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EMPLOYMENT

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (2011 – present)
Research Director, Future Services Institute, Humphrey School of Public Affairs (2017-present)
Research Associate & Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2011-2016)

Brown University (2010-2011)
Lecturer, Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Science (2010)
Dissertation: “Diverse Interest Group Coalitions and Social Welfare Policy in the United States”
Committee: Elisabeth Gerber (co-chair), Richard Hall (co-chair), Sheldon Danziger, Charles Shipan
Major Fields: American Politics, Social Welfare Policy, Research Methods

University of California, Los Angeles; B.A. in Political Science and Communication Studies, *cum laude* (2000)

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

BOOK

Strange Bedfellows: Interest Group Coalitions, Diverse Resources, and Influence in American Social Policy. 2017. New York, NY. Cambridge University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Advocacy for the Poor: Organized Interests and Social Policymaking in the American States.” 2016. *American Politics Research* 44(5).

“Exploring Residential Mobility among Low-Income Families.” 2013. *Social Service Review* 87(4).

“Housing Instability among Current and Former Welfare Recipients.” (with Sheldon Danziger, Harold Pollack, and Kristin Seefeldt). 2006. *American Journal of Public Health* 97(5).

POLICY REPORTS AND OTHER WRITING

“Minnesota’s Changing Social Safety Net” (with Westin Merrick, Colleen Heflin, & Yumiko Aratani). August 2017. *Future Services Institute Research Brief No. 1*. Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

“When advocacy groups for the poor are stronger, it’s more likely that a state will have more generous welfare programs.” Oct. 2016. Blog post, London School of Economics’ American Politics and Policy blog.

Book Review, *The Workfare State: Public Assistance Politics from the New Deal to the New Democrats*, by Eva Bertram. 2015. *Journal of Children and Poverty*.

“Residential Mobility, Housing Problems, and Child Outcomes in the Women’s Employment Study.” 2009. Report prepared for the Center for Housing Policy.

“Reforming the System of Care A Review of the Literature on Housing and Service Arrangements for Homeless Populations.” (with Elisabeth Gerber and Sarah Haradon). 2006. Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

“Washtenaw County’s Homeless Population: A Descriptive Analysis of the 2005 Point-in-Time Survey of Homeless Persons.” (with Stacy Ebron and Sarah Haradon). 2006. Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy, Ford School of Public Policy.

“Lifetime and Annual Substance Use, Abuse, and Dependence among Current and Former Welfare Recipients.” (with Kristin Seefeldt, Sheldon Danziger, and Harold Pollack). 2005. Michigan Program on Poverty and Social Welfare Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

“Child Care as a Barrier to Employment” (with Elizabeth Oltmans Ananat). 2004. Michigan Program on Poverty and Social Welfare Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Supply and Demand: The Interplay between Labor Market and Nonprofit Agency Dynamics in Preparing Less-Skilled Workers to Attain Sustainable, Quality Jobs” (with Carrie Oelberger and Jodi Sandfort)

“Exploring how the Strategic Action Field Framework Illuminates Coproduction: Seeing the Utility of Material Artifacts” (with Jodi Sandfort)

“Power through Partnerships: Interest Group Coalitions, Informative Signaling, and Influence in Congress”

“Engaging Employers in Workforce Development in Minnesota” (in preparation)

“Community Engagement in Minnesota: Developmental Evaluation Final Report” (in preparation)

“Residential Transitions and Civic Engagement among Low-Income Families (in preparation)

“Interest Group Coalitions and Political Influence in Washington” (in preparation)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Mary Malcomson Raphael Fellowship, Center for the Education of Women, 2008-2009

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2009

Department of Political Science, University of Michigan

Ford Fellowship Research Award, 2008-2009

Ford Fellowship Research Award, 2006-2008

Departmental Fellowship, 2002-2003

Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, 2007-2008

Rackham One-Term Dissertation Grant, 2007

Doctoral Research Award, Nonprofit and Public Management Center, University of Michigan, 2007

Departmental Fellowship, Gerald Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, 2006-2007

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Travel Grant, 2005

Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2003

Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, 2000

UCLA Provost’s Honors List, 1997-2000

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Engaging Employers in Workforce Development in Minnesota.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (November 2017)
- “Engaging High-Poverty Neighborhoods in Service Improvement.” National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (July 2017)
- “Exploring how the Strategic Action Field Framework Illuminates Coproduction: Seeing the Utility of Material Artifacts” (with Jodi Sandfort). International Institute of Administrative Sciences Study Group on ‘Coproduction of Public Services, Washington DC (June 2017)
- “Power through Partnerships: Interest Group Coalitions and Influence in Congress.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (August 2013)
- “Does Advocacy Matter? Interest Groups and State Policy Choices after Welfare Reform”
University of Minnesota American Politics Proseminar, Minneapolis, MN (May 2013)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2013)
Presentation at the “Rights and Their Translation into Practice: Toward a Synthetic Approach” conference at the University of Arizona, November 2-3, 2012.
- “The Power of Diversity: Interest Group Coalitions and the Transformation of American Social Policy”
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (August 2012, scheduled)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2012)
- “Heterogeneous Coalitions and Social Policy in the U.S.”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (August 2009)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (September 2008)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2008)
- “Housing Affordability Problems among Current and Former Welfare Recipients”
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Madison, WI (Nov 2006)
- “Child Care Subsidy Receipt: Comparison of Subsidy/Nonsubsidy Users in Women’s Employment Study”
Presented with Julia R. Henly and Sandra Danziger at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Madison, WI (November 2006)
- “Did the Civil Rights Movement Really Have a Direct Impact on Public Policy?” (with Anthony Chen)
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (August 2004)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

The Politics of Public Affairs, Humphrey School of Public Affairs (graduate)

Issues in American Public Policy (undergraduate)

Interest Groups, Social Movements and Politics of Race, Class, and Gender (undergraduate)

Suburbs, Stadiums, and Scandals: The Politics of the American City (undergraduate)

Brown University

Statistics (graduate)

Political Advocacy (graduate)

Introduction to Public Policy (undergraduate)

Social Welfare Policy (undergraduate)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to American Politics (undergraduate)

Recipient of the 2005 John F. Kingdon Award for outstanding graduate student teaching

RELATED RESEARCH AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Research Analyst, MDRC (Oakland, CA) (2008-2010)

Researcher, Center for Housing Policy (Washington DC) (2007-2008)

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, (Ann Arbor, MI) (2006)

Research Assistant

Sheldon H. Danziger, Henry J. Meyer Distinguished Univ. Professor (Ann Arbor, MI) (2003-2008)

Elisabeth R. Gerber, Professor of Public Policy (Ann Arbor, MI) (2004-2006)

Anthony Chen, Associate Professor of Sociology and Public Policy (Ann Arbor, MI) (2003-2004)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Public Policy Section; Midwest Political Science Association; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Referee:

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Housing Policy Debate, Journal of Urban Health, Journal of Social Policy, Publius – the Journal of Federalism, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Service Review, Women and Health

Service, University of Minnesota

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Reader (2012-2013)

Service, Brown University

Graduate Advisor, Masters in Public Policy Program (2010-2011)

Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisor (2010-2011)

Service, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Departmental Representative for the Joint Policy PhD Student Committee (2006-2007)

Departmental Liaison for Sexual Harassment Issues, Political Science Department (2005-2006)

Co-chair, Department of Political Science Women's Caucus (2003-2004; Member, 2002-2006)

REFERENCES

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