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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine, 2018-

Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, 2018-19

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Lawmaking, UVA and Vanderbilt University, 2018-

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2015-18. Senior Research Associate, Campbell Institute.

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Political Institutions and Public Choice Program, Duke University, 2014-15

Education

Ph.D. Government, Cornell University, 2014

- Dissertation: Party Fit in the U.S. Congress: Ideology, Party, and Gender
- Committee: Suzanne Mettler (chair), John Aldrich (Duke), Peter Enns, Mary Fainsod Katzenstein, and David Rohde (Duke)
- E.E. Schattschneider Award for the Best Dissertation in American Politics, 2015

Visiting Scholar, Duke University, 2011-12

B.A. Political Science and Spanish, Minnesota State University, Mankato, 2007

Publications

Book

Thomsen, Danielle M. 2017. *Opting Out of Congress: Partisan Polarization and the Decline of Moderate Candidates*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Reviewed in *Choice*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *The Forum*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Political Science Quarterly*. Featured on C-SPAN Book TV.

Articles

Thomsen, Danielle M. "Which Women Win? Partisan Changes in Victory Patterns in U.S. House Elections." Forthcoming at *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (special issue).

Thomsen, Danielle M. "Ideology and Gender in U.S. House Elections." Forthcoming at *Political Behavior*.

Thomsen, Danielle M. 2017. "Joining Patterns Across Party Factions in the U.S. Congress." *The Forum* 15(4): 741-751.

Koch, Julianna and Danielle M. Thomsen. 2017. "Gender Equality Mood Across States and Over Time." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 17(4): 351-360.

Thomsen, Danielle M. and Michele L. Swers. 2017. "Which Women Can Run? Gender, Partisanship, and Candidate Donor Networks." *Political Research Quarterly* 70(2): 449-463.

Aldrich, John H. and Danielle M. Thomsen. 2017. "Party, Policy, and the Ambition to Run for Higher Office." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 42(2): 321-343.

Thomsen, Danielle M. 2015. "Why So Few (Republican) Women? Explaining the Partisan Imbalance of Women in the U.S. Congress." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 40(2): 295-323.

Thomsen, Danielle M. 2014. "Ideological Moderates Won't Run: How Party Fit Matters for Partisan Polarization in Congress." *Journal of Politics* 76(3): 786-797.

Book Chapters and Reviews

Thomsen, Danielle M. 2019. Review of *The Cash Ceiling*, by Nicholas Carnes. *Perspectives on Politics* 17(2): 576-577.

Swers, Michele L. and Danielle M. Thomsen. "Building a Campaign Donor Network: How Candidate Gender and Partisanship Impact the Money Chase." In *Good Reasons to Run*, eds. Shames, Bernhard, Holman, and Teele. Forthcoming with Temple University Press.

McDonagh, Eileen and Danielle M. Thomsen. "Gender and Political Citizenship." In *The Oxford Handbook of American Political History*, eds. Paula Baker and Donald Critchlow. Forthcoming with Oxford University Press.

Thomsen, Danielle M. 2018. Review of *Building the Bloc*, by Ruth Bloch Rubin. *The Forum* 16(2): 365-366.

Thomsen, Danielle M. 2018. "When Might Moderates Win the Primary?" In *The Routledge Handbook of Primary Elections*, ed. Robert G. Boatright. New York: Routledge.

Thomsen, Danielle M. 2018. "Republican Women, Then and Now: Ideological Changes in Congressional Candidates from 1980 to 2012." In *The Right Women*, eds. Malliga Och and Shauna L. Shames. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Press.

Work in Progress

“Gender Differences in Legislative Responsiveness.” With Bailey K. Sanders. Invited to revise and resubmit at *Perspectives on Politics*.

“Dropout Decisions in U.S. House Elections.”

“Would Primary Voters Support Moderate Candidates?”

“Women’s Representation and the Gendered Pipeline to Power.” With Aaron S. King.

