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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Davidson College

2017-present Assistant Professor of Political Science

University of the South

2011- 2017 Assistant Professor of Politics
2011 Instructor of Political Science

EDUCATION

Princeton University

2010 Ph.D., Department of Politics, 2010
Dissertation: *Local Parties, Local Candidates, and Women's Representation: How County Parties Affect Who Runs for and Wins Political Office*
Committee: Larry Bartels (co-chair), Tali Mendelberg (co-chair), Jessica Trounstine

2006 M.A., Politics (American Politics, Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods)

Vanderbilt University

2004 B.S. *summa cum laude*, Political Science (High Honors) and Educational Studies

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2019 Broockman, David, Nick Carnes, Melody Crowder-Meyer, and Chris Skovron. "Why Local Party Leaders Don't Support Nominating Centrists." *British Journal of Political Science* doi.org/10.1017/S0007123419000309
- 2019 Crowder-Meyer, Melody. "Blogging Your Way to a Research Paper: The Benefits of a Semester-Long Blogging Assignment in the Political Science Classroom." *Journal of Political Science Education* doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2019.1647220
- 2019 Crowder-Meyer, Melody, Shana Kushner Gadarian, and Jessica Trounstine. "Voting Can Be Hard, Information Helps." *Urban Affairs Review* doi.org/10.1177/1078087419831074
- 2018 Crowder-Meyer, Melody. 2018. "Baker, Bus Driver, Babysitter, Candidate? Revealing the Gendered Development of Political Ambition Among Ordinary Americans." *Political Behavior* doi.org/10.1007/s11109-018-9498-9
- 2018 Crowder-Meyer, Melody, Shana Kushner Gadarian, Jessica Trounstine, and Kau Vue. 2018. "A Different Kind of Disadvantage: Candidate Race, Cognitive Complexity, and Voter Choice." *Political Behavior* doi.org/10.1007/s11109-018-9505-1

- 2018 Crowder-Meyer, Melody and Rosalyn Cooperman. 2018. "Can't Buy Them Love: How Party Culture among Donors Contributes to the Party Gap in Women's Representation" *Journal of Politics* 80:4, pgs. 1211-1224. doi.org/10.1086/698848
- 2018 Cooperman, Rosalyn, and Melody Crowder-Meyer. 2018. "A Run for Their Money: Republican women's hard road to campaign funding" in *The Right Women: Republican Party Activists, Candidates, and Legislators*, edited by Malliga Och and Shauna Shames. Santa Barbara: Praeger. amzn.to/2OqZ88f
- 2015 Crowder-Meyer, Melody and Adrienne R. Smith. 2015. "How the Strategic Context Affects Women's Emergence and Success in Local Legislative Elections." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 3:2, pgs. 295-317. doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2015.1035286
- 2015 Crowder-Meyer, Melody, Shana Kushner Gadarian, and Jessica Trounstein. 2015. "Electoral Institutions, Gender Stereotypes, and Women's Local Representation." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 3:2, pgs. 318-334. doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2015.1031803
- 2014 Crowder-Meyer, Melody and Benjamin E. Lauderdale. 2014. "A Partisan Gap in the Supply of Female Potential Candidates in the United States." *Research & Politics*, 1:1 (April 2014). doi.org/10.1177/2053168014537230
- 2013 Crowder-Meyer, Melody. 2013. "Gendered Recruitment without Trying: How Local Party Recruiters Affect Women's Representation." *Politics & Gender*, 9:4 (December) pgs. 390-413. doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X13000391

