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**Education**

PhD, Political Science, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2008

MA, Philosophy, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2003

Graduate Studies, Philosophy, Villanova University, 1993-1994

BA, Philosophy, Muhlenberg College, 1993; *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

**Fields of Interest**

Virginia state and local politics; religion and American politics; atheism in American politics; political theory; social entrepreneurship.

**Teaching Experience**

*Associate Professor,* Randolph-Macon College, May 2015-present. State and Local Government; Introduction to American Government; Religion and Politics; Political Theory; Public Policy; Social Entrepreneurship; Social Movements; first-year seminars; Honors courses.

*Assistant Professor,* Randolph-Macon College, 2009-2015.

*Adjunct Instructor,* Fordham University School of Professional and Continuing Studies, 2014. Introduction to Politics (online), American Public Policy (online).

*Assistant Professor,* Marymount Manhattan College, Fall 2007-Spring 2009. Introduction to Politics and Government; American Presidency; Urban Politics; Public Policy; writing seminars.

*Teaching Assistant*, Hunter College Political Science Department, CUNY, Fall 2004. American Government: A Historical Introduction. Lectures and grading for two 30-student sections.

*Instructor*, Kaplan Test Preparation, 1997-1998. GRE Test Preparation.

*Teaching Assistant*, Villanova University Philosophy Department, Spring 1994. Intro. to Philosophy.

*Writing Center Tutor*, Villanova University, Fall 1993.

*Writing Center Tutor*, Muhlenberg College, Fall 1987-Spring 1989.

**Professional Activities**

Director, program in Social Entrepreneurship, Randolph-Macon College, 2011-present

Blogger, *RVA Politics* (rvapol.com, washingtonpost.com, WRIC.com), July 2014-present

Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation (ENACT) Faculty Fellow, Brandeis International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, 2016-present

Big View Team member, Circles Ashland (non-profit community organization), 2016-present

American Association of University Professors, Randolph-Macon Chapter President, 2020-present

Director, Sullivan Faculty-Staff Fellowship, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation, 2017-2020

**Departmental and Institutional Service**

Interim Department Chair, Fall 2019-January 2020

Political Science State/Local Internship Coordinator, 2010-present

Faculty Advisor

* R-MC Chapter of Young Democrats, 2013-present
* R-MC Chapter of Virginia21, 2018-present
* Political Science Student Association, 2010-2016
* R-MC Chapter of Nourish International, 2012-2016

Committee Work

* General Education Committee, 2019-2023
* Digital Learning Advisory Committee, 2019-present
* Professional Conduct Committee, 2017-2022
	+ Chair, 2018-present
* Teacher Preparation Committee, 2011-present
	+ Chair, 2018-present
* Strategic Planning Committee (sabbatical replacement), Fall 2019
* R-MC Honors Council, 2014-2017
* Committee on College Life, 2011-2017
* Academic Integrity Council Appeals Board (sabbatical replacement), January 2014
* Honors Program Task Force (ad hoc committee), 2010-2011
* Faculty Search Committees
	+ Education Assistant Professor, 2020-2021
	+ Education Assistant Professor, 2015-2016
	+ Political Science Assistant Professor, 2014
	+ Political Science Visiting Assistant Professor, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2012-2013
	+ English Assistant Professor, 2010-2011

**Publications**

Books:

* *Local Politics Matters: A Citizen’s Guide to Making a Difference*. Lantern Publishing and Media (Brooklyn, NY), 2020.
* *Atheists in American Politics: Social Movement Organizing from the Nineteenth to the Twenty-First Centuries*. Lexington Books (Lanham, MD), 2018.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

* RW Glover, DC Lewis, R Meagher & KA Owens. “Advocating for Engagement: Do Experiential Learning Courses Boost Civic Engagement?” *Journal of Political Science Education*, advance publishing online October 24, 2020.
* “Family Taxes: Conservatives Frame Estate Tax Repeal.” *Journal of Policy History* 26.1 (January, 2014), 73-102.
* “Death and Taxes: Issue Framing and Conservative Coalition Maintenance.” *Political Science Quarterly* 128.3 (September, 2013), 517-38.
* “The ‘Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy:’ Media and Conservative Networks.” *New Political Science* 34.4 (December 2012), 469-84.

