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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Political Science, SUNY Geneseo, 2020-Present.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri, May 2020.

Dissertation: Determinants of Legislative Staff Turnover.

Concentrations: American Politics, Public Policy and Administration.

Advisors: Peverill Squire and Jennifer L. Selin (co-chairs), Lael Keiser, and L. Marvin Overby.

B.S., *summa cum laude*, Political Science, Indiana State University, May 2015.

Minors in Civic Leadership and Women's Studies.

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

Brant, Hanna K., and Jordan Butcher. 2022. "Legislating as Your Full Self: Queer Women of Color in US State Legislatures." *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 43(3): 297-309.

Selin, Jennifer L., Cody A. Drolc, Nicholas Brothers, Jordan Butcher, and Hanna K. Brant. 2022. "Under Pressure: Centralizing Regulation in Response to Presidential Directives." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 52(2): 340-366.

Brant, Hanna K., and L. Marvin Overby. 2021. "Congressional Career Decisions in the 2018 Congressional Midterm Elections." *Congress & the Presidency* 48(1): 8-24.

Brant, Hanna K., and L. Marvin Overby. 2020. "Female Appointed Successors in the United States Senate." *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 44(4): 527-541.

Schmitt, Carly A., Chera LaForge, and Hanna K. Brant. 2019. "Drinking the Tea: The Tea Party Movement and Legislative Agendas in the U.S. Senate." *Congress & the Presidency* 46(1): 60-88.

Schmitt, Carly A., and Hanna K. Brant. 2019. "Ambition, Gender, and Legislative Behavior in the U.S. House." *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 40(2): 286-308.

Brant, Hanna K., Theodore J. Masthay, and L. Marvin Overby. 2018. "Joining the Great Majority: An Analysis of Senate Deaths, 1919-2015." *Social Science Quarterly* 99(5): 1637-1648.

Brant, Hanna K., Nathan Myers, and Katherine L. Runge. 2017. "Promotion, Protection, and Entrepreneurship: Stakeholder Participation and Policy Change in the 21st Century Cures Initiative." *Politics & Policy* 45(3): 372-404.

Book Chapter(s)

Brant, Hanna K., and L. Marvin Overby. 2020. "Checking Out: 2018 Congressional Retirements and Resignations in Historical Perspective." In *The Unforeseen Impacts of the 2018 US Midterms*, eds. Tauna S. Sisco, Jennifer C. Lucas, and Christopher J. Galdieri. Palgrave MacMillan.

Media

"Giving women the tools to run for office." *St. Louis Public Radio NPR*, July 22, 2019.

"Congressional staff exit intention." *LegBranch*, May 13, 2019.

"Staff have the skills to assist Congress, but they need more resources." *LegBranch*, October 9, 2018. (with Jennifer L. Selin).

"Another reason Democrats will have difficulty retaking the US Senate this fall: Republicans' historical advantage in holding open seats." *LSE US Centre on American Politics and Policy*, July 24, 2018. (with L. Marvin Overby and Theodore J. Masthay).

"John McCain's passing reminds us that death has always been an important part of life in the US Senate." *LSE US Centre on American Politics and Policy*, August 28, 2018. (with L. Marvin Overby and Theodore J. Masthay).

Research Grants

Incentive Grant. Awarded by the Faculty Research Subcommittee of the Research Council for the project, "U.S. State Legislatures and Staff Capacity in Legislative Reference Bureaus." SUNY Geneseo (2021).

Geneseo Foundation Undergraduate Summer Fellowship. Awarded by the Geneseo Foundation as recommended by the College Research Council to mentor and work with an undergraduate student for the project, "U.S. State Legislatures and Staff Capacity in Legislative Reference Bureaus." SUNY Geneseo (2021).

Pre-Tenure Faculty Research Support Award. SUNY Geneseo (Fall 2020).

Dirksen Congressional Center. Congressional Research Grant for “Brain Drain? An Analysis of Congressional Committee Staffers’ Legislative and Oversight Capabilities” (with Jennifer L. Selin). (2018).

Center for Effective Lawmaking. Small Grant Competition Award for “Brain Drain? Understanding Congressional Staffers’ Legislative and Oversight Capabilities” (with Jennifer L. Selin). (2018).