Other Publications and Short Articles

- 2019 Crowder-Meyer, Melody, Shana Kushner Gadarian, and Jessica Trounstein. "Voting Can Be Hard, Information Helps" *Urban Affairs Forum*, March 4, 2019 bit.ly/2H8J3zU
- 2018 Crowder-Meyer, Melody, and Rosalyn Cooperman. "It's a big year for women candidates — why are so few of them Republican?" *Vox*, Oct. 16, 2018 bit.ly/2PI3Hcx
- 2018 Crowder-Meyer, Melody, Shana Kushner Gadarian, and Jessica Trounstein. "Voting Can Be Hard, Information Helps" *MPSA Blog*, May 29, 2018 bit.ly/2J2y3Uy
- 2016 Crowder-Meyer, Melody, Shana Kushner Gadarian, Jessica Trounstein, and Kau Vue. "Complex Interactions: How Electoral Institutions affect Voter Support for Female and Minority Candidates" *MPSA Blog*, June 14, 2016 bit.ly/2CNSV1x
- 2014 Crowder-Meyer, Melody, and Benjamin Lauderdale. "Why the Republican Party doesn't have more female candidates." *The Washington Post, Monkey Cage*, September 29, 2014 wapo.st/2PI2SQZ
- 2013 Review of *Becoming a Candidate: Political Ambition and the Decision to Run for Office*, by Jennifer Lawless. *American Review of Politics*, Fall 2012/Winter 2013
- 2011 Crowder-Meyer, Melody. 2011. "The Party's Still Going: County Party Strength, Activity, and Influence." Ch. 7, pgs. 115-134, in *The State of the Parties*, 6th ed., edited by John Green and Daniel Coffey amzn.to/2qTPOkb

Articles Under Review

“Community Income Inequality and the Economic Gap in Participation” (with James Szewczyk, University of the South ‘15), *Revise & Resubmit*

“Standing on Their Shoulders: Suffragists, Women’s PACs, and Demands for Women’s Representation” (with Rosalyn Cooperman), *Under Review*

Work in Progress

“Where to Focus that Reclaimed Time? Gender, Race, and the Issue Priorities of Citizens and Representatives”

“Pipelines to Equal Representation? Gender, Candidacy, and Campaigns for Local and State Office” (book project)

“Identity and Political Mis/Information” (with Mónica Ferrín Pereira)

“Where do Local Women Run? Institutional, Political, and Party Determinants of Women's Representation in Local Office in the U.S.”

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 “Pipelines to Equal Representation? Gender and Political Ambition at the Local Level.” Citrin Center, UC Berkeley
- 2019 “Pipelines to More Equal Representation? Gender, Candidate Emergence, and Electoral Success in the US.” Anxieties of Democracy Workshop, Bamberg, Germany
- 2019 “Who Run the World? Explaining Women’s Representation in American Politics.” SUNY Geneseo
- 2018 “Gender and Candidate Emergence in State and County Legislative Elections in 2018.” Wesleyan Media Project 2018 Post-Election Panels, Wesleyan University
- 2012 “Where do Local Women Run? Institutional, political, and party determinants of women's representation in local office in the U.S.” Vanderbilt University
- 2009 “The Party's Still Going: County Party Strength, Activity, and Influence.” The State of the Parties: 2008 and Beyond, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics

RECENT CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Pipelines to Equal Representation? Gender and Political Ambition at the Local Level.” Local Political Economy Pre-Conference at APSA, Washington, DC
- 2018 “Where to Focus that Reclaimed Time? Gender, Race, & Americans’ Issue Priorities.” American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2018 Mayoral Classification Challenge: Local Government Responsiveness, Invited Participant, BUILD Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, MO
- 2018 “Where do Local Women Run?: Institutional, Political, and Party Determinants of Women's Representation in Local Office in the U.S.” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Meeting, Chicago, IL

