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CHRONOLOGY OF EDUCATION	Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Merced 2018 Dissertation: The Value of Legislative Design: A Comparative Analysis of State Legislative Institutions Committee: Nathan W. Monroe (Chair), Jessica Trounstone, Brad LeVeck, & David Fortunato Major Fields: Political Institutions and Political Economy M.A. Political Science, University of California, Merced 2016 Advisor: David Fortunato Major Fields: Political Institutions and Political Economy Minor Fields: Political Behavior and Cognition B.A. Economics, Stanford University 2013 Major Fields: Microeconomic Theory and Public Policy															
CHRONOLOGY OF EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor, University of Arizona August 2024 - Present Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh August 2018 - July 2024															
OTHER AFFILIATIONS	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Lawmaking July 2025 - Present															
HONORS & AWARDS	Mooney Prize for Best Dissertation in American State Politics 2019															
SERVICE & OUTREACH	University of Arizona - School of Government and Public Policy Service <table><tr><td>Postdoctoral Search Committee</td><td>Fall 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Policy Lab Roundtable (Speaker) on Voting Rights Act</td><td>November 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Undergraduate Committee</td><td>AY 2026-2027</td></tr><tr><td>Undergraduate Committee</td><td>AY 2025-2026</td></tr><tr><td>Undergraduate Committee</td><td>AY 2024-2025</td></tr></table> Editorial Board Member <table><tr><td>Legislative Studies Quarterly</td><td>2023-Present</td></tr><tr><td>State Politics and Policy Quarterly</td><td>2018-Present</td></tr></table> Journal Reviewer for: (1) <i>Journal of Politics</i>, (2) <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>, (3) <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>, (4) <i>State Politics and Policy Quarterly</i>, (5) <i>Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties</i> (6) <i>Policy Studies Journal</i>, (7) <i>Research and</i>	Postdoctoral Search Committee	Fall 2026	Policy Lab Roundtable (Speaker) on Voting Rights Act	November 2025	Undergraduate Committee	AY 2026-2027	Undergraduate Committee	AY 2025-2026	Undergraduate Committee	AY 2024-2025	Legislative Studies Quarterly	2023-Present	State Politics and Policy Quarterly	2018-Present	
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Politics

Discipline Service

Indigenous Studies Network, Vice-Chair	January 2026 - Present
NASPAA Diversity & Social Equity Committee	January 2025 - Present
APSA Federalism Section, Council Member	September 2024 - Present
APSA Federalism Section Martha Derthick Award Committee (Chair)	2026
APSA Federalism Section William Anderson Award Committee	2026
APSA Federalism Section Kincaid Award Committee (Chair)	2025
Indigenous Future Dissertation Workshop, Co-Organizer	April 2025
APSA Federalism Section Best Paper Award Committee, Chair	2024
APSA State Politics & Policy Section Best Book Award Committee	2024
State Politics and Policy Conference, Co-Organizer	2023
MPSA Legislative Politics Section Chair	2023
MPSA State Politics Section Chair	2020

Invited Presenter (Profession)

WiLS Group: Getting Ready for the Job Market	Summer 2021
APSA Panel Marginalized Groups in Academia	Fall 2018

Invited Presenter (Public)

Voting Rights Advocacy Panel	Summer 2019
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PUBLICATIONS

(PEER REVIEWED)

10. Rogers, Melissa, Jean Schroedel, and **Tessa Provins**. “Boosters and Barracks: The Political Economy of Indian Industrial Schools.” Forthcoming at Journal of Historical Political Economy.
- 9.^Ω Howard, Nicholas O., and **Tessa Provins**. “Debate and Legislative Productivity in US State Legislatures.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 51, no. 4 (2026): e70093.
8. Dietrich, Joseph, Jean Schroedel, Melissa Rogers, and **Tessa Provins**. “Measuring Voter Equity at the Local Level.” *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy* 25, no. 2 (2026): 172-186.
7. Parinandi, Srinivas, Katherine Sevin[◊], and **Tessa Provins**. “Lights Out: Political and Economic Determinants of Electricity Shutoffs in the United States.” *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 55, no. 3 (2025): 512-530.
6. **Provins, Tessa**. “The political economy of climate action in Indian Country.” *Public Choice* 199, no. 3 (2024): 257-283.
- 5.^Ω Howard, Nicholas O., and **Tessa Provins**. “What Explains Party Unity? Evidence from US State Legislatures.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 49, no. 4 (2024): 861-878.
- 4.^Ω Jenkins, Jeffery A., Nathan W. Monroe, and **Tessa Provins**. “Toward a theory of minority-party influence in the US Congress: whip counts, amendment votes, and minority leverage in the house.” *Journal of Public Policy* 43, no. 4 (2023): 722-740.
3. **Provins, Tessa**, Nathan W. Monroe, and David Fortunato. “Allocating costly influence in legislatures.” *The Journal of Politics* 84, no. 3 (2022): 1697-1713.

