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### **Education**

Ph.D., Government, Harvard University, 1998.

Committee: Theda Skocpol (chair), Morris P. Fiorina, Bradley Palmquist, and Michael Hagen.

Dissertation: "The Politics of Women's Place: Gender Roles, Public Opinion, and the American Party System."

B.A., Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1992, Summa Cum Laude.

### **Employment**

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2006 – present.

Senior Scholar, Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics,  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 2006 – present.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2004 – 2006.

Visiting Professor, Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics,  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 2002 – 2003.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 1998 – 2004.

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

American politics, gender, race/ethnicity, parties, elections, public opinion, and state politics.

### **Publications**

#### Books

*Where Women Run: Gender and Party in the American States*. 2006. University of Michigan Press.

*Democrats, Republicans, and the Politics of Women's Place*. 2002. University of Michigan Press.

#### Peer Reviewed Articles

"Playing a Different Race Card: Examining the Limits of Elite Influence on Perceptions of Racism."

2007. *Journal of Politics* 69 (May): 416-429. Coauthors: Thomas E. Nelson and Harwood K. McClerking.

"Do Parties Know that 'Women Win'? Party Leader Beliefs about Women's Electoral Chances." 2006.

*Politics & Gender* 2 (December): 431-450.

"The Legislative Party and Candidate Recruitment in the American States." 2006. *Party Politics* 12 (March): 233-256.

"Gender-Related Political Knowledge and the Descriptive Representation of Women." 2003. *Political Behavior* 25 (December): 367 – 388.

"Political Knowledge and Gender Stereotypes." 2003. *American Politics Research* 31 (November): 575 – 594.

"Gender Stereotypes and Vote Choice." 2002. *American Journal of Political Science* 46 (January): 20 – 34.

"Political Parties and the Recruitment of Women to State Legislatures." 2002. *Journal of Politics* 64 (August): 791 – 809.

[Reprinted in Karen O'Connor, Sarah E. Brewer, and Michael Philip Fisher, eds. 2006. *Gendering American Politics: Perspectives from the Literature*. Longman.]

### Book Chapters

- “Representation by Gender and Parties.” Forthcoming. In *Political Women and American Democracy*, Eds. Christina Wolbrecht, Karen Beckwith, and Lisa Baldez. Cambridge University Press.
- “State Elections: Where Do Women Run? Where Do Women Win?” 2006. In *Gender and Elections: Shaping the Future of American Politics*, Eds. Susan J. Carroll and Richard L. Fox. Cambridge University Press. 189-214.

### Other Publications

- “Gender Stereotypes and Gender Preferences on the 2006 ANES Pilot Study.” 2007. A report to the ANES Board of Overseers. Coauthor: Kathleen Dolan.
- Review of *Challenging Parties, Changing Parliaments: Women and Elected Office in Contemporary Western Europe*. By Miki Caul Kittilson. 2007. *Journal of Politics* 69 (August): 877-8.
- “Gender Pools and Puzzles: Charting a ‘Women’s Path’ to the Legislature.” 2006. *Politics & Gender* 2 (September): 387-400.
- “Candidate Recruitment and Women’s Election to the State Legislatures.” 2003. Report published electronically by the Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- Review of *A Room at a Time: How Women Entered Party Politics*. By Jo Freeman. 2000. *Vox Pop Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties*. Vol. 19, pp. 1-3.
- “Women and Politics: The Intersection of Public and Private.” 1997. *Current World Leaders International Issues* 40 (December): 34 – 49.

### **Professional Activities**

#### Discipline

- President, Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2007-2008.
- Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Conference Committee, 2007.
- Member, 2007 Samuel J. Eldersveld Award Committee, Political Organizations and Parties Research Section of the American Political Science Association.
- Program Co-Chair, Midwest Political Science Association 2007.
- President-elect, Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2006 – 2007.
- Executive Council Member, Political Organizations and Parties Section of the American Political Science Association, 2006 – 2008.
- President, Midwest Women’s Caucus for Political Science, 2005 – 2006.
- Chair, Women and Politics Section of the 2006 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings.
- Newsletter Editor, Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2002 – 2005.
- Chair, 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Sophonisba Breckinridge Award Committee.
- Member, 2003 State Politics & Policy Quarterly Best Paper Award Committee.
- Member, 2002 Midwest Political Science Association Sophonisba Breckinridge Award Committee.
- Chair, Gender and Politics Section of the 2002 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings.
- Chair, 1999 Best Article Award Committee, Women and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.
- Member, Mary Lepper Award Committee of the Women’s Caucus for Political Science, 1998.

