department of Political Science **Outstanding Graduate Student Award**
- 2001: **Phi Beta Kappa**

INVITED TALKS

- “Leadership Unscripted: Leading Through Conflict – A discussion on the Israel/Gaza Conflict – Darden School of Business - October 25, 2024
- “Equity and Democracy” - Miller Center Democracy and Capitalism – Rotunda, UVA Charlottesville VA. March 2023
- Social Entrepreneurship in Higher Education – Taylor Center for Social Innovation, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, April 19, 2023
- “Developing Your Impact Investing Philosophy” – Angel Academy Charlottesville, Charlottesville Angel Network, CODE Building, Charlottesville, VA, Oct 13, 2023
- Democracy and Capitalism Roundtable participant – Karsh Institute for Democracy – Democracy 360 Conference, Charlottesville VA, Oct 20, 2023
- “Investing for Inclusion: How Refugee Lens Investing can facilitate the inclusion of the forcibly displaced into local host communities” Prepared for the Expert meeting: The Home

and Displaced People "Assimilation and Integration of Migrants and Displaced People" Session, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 22-23 September 2022

- "Forced Migration on the US-Mexico Border" Panel organized by the US-Mexico Foundation and Brookings Global Economy and Development section, The Brookings Institution. April 21, 2020
- "Harnessing Migration for Business and Employment" panel during the Horasis Global Meeting, Cascais Portugal, March 28-31, 2020
- "Forced Migration" discussion as part of Climate Security panel during the Jackson Hole Center for Global Affairs Global Forum, Jackson Hole, Wyoming. March 16-18, 2020
- "Refugee Opportunity Index" Expert Group Summit – organized by *The Economist*, The Economist Intelligence Unit, hosted at the Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC, December 11, 2019. The Refugee Opportunity Index (ROI) will allow for comparisons of refugee policy and economic opportunity across countries against a set of relevant and actionable metrics. The ROI will equip policymakers with data to identify pathways for improvement in refugee policy and programs, and serve as a due diligence tool for investors to evaluate the enabling environment for investments in refugee value chains and in refugees as entrepreneurs.
- "Armchair Discussion: Walking in Solidarity with Migrants and Refugees" Interviewed about my book at the Vatican Impact Investing Conference. Rome, Italy. July 8-11, 2018
- "Refugee Right to Work" - talk at National Academy of Sciences Symposium – Protecting the Rights of Individuals Fleeing Conflict: The Role of Scientists Engineers & Health Professionals, Washington, D.C. December 7-8, 2017
- "Social Innovation in the Refugee Crisis" – Duke University – Focus Program, Chapel Hill, NC, Oct. 18, 2017
- Panelist – "Solutions Summit: The Global Refugee Crisis" - Center for Public Impact, London, UK, June 29-30, 2017
- "Navigating International Conflicts: Who Helps the Refugees?" Panel on my book *Failure & Hope* during the Virginia Festival of the Book, Charlottesville, VA, March 24, 2017 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSqG3Y_-910
- "Innovative approaches to the Global Refugee Crisis" Keynote at the University of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, November 14, 2016
- "Failure and Hope" Gave a keynote address at the Global Philanthropists Circle – Special Convening on the Syrian Refugee Crisis. Istanbul, Turkey, September 29, 2016
- UN Foundation Social Good Summit Masterclass (interactive environment for some of today's top digital influencers, social entrepreneurs, global journalists and innovative thinkers to share ideas related to global issues, social good, and the role media and technology play in creating a better world.) New York, NY, September 18, 2016
- "Failure & Hope" Book Launch hosted by USA for the UNHCR, McPherson Strategies, Brooklyn, NY, September 8, 2016

