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## Positions Held

Assistant (2006–2012), Associate (2012–2019), and Full (2019– ) Professor, Department of Political Science, Iowa State University

## Education

Ph.D., Harvard University (2006)

## Books

*The Politics of Names: Attitudes, Identity, and the Naming of Children in American History*, Columbia University Press (2026)

*Families' Values: How Parents, Siblings, and Children Shape Political Attitudes*, Oxford University Press (2014)

## Refereed Journal Articles

“Anti-Transnationalist Communities of Poland’s Diaspora,” *East European Politics* (forthcoming)

“Voting with Their Dollars: Partisan Donations of United States Emigrants,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (forthcoming; with Anca Turcu)

“Partisan Biases among the Unemployed,” *Government & Opposition*, 60:1, 19–38 (2025)

“Institutional Knowledge and Perceived Rural Representation,” *Political Geography* 112, 103125 (2024)

“Hasty Generalization as a Source of Misleading Survey Responses,” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 35:4, edad041 (2023)

“Is Populism Popular Abroad? Evidence from Diasporas around the Globe,” *Party Politics* 29:3, 587–593 (2023; with Anca Turcu)

“Humor in Supreme Court Oral Arguments,” *Humor* 35:2, 169–187 (2022)

“Are Religious Individuals against Renewables?” *Energy Research & Social Science* 81, 102283 (2021; with Yu Wang)

“Physical Formidability and Acceptance of Police Violence,” *Evolution and Human Behavior* 42:5, 431–440 (2021)

“Rightward Leanings and Nonstandard Party-Position Perceptions,” *Political Research Quarterly* 74:1, 166–181 (2021)

- “Bean Counters: The Effect of Soy Tariffs on Change in Republican Vote Share between the 2016 and 2018 Elections,” *Journal of Politics* 83:1, 415–419 (2021; with Olga V. Chyzh)
- “Aversion to Far-Left Parties among Europeans Voting Abroad,” *Comparative European Politics* 19:1, 117–138 (2021; with Anca Turcu)
- “The Social Desirability of Rallying ‘Round the Flag,” *Political Behavior* 42:4, 1223–1243 (2020)
- “Do Expert Surveys Underrate Lower-Income Countries?” *Research Policy* 49:8, 104058 (2020)
- “Emigrants vs. Rural Politics: Cosmopolitan Outlooks and Electoral Opposition to Agrarian Parties,” *Journal of Rural Studies* 77, 138–147 (2020; with Anca Turcu)
- “Revisiting ‘The First-Daughter Effect,’” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 84:2, 523–537 (2020)
- “European Ruling Parties’ Electoral Strategies and Diaspora Enfranchisement Policies,” *European Journal of Political Research* 59:2, 269–289 (2020; with Anca Turcu)
- “Trade Connections’ Effect on European Regions’ Interest in Brexit,” *European Union Politics* 21:1, 173–179 (2020)
- “Go Means Green: Diasporas’ Ideological Preferences and Electoral Choices,” *Global Environmental Politics* 20:1, 82–102 (2020; with Anca Turcu)
- “Gun-Shy: Refusal to Answer Survey Questions about Firearm Ownership,” *Social Science Journal* 56:2, 189–195 (2019)
- “Good Looks as a Source of Moral Permissiveness,” *Social Science Quarterly* 100:1, 328–341 (2019)
- “Immigrant Out-Groups and Voting against Free Trade,” *International Interactions* 44:6, 1065–1088 (2018)
- “Female-Sounding Names and Electoral Performance,” *Electoral Studies* 55, 54–61 (2018)
- “Things Are Looking Up: Physical Beauty, Social Mobility, and Optimistic Dispositions,” *Social Science Research* 71, 19–36 (2018)
- “Endogenous Borders and Access to the Sea,” *Political Geography* 63, 43–53 (2018; with Brad Sievers)
- “Youthful Hours: Polling Opening Times Manipulate Turnout Demographics,” *Research & Politics* 4:3, 1–7 (2017)
- “Long-Term Consequences of Ethnic Cleansing in the Former Polish-German Borderlands,” *Political Geography* 58, 56–66 (2017)
- “Entertainment and the Opportunity Cost of Civic Participation: Monday Night Football Game Quality Suppresses Turnout in US Elections,” *Journal of Politics* 79:2, 424–438 (2017; with Matthew Potoski)
- “Influenza and Voter Turnout,” *Scandinavian Political Studies* 40:1, 107–119 (2017)
- “Gender, Partisanship, and Candidate Selection Mechanisms,” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 16:3, 290–312 (2016; with Valerie M. Hennings)