- 2.^Ω Fortunato, David, Matthew V. Hibbing, and **Tessa Provins**. “Hurdles to inference: The demographic correlates of survey breakoff and shirking.” *Social Science Quarterly* 103, no. 2 (2022): 455-465.
- 1.*^Ω Fortunato, David, and **Tessa Provins**. “Compensation, opportunity, and information: A comparative analysis of legislative nonresponse in the American States.” *Political Research Quarterly* 70, no. 3 (2017): 644-656.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP

2. **Provins, Tessa**. “Review of *The Illusion of Accountability: Transparency and Representation in American Legislatures* by Justin H. Kirkland and Jeffery J. Harden.” *Political Science Quarterly* 140, no. 1 (2025): 204-206.
1. **Provins, Tessa**. “Review of *Voting in Indian Country: View From the Trenches* by Jean Reith Schroedel.” *Journal of Policy Analysis & Management* 43, no. 2 (2024): 636.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Revise and Resubmit

1. “Invisible Hierarchies: Gender, Race, and the Placement of Congressional Staff” With Matthew Uttermark (Assistant Professor, University of Florida). *Public Management Review*. Resubmitted; awaiting further decision.
2. “When Process Becomes Power: Rules, Parties, and Legislative Effectiveness.” With Nicholas O. Howard (Assistant Professor, Concordia College). *Political Research Quarterly*.

Under Review

1. “The Ties That Bind Us: Exploring the Financial Relationship between Native American Tribes and the U.S. Federal Government.” With NR Brouwer[◊] (Graduate Student, University of California, Merced). *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*.
2. “Voter Equity in Indian Country,” With Joseph Dietrich (Assistant Professor, Towson University), Jean Schroedel (Emeritus, Claremont Graduate University), and Melissa Rogers (Professor, Claremont Graduate University). *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*.

In Preparation

9. “Electoral Competition, Partisan Control, and the Uneven Geography of Voter Equity,” With Joseph Dietrich (Assistant Professor, Towson University), Jean Schroedel (Emeritus, Claremont Graduate University), and Melissa Rogers (Professor, Claremont Graduate University).
8. “Examining Institutional Stickiness: The Political Determinants of Legislative Rule Change in American State Legislatures,” With Matthew N. Green (Professor, The Catholic University of America) and Nicholas O. Howard (Assistant Professor, Concordia College).
7. “Decisions, Decisions: The Political Economy of Congressional District Offices,” With Matthew Uttermark (Assistant Professor, University of Florida) and Corbin Verschaeve[◊] (Graduate Student, University of Florida).

6. “Under (Electoral) Pressure: How Political Cycles Explain Staffing Capacity in the United States Senate,” With Matthew Uttermark (Assistant Professor, University of Florida).
5. “Who Represents the Representatives? How Identity and Partisanship Shape Congressional Staff Diversity,” With Matthew Uttermark (Assistant Professor, University of Florida).
4. “Surveying the Institutional and Political Landscape of State Electric Vehicle Subsidies.” With Srinivas Parinandi (Associate Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder).
3. “Overburdened or Underutilized: An Examination of Women’s Committee Assignments in State Legislatures.”
- 2.* “The Effect of the Information Environment on Party Cohesion: Evidence from U.S. State Legislatures.”
- 1.* “The Role of the Economy in the Assignment of Committee Seats to Minority Party Members.”

Book Project

1. “Legislative Process in the American States.” With Nicholas O. Howard (Assistant Professor, Concordia College).