- 2018 “Where do Local Women Run?” Junior Faculty Social Science Workshop, Davidson College, Davidson, NC
- 2017 “Barber, Bus Driver, Childcare Provider, Candidate?: Uncovering the gendered development of political ambition among ordinary Americans.” MPSA Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2017 “Voting Can Be Hard, Information Helps” (with Shana Gadarian and Jessica Trounstone). MPSA Meeting, Chicago, IL
- Winner of the 2018 Best Paper in American Politics Award for the best paper examining American politics presented at the 2017 MPSA Meeting.
- 2016 “Complex Interactions: Candidate Race, Sex, Electoral Institutions, and Voter Choice” (with Shana Gadarian and Jessica Trounstone). APSA Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- Winner of the 2017 Urban and Local Politics Best Paper Award for the best paper presented on an Urban and Local Politics panel at the 2016 APSA Meeting.
- 2016 “The Effects of Income Inequality on Political Participation: A Contextual Analysis” (with James Szewczyk, University of the South ‘15). Pi Sigma Alpha initiation, University of the South, Sewanee, TN
- 2016 “The Effects of Income Inequality on Political Participation: A Contextual Analysis” (with James Szewczyk, University of the South ‘15). MPSA Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2015 “*Political Elites, Candidate Emergence, and American Women’s Representation: A research proposal.*” The Gender and Candidate Emergence Conference, Provo, UT
- 2015 “Can’t Buy Them Love: Gender, Parties, and Political Donors” (with Rosalyn Cooperman). MPSA Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2015 “Complex Interactions: Candidate Race, Sex, Electoral Institutions, and Voter Choice” (with Shana Gadarian, Jessica Trounstone, and Kau Vue). MPSA Meeting, Chicago, IL
- Winner of the 2016 Sophonisba Breckinridge Award for the best paper presented at the 2015 MPSA Meeting on the topic of women and politics.
- 2014 “Finding the ‘Best’ Candidate: How Gender Stereotypes Shape Political Recruitment and Support.” New Research on Gender and Political Psychology Conference, Wooster, OH
- 2014 “Where are All the Women?: An examination of where women run for political office, when they win, and why women’s representation remains so low in the U.S.” Presented at The University of the South, Women’s & Gender Studies Colloquium, Sewanee, TN

HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Study and Research Just-in-Time Grant, Davidson College, to fund the project “Political Ambition in a Changing Context,” 2018

Best Paper in American Politics Award, for the best paper examining American politics presented at the 2017 MPSA Meeting, 2018.

Faculty Study and Research Grant, Davidson College, to fund the projects “Gender Differences in Policy Priorities within the American Public” and “Where Do Local Women Run and Win?,” 2018

Urban and Local Politics Best Paper Award, for the best paper presented at an Urban and Local Politics panel at the 2016 APSA Meeting, 2017

Teaching Grant, Mellon Collaborative for Southern Appalachian and Place-Based Studies, University of the South, to fund the project “Rural Consciousness and Political Opinions in Southern Appalachia,” 2016

Sophonisba Breckinridge Award, for the best paper on women and politics presented at the 2015 MPSA Meeting, 2016

Teaching Grant, Center for Teaching, University of the South, to fund the project “Blogging for teaching, learning, and civic engagement,” 2016

Undergraduate Teaching and Research Small Grant Recipient, various small grants from the Office of Undergraduate Research and the Center for Teaching to support undergraduate research projects, 2012, 2013, 2015

Teaching Grant, Frameworks grant, to develop a framing module for Media in American Politics, 2015

Research Grant, Faculty Development and Research Grant, University of the South, to fund a public survey experiment examining voter decision-making about diverse candidates, 2014

Society of Sewanee Scholars Best Teaching Practices, honoree, 2013

Sophonisba Breckinridge Award, for the best paper on women and politics presented at the 2011 MPSA Meeting, 2012

Research Grant, Mellon Faculty Development Grant, to fund additional data collection and manuscript preparation, 2011-2013

Sophonisba Breckinridge Award, for the best paper on women and politics presented at the 2009 MPSA Meeting, 2010

Research Grant, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, to fund the assembly of the County Candidate Political and Demographic Database, 2008

Research Grant, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, to fund the 2008 Survey of County Party Leaders 2007

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2009

University Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University, 2004-2009

Affiliate Graduate Student, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, 2004-2010