Review Essay:

* “Backlash: Race, Sexuality, and American Conservatism.” *Polity* 41.2 (April 2009), 256–266.

Articles:

* B Baldwin, MS Hardaway, R Meagher, T Nash & E Slipek. “So Long, 2020.” *Style Weekly* (December 15, 2020).
* “Reform Needed But Unlikely.” *Virginia Capitol Connections Quarterly Magazine* (Fall 2020/Winter 2021).
* “Community Engagement.” *Muhlenberg Magazine* (Fall, 2020).
* “Every Year an Election Year.” *Virginia Capitol Connections Quarterly Magazine* (Fall, 2018).
* “General Assembly Experience May Not Help Rookie Congressmen.” *Virginia Capitol Connections Quarterly Magazine* (Fall, 2016).
* “Neoliberal Language Lessons.” *The Public Eye* web edition, available at www. politicalresearchassociates.com (October 30, 2014).
* “A Dispatch from Dave Brat's College: Teaching Politics at the Center of a Political Storm.” *Roll Call* (Wednesday, July 9, 2014).
* “Founding Principles,” *Logos* Special Election Issue, *What is At Stake in the 2012 Election?* 11.4 (October 2012), available at http://logosjournal.com/2012/fall\_meagher.
* “Remembering the New Right.” *The Public Eye* (Summer 2009).
* “Tax Revolt as a Family Value: How the Christian Right Is Becoming a Free Market Champion.” *The Public Eye* (Winter 2006).

Book Chapters:

* “The ‘Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy:’ Media and Conservative Networks.” In: *Right-Wing Populism and the Media*, Claire Snyder-Hall and Cynthia Burack, eds. Routledge (New York), 2014.

Opinion:

* “Privatizing Creighton.” *Style Weekly* (May 25, 2021).
* “This Could Get Ugly.” *Virginia Mercury* (May 20, 2021).
* “The Mayor’s Final Exam.” *Style Weekly* (April 6, 2021).
* “End May Elections.” *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (February 28, 2021).
* “Consider Rescheduling Virginia Legislative Elections.” *Virginian-Pilot* (December 15, 2020).
* “Slow Change.” *Style Weekly* (November 18, 2020).
* “Election Reporting Needs Reform.” *Roanoke Times* (November 17, 2020).
* “What’s Next?” *Style Weekly* (November 11, 2020).
* “Balance of Power.” *Style Weekly* (October 6, 2020).
* “In Richmond Mayor’s Race, Math Matters.” *RVA Mag* (September 30, 2020).
* “Stakes Are High in Local Elections.” *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (September 29, 2020).
* “Bets Are Off.” *Style Weekly* (September 22, 2020).
* “Voting in 2020.” *Style Weekly* (September 1, 2020).
* “When Insisting on ‘Peaceful’ Protest Misses the Point.” *Virginia Mercury* (June 24, 2020).
* “Unraveling the Myth of Law Enforcement.” *RVA Mag* (June 16, 2020).
* “Danger to Democracy.” *Style Weekly* (May 20, 2020).
* “Hey Feds: Local Government Needs You.” *Style Weekly* (May 13, 2020).
* “Democrats Should Learn from VA Successes.” *Virginian-Pilot* (April 1, 2020).
* “It’s On: Richmond’s Next Mayor Must Deal with a Changing City.” *RVA Mag* (March 9, 2020).
* “Navy Hill: What Went Wrong?” *Style Weekly* (February 4, 2020).
* “The Limits of the Democratic Victory.” *Roanoke Times* (November 13, 2019).
* “The Blue Wave Is Still Cresting (Probably).” *RVA Mag* (October 24, 2019).
* “The ‘Inconclusive’ Northam Yearbook Report Is No Surprise.” *RVA Mag* (May 23, 2019).
* “Growing Pains.” *Style Weekly* (May 14, 2019).
* “What About the Education Compact?” *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (Friday, April 5, 2019).
* “The Legislature is the Prize.” *Style Weekly* (March 6, 2019).
* “Crossroads Ahead: Thanks to several major funding projects, 2019 will be one of the most important in Richmond’s history.” *Style Weekly* (January 2, 2019).
* “A Plea for the New Year: No More Confederate Nonsense, Please.” *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (Monday, January 2, 2017).
* “A Mandate for the GOP? Ask Newt Gingrich.” *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (Tuesday, November 18, 2014).
* “Let’s Just Skip the Debates.” *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (Sunday, October 13, 2013), E4.
* “Voter ID Bill is Part of Long History of Disenfranchisement.” *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (Friday, February 24, 2012), A11.
* “Labor Gains are Now Threatened.” *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (Sunday, May 15, 2011), E5.
* “Will Social Conservatives Stay Home Election Day?” *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (Sunday, October 30, 2010), E5.