CONFERENCES & SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

37. September 2026, Under (Electoral) Pressure: How Political Cycles Explain Staffing Capacity in the United States Senate at American Political Science Association Conference.
36. April 2026, Examining Institutional Stickiness: The Political Determinants of Legislative Rule Change in American State Legislatures at Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
35. April 2026, Decisions, Decisions: The Political Economy of Congressional District Offices at Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
34. April 2026, Voter Equity in Indian Country at Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
33. April 2026, Boosters and Barracks: The Political Economy of Indian Industrial Schools at Western Political Science Association Conference.
32. September 2025, Who Represents the Representatives? How Identity and Partisanship Shape Congressional Staff Diversity at American Political Science Association Conference.
31. September 2025, Demographic Representation and Career Progression in Congressional Staff at American Political Science Association Conference.
30. May 2025, The Impact of Legislative Process on Legislative Effectiveness at State Politics and Policy Conference.
29. April 2025, The Effect of the Information Environment on Party Cohesion: Evidence from U.S. State Legislatures at Midwest Political Science Conference.

28. February 2025, The Impact of Legislative Process on Legislative Effectiveness at the Center for Legislative Effectiveness Workshop.
27. September 2024, 'Where All Bills Go to Die': Committee Rules and Procedures in U.S. State Legislatures (Book Chapter) at Women in Legislative Politics Conference.
26. September 2024, Overburdened or Underutilized: An Examination of Women's Committee Assignments in State Legislatures at American Political Science Association Conference.
25. September 2024, 'Where All Bills Go to Die': Committee Rules and Procedures in U.S. State Legislatures (Book Chapter) at American Political Science Association Conference.
24. June 2024, Surveying the Institutional and Political Landscape of State Electric Vehicle Subsidies at State Politics and Policy Conference.
23. June 2024, 'Where All Bills Go to Die': Committee Rules and Procedures in U.S. State Legislatures (Book Chapter) at State Politics and Policy Conference.
22. May 2024, Measuring Voter Equity at the Local Level at Election Science, Reform, and Administration Conference.
21. April 2024, The Ties That Bind Us: Exploring the Financial Relationship between Native American Tribes and the U.S. Federal Government at Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
20. January 2024, The Ties That Bind Us: Exploring the Financial Relationship between Native American Tribes and the U.S. Federal Government at Southern Political Science Association Conference.
19. October 2023, Overburdened or Underutilized: An Examination of Women's Committee Assignments in State Legislatures at Women in Legislative Politics Conference.
18. September 2023, Measuring Voter Equity at the Local Level at American Political Science Association Conference.
17. January 2023, What Explains Party Unity? Evidence from U.S. State Legislatures at Southern Political Science Association Conference.
16. October 2021, The Effect of Legislative Rules Throughout the Policy Making Process: An Examination of State Legislatures at American Political Science Association Conference.
15. October 2021, Resources and Governmental Responses to Climate Change: An Examination of Indigenous Nations in the U.S. at American Political Science Association Conference.
14. September 2020, Do Women Write Legislation Differently Than Men? An Examination of State Legislative Bills at American Political Science Association Conference.
13. September 2020, Institutional Hurdles in the Legislative Process: Legislative Productivity in American State Legislatures at American Political Science Association Conference.
12. June 2019, The Effect of Party Information Structure in State Legislatures was presented at State Politics and Policy Conference.

11. April 2019, Debate and Legislative Productivity in American State Legislatures was presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
10. August 2018, Committee Seat Allocation in State Legislatures was presented at American Political Science Association Conference.
9. August 2018, The Effect of Party Information Structure in State Legislatures was presented at State Politics and Policy Conference.
8. June 2018, The Role of the Economy in the Assignment of Committee Seats in State Legislatures was presented at State Politics and Policy Conference.
7. April 2018, The Role of the Economy in the Assignment of Committee Seats in State Legislatures was presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
6. January 2018, Gender Effects on Member Assignments to Committees in State Legislatures was presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference.
5. September 2017, Gender Effects on Member Assignments to Committees in State Legislatures was presented at American Political Science Association Conference.
4. June 2017, Gender Effects on Member Assignments to Committees in State Legislatures was presented at State Politics and Policy Conference.
3. April 2017, Gender Effects on Member Assignments to Committees in State Legislatures was presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
2. April 2015, Legislative Professionalism and Nonresponse paper was presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
1. January 2015, Minority-Party Influence in the U.S. Congress: Floor Proposals and Minority Leverage in the House and Senate paper was presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference.

