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Education

Ph.D., Stony Brook University, Political Science, 2012.

Dissertation: “The Political Economy: Political Determinants of the Macroeconomy”

Examination Fields: American Politics, Methodology, Political Economy

M.A., University of Georgia, Political Science, 2007.

A.B., Georgetown University, Government and Women’s Studies, 2004.

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Political Science, Appalachian State University, 2018–present.

Affiliate Faculty of Gender, Women’s, and Sexuality Studies, Appalachian State University, 2016–present.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Appalachian State University, 2012–2018.

Research and Teaching Interests

Public Opinion, Voting Behavior, and American Elections

Political Institutions and Judicial Politics

Political Methodology and Time Series

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Ondercin, Heather L. and **Ellen M. Key**. Forthcoming. “Women’s Political Involvement in the 100 Years since the 19th Amendment.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

Donovan, Kathleen M., Paul Kellstedt, **Ellen M. Key**, and Matthew J. Lebo. Forthcoming. “Motivated Reasoning, Public Opinion, and Presidential Approval.” *Political Behavior*.

Key, Ellen M. and Jane L. Sumner. 2019. “You Research Like a Girl: Gendered Research Agendas and Their Implications.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 52(4): 663-668.

Moyer, Laura and **Ellen M. Key**. 2018. “Political Opportunism, Position Taking, and Court-Curbing Legislation.” *Justice System Journal*.

Alvarez, R. Michael, **Ellen M. Key**, and Lucas Núñez. 2018. “Research Replication: Practical Considerations.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 51(2): 422-426.

Key, Ellen M. and Kathleen Donovan. 2017. “The Political Economy: Political Determinants of the Macroeconomy.” *Political Behavior* 39(3): 763-786.

Eskridge, Robert and **Ellen M. Key**. 2017. “Elements of Trust in Municipal Government.” in *Social Capital in Mexico and the United States: Reflections and Research*. Jose Luis Sergio Sosa-Gonzales and Carrie Blanchard Bush eds. Puebla, Mexico: BUAP Printing Press.

Carson, Jamie, **Ellen M. Key**, Gregory Koger, and Matthew J. Lebo. 2017. “The Electoral Costs of Party Loyalty in the House and Senate.” in *Strategic Party Government* by Matthew Lebo and Gregory Koger. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Bush, Carrie Blanchard, **Ellen M. Key**, and Robert Eskridge. 2016. “Assessing the Impact of City Manager Ideology on Local Expenditures.” *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management*. 28(2): 196-221.

Key, Ellen M. 2016. “How Are We Doing? Data Access and Replication in Political Science.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 49(2): 268-272.

Other Publications

Key, Ellen M. and Phillip J. Ardoin. 2019. ”Students Rate Male Instructors More Highly Than Female Instructors. We Tried to Counter That Hidden Bias.” *Washington Post* 8/20/2019.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/08/20/students-rate-male-instructors-more-highly-than-female-instructors-we-tried-counter-that-hidden-bias/>.

Key, Ellen M. and Matthew J. Lebo. 2015. “Political Science, Time Series, and Pooled Cross-Sectional Time Series Analysis.” *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition.

Key, Ellen M. and Matthew J. Lebo. 2012. “Time Series Software: Stata 12 versus RATS 8.” *The Political Methodologist* 20(1): 8-9.

Papers Under Review and Working Papers

“Hypothesis Testing with Error Correction Models” with Patrick Kraft and Matthew Lebo (revise and resubmit at *Political Science Research and Methods*)

“What Moves Approval Anyway?” with Kathleen Donovan, Paul Kellstedt, and Matthew Lebo.

“Invisible Constitutions: Concurring Opinions and Plurality Judgments under *Marks v. United States*” with Jeffrey Segal and Albert Rivero

“The Politics of Scandals: The Case of Supreme Court Nominations, 1877-2018” with Charles M. Cameron, Jeffrey A. Segal, and Albert H. Rivero.

Invited Presentations

“Motivated Reasoning, Public Opinion, and Presidential Approval.” University of Minnesota, 2019.

“You Research Like a Girl: Gendered Research Agendas and Their Implications.” GWS Distinguished Lecture Series, Appalachian State University, 2018.

“The Political Economy: Political Determinants of the Macroeconomy.” Ohio State University, 2014.

“The Politics of Abortion.” Stony Brook University, 2010.

“Introduction to Teaching Political Science.” University of Georgia, 2006.

Honors, Awards, and Grants

BRIDGES Academic Leadership for Women, Class of 2019.

Inducted into College of Arts and Sciences Academy of Outstanding Teachers, 2019.

Recognized as Most Helpful Faculty and Staff, 2018-2019.