Book Reviews:

* “Integrative Governance: Generating Sustainable Responses to Global Crises.” *New Political Science* 41:4 (December 2019), 666-669.
* “Godless Citizens in a Godly Republic: Atheists in American Public.” R. Laurence Moore and Isaac Kramnick. *Journal of Church and State* 61:3 (Summer 2019), 520-22.
* “Strategies for Social Change.” Gregory M. Maney, Rachel V. Kutz-Flamenbaum, Deana A. Rohlinger, and Jeff Goodwin, Eds. *New Political Science* 35:1 (March 2013), 147-150.
* “Digital Jesus: The Making of a New Christian Fundamentalist Community on the Internet.” Robert Glenn Howard. *Politics and Religion* 5.2 (August 2012), 485-87.
* “Politics in the Parish: The Political Influence of Catholic Priests,” Gregory Allen Smith. *American Review of Politics* 30 (Spring/Summer 2009).
* “The Transformation of American Politics: Activist Government and the Rise of Conservatism,” Paul Pierson and Theda Skocpol, eds. *Political Studies Review* 7:3 (September 2009).

Short Reviews:

* “Hometown inequality: race, class, and representation in American local politics.” Brian F Schaffner, Jesse H. Rhodes, and Raymond J. La Raja. *Choice* (September 2021).
* “Four views on the axiology of theism: what difference does God make?” Kirk Lougheed, ed. *Choice* (July 2021).
* “Carl Schmitt between Technological Rationality and Theology: The Position and Meaning of his Legal Thought.” Hugo Herrera. *Choice* (January 2021).
* “Red State Blues: How the Conservative Revolution Stalled in the States.” Matt Grossman. *Choice* (April 2020).
* “Gerrymanders: How Redistricting Has Protected Slavery, White Supremacy, and Partisan Minorities in Virginia.” Brent Tarter. *Choice* (March 2020).
* “Conservatives and the Constitution: Imagining Constitutional Restoration in the Heyday of American Liberalism.” Kenneth Ira Kersch. *Choice* (October 2019).
* “Resisting *Brown*: Race, Literacy, and Citizenship in the Heart of Virginia.” Candace Epps-Robertson. *Choice* (April 2019).
* “God's country: Christian Zionism in America.” Samuel Goldman. Choice (August 2018).
* “Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon.” J. M. Bernstein, Adi Ophir, and Ann Laura Stoler, eds. *Choice* (July 2018).
* “Blood & Faith: Christianity in American White Nationalism.” Damon T. Berry. *Choice* (May 2018).
* “The Rights Turn in Conservative Christian Politics: How Abortion Transformed the Culture Wars.” Andrew R. Lewis. *Choice* (April 2018).
* “When Free Exercise and Nonestablishment Conflict.” Kent Greenawalt. *Choice* (December 2017).
* “Facing the Planetary: Entangled Humanism and the Politics of Swarming.” William E. Connolly. *Choice* (August 2017).
* “Network Democracy: Conservative Politics and the Violence of the Liberal Age.” Jared Giesbrecht. *Choice* (June 2017).
* “Politics and the Concept of the Political: The Political Imagination.” James Wiley. *Choice* (April 2017).
* “Right-Wing Critics of American Conservatism.” George Hawley. *Choice* (September 2016).
* “American Character: A History of the Epic Struggle between Individual Liberty and the Common Good.” Colin Woodard. *Choice* (August 2016).
* “Europe and Empire: On the Political Forms of Globalization.” Massimo Cacciari. *Choice* (July 2016).