Workshop Participation

9. February 2026, Participant at the Legislative Effectiveness in the U.S. States Workshop at Vanderbilt with the Center for Effective Lawmaking.
8. May 2025, Presenter at Indian Country Private Sector Project Research Roundtable.
7. May 2025, Participant at the Legislative Effectiveness Workshop at Vanderbilt with the Center for Effective Lawmaking.
6. February 2025, Presenter at the Legislative Effectiveness in the U.S. States Workshop at Vanderbilt with the Center for Effective Lawmaking.
5. February 2025, Participant at the Legislative Effectiveness Workshop at the University of Virginia with the Center for Effective Lawmaking.
4. March 2022, Presenter at Indigenous Political Economy Special Issue Workshop.
3. September 2021, Presenter at Women in Legislative Politics Research Workshop.
2. May 2021, Presenter at Governance, Liberty and Prosperity for American Indians Workshop.
1. March 2020, Presenter at Native American Politics Archival Research Workshop.

Invited Research Presentations

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| 3. Penn State - Political Science Department | Fall 2023 |
| 2. University of Arizona - School of Government and Public Policy | Spring 2023 |
| 1. University of Pittsburgh - Center for American Politics | Spring 2019 |

AWARDED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

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| 2. Advancing Research Grants for Indigenous Politics
American Political Science Association | \$2,000
2024 |
| 1. Democracy Renewal Project Grant
with Joseph Dietrich, Melissa Rogers, & Jean Schroedel
Public Agenda | \$50,000
2024-2025 |

GRADUATE TEACHING

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| Graduate Independent Study
University of Arizona | Fall 2026 |
| Empirical Methods of Research
PS 2020, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2023 |
| American Politics
PS 2200, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2021 |
| Women and Politics
PS 2204, University of Pittsburgh | Spring 2020 |

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

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| Introduction to American Politics | |
| POL 201 (Online), University of Arizona | Fall 2026 |
| POL 201 (Online), University of Arizona | Fall 2025 |
| POL 201 (Online), University of Arizona | Spring 2025 |
| POL 201 (Online), University of Arizona | Fall 2024 |
| PS 0200, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2022 |
| PS 0200, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2021 |
| PS 0200, University of Pittsburgh | Spring 2021 |
| PS 0200, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2020 |
| PS 0200, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2019 |
| Congressional Politics and Legislative Process | |
| PS 1211/1293, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2022 |
| PS 1211, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2019 |
| PS 1211, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2018 |
| State Politics | |
| POL 327, University of Arizona | Fall 2026 |
| POL 327, University of Arizona | Spring 2025 |
| PS 1252, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2023 |
| PS 1252, University of Pittsburgh | Spring 2022 |
| PS 1252, University of Pittsburgh | Spring 2019 |

Politics of Public Policy	
PS 1281, University of Pittsburgh	Spring 2024
PS 1281, University of Pittsburgh	Spring 2022
PS 1281, University of Pittsburgh	Spring 2021
Indigenous Politics	
POL 334, University of Arizona	Fall 2025
Gender and Politics	
POL 335, University of Arizona	Fall 2024
Race, Gender, and Politics	
PS 1292/1205, University of Pittsburgh	Fall 2023
PS 1292, University of Pittsburgh	Fall 2020
PS 1292, University of Pittsburgh	Spring 2020
PS 1205, University of Pittsburgh	Fall 2018
PS 127, University of California, Merced	Spring 2017

STUDENT ADVISING	Nicholas Brouwer	Dissertation Committee Member
	Political Science Department, University of California, Merced	Fall 2024 - Present
	Avery Lauren Fletcher	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor
	School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona	Spring 2025 - Spring 2026
	Ryan Ball	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor
	School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona	Spring 2025 - Spring 2026
	Treya Barney	Undergraduate Independent Study Advisor
	School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona	Spring 2026

LEGEND

- * Work Completed in Graduate School
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