Harvey Fellowship, Summer 2006, 2007, 2008

Stafford or Dean's Fund Travel Grants, Princeton University, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
Summer Fellowship, Princeton Graduate School, Summer 2005

TEACHING

Courses

Davidson College

American Politics (POL 121)	Public Opinion (POL 334)
Racial and Ethnic Politics (POL 226)	Politics and the Media (POL 336)
Women in American Politics (POL 424, cross-listed with Gender and Sexuality Studies)	

University of the South

American Government and Politics	Parties and Interest Groups in the US
Media in American Politics	Campaigns and Elections
Women in American Politics	Research Seminar in Political Behavior
Race and Ethnicity in American Politics	

Undergraduate Research Mentorship

Publications of Advised Student Research

- 2018 Georgia Konstam, "Stereotypes and Self-Presentation: How Gender Affects Senate Candidate Behavior" *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics*, 17(2), Fall.
- 2018 Karen Bjerre, "The Role of Gender Stereotypes in Gubernatorial Campaign Coverage" *American Journal of Undergraduate Research* 15(1), June.
- 2015 Jimmy Szewczyk, "Religion and Opposition to Gay Rights" *Journal of Politics and Society* online, April 2015.

Presentations of Advised Student Research

- 2019 Caroline Roddey, North Carolina Undergraduate Research & Creativity Symposium, Duke University
- 2019 Caroline Roddey, Verna Miller Case Symposium
- 2018 Alexandra Galdi, Alenda Lux Symposium (*Co-winner, Best Political Science Poster*)
- 2017 Karen Bjerre, Scholarship Sewanee
- 2017 Georgia Konstam, Scholarship Sewanee
- 2017 Karen Bjerre, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting
- 2016 Karen Bjerre, Undergraduate Social Science Symposium, Middle Tennessee State University
- 2016 Paige Williams, Scholarship Sewanee (*Winner, first place McCrady Prize for Best Poster in the Behavioral and Social Sciences*)
- 2016 Karen Bjerre, Scholarship Sewanee
- 2015 Jimmy Szewczyk, Scholarship Sewanee (*Co-winner, Best Politics Presentation*)
- 2015 Kiela Crabtree, Scholarship Sewanee (*Co-winner, Best Politics Presentation*)
- 2015 Paniz Rezaerod, Scholarship Sewanee

- 2014 Stephen Hurst, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting
- 2014 Adele Ewan, Scholarship Sewanee (*Second place, McCrady Prize for Best Posters in the Behavioral and Social Sciences*)
- 2014 Jimmy Szewczyk, Scholarship Sewanee, University of the South (*Third place, McCrady Prize for Best Posters in the Behavioral and Social Sciences*)
- 2014 Kiela Crabtree, Scholarship Sewanee
- 2014 Jonesia Pearson, Scholarship Sewanee
- 2013 Brittany Macon, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (*Winner, Best Undergraduate Poster at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting*)
- 2013 Jonesia Pearson, Scholarship Sewanee

Honors Thesis, Independent Study, and Research Internship Advising

- Emma McLaughlin, 2019-2020
- Kate Bock (second reader), 2019
- Karen Bjerre, 2016
- Kiela Crabtree, 2014
- Jimmy Szewczyk, 2014
- Paniz Rezaeerood (second reader), 2014
- Stephen Hurst, 2014
- Adele Ewan, 2013
- Warren Snead (second reader), 2013
- Annie Blanks (Women's and Gender Studies program), 2013
- Tucker Brown, 2013
- Caroline Burkholder, 2013
- Alex Hess, 2013
- Ross Berry, 2012
- J. Merrill Cook, 2012
- Courtney Hinkle, 2012
- Haben Zemicael, 2011