Research Grant. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri (Fall 2017).

Janet Box-Steffensmeier Scholarship. Awarded by the Society for Political Methodology to attend the ICPSR summer program (Summer 2017).

Working Papers

“The Rainbow Wave in 2020: The LGBTQ+ Community and the Path to Equitable Representation” with L. Marvin Overby. Forthcoming in *Identity Politics in US Elections*, eds. Tauna S. Sisco, Jennifer C. Lucas, and Christopher J. Galdieri. Palgrave MacMillan.

“U.S. State Legislatures and Staff Capacity in Legislative Reference Bureaus” with Kathryn VanderMolen.

“Gender, Representation, and Issue Expertise among Congressional Bureaucrats” with Lael R. Keiser.

Conference Presentations

2022. “R&R: Retirements from and Retentions in the Popularly-Elected Senate.” (with Theodore J. Masthay and L. Marvin Overby). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association. Bretton Woods, NH.

2022. “Constituent Oversight of State and Federal Agencies.” (with Cody A. Drolc). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

2021. “Staff Turnover in State Legislatures.” Presented virtually at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2021. “The Rainbow Wave in 2020: The LGBTQ+ Community and the Path to Equitable Representation.” (with L. Marvin Overby). Presented virtually at the 2021 American Elections Symposium, Saint Anselm College, New Hampshire Institute of Politics.

2019. “Determinants of Congressional Staff Turnover Intention.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington D.C.

2019. “Determinants of Congressional Staff Turnover Intention.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

2019. "Checking Out: 2018 Congressional Retirements, Resignations, and Deaths in Historical Perspective." (with L. Marvin Overby). Presented at the 2018 American Elections Academic Symposium, Saint Anselm College, New Hampshire Institute of Politics.

2019. "Brain Drain? An Analysis of Congressional Staff Capabilities." (with Jennifer L. Selin). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Austin, TX.

2018. "Effective Oversight? An Analysis of Congressional Staffers' Oversight Capabilities." (with Jennifer L. Selin). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA.

2018. "Filling the Void: Retired Senators and Their Successors." (with Theodore J. Mas-thay and L. Marvin Overby). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

2018. Invited attendee, The State of Congressional Capacity Conference, New America. Washington D.C. March 1-2.

2018. "Female Appointed Successors in the United States Senate." (with L. Marvin Overby). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.

2017. "Gender, Representation, and Issue Expertise among Congressional Bureaucrats." (with Lael R. Keiser). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

2017. "Focus on the Farm Economy: Witness Testimony before the House Committee on Agriculture." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association. Austin, TX.

Teaching Interests

American Government Institutions and Politics; Public Policy and Administrative Politics; Research Methods; Identity and Politics (Race, Ethnicity, Gender, LGBTQ+)

Teaching Experience

Instructor at SUNY Geneseo

PLSC 110 - American Politics (Fall 2020 - Fall 2022)

PLSC 251 - Modern Political Analysis (Fall 2020, Spring 2022)

PLSC 361 - Women and Politics (Spring 2021 & 2022)

PLSC 373 - Presidential Politics (Fall 2020, 2021, & 2022)

PLSC 488 - Identity & Politics (Spring 2022)

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

G. Ellsworth Huggins Fellow. Graduate School, University of Missouri (Fall 2015-Spring 2020).

Donald K. Anderson Teaching Assistant Award. Department of Political Science, University of Missouri (Spring 2019).

J.G. Heinberg Fellowship. Provides one semester free from assistantship duties in the 2018-19 academic year to focus on research. Department of Political Science, University of Missouri (Spring 2018).

Dean L. Yarwood Fellowship. For high academic achievement for students who have an emphasis in public policy and administration or American politics. Department of Political Science, University of Missouri (Spring 2017).

Professional Memberships and Service

Women's and Gender Studies Program Advisory Committee (3-year appointment), SUNY Geneseo, 2021-present

Committee on Nominations (2-year appointment), SUNY Geneseo, 2021-present

LGBTQ+ Working Group, SUNY Geneseo, 2020-present

McNair Scholars Program, Faculty Mentor, SUNY Geneseo, 2022-present

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association