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EDUCATION

University of Missouri

Ph.D., Political Science, 2022 (Expected).

Concentrations: American Politics, Public Policy and Administration.

Certificate: Online Teaching.

California State University-Northridge

M.P.A., Public Sector Management and Leadership *with distinction*, 2014.

Chatham University

B.A., Women's Studies, *cum laude*, 2012.

Senior Thesis: *A Tale of Two Cities: How Women's Advocacy Groups can Help Eliminate the Rape Kit Backlog in American Cities.*

RESEARCH

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Dorssom, Elizabeth I. 2021. "Does Legislative Institutionalization Impact Policy Adoption? New Evidence from the Colonial and Early State Legislatures 1757-1795" *Social Science Quarterly* 102(4):1451-1465.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Dorssom, Elizabeth I. "What Sunset Provisions Tell Us About Policymaking." *3 Streams* June 8, 2021.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Zelizer, Adam, Elizabeth I. Dorssom, and Patricia Kirkland. "Partisan Heuristics and Legislative Polarization."

Dorssom, Elizabeth I. "The Impact of Legislative Capacity on Policy Adoption."

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Dorssom, Elizabeth. "Legislative Professionalism and Influence on Lawmaking"

Zelizer, Adam, Elizabeth Dorssom, and Mehdi Shadmehr. "Higher Order Beliefs in a Legislature: An RCT to Test the Effects of Political Information on Bill Support among State Legislators."

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics, State Politics, Congressional Politics, Gender Politics, Legislative Behavior, Legislative Organization, Political Economy.

METHODS TRAINING

- Institute for Qualitative and MultiMethod Research
 - Natural and Randomized Experiments*, 2021
 - Causal Inference from Causal Models*, 2021
 - Comparative Historical Analysis*, 2021
 - A Short Introduction to Data Management Plans*, 2020
 - Interpretive Approaches and Ethnography*, 2020
 - Interviews, Surveys, and Experiments*, 2020
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods.
 - Process Tracing in Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research* workshop, 2020

TEACHING

EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

- Women and Politics*, Spring 2022.
- Political Behavior*, Fall 2021.
- Missouri Politics (online course)*, Spring 2021.
- American Government (hybrid in-person/online course)*, Fall 2020.

Discussion Section Instructor

- State Government*, Fall 2018 & 2019.

INTERESTS¹

American Politics

American political behavior & institutions, state politics, legislative politics

Political Methodology

Qualitative Methods & Quantitative Methods including: Field and survey experiments, survey design, process tracing, elite interviews, document analysis, archival research

TRAINING

- University of Missouri
 - Evidence-Supported Strategies to Maximize Student Engagement Across Content Delivery Methods*, 2021
 - Teaching Strategies for the Post-Pandemic Classroom*, 2021
 - Strategies for Creating Inclusive and Welcoming Classroom Environments*, 2021
 - Designing Effective Group Projects in Online Courses*, 2021
 - Exploring the Power of Evidence-Based Teaching*, 2021
 - Efficient and Effective Practices for Online Teaching and Learning*, 2021
 - Online Teaching Certification*, 2020

¹syllabi available upon request

Mobilizing Tools & Technology for Online Learning, 2020

Implicit Bias Training, 2020

Difficult Dialogues: Helping Learners Navigate Challenging Subjects, 2020

Active Learning Techniques, 2020

Best Practices in Online Instruction, 2020

Online Course Design Basics workshop, 2020

- Focus on Teaching and Technology Conference

Enhancing Student Communication Skills Utilizing Simulation & Performance Based Assessments, 2020

Student Engagement in a Virtual Class, 2020

- The Institute for Humane Studies

The Art of Teaching Online, 2020

- University of Michigan

Resilient Teaching Through Times of Crisis and Change, 2020

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Zelizer, Adam, Elizabeth Dorssom, and Mehdi Shadmehr. "Higher Order Beliefs in a Legislature: An RCT to Test the Effects of Political Information on Bill Support among State Legislators." presented at the Understanding Legislative Negotiation Conference, virtual conference by American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, April 9, 2021.

Dorssom, Elizabeth. "Jurisdiction Size and Resource Allocation: Eliminating the Rape Kit Backlog." presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, virtual conference, September 10-13, 2020.

Zelizer, Adam, Elizabeth Dorssom, and Patricia Kirkland. "How Constraining Is Legislative Uncertainty? Evidence of Imperfect Information, Learning, and Position-Taking in a State Legislature." presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19, 2020.