“Turning Electoral Effectiveness into Electoral Success.” With Sarah Treul, Craig Volden, and Alan Wiseman

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Emerging Scholar Award, American Political Science Association, Political Organizations and Parties Section, 2019

Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, 2018-19

Center for Effective Lawmaking Research Grant (with Sarah Treul), 2018-19

Negotiating Agreement in Congress Research Grant, Anxieties of Democracy Program, Social Science Research Council, 2018

Campbell Institute Mini-Grant and Public Engagement Grant, Syracuse University, 2016, 2017

Appleby-Mosher Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2015, 2016

E.E. Schattschneider Award for the Best Dissertation in American Politics, 2015

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Political Institutions and Public Choice Program, Duke University, 2014-15

Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Dissertation Prize, Cornell University, 2015

Dirksen Congressional Research Grant, Dirksen Congressional Center, 2014-15

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2013-14

American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship, 2012-13

Malcolm Jewell Award for the Best Graduate Paper, SPSA Conference, 2013

Dean’s Prize for Distinguished Teaching, Cornell University, 2012

Janet Box-Steffensmeier Award for Women to Attend the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2011

Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 2008-09 and 2013-14

Teaching Experience

Syracuse University: Introduction to American Government, Campaign Analysis, Gender and Politics (Undergraduate, Graduate)

Duke University: Campaigns and Elections, Women and Politics

Instructor, Auburn Correctional Facility, Auburn, NY, Cornell Prison Education Program.
Gender and Politics in the United States

Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, Cornell University.
Introduction to American Politics, American Prison System, Politics of the European Union, American Political Thought

Awarded the 2012 Dean's Prize for Distinguished Teaching, Cornell University

Additional Training

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Princeton University, 2012
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, 2011
Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, 2010

Other Writing

"Women are less than a quarter of all U.S. House candidates this year, but that's still record breaking." Center for American Women and Politics blog. June 2018.

"Member joining patterns across party factions in the 115th Congress." LegBranch.com blog. April 2018.

"This is why Charlie Dent and other moderates are disappearing from Congress." Monkey Cage, *Washington Post*. September 2017.

"This explains why there are so few Republican women in Congress." With Michele L. Swers. Monkey Cage, *Washington Post*. June 2017.

"Where have all the moderate candidates gone?" *Raleigh News & Observer*. August 2014.

"Political polarization discourages moderate state legislators from running for Congress, making the problem worse." London School of Economics blog on American Politics and Policy. July 2014.

"Fed up with Congress? Then help elect more Republican women." *Washington Post*. December 2013.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association conference (2011, 2012, 2014-2018)
Midwest Political Science Association conference (2011-2019)
Southern Political Science Association conference (2013, 2014, 2016, 2017)

Invited Presentations

University of Maryland, Conference on the Organizational Climate of Congress (Scheduled 2019)
University of Virginia, Center for Effective Lawmaking Conference (Scheduled 2019)
University of Georgia, Visions in Methodology Conference, Discussant (2019)
Yale University, Workshop on Party Discipline (2019)
Wesleyan University (2019)
CIDE, Mexico City, Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (2019)
Rutgers University, Women and Politics Workshop (2019)
Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (2019)
Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (2018)
University of California, Berkeley, American Politics Workshop (2018)
Duke University, Aldrich Celebration Conference (2018)
Stanford University, American Politics Workshop (2018)
Saint Anselm College, New Hampshire Institute of Politics (2018)
University of Pennsylvania, Gender and Candidate Recruitment Conference (2017)
University of Notre Dame, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy (2017)
Anxieties of Democracy Program, Social Science Research Council, Workshop on Polarization and Legislative Institutions, Berlin, Germany (2017)
University of Pittsburgh, American Politics Workshop (2017)
Hartwick College (2017)
Stony Brook University, Visions in Methodology Conference, Discussant (2017)
Brigham Young University, Gender and Candidate Emergence Conference (2015)
Duke University, Parties as Micro-Polities Conference (2015)
Duke University, Political Institutions and Public Choice 20th Anniversary Conference (2015)
Case Western Reserve University, Women, Gender, and Conservative Parties Conference (2014)
SUNY-Binghamton, Political Parties and Party Systems Conference (2013)

Department Service

Political Science Research Workshop Coordinator, 2017-18
American Politics Field Coordinator, 2016-17, 2017-18
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2017
American Politics Search Committee, 2016-17
Organizer of Moynihan Research Workshop, 2016-17

Professional Service

Editorial Board Member, *Politics & Gender* (2019-2022)
Program Committee, Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2018)

Program Committee, Visions in Methodology Conference (2017)

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *Congress and the Presidency*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*; *Journal of Politics*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics and Gender*; *Public Choice*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*; Cambridge University Press.