Pedagogy and Professional Development Workshops

- 2019 *Long Southern Strategy* Justice, Equality, and Community book group, Davidson College
- 2019 *White Fragility* book group, FIRST, Davidson College
- 2019 Data Visualization in R two-part workshop, CAT CLAWS, Davidson College
- 2018 OpenEd at Davidson - Discover Hypothes.is, EAT Workshop, Davidson College
- 2018 Cultural Biases in Rhetorical Evaluation, EAT Workshop, Davidson College
- 2018 Microaggressions Panel, CTL, Davidson College
- 2017 Inclusive Pedagogy Panel, CTL, Davidson College
- 2017 Exposing and Eradicating Gender Stereotypes in Education, Workshop, New Orleans, LA
- 2017 Specifications Grading, EAT Workshop, Davidson College
- 2016 Creating an Inclusive Classroom Environment: Barriers and Strategies, Workshop, University of the South
- 2016-2017 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Faculty Learning Community, University of the South
- 2016 Wordpress: Using a solid blogging platform for dynamic syllabi, content and student engagement, Teach & Tell, University of the South
- 2016 Would you like a map with that? Maps, data, and spatial analyses in the classroom, Teach & Tell, University of the South
- 2015 *What the Best College Teachers Do* book group, University of the South

- 2015 Using Frameworks to master framing theory and investigations in courses and for student research projects, University of the South
- 2014 Using a Relationship Closeness Induction Task to Build Rapport on the First Day of Class, Teach & Tell, University of the South

Other Teaching Activities

- 2006-2009 *Teaching Transcript Program*, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, Princeton University
- 2008-2009 *Senior Thesis Writing Group Leader*, Department of Politics, Princeton University
- 2008 *Teaching Assistant*, American Politics, Princeton University
- 2007 *Teaching Assistant*, The American City, Princeton University
- 2007 *Student Project Advisor*, Community Based Learning Initiative, Princeton University
- 2006 *Teaching Assistant*, Campaigns & Elections, Princeton University
- 2003 *Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to Probability and Statistics, Vanderbilt University

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Editorial Board Member

- *Political Behavior*, 2019-present
- *Politics & Gender*, 2013-2016

Reviewer

Reviewer for 23 journals, presses, or grant organizations including *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics & Gender*, *Politics, Groups, & Identities*, *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Urban Affairs Review*, and the National Science Foundation. Recent review record available at Publons (<http://bit.ly/33DBPO0>).

Conference Panel Discussant or Chair

- Midwest Political Science Association (2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- American Political Science Association (2018)
- New Research on Gender and Political Psychology Conference (2011, 2014, 2017)
- “Why all the Fuss about the Body?” Conference (2016)
- Gender and Candidate Emergence Conference (2015)

Award Committee Member

- Marion D. Irish Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2018-2019
- Gender and Political Psychology Mentoring Award, 2018

- Harvey Fellowship, 2010-2011, 2013-2014

Panelist

- “Becoming Faculty: Teaching and Research during the First Year.” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2013

Service to the College

Undergraduate Advising

- Political Science Major Advisor, Davidson College, 19 advisees (as of Nov. 2019)
- Pre-Major Advisor and Politics Major Advisor, University of the South, average of 15.4 advisees per year (2012-2016)

Faculty Advisor

- Elect Her, workshop sponsored by 1972 Women's Action Club, Davidson College, 2018
- Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science honor society, University of the South, 2012-2017
- Truman Scholarship Program, University of the South, 2013-2017
- Her Campus Sewanee, University of the South, 2014-2015
- Delta tau Delta fraternity, University of the South, 2011-2012

Committee and Taskforce Service

- Faculty Study and Research Committee, Davidson College, 2018-present
- Women’s and Gender Studies Program Steering Committee, University of the South, 2011-2017
- Bringing in the Bystander programming and survey design/data collection team, University of the South, 2015-2017
- Library/ITS Committee, University of the South, 2013-2017
- University Athletic Advisory Committee, University of the South, 2015-2017
- University Conduct Board, University of the South, 2015-2017
- *Chair*, Intellectual Property Review Group, University of the South, 2016
- Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell Scholarship evaluation committee/mentor, 2015, 2016
- Undergraduate Research Committee, University of the South, 2012-2014
- *Chair*, Faculty Compensation Working Group, University of the South, 2013-2014
- Faculty Discipline Committee, University of the South, 2013-2014
 - Participated in Title IX Training from the Office for Civil Rights, 2013
- Merit Scholarship Support Panel, University of the South, 2012-2013