Dorssom, Elizabeth. "Legislative Professionalism and Influence on Lawmaking" presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, Newport Beach, CA, March 12 - 14, 2020.

Dorssom, Elizabeth. "Legislative Professionalism and Influence on Lawmaking" presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, October 30 - November 2, 2019.

Zelizer, Adam and Elizabeth Dorssom. "How Much Do Legislators Know About Policy Proposals?" presented at the Political Institutions and Elite Behavior: Experimental Approaches conference at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2019.

Dorssom, Elizabeth. "And Be it Enacted: Sunset Provisions in the Colonial Legislatures 1757-1787" presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 17-19, 2019.

INVITED COLLOQUIUMS

The Institute for Liberal Studies. *Freedom Week*, 2020.

The Institute for Humane Studies. *Modern Challenges to Liberty* seminar, 2020.

The Institute for Humane Studies. *The Classical Liberal Tradition* seminar, 2020.

The Mercatus Center. *Quantitative Explorations of the Political Process* colloquium, 2020.

The Mercatus Center. *Quantitative Explorations of the Market Process* colloquium, 2019.

The Institute for Humane Studies and State Policy Network. *Reforming Our Institutions* seminar, 2018.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- **FELLOWSHIPS**

Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship. The Mercatus Center at George Mason University. (Fall 2021-Spring 2022) (\$2500).

Humane Studies Fellowship. The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Fall 2021-Spring 2022) (\$4000).

Institute for Qualitative and MultiMethod Research (IQMR) Fellowship. The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. (Summer 2020 & Summer 2021) (tuition + room and board).

Dan Searle Fellowship. The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Fall 2020-Spring 2021). (\$3000)

Graduate Student Fellowship. Public Choice Society. (Spring 2020) (\$700).

Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship. The Mercatus Center at George Mason University. (Fall 2019-Spring 2020) (\$3500).

Humane Studies Fellowship. The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Fall 2018-Spring 2019) (\$2000).

- **RESEARCH GRANTS**

Dissertation Research Grant. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri. (Spring 2021) (\$500).

Understanding Legislative Negotiation Research Grant. Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University and Madison Initiative of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (with Adam Zelizer and Mehdi Shadmehr). (Spring 2020) (\$15500).

Grant to conduct research at Missouri State Capitol. The Mercatus Center at George Mason University. (Spring 2020) (\$500).

Visiting Scholars Research Grant. Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma. (Summer 2019) (\$350).

Grant to conduct research at Missouri State Capitol. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri. (Spring 2019) (\$300).

Research Grant. Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago. (Spring 2019) (\$1650).

Grant to hire Undergraduate Research Assistants. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Spring 2019) (\$300).

Research Fellowship. Department of Political Science, University of Missouri. (Summer 2018) (\$2000).

Grant to conduct archival research at the Massachusetts Historical Society. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Summer 2018) (\$1000).

- **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Tuition Grant to attend ICPSR Workshop. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Summer 2020) (\$1500).

Graduate Scholarship. Alumni Association, California State University-Northridge (Spring 2014). (\$2000).

- **TRAVEL GRANTS**

APSA First Generation Scholars in the Profession Annual Meeting Accessibility Grant. American Political Science Association. (Fall 2020) (\$250).

APSA Member Relief Grant. American Political Science Association. (Fall 2020) (\$200).

APSA Accessibility Grant to present at APSA Virtual Conference. American Political Science Association. (Fall 2020) (\$150).

Travel Grant to present at 2020 Midwest Political Science Association conference. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Spring 2020) (\$300).

Travel Grant to present at 2020 Public Choice Society conference. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Mercatus Center at George Mason University. (Spring 2020) (\$300).

Travel Grant to attend Quantitative Explorations of the Political Process colloquium. The Mercatus Center at George Mason University. (Spring 2020) (\$782) .

Travel Grant to present at 2019 Southwestern Political Science Association conference. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Fall 2019) (\$300).

Travel Grant to attend Quantitative Explorations of the Market Process colloquium. The Mercatus Center at George Mason University. (Fall 2019) (\$846).

Travel Grant to present at 2019 Midwest Political Science Association conference. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Spring 2019)(\$300).

Prestage-Cook Travel Award to present at 2019 Southern Political Science Association conference. Southern Political Science Association. (Spring 2019) (\$300).

Travel Grant to present at 2019 Southern Political Science Association conference. Hayek Fund for Scholars,

The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Spring 2019)(\$300).