* “Democracy and the Origins of the American Regulatory State.” Samuel DeCanio. *Choice* (March 2016).
* “The Invisible Bridge: The Fall of Nixon and the Rise of Reagan.” Rick Perlstein. *Choice* (November 2015).
* “American Burke: The Uncommon Liberalism of Daniel Patrick Moynihan.” Greg Weiner. *Choice* (August 2015).
* “Weird John Brown: Divine Violence and the Limits of Ethics.” Ted A. Smith. *Choice* (June 2015).
* “The Intellectual Life of Edmund Burke: From the Sublime and Beautiful to American Independence.” David Bromwich. *Choice* (January 2015).
* “On Dissent: Its Meaning in America.” Ronald K. L. Collins and David M. Skover. *Choice* (December 2014).
* “Edmund Burke in America: The Contested Career of the Father of Modern Conservatism.” Drew Maciag. *Choice* (February 2014).
* “Barry Goldwater and the Remaking of the American Political Landscape.” Elizabeth Tandy Shermer. *Choice* (January 2014).
* “Libertarianism: What Everyone Needs to Know.” Jason Brennan. *Choice* (September 2013).
* “That Broader Definition of Liberty: The Theory and Practice of the New Deal.” Brian Stipelman. *Choice* (June 2013).
* “Pragmatism, Politics, and Perversity: Democracy and the American Party Battle.” Joseph L. Esposito. *Choice* (April 2013).
* “Ideology in America.” Christopher Ellis and James A. Stimson. *Choice* (February 2013).
* “Rule and Ruin: The Downfall of Moderation and the Destruction of the Republican Party, from Eisenhower to the Tea Party.” Geoffrey Kabaservice. *Choice* (September 2012).
* “Buckley: William F. Buckley Jr. and the Rise of American Conservatism.” Carl T. Bogus. *Choice* (July 2012).
* “Armed for Life: The Army of God and Anti-Abortion Terror in the United States.” Jennifer Jefferis. *Choice* (January 2012).
* “Teaching about Religions: A Democratic Approach for Public Schools.” Emile Lester. *Choice* (January 2012).
* “Rooming in the Master’s House: Power and Privilege in the Rise of Black Conservatism.” Molefi K. Asante and Ronald E. Hall. *Choice* (August 2011).
* “Conservatism and Racism, and Why in America They Are the Same.” Robert C. Smith. *Choice* (May 2011).
* “Between a Man and a Woman?: Why Conservatives Oppose Same-Sex Marriage.” Ludger H. Viefhues-Bailey. *Choice* (March 2011).
* “Faith, Politics, and Power: The Politics of Faith-Based Initiatives,” Rebecca Sager. *Choice* (October 2010).
* “We Are Doomed: Reclaiming Conservative Pessimism,” John Derbyshire. *Choice* (July 2010).

Encyclopedia Articles:

* “Racial Backlash.” In John Stone, Rutledge M. Dennis, Polly Rizova, and Anthony D. Smith, eds., *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell (2016).
* “Stages Model of the Policy Process” and “Right to Life.” In George Thomas Kurian, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Washington, DC: CQ Press (2010).
* “Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.” In David Hudson, David Schultz, and John R. Vile, eds., *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*. Washington, DC: CQ Press (2008).

**Invited Lectures/Presentations**

Presentations, “Advocacy 101, 201, 301.” Circles Ashland (virtual presentation series), Summer 2021.

Presentation, “Adapting ENACT to your course.” ENACT Virtual Summer Institute, Brandeis University, June 9, 2021.