Panelist or Moderator

- Center for Political Engagement Coffee Chat on Impeachment, Davidson College, 2019

- Strategies for Facilitating Class Discussion (Panelist), Center for Teaching, Davidson College, 2019
- Half the Sky session, Women in Politics: Finding their voice in 2020 (Speaker), Davidson College, 2019
- 1972 Women in Politics Luncheon (Speaker), Davidson College, 2018
- Center for Political Engagement Post-Election Q&A (Speaker), Davidson College, 2018
- A Day at Davidson Admissions Event (Panelist), Davidson College, 2018
- Challenge the Policy Sessions: Immigration (Panelist), Davidson College, 2017
- Teaching and Studying Politics in an Era of Polarization (Panelist), Davidson College, 2017
- Addressing Controversial Topics in the Classroom (Panelist), University of the South, 2017
- Speaking Truth to Power: The Future of Journalism in a Post-Truth, Fake News World (Moderator), University of the South, 2017
- Using Frameworks in Courses (Panelist), University of the South, 2016
- Scholarship Sewanee (Moderator), University of the South, 2014, 2015
- Let's Talk about Race Event (Panelist), University of the South, 2013
- Tennessee Supreme Court Justices Luncheon (Moderator), University of the South, 2013
- Student Election Forum (Moderator), University of the South, 2012
- Beyond Sewanee student group (Panelist), University of the South, 2012
- Quintard faculty-student engagement event (Panelist), University of the South, 2012
- Women's Center film event (Panelist), University of the South, 2011

Other Service

- Coordinator for visiting speakers Katherine Gehl and Dr. Michael Porter, Davidson College, 2019
- College Communications Faculty Q&A "How Will Voters Decide On Proposed NC Amendments?," Davidson College, 2018
- Coordinator for visiting speaker Dr. Shana Kushner Gadarian (cosponsored by PSYC, POLS, IGS, EES/EAH, and ULC), University of the South, 2016
- Practice Interviewer for Watson Fellowship nominees, University of the South, 2015
- Scholarship Sewanee best poster/best presentation judge, University of the South, 2014, 2015
- Spring and Fall Preview Faculty Engagement Sessions Speaker, University of the South, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Coordinator for visiting speaker Dr. Tasha Philpot (cosponsored by WGS, POLS, AMST, AAA, and ULC), University of the South, 2012

Service to the Department

- Alenda Lux Coordinator for the Political Science Department, Davidson College, 2018
- Department Newsletter Editor, Davidson College, 2017, 2018

Public Outreach and Community Service

Media Consultant

- Quoted in outlets including Associated Press, National Public Radio, *USA Today*, *Christian Science Monitor*, Georgia Public Broadcasting, Yahoo News, and WCDT Radio.
- Significant media appearances include serving as a guest on Charlotte NPR station's *Charlotte Talks*, Georgia Public Broadcasting's *On Second Thought*, and as an expert panelist for the National Public Radio Republican and Democratic Convention web chats.
- Research discussed in outlets including *The Economist*, *Politico*, *FiveThirtyEight*, various NPR stations, *VICE*, and *Vox*.

Research Team Member

- “Right the ratio” project on Republican women’s representation, Political Parity, 2014-2015

Panelist or Speaker

- “Representation in the US: Who runs for office? Who wins? Why does it matter?” (Speaker) The Pines, Davidson, NC, 2019
- *Miss Representation* film event (Panelist), St. Andrews-Sewanee School, TN, 2012

Volunteer

- Reading Tutor, Davidson K-8 School, Davidson, NC, 2019-present

November 2019