Student and Faculty Excellence Fund Grant \$2000 (with Kevin Mullinix), 2017.

Pre-Law Advisors National Council Conference Scholarship, 2016.

Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award, 2016.

Visions in Methodology Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2015. 2019.

Undergraduate Research Award: Kyle McMakin; Daniel Wentworth; Lola Benfield; Felicity Kornegay; Josie Maines.

Political Methodology Summer Meeting Fellowship (NSF), 2011; 2013; 2014; 2016; 2017.

Milton Lodge Award for Graduate Student with Outstanding Potential, Stony Brook University, 2011.

Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Award, Stony Brook University, 2011.

Presidential Fellowship, Stony Brook University, 2007-2010.

Graduate Dean’s Fellowship for Professional Activities Award, Stony Brook University, 2009.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia, 2007.

Selected Conference Presentations

“Bench Trials in Felony Cases: A Viable Alternative to Jury Trials in an Era of Expediency?” (with Marian Williams). Annual Meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Nashville, TN September 2019.

“Gender Bias in Teaching Evaluations: Can Recognizing Biases Serve as a Step in Addressing Them?” (with Phillip Ardoin). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX January 2019.

“Scandals, Presidential Approval, and Motivated Reasoning” (with Scott Basinger). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2018.

“You Research Like a Girl: Gendered Research Agendas and their Implications” (with Jane Lawrence Sumner). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2017.

“Has Polarization Killed the Study of Presidential Approval?” (with Kathleen Donovan, Paul Kellstedt, and Matthew Lebo). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA September 2016.

“‘Why’s Everybody Always Picking on Me?’ Court Curbing Legislation and the Ninth Circuit” (with Laura Moyer). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2016.

“Dynamic Economic Voting: Partisanship and Polarization.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR January 2016.

“Raising your Professional Profile: A Roundtable on Networking and Professional Development for Women in the Discipline.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR January 2016.

“Dynamic Economic Voting: What Makes the Economy Matter?” Visions in Methodology, Lexington, KY May 2015.

“Roundtable on Women in Methodology: Challenges and Solutions.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 2015.

“The Effects of Party Unity in Primary Elections.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2014.

“Separation of Powers, Pivotal Players, and Judicial Review: An Examination of When and How the Supreme Court Invalidates Federal Laws” (with Naser Javaid and Andrew O’Geen). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2013.

“The Dynamic Relationship Between Media Sentiment and Presidential Approval.” Annual Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, Chapel Hill, NC July 2012.

“The Causes and Consequences of Instability in Consumer Sentiment.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2012.

“The Political Economy: Political Determinants of the Macroeconomy.” Annual Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, Princeton, NJ July 2011.

“Approval Gaps and Partisan Polarization in the American Electorate, 1968–2008” (with Matthew Lebo, Heather Ondercin, and Christopher Weber). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2011.

“The Effect of Politics and Public Opinion on Consumer Behavior.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2011.

“The Dynamic Relationship Between Media Sentiment and Presidential Approval.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2011.

“The Politics of Scandal” (with Jeffrey Segal and Charles Cameron). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC September 2010.

“Large Scale Online Text Analysis Using Lydia” (with Leonie Huddy, Matthew Lebo, and Steve Skiena). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC September 2010.

Teaching Experience

Appalachian State University

American National Government and Politics
Judicial Process
Law and Politics
Judicial Decision-Making
Constitutional Law
The Washington Experience
Washington at Work
Politics of Sport
Law and Society
Political Science Capstone
Research Methods and Statistics, *Graduate level*
Foundations of American Politics, *Graduate level*

Stony Brook University, Instructor of Record

Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
Introduction to American Government

Stony Brook University, Teaching Assistant

Research Methods in Sociology
Political Economy: Government and Market Failures
Intermediate Statistics for Public Policy, *Graduate level*

University of Georgia, Teaching Assistant

Introduction to American Government

Teaching Workshops

Participant, University of Colorado Law School’s Mini Law School, Fall 2018.
Participant, Road to Online, Spring 2018.

Student Mentorship and Thesis Direction

Appalachian State University

Director, Department Honors Thesis: Abby Hord, 2019.
Director, Department Honors Thesis: Mallory Block, 2018.
– Published in Fall 2018 edition of *The Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics*
Director, Department Honors Thesis: Ryan Doval, 2018.

Director, University Honors Thesis: Aaron Walker, 2016.

– Published in Spring 2017 edition of *Ramapo Journal of Law & Society*

Second Reader, University Honors Thesis: Timothy Sasser, 2016.

Second Reader, University Honors Thesis: Kyle McMakin, 2016.

Second Reader, University Honors Thesis: Ayako Nakano, 2016.