Panelist, “Protecting the Vote: Gerrymandering, Understanding Amendment One Town Hall [Part II].” Initiatives of Change, Richmond, VA, February 23, 2021.

Presentation, “Local Politics Matters: A Virtual Book Talk.” Randolph-Macon College, Richmond, VA, November 18, 2020.

Panelist, “Protecting the Vote: Gerrymandering, Understanding Amendment One Town Hall.” Initiatives of Change, Richmond, VA, October 13, 2020.

Invited lecture, “North of Broad Development: Update and Analysis.” The Shepherd’s Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA, February 3, 2020.

Presentation, “Arena Demand and Synergy – Areas of Risk.” City of Richmond Navy Hill Development Advisory Commission, Richmond, VA, November 16, 2019.

Presentation, “TIF Districts.” Ninth District Spring Speaker Series, Richmond, VA, March 21, 2019.

Invited lecture, “Atheism in American Politics.” The Shepherd’s Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA, October 1, 2018.

Invited lecture, “Local Politics Matters.” The Shepherd’s Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA, September 24, 2018.

Invited lecture, “Atheism in American Politics.” The Shepherd’s Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA, May 17, 2018.

Invited lecture, “Local Politics Matters.” The Shepherd’s Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA, May 3, 2018.

Invited lecture, “Social Entrepreneurship.” Rotary Club of Innsbrook, Glen Allen, VA, December 14, 2017.

Panel/Workshop participant, “Getting Started or Diving Deep? Keys to Creating a Curriculum Strategy,” Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Faculty & Campus Leadership Summit, Raleigh, NC, April 8, 2017.

Invited lecture, “Religion and Voting in the Age of Trump and Clinton.” The Shepherd’s Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA, March 30 and April 3, 2017.

Invited lecture, “The 2016 Election in Virginia.” Nordic PA (group of European campaign professionals), November 6, 2016.

Invited lecture, “Religion and Voting in the Age of Trump and Clinton.” River Road Church (Baptist), Richmond, VA, October 20, 2016.

Invited lecture, “Religious Belief in the Age of Trump.” Religion and Politics Summer Enrichment Series, Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA, July 13, 2016.

Guest lecturer, Lyceum on “Social Entrepreneurship.” Emory and Henry College, Emory, VA, April 5, 2016.

Guest lecturer, “Social Entrepreneurship.” Emory and Henry College, Emory, VA, November 20, 2015.

Invited lecture, “The New Atheism.” Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, Ashland, VA, March 9-16, 2014.

Panelist, “The Obama Coalition: A New Partisan Regime?” Institut des Monde Anglophone, Germanique et Roman, Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée, Cité Descartes, France, May 27, 2013.

Panelist, “Social Movements and Global Politics in the 21st Century,” 2012 International Conference for Master’s Program in Public Policy and International Affairs, William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ, April 12, 2012.

Invited lecture, “American Infidels: Robert Ingersoll, Thomas Paine, and the American Political Imaginary.” R-MC Faculty Research Evening Exchange (FREE), December 2011.

Panelist, “Post-Religious? Post-Secular? An Interdisciplinary Panel on the Contemporary State of Religion.” Marymount Manhattan College, March 2009.

Panelist, “Is the Christian Right Dead?” *Left Forum*, March 14-16, 2008, New York, NY.

Invited lecture, “Building a Movement: Ideology and Politics in the American Right.” Marymount Manhattan College Faculty Development Luncheon. New York, NY, March 2008.

Invited lecture, “Right Ideas: Discourse, Partisan Regimes, and the Conservative Coalition.” CUNY Graduate Center Political Theory Colloquium, co-sponsored by the New York American Political Development Colloquium. New York, NY, October 2007.

**Professional Conference Presentations**

“ ‘Treason or Madness’: The Dan Smoot Report and the Anti-Communist Roots of American Conservatism.” 2016 Policy History Association Meeting, Nashville, TN.

“More Than a Mind Factory”: W. H. Cowley’s Holoism and the Crisis in Liberal Education.” The 2015 Transylvania Seminar, *Twenty-First Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept*. Lexington, KY.