Travel Grant to present at 2018 IHS Research Colloquium. The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Fall 2018) (\$300).

Travel Grant to attend 2018 Reforming Our Institutions seminar. The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Summer 2018) (\$70).

SERVICE

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Reviewer: CQ Press, Kendall Hunt Publishing, SAGE Publishing.

Presenter. "APSA Committee on the Status of First Generation Scholars Roundtable." annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, virtual conference, September 30- October 3, 2021.

Discussant for panel, "Gender Dynamics on the Campaign Trail and in the Statehouse," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, virtual conference, September 30-October 3, 2021.

Discussant for undergraduate research panel, "U.S. Public Policy and Administration," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 14-18, 2021.

Discussant.
Shawnee Trail Regional Conference, April 10, 2021.

Discussant for undergraduate research panel, "Political Communication and Congressional Politics," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19, 2020.

Discussant for panel, "Voters, Legislators, and Elections," annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, Newport Beach, CA, March 12-14, 2020.

Chair & Discussant for undergraduate research panel, "Policymaking and Public Administration," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2019.

Chair & Discussant for panel, "Political Theory," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2019.

Chair for panel, "Citizenship and Identity in American Political Development," annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 17-19, 2019.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Multi-method Research: An Integrative Approach Workshop Instructor, *Department of Political Science, University of Missouri*, 2021.

Experimental Methods in Political Science Workshop Instructor, *Department of Political Science, University of Missouri*, 2020.

Graduate Student Mentor, *Department of Political Science, University of Missouri*, 2020-2021.

Grants 101 Workshop Instructor, *Department of Political Science, University of Missouri*, 2020

Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison, *Graduate Association of Political Scientists, University of Missouri*, 2019-2020

Graduate Writing Group Facilitator, *Department of Political Science, University of Missouri*, 2018-2021

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Abstract Reviewer, *Undergraduate Research & Creative Achievements Forum, University of Missouri*, 2021.

Continuing Education (Master & Ph.D.) Speed Mentor, *Chatham University*, 2021.

Welcome Aboard Undergraduate Mentor, *Chatham University*, 2020-2021.

Racial Equity Advisory Panel member, *College of Arts and Science, University of Missouri*, 2020

Mental Health Task Force member, *Graduate Professional Council, University of Missouri*, 2019-2020

New Graduate Student Welcome Leader and Mentor, *University of Missouri*, 2018-2021

Underrepresented Graduate Student Mentor, *University of Missouri*, 2018-2019

OTHER SERVICE

National Advisory Council member, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, 2016-2018

Diversity Committee member, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, 2016-2018

Inaugural Student Advisory Board member, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, 2014-2016

Strategic Alliances Committee member, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, 2014-2016

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Virtual Student Foreign Service (VSFS) eIntern with USAID

U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. (Virtual) September 2013-May 2014

- Reviewed evaluations of USAID projects overseas and programs providing direct capacity development support to local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the private sector or public sector
- Measured USAID projects' impact and effectiveness

- Evaluated USAID programs designed to impact issues affecting women and children, public health, literacy, finance and the environment
- Reviewed evaluations of USAID projects and programs, summarizing, scoring, and aggregating them to create a best practices playbook

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Excellence in Student Leadership Award, *University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council*, 2021.

Honors a graduate student who shows exemplary leadership in service to graduate and professional students at the University of Missouri.

David M. Wood Excellence in Political Science Research Award, *University of Missouri Department of Political Science*, 2021.

Awarded to encourage outstanding research efforts by graduate students.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, *University of Missouri Graduate Association of Political Scientists*, 2021.

Awarded to an outstanding graduate student

Dean L. Yarwood Award, *University of Missouri Department of Political Science*, 2021.

Awarded to graduate students who have an emphasis in either Public Policy and Administration or American Politics

Edith Taylor Therrien Award, University of Missouri Department of Political Science, 2020.
Awarded to highly accomplished women graduate students

Five Star Society Award, Omicron Delta Kappa, 2018.
In recognition of continued service and leadership as a member of the National Advisory Council 2016-2018

Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Department of State, 2014.
In recognition of contributions made as an e-intern for the 2013-2014 Virtual Student Foreign Service Program and with appreciation of service to the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Diplomatic Missions overseas

Community Advocate Award, Chatham University, 2012.
Presented to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to civic engagement, diversity issues, or justice and has been an activist, creating positive change for the campus and the Pittsburgh community

SKILLS

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science
Omicron Delta Kappa
Southern Political Science Association
Southwestern Political Science Association

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