#### University

##### Ohio State University

- President’s Council on Women’s Issues, 2005 – 2006.
- Institutional Review Board, 2004 – 2006.

Asian American Studies Committee, 2004 – 2005.

#### Department

##### Rutgers University

Race and Ethnic Politics Search Committee, 2006.

##### Ohio State University

Governance Committee, 2005.

Graduate Studies Committee, 2003 – 2006.

Colloquium Committee, 2001 – 2002.

APSA Minority Identification Project Representative, 2000 – 2002.

Minority Politics Search Committee, 2000 – 2001.

Co-founder and organizer, Research in American Politics (RAP) series, 1999 – 2006.

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, 1999 – 2001.

Minority Affairs and Diversity Committee, 1998 – 1999; 2004 – 2006.

Awards Committee, 1998 – 1999.

#### **Editorships**

CAWP Series in Gender and American Politics, University of Michigan Press, with Susan J. Carroll.

#### **Editorial Board Member**

*Politics & Gender*

*State Politics & Policy Quarterly*

#### **Reviewer**

*American Journal of Political Science; American Politics Research; American Political Science Review; Journal of Politics; Journal of Women, Politics & Policy; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Politics & Gender; Social Science Quarterly; Sex Roles; State Politics & Policy Quarterly.*

#### **Grants**

Department of Political Science and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Special Grant. The Ohio State University. October 2002. \$8,300.

Faculty Research Small Grant. Criminal Justice Research Center. The Ohio State University. July 2002. With Harwood K. McClerking and Thomas E. Nelson. \$5,500.

Summer Faculty Research Fellowship. Criminal Justice Research Center. The Ohio State University. July 2001. With Thomas E. Nelson.

CAWP Research Grant for Junior Faculty. Center for American Women and Politics. May 2001. \$4,000.

Coca Cola Grant for Research on Women and Gender. Department of Women's Studies. The Ohio State University. June 2000. \$3,500.

University Small Grant. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Ohio State University. March 2000. \$1,000.

Faculty Survey Research Fellowship. Center for Survey Research and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Ohio State University. March 1999. \$6,000.

Seed Grant. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Ohio State University. March 1999 – February 2000. \$10,629.

#### **Recent Conference Papers**

Dolan, Kathleen, and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2007. "Gender Stereotypes and Attitudes Toward Gender Balance in Government." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL.

Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2006. "Representation by Gender and Parties." Paper presented at the Political Women and American Democracy conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN.

- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2006. "Representation by Gender and Parties." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, Chicago.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2005. "Do Parties Know that 'Women Win'? Party Leader Beliefs about Women's Electoral Chances." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C.
- Nelson, Thomas E., Kira Sanbonmatsu, and Harwood K. McClerking. 2004. "Elite Influence on Perceived Racism." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2004. "Candidate Gender and Voting in Statewide Elections: Evidence from Ohio." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2004. "The Effect of Party Activities on Women's Representation in the American States." Paper presented at the Fourth Annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Kent State University.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2004. "The Status of Women in Ohio Politics." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2003. "Where Women Run: Gender, Political Parties, and State Legislative Elections." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, Philadelphia.
- Nelson, Thomas E., Kira Sanbonmatsu, and Harwood K. McClerking. 2003. "Following the Leader? Elite Leadership and Perceptions of Racism in a Police Confrontation." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, Philadelphia.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2003. "Gender and Candidate Recruitment in the 2002 State Legislative Elections." Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago.

### **Other Conference Participation**

- Panelist, 2007 Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. "Where Women Run: Gender and Party in the American States." Author Meets Critics Roundtable.
- Panelist, 2006 "Across Generations: Scholarship on Women and Gender," Women and Politics Pre-Conference, American Political Science Association.
- Panelist, 2006 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. "Roundtable: Honoring Susan J. Carroll, Winner of the Women's Caucus Outstanding Professional Achievement Award."
- Discussant, 2006 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. "Institutions and Opportunities: Women Candidates in the States."
- Panelist, 2006 Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. "Democrats, Republicans, and the Politics of Women's Place." Author Meets Critics Roundtable.
- Workshop leader, Frontiers of Women and Politics Research Mini-Conference, August 2005.
- Panelist, 2005 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. "Gender and the 2004 Elections."
- Panel Chair, 2005 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. "News You Can Use: Tips for a Successful Post-Tenure Career."
- Discussant, 2004 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. "Innovative Analyses of Women as Electoral Candidates."
- Panelist, 2003 American Political Science Association Short Course. "Pushing the Frontiers of Women and Politics Research."

### **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Women's Caucus for Political Science, Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science, American Association of University Women.