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EDUCATION

PhD in History, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 2014

MA in History, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 2009

BA in History, Columbia University, New York, NY, May 2004

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Chair, Public Affairs and Policy Research Initiative, Colgate University
July 2022-present

Associate Professor of Political Science, Colgate University
July 2021-present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Colgate University
July 2017-June 2021

Visiting Assistant Professor of Government, Hamilton College
July 2016-June 2017

Visiting Assistant Professor of Government, Wesleyan University
September 2015-May 2016

Visiting Assistant Professor of Government, Hamilton College
July 2014-June 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2024. *The Hollow Parties: The Many Pasts and Disordered Present of American Party Politics*. With Daniel Schlozman. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

- Forthcoming 2025. Paperback edition with new preface.

2018. *The Polarizers: Postwar Architects of Our Partisan Era*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Peer Reviewed Articles and Chapters

Forthcoming 2025. "The Multiple Traditions in American Party Politics." In *Parties, Power, and Change: Developmental Approaches to American Party Politics*, edited by Jessica Hejny and Adam Hilton, 25-46. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. With Daniel Schlozman.

2020. "A Mix of Motives: The Georgia Delegation Challenge to the 1968 Democratic Convention and the Dynamics of Intraparty Conflict." *American Review of Politics* 37.2: 48-70. With Nancy Schwartz.

2019. "The Hollow Parties." In *Can America Govern Itself?*, edited by Frances Lee and Nolan McCarty, 120-151. New York: Cambridge University Press. With Daniel Schlozman.

2010. "Fed by Reform: Congressional Politics, Partisan Change, and the Food Stamp Program, 1961-1981." *Journal of Policy History* 22.4: 474-507.

Editor Reviewed Articles and Chapters

2018. "Party Blobs and Partisan Visions: Making Sense of Our Hollow Parties." In *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties* 8th ed., edited by John C. Green, Daniel J. Coffey, and David B. Cohen, 32-48. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. With Daniel Schlozman.

2018. "Prophets of Party in American Political History." *The Forum* 15.4: 684-709. With Daniel Schlozman.

Book Reviews

2025. "Here to Help," review of Michael Lewis, ed., *Who is Government? The Untold Story of Public Service*. *The New Republic*, June.

2023. "Democracy is in Peril, Just Not the Way We Thought," review of Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt, *Tyranny of the Minority: Why American Democracy Reached the Breaking Point*. *The New Republic*, December.

2022. "Big Tent Blues," review of Michael Kazin, *What it Took to Win: A History of the Democratic Party*. *The New Republic*, March.

2022. Review of Verlan Lewis, *Ideas of Power: The Politics of American Party Ideology Development*. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 52.1: 250-251.

2020. "It Takes Three (or More)," review of Lee Drutman, *Breaking the Two-Party Doom Loop: The Case for Multiparty Democracy in America*. *Boston Review*, April 14.

2020. Review of Mark Wickham-Jones, *Whatever Happened to Party Government? Controversies in American Political Science*. *American Review of Politics* 37.1: 140-142.

2019. Review of Josh Pacewicz, *Partisans and Partners: The Politics of the Post-Keynesian Society*. *American Journal of Sociology* 125.3: 886-888.

2019. Review of Lilliana Mason, *Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity*. *Political Science Quarterly* 134: 341-343.

2018. Critical dialogue with B. Dan Wood and Soren Jordan, *Party Polarization in America: The War Over Two Social Contracts*. *Perspectives on Politics* 16: 796-798.

2018. Review of Timothy J. Minchin, *Labor Under Fire: A History of the AFL-CIO Since 1979*. *Labour/Le Travail* 81: 293-296.

2016. “There’s No Going Back,” review of Jefferson Cowie, *The Great Exception: The New Deal and the Limits of American Politics*. *Democracy*, Spring.

2015. “Should Liberals Back Public Sector Unions?.” Review of Daniel DiSalvo, *Government Against Itself: Public Union Power and Its Consequences*, and John DiIulio, *Bring Back the Bureaucrats: Why More Federal Workers Will Lead to Better (and Smaller!) Government*. *The American Prospect*, Summer. With Jake Rosenfeld.

2011. “Smooth Operator.” Review of Kathryn McGarr, *The Whole Damn Deal: Robert Strauss and the Art of Politics*. *The American Prospect*, September.

2010. “A Long-Distance Runner.” Review of Michael Parrish, *Citizen Rauh: An American Liberal’s Life in Law and Politics*. *The American Prospect*, December.

2010. “Frustrated by His Own Party.” Review of Susan Dunn, *Roosevelt’s Purge: How FDR Fought to Change the Democratic Party*. *The American Prospect*, November.

Selected Other Publications

2025. “What Are the Democrats Thinking?” *n+1*, March 24. With Daniel Schlozman.

2024. “The Democrats’ Big—And Failed—Bet.” *Democracy*, November 19. With Daniel Schlozman.