- “Syrian Refugee Crisis” International Rescue Committee talk for 200 community members, 15 March 2016
- “The Displacement Crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo” International Rescue Committee, 12 November 2015
- “The Failure of Global Advocacy and the Hope of Social Entrepreneurship” Duke University – Humanitarian Challenges: Global Innovations and Initiatives Series, 21 October 2015
- TED Talk, “Innovation in Refugee Camps,” San Diego, CA, 9 January 2014 - <http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/Supporting-innovation-in-refuge>
- “Advocacy Best Practices” African Advocacy Fund Conference, organized by DANIDA, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 27-28 September 2012
- “Global Advocacy: Advocating for the displaced from the Frontline to the Headlines” James Madison University, VA, USA, 25 March 2011
- “Pure Information or Pure Persuasion?: The Role of Interest Group Information in the Policymaking Process” University of Pittsburgh, European Union Center of Excellence, 24 February 2011
- “The Funding & Framing of EU Interest Groups” University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France. 21 October 2010.
- “Brussels versus the Beltway: Advocacy in the United States and the European Union” University of Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany. 14 Sept 2009.
- “Regulating Ethics and Lobbying: What Can Europe and North America Learn from Each Other” McGill University-Université de Montréal, European Union Centre of Excellence. 25 May 2009.
- Roundtable on *Brussels versus the Beltway: Advocacy in the United States & European Union*. Author Meet & Discuss” at the Southern Political Science Association annual meetings. New Orleans, LA, USA. 8-10 Jan 2009.
- “Lobbying & the Lobbied” invited speaker to the Society for European Affairs Professionals annual conference “European Transparency Initiative & Ethics in Lobbying” Brussels, Belgium. 4 November 2008.
- “US and EU Lobbying in Comparison” Lecture presented to DLA Piper-Rudnick’s industry briefing “The Future of EU Lobbying: The Americanisation Of Brussels?” Brussels, Belgium. 30 December 2005.
- “Lobbying in the European Union” Lecture presented to the Vesalius College, EU Masters Program. Brussels, Belgium. 9 May 2005.
- “Institutions, Issues and Interests: Understanding Advocacy in the United States and the European Union” Research lecture presented to: The workshop participants of the CONNEX Research Group on “Interest representation in European policy-making: the state of the art” University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands. 15 April 2005.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Refugee Lens Investing” Panel Presentation at the Social Capital 2019 Conference. San Francisco, CA, October 22-25, 2019
- “Toward more Democratic Lobbying Information Systems” Keynote at International Communications Association Post-Conference organized by EUPRERA, American University, Washington D.C. May 29, 2019
- “Failure and Hope: Fighting for the Rights of the Forcible Displaced” Presented at Europe In Crisis: The Future of The EU and Transatlantic Relations summit, panel on The Refugee Crisis. University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, April 7, 2017
- “Failure and Hope” Gave keynote address at ETH Zurich’s Science and Development Forum “Forced Migration: Research and Policy Forum” Zurich, Switzerland, September 23, 2016
- “Concordia Summit & Private Sector Forum on Migration and Refugees” Principal participant in the Strategic Dialogue organized by Concordia in partnership with the Columbia University Global Policy Initiative, the International Organization for Migration, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, New York, NY, Sept 19-20, 2016
- “Finance as an Instrument of Hope: Investing in Refugees” Presented at SoCap 2016 - A Conference at the Intersection of Money + Meaning, San Francisco, CA, September 13, 2016
- “Building Successful Collective Impact Models” with John Kluge. Presented at Ashoka-U Exchange, New Orleans, LA, February 24-25, 2016
- “Building Successful Collective Impact Models” with John Kluge. Presented at the 12th Annual Social Entrepreneurship Conference, NYU Stern School of Business, NY, NY November 4-6, 2015
- “Partners in Advocacy: Buying friends in Washington” Presented at the Travers Conference on Ethics and Accountability in Government at UC Berkeley on Friday, April 10, 2015, at UC Berkeley, CA
- “Testing Prospect Theory in the Real World: Gain versus Loss Frames in EU Policymaking” Paper with Heike Klüber and Marc Opper. Presented at the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence (MEUCE) annual conference on European Civil Society, February 23-24, 2015 at Florida International University (FIU) Miami, FL
- “Policy and Social Innovation” Presented at panel on Public Policy Education and Social Innovation - How can we influence governments and policy to be more supportive of social innovation? Feb 26-28, 2015, Washington, DC
- “Effectively dealing with information overload and the proliferation of consultations” Presentation to the European Commission of InterEURO collaborative research project findings. December 2, 2014, Brussels Belgium.

- “Corporate Influence in the US and the EU” Presented at the Lobbying and Campaign Finance in a Comparative Perspective conference of the Stanford University Program on American Democracy in Comparative Perspective November 14-15, 2014, Stanford University, CA
- “Framing of Public Policy Debates: The Effect of Actor Type”. Paper presentation with Heike Klüber. ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, France, 4-7 September 2013
- “Measuring Framing Systematically”. Paper presentation with Heike Klüber. InterEURO meetings, Bochum, Germany, 25-26 October 2013
- “Framing Policy Debates in the European Union” With Heike Klüber. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management conference, Baltimore, MD, USA. November 8-10, 2012
- “Framing Policy Debates in the European Union: New Techniques to Answer Old Questions. With Heike Klüber. Paper presented at the 6th ECPR-SGEU Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, Tampere, Finland, September 13-15, 2012
- “Assessing Advocacy Effectiveness: The Power of Political Framing to Shape Policy Outcomes” Paper presented at the Economic & Social Research Council Research Methods Festival, St. Catherine's College in Oxford, UK, July 2-5, 2012
- “A Movement for Free Movement: Strengthening global civil society to advocate for the common good” Paper prepared for the Experts Meeting “Globalization and the Common Good” at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22904, USA, April 19-21, 2012
- “Setting the Global Agenda: Advocacy & Attention to Global Displacement Crises” Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research bi-annual meetings, Reykjavik, Iceland, August 24-27, 2011
- “Advocacy and Agenda-setting in the US and the EU: the Case of Displaced Rights” Paper presented at the European Union Studies Association bi-annual meetings, Boston, MA, USA, March 3-5, 2011
- "EU Funding of European Civil Society Groups" with Michael Beckstrand. Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Potsdam, Germany, September 10-12, 2009.
- "The EU interest group population: a new data set and first empirical results" with Arnt Wonka, Frank Baumgartner, and Joost Berkhout. Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Potsdam, Germany, September 10-12, 2009.
- "Following the Money: EU Funding of Civil Society Groups" with Michael Beckstrand. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Toronto, Canada, August 3-5, 2009.
- "Corporate Lobbying Influence in the US and the EU" Presentation at the Workshop on “The Regulation of Ethics and Lobbying: What Can Europe and North American Learn