- “Protectionist Executives,” *International Interactions* 42:5, 729–749 (2016)
- “Gendered Electoral Systems in the French *Sénat*,” *West European Politics* 39:4, 859–869 (2016)
- “Judgement Days: Social Attitudes after Natural Disasters,” *Disasters* 40:1, 26–44 (2016)
- “There Can Be Only One (Woman on the Ticket),” *Political Behavior* 37:3, 749–766 (2015; with Valerie M. Hennings)
- “Movers as Early Adopters of Linguistic Innovation,” *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 19:3, 372–390 (2015)
- “The American Public’s Attention to Politics in Crisis and Conflict, 1880–1963,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 46:2, 225–244 (2015)
- “Weather Biases in Public Opinion Surveys,” *Weather, Climate, and Society* 7:2, 192–196 (2015; with Matthew Potoski and Cindy Yu)
- “The Diffusion of Diaspora Enfranchisement Norms: A Multinational Study,” *Comparative Political Studies* 48:4, 407–437 (2015; with Anca Turcu)
- “Alphabetical Effects on Political Careers,” *Names* 62:4, 229–238 (2014)
- Award: Best article in *Names*, 2014**
- “Time Regulation as Electoral Policy,” *American Politics Research* 42:5, 841–855 (2014)
- “Historical Regional Variation in Census Occupation Terms,” *American Speech* 89:1, 74–88 (2014)
- “Nominal Partisanship: Names as Political Identity Signals,” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 47:2, 463–467 (2014)
- “Industries, Occupations, and Trade Policy Preferences,” *Political Behavior* 35:3, 605–620 (2013)
- “Employment Effects of Thanksgiving Timing,” *Economics Letters* 119:1, 42–44 (2013)
- “A Referendum on Trade Theory: Voting on Free Trade in Costa Rica,” *International Organization* 67:1, 197–214 (2013)
- “The Paradox of Voting Intelligently,” *Public Choice* 150:3–4, 511–524 (2012)
- “Sibling Ideological Influence: A Natural Experiment,” *British Journal of Political Science* 41:4, 693–712 (2011)
- “Isolationism and Domestic Politics,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 54:3, 471–492 (2010)
- “Interdependent Preferences, Militarism, and Child Gender,” *International Studies Quarterly* 53:1, 1–21 (2009)
- “Location and Policy Preferences,” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 3:2, 141–164 (2008)

## Other Publication

Review of Patrick J. McDonald, *The Invisible Hand of Peace: Capitalism, The War Machine, and International Relations Theory, Perspectives on Politics* 9:1, 229–231 (2011)

## Work in Progress

*Living on the Edges: Borderland Political Behavior* (book manuscript)

“Moral Duties: Normative Sources of Protectionism” (with Pam Manhart)

“Nationalism and Demands for International Unification”

“Who Goes Negative in Political Conversation?”

“Gendered International-Threat Perception”

## Teaching Experience

### *Undergraduate*

International Political Economy	Political Behavior
Introduction to Empirical Research	Immigration Policy
Introduction to International Relations	Politics and Geography
Public Choice/Political Game Theory	Strategy and Terrorism
Introduction to Political Science	Shakespeare and Politics
Capstone Seminar: International Studies	World Politics Today
Candidate Selection Mechanisms	

### *Graduate*

Proseminar: International Relations	International Political Economy
Proseminar: Comparative Politics	Politics and Geography
Political Research and Analysis	

### *Supervisor*

Twenty-three completed Master’s theses	Two completed undergraduate theses
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## Professional Service

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Energy Research & Social Science*, *Political Behavior*, *R Journal*, *Review of Law & Economics*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Environmental Development*, *Democratization*, *Review of International Studies*, *Acta Psychologica*, *Social Science Journal*, *Political Geography*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Geopolitics*, *Scintometrics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Personality and Individual Differences*, *International Public Management Journal*, *American Politics Research*, *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *International Interactions*, *Journal of Rural Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Social Science Research*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *International Organization*, Oxford University Press

## University Service

### *Extradepartmental*

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Representative Assembly (2007–2013)  
Representative Assembly Executive Committee (2007–2008)  
Selection Committee, Carrie Chapman Catt Prize (2008–2019; 2021–2022)  
International Studies Program Leadership Committee (2009–2016)  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Computing Advisory Committee (2012–2015)  
Search Committees, Information Technology Personnel (2011; 2012; 2015)  
Stanton Memorial Carillon Foundation Advisory Board (2006– )  
Faculty Associate, Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture (2006–2017)  
External Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Economics (2018–2019)

### *Departmental*

Director of Undergraduate Education (2016– )  
Graduate Program Committee (2006–2014)  
Graduate Admissions Committee (2006–2016)  
Faculty Awards Committee (2012–2013: Chair; 2013–2016)  
Faculty Search Committees (2006; 2007; 2008; 2013: Chair; 2023)  
ΠΣΑ Best-Paper Award Committee (2010)  
*Ad Hoc* Committees on Departmental Methods Curriculum (2008; 2012; 2013)