2024. “Moderation is not just an elite project.” *Hypertext*, September 25. With Daniel Schlozman.

2024. “Power, Not Process.” *Boston Review*, Summer. With Daniel Schlozman.

2024. “Late to the Party.” *The New York Review of Books*, July 30. With Daniel Schlozman.

2024. “The Decay of America’s Political Parties.” Interview with Ben Metzner. *The New Republic*, July 29. With Daniel Schlozman.

2024. “How Conservatives Changed the Whole Point of American Political Parties.” *Made By History*, *Time*, June 10. With Daniel Schlozman.

2024. “Why political parties desperately need to make a comeback.” Interview with David Weigel. *Semafor*, May 10. With Daniel Schlozman.

2024. “Democrats are Feckless and Republicans are Chaotic. Here’s Why.” Interview with Ian Ward. *Politico*, May 1. With Daniel Schlozman.

2023. "The Republican Party Has Devolved into a Racket." *New York Times*, September 18. With Daniel Schlozman.

2022. "Did the Democrats F*** It Up?" *n+1*, May 19. With Daniel Schlozman.

2022. "Democracy is on the brink of disaster. For voters, it's politics as usual." *Washington Post*, January 9.

2021. "The Revival of the Nevada Democratic Party." SNF Agora Case Study, August 6. With Daniel Schlozman.

2020. "What happened to that 'blue wave'?" *Washington Post* Monkey Cage, November 10. With Daniel Galvin and Daniel Schlozman.

2019. "Joe Biden's nostalgia for 'civility' is nostalgia for the politics of Jim Crow." *Washington Post* Monkey Cage, June 21.

2019. "The dilemmas for Democrats in 3 past visions for the party." *Vox* Polyarchy, June 13. With Daniel Schlozman.

2019. "Why Steve King's Punishment Took So Long." *New York Times*, January 15. With Daniel Schlozman.

2018. "What History Teaches about Partisanship and Polarization." Scholars Strategy Network, July 23.

2018. "The Democratic Party is moving steadily leftward. So why does the left still distrust it?" *Vox*, June 22.

2018. "How Feminists Became Democrats." *Politico*, February 3.

2017. "Can Steve Bannon Realign American Politics?" *New York Times*, December 8.

2017. "Two Cheers for Polarization." *Boston Review*, October 25.

INVITED TALKS

2025. "The Hollow Parties." At the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, Washington University in St. Louis, February 6.

2024. "What Just Happened? The 2024 Election and the Crisis of Party Politics." At the Levitt Public Affairs Center, Hamilton College, November 15.

2024. "The Hollow Parties and American Political Development." Keynote address at the Toronto Political Development Workshop, University of Toronto, May 13. With Daniel Schlozman.

2020. "Architects of Party Polarization in the United States." At the University of New Hampshire, December 1.

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2020. "Architects of Party Polarization in the United States." At the University of Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia, October 30.

2020. "Stress Test: The 2020 Elections and the Prospect of Systemic Crisis." At the Levitt Public Affairs Center, Hamilton College, October 9.

2019. "Populism, Polarization, and Partisanship: Making Sense of the Trump Era." At the Levitt Public Affairs Center, Hamilton College, November 12.

2018. "Postwar Architects of Our Partisan Era." At the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, October 12.

2018. "When Polarization Was the Solution: Advocates and Architects of Our Partisan Era." At the Levitt Public Affairs Center, Hamilton College, April 24.

2015. "The Doctrine of Responsible Party Government in a Bipartisan Age." At the Workshop on 20th Century Politics and Society, Columbia University, November 19.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association: 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2025 (accepted)

APD Fest and Feast, Johns Hopkins University: 2025

Midwestern Political Science Association: 2018, 2025

Southern Political Science Association: 2025

American Political History Conference: 2022, 2024

Toronto Political Development Workshop: 2024

Organization of American Historians: 2019, 2022

Placing Parties in American Political Development book conference: 2021

Social Science History Association: 2019

Conference on Political Parties, Representation, and Governance in the 21st Century, Stanford University: 2018

State of the Parties Conference: 2017

SSRC Anxieties of Democracy Institutions Working Group Conference: 2016

Policy History Conference: 2012, 2014

New England Political Science Association: 2013

Boston University Graduate Student American Political History Conference: 2012

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Max Shacknai COVE Course Development Grant, 2022

Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2012

Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Moody Grant, 2012

Charles Warren Center Term-Time Dissertation Research Grant, 2011

Harry S. Truman Library Institute Research Grant, 2010

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Research Travel Grant, 2010

Center for American Political Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2010

Harvard University History Department Summer Travel & Research Grant, 2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwestern Political Science Association

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Southern Political Science Association
Scholars Strategy Network

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Book Referee: Cornell University Press, De Gruyter, Oxford University Press,
University of Chicago Press, University Press of Kansas

Journal Referee: *American Politics Research*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*;
Perspectives on Politics; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Polity*; *Studies in American
Political Development*