from Each Other?” EU Center of Excellence, Université de Montréal et McGill University. Montréal, Canada, 28 May 2009.

- "EU Funding of Civil Society Groups" with Michael Beckstrand. Paper presented at the European Union Studies Association bi-annual meetings, Los Angeles, USA, April 23-26, 2009
- “Converging Perspectives on Interest Group Research: Toward Collaborative Projects testing Models Across Systems" with Frank Baumgartner. Paper presented at the European Union Studies Association bi-annual meetings, Los Angeles, USA, April 23-26, 2009
- “Building Civil Society from the Ground Up: Collective Action among the Forcibly Displaced” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meetings. New Orleans, LA, USA. 8-10 Jan 2009.
- "Collective & Individual Framing" Paper presented at the Transatlantic Collaboration on Civil Society Workshop. University of Antwerp, Belgium. October 23-25, 2008.
- "EU Funding of Civil Society Groups" with Michael Beckstrand. Paper presented at the Cornell Center for European Studies Workshop. Ithaca, NY October 2008.
- “Collective Action among the Forcibly Displaced” Paper presented at the ‘In Search of Solutions’ workshop. Forced Migration Studies Programme WITS University in Johannesburg, South Africa. July 3-4, 2008.
- “A Modular Approach to Collaborative Research” with Frank R. Baumgartner. Paper presented at the Final Connex Conference, University of Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany, March 7-8, 2008.
- “Networking vs. Allying: Interest Group Coalitions in the US and EU” Paper presented at the European Union Studies Association bi-annual meeting. Montreal, Canada, May 17-19, 2007.
- “Lobbying Success in the US and the EU.” Paper presented at CONNEX Network of Excellence Conference (Research Group 4- Work Package A2) – Interest Group Influence in European Policy Making. Vienna, Austria June 2006.
- “Killing or Compromising?: How the potential for policy change effects lobbying positions in the US and the EU” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings. Washington, DC. September 2005.
- “The Role of Interest Groups in Fostering Citizen Engagement: Outside Lobbying in the US and the EU” Paper presented at CONNEX Network of Excellence Conference (Research Group 5- Work Package 1) – Social Capital and Europeanization of Civic Associations. Bled, Slovenia May 2005 and Mannheim, Germany October 2005.
- “The Determinants and Effects of Interest-Group Coalition Behaviors” with Frank R. Baumgartner. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings. Chicago, Illinois. September 2004.

- “The Co-evolution of Groups and Government.” with Frank R. Baumgartner and Beth Leech. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 2003.
- “Influential Institutions: The Demand Side of Lobbying in the European Union” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 2003.
- “Gaining Government Allies: Interest Group Lobbying Strategies and Government Response.” with Frank R. Baumgartner. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings. Chicago, Illinois. April 2002.
- “Clarifying the Ambiguities: Conflicting Conceptualizations of Interest Group Involvement in The Policy Process” Paper presented at Rice University’s third annual undergraduate research conference. Houston, Texas. January 2000.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Board Member, Local Impact Investing Committee, Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- Board Member, Cav Angels – the UVA Angel Investing Network
- Board Member, Charlottesville International Rescue Committee – refugee resettlement agency (2013-2018)
- Member, Governor’s Task Force on Social Entrepreneurship & Impact Investing (2015-2017) appointed by the Virginia Secretary of Commerce
- Member, Virginia Impact Investing Forum (2015-2022)
- Member, Mayor’s Council on Innovation & Technology, City of Charlottesville (2016-2017)
- Board Member, Charlottesville Social Incubator, Blue Moon Fund (2016-2019)
- Member, Welcoming Greater Charlottesville Task Force, Chair: Welcoming Week committee (2017)

PRESS

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