Director, Departmental Honors Thesis: Courtney Bradway, 2014.

Director, Departmental Honors Thesis: Emily Oswald, 2014

Second Reader, Departmental Honors Thesis: Magdalene Blunk, 2014

Stony Brook University

Faculty Mentor, New York Redistricting Project Competition, 2011.

Advisor, Intel Talent Search, 2010.

Professional Activities

Conference Co-Organizer

SPSA 2018, SPSA Women Conference-within-a-Conference

SPSA 2017, SPSA Women Conference-within-a-Conference

SPSA 2016, SPSA Women Conference-within-a-Conference

Panel Chair

APSA 2019, “Mentoring: Challenges and Strategies in the Contemporary University”

SPSA 2018, “Mentoring Across Genders”

SPSA 2017, “Roundtable on Academic Self-Promotion: Problems and Strategies”

APSA 2011, “Health, Law, and Policy”

Discussant

SPSA 2019, “Inclusion and Diversity in Academia: Bias and Student Teaching Evaluations”

PolMeth 2014, “Text Analysis”

MSPA 2014, “Street Fighting Man: Candidates in Elections”

Ad Hoc Reviewer

American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science; Data Intelligence; European Journal of Political Research; Journal of Politics; Political Analysis; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Politics and Gender; PS: Political Science and Politics; Research and Politics; Social Science Journal; Social Science Quarterly

Other Activity

Member, Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting Program Committee, 2020.

Co-editor, *PS* Symposium on the 19th Amendment, 2020.

Co-organizer, APSA Short Course: #MeTooPoliSci, 2018.

Member, Erika Fairchild Award Committee, 2017.

President, Southern Political Science Association Women's Caucus, 2017.
Vice President, Southern Political Science Association Women's Caucus, 2016.
Secretary, Southern Political Science Association Women's Caucus, 2015.

University and Departmental Service

Appalachian State University

Member, Honors Council, 2019–present.
Co-organizer, 19th Amendment Speaker Series, 2019.
Panelist, Women, Law, and Activism, Fall 2018.
Panelist, The Ramifications of the Kavanaugh Appointment for the U.S. Supreme Court and Beyond, Fall 2018.
Co-organizer, Lawapalooza, Fall 2018.
Participant, Road to Online Teaching Workshop, Spring 2018.
Co-organizer, ERA Day, Spring 2018.
Co-organizer, Elect Her, Spring 2018.
Faculty Co-Advisor: Phi Alpha Delta, 2017–present.
Facilitator, Student/Faculty Exchange, Fall 2017.
Coordinator, Law School Mock Admission Session, 2016
Coordinator, Law School Fair, Fall 2016.
Panelist, Faculty Fireside Chat, Fall 2016.
Facilitator, Student/Faculty Exchange, Fall 2016.
Faculty Advisor: Turning Point USA, 2015–2018.
Faculty Co-Advisor: Pi Sigma Alpha, 2016–2017.
Coordinator, Law School Admissions Workshop, 2015.
University Representative, DC State Authorization Workshop, 2014.
Coordinator, Law School Forum, Spring/Fall 2014.

Department of Government and Justice Studies

Director, Honors Program, 2019–present.
Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2019.
Member, Department Personnel Committee (DPC), 2019–2020.
Panelist, Sexism in the 21st Century, 2019.
Member, Edward Allan and David Sutton Scholarship Committee, 2019.
Member, Promotion to Full Guideline Revision Committee, 2018–2019.
Chair, Political Science Search Committee, 2018.
Member, Department Personnel Committee (DPC), 2018–2019.
Participant, GJS in DC, 2018.
Member, Political Science VAP Search Committee, 2018.
Member, MA Curriculum Mapping Committee, 2018.
Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2018.
Member, MA Strategic Planning Committee, 2018
Member, Department Personnel Committee (DPC), 2017–2018.
Author, Law School Student Survey, 2017
Member, Edward Allan and David Sutton Scholarship Committee, 2016.

Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2016.
Member, Department Personnel Committee (DPC), 2015–2016.
Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2015.
Member, Pre-Professional Legal Studies Search Committee, 2015.
Member, Political Science Search Committee, 2015.
Member, Department Personnel Committee (DPC), 2014–2015
Member, Edward Allan and David Sutton Scholarship Committee, 2014.
Member, Political Science VAP Search Committee, 2014.
Member, Political Science Search Committee, 2014.
Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2014.
Member, GJS Faculty Team at ASU Open House, 2013.
Member, Political Science VAP Search Committee, 2013.
Undergraduate Student Advisor, GJS Department, 2013-present.
Member, Political Science Curriculum Committee, 2012-present.
Member, Pre-Professional Legal Studies Curriculum Committee, 2012-present.