“This Godless Communism: Defining Atheism in America.” 2013 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“’We Must Not Lose Heart:’ The Decline of the Christian Right.” With Victoria H. Allen. 2013 Association Francaise d’Etudes Americaines (French Association for American Studies) Annual Meeting, Angers, France, May 24, 2013.

“Death and Taxes: Tax Policy and the Conservative Coalition.” 2012 Policy History Association Meeting, Richmond, VA.

“The Great Infidel: Paine, Ingersoll, and Faithless Patriotism.” 2010 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Coming Out of God’s Closet: Atheism, Communism, and Discourse.” 2009 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

“Building a Movement: Ideology and Politics in the American Right.” *Toward a Comparative Discussion on “Rightist” Movements*. Conference held at CUNY Graduate Center, March 13-14, 2008, New York, NY.

“Interest Group Power: Money vs. Mobilization and the Breakdown of the Conservative Coalition.” With Victoria H. Allen. 2007 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

“The Right Ideas: The Religious Right, Issue Frames, and Estate Tax Repeal.” 2006 Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Divisions and Discourses: Equality, Separate Spheres, and Common Law Understandings.” 2004 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Beyond Coverture: Suffrage Discourses and Common Law Understandings.” 2004 Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Beyond Coverture: Suffrage Discourses and Common Law Understandings.” 2004 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

“Realignment and Religion: What’s Really ‘New’ in New Social Movements.” 2003 Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Realignment and Religion: What’s Really ‘New’ in New Social Movements.” 2002 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA.

*Poster presentation:* “Stemming Decline: Realism, Institutions, and the Case of ‘Declining Powers’.” 2003 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

**Other Professional Conference Participation**

Discussant and Panel Chair, *Assessing the Role of Religion in the Rise of Neoconservatism*, 2016 Policy History Association Meeting, Nashville, TN.

Discussant and Panel Chair, *The Chicago School: Economics, Law and Power in the US, Chile & New Zealand*, 2013 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Workshop Co-Organizer and Co-Presenter, *Open-Sourcing Leadership: Accelerating Learning Curves for Changemaking*, 2012 Ashoka Exchange, Phoenix, AZ, February 11, 2012.

Participant, 2011 Transylvania Seminar, “Twenty-First Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept,” Transylvania University, Lexington, KY, July 28-31, 2011.

Discussant, *Neoliberalism* panel. 2010 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Discussant, *Interest Groups* panel. 2009 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Panel Chair, *Geographic Boundaries of Participation*. 2009 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Panel Chair, *Another State Is Possible: Activism, Global Justice, and Radical Democracy*, conference sponsored by the CUNY Center for Place, Culture and Politics, May 4, 2006, New York, NY.

**Media Appearances**

Television:

* Political analyst for WRIC-Richmond (ABC affiliate), numerous appearances, 2012-present.
* Interviewed by *Voice of America*, *Al-Jazeera English*, WWBT-Richmond (NBC affiliate), WTVR-Richmond (CBS affiliate).

Print/Online:

* Quoted in *Style Weekly*, *Richmond Magazine*, *Richmond Times-Dispatch,* numerous references, 2012-present.
* Quoted in *Virginia Mercury*, *Huffington Post*, *Virginia Legacy*, *Virginia Business Magazine*, *Virginia Scope*, Mashable.com, Ozy.com, *Christian Science Monitor*, *The Progressive*, *Talk to Action*, *Demodirt*.

Radio/Podcasts:

* *Virginia Public Media* (WCVE), *Richmond's Morning News* (1140 WRVA), *Open Source RVA* (WRIR), numerous interviews, 2010-present.
* Interviewed by *Bold Dominion* (podcast), *Race Capitol* (WRIR), *Amerikan Rambler* (podcast), *Voice of Russia*, *Making Contact*.

**Grants and Fellowships**

Rashkind Family Endowment Grant, Randolph-Macon College, Fall 2016
($1,690)

Walter Williams Craigie Teaching Endowment Grant, Randolph-Macon College, Summer 2012
($5,224)

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Social Entrepreneurship grant, 2010-2013
($15,000 stipend + $3,000 grant-in-aid)

Mario Capelloni Dissertation Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center, 2006-2007
($20,000 stipend + tuition remission)

Richard Styskal Dissertation Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center, Dept. of Political Science, 2006-2007
($3,500 stipend)

Research Grant for Doctoral Students, CUNY Graduate Center, 2006
($1,242 grant-in-aid)

Graduate Student Fellow, CUNY Center for Place, Culture and Politics, 2005-2006
($5,000 stipend)

**Other Professional Experience/Activities**

Manuscript Reviewer, *American Politics Research*, 2021.

Manuscript Reviewer, *SAGE Open*, 2020.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Political Science Education*, 2020.

Judge, “We the People” competition, Virginia State Finals. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, January 24, 2020.

Moderator, Virginia First Congressional District Democratic Candidates’ Forum. Hanover County Democratic Committee Men's Forum, January 22, 2020.

Judge, “We the People” competition, Central VA Middle School Regional. Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA, December 17, 2019.

Moderator, ChamberRVA Hanover County Board of Supervisors Candidate Forum. Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA. October 16, 2019.

Judge, “We the People” competition, Central VA Middle School Regional. Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA, December 17, 2018.

Moderator, “What is Your Way Forward?” panel discussion. Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, Ashland, VA, December 2, 2018.

Facilitator, Political Advocacy workshop for Circles Ashland. Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, Ashland, VA, November 15, 2018.

Judge, Virginia Young Democrats High School Leadership Academy. Ashland, VA, February 3, 2018.

Moderator, Virginia First Congressional District Democratic Candidates’ Forum. Hanover County Democratic Committee Men's Forum, January 24, 2018.

2017-18 Michael Harrington Award Committee, American Political Science Association Caucus for a New Political Science. Recognizes an outstanding book that demonstrates how scholarship can be used in the struggle for a better world.

Panel Moderator, *Communities over Confinement: Richmond Town Hall*. Rise for Youth Coalition, Peter Paul Development Center, Richmond, VA, June 15, 2017.

Panel Moderator, *RVA Together Community Forum*. Richmond Public Library Main Branch, December 15, 2016.

Panel Moderator, Fourth District School Board/City Council Candidates’ Forum. Westover Hills Neighborhood Association, October 11, 2016.

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Faculty Fellowship in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 2014-15.

Manuscript Reviewer, *American Politics Research*, 2015.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Policy History*, 2014.

Chair, 2010-11 Christian Bay Award Committee, American Political Science Association Caucus for a New Political Science. Determined award for the best paper presented at an NPS panel at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Editorial Board, *The Public Eye*, Political Research Associates, Somerville, MA, 2009-2010.

Managing Editor, *Polity* (journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association), 2005-2006.

Assistant Director for Information Systems, Office of Sponsored Projects (grants and contracts office), Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, 2003-05 [additional positions 1996-2003].

Research Assistant for Christa Altenstetter, PhD, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2001-2003.

**Dissertation:** *Right Ideas: Discourse, Framing, and the Conservative Coalition*

Frances Fox Piven, Sponsor Andrew J. Polsky, Reader

Today’s conservative coalition is best understood as an alliance between economic and social conservatives. As the Republican base, social conservatives deliver votes and other means of support to GOP candidates, who then implement the economic conservatives’ agenda. Social conservatives are mollified to some extent by legitimation, access, and symbolism, but eventually demand policy change; yet coalition leaders are reluctant to deliver on their controversial social issues. Instead, discursive entrepreneurs frame issues in family and moral terms in order to win the support of social conservatives, thereby achieving at least two goals. First of all, entrepreneurs broaden the support for issues that are dear to economic conservatives (or, in some cases, other powerful interests within the coalition). Second, and perhaps more importantly, they strengthen social conservatives’ ties to the coalition by granting them policy “rewards” for issues in which they did not even know they were interested. Instead of turning the coalition’s attention towards policies important to social conservatives, entrepreneurs change the kinds of policies that social conservatives consider to be important, and at little cost.