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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**

Professor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2010 - present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2006 – 2010

Senior Scholar, Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics,  
Rutgers University, 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 University, 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**

“Do Gender Stereotypes Transcend Party?” (with Kathleen Dolan). 2009. *Political Research Quarterly*. 62 (September): 485-494.

“Gender Stereotypes and Attitudes Toward Gender Balance in Government” (with Kathleen Dolan). 2009. *American Politics Research* 37 (May): 409-428.

- “Playing a Different Race Card: Examining the Limits of Elite Influence on Perceptions of Racism” (with Thomas E. Nelson and Harwood K. McClerking). 2007. *Journal of Politics* 69 (May): 416-429.
- “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.]

### **Editor Reviewed Articles**

- “Gender Backlash in American Politics?” 2008. *Politics & Gender* 4 (December): 634-642.
- “Gender Pools and Puzzles: Charting a ‘Women’s Path’ to the Legislature.” 2006. *Politics & Gender* 2 (September): 387-400.

### **Book Chapters**

- “Candidate Gender and Experimental Political Science” (with Kathleen Dolan). Forthcoming. In *The Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Political Science*, Eds. Jamie N. Druckman, Donald P. Green, James H. Kuklinski and Arthur Lupia. Cambridge University Press.
- “Entering the Mayor’s Office: Women’s Decisions to Run for Municipal Office” (with Susan J. Carroll). Forthcoming. In *Women in the Executive Branch(es)*. Ed. Melody Rose. Lynne Rienner Press.
- “Organizing American Politics, Organizing Gender.” 2010. In *Oxford Handbook of American Elections and Political Behavior*, Ed. Jan E. Leighley. Oxford University Press. 415-432.
- “State Elections: Why do Women Fare Differently Across States?” 2010. In *Gender and Elections: Shaping the Future of American Politics*, Second edition, Eds. Susan J. Carroll and Richard L. Fox. Cambridge University Press. 263-285.
- “Representation by Gender and Parties.” 2008. In *Political Women and American Democracy*, Eds. Christina Wolbrecht, Karen Beckwith, and Lisa Baldez. Cambridge University Press. 96-109.
- “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.

### **Book Reviews**

- Review of *The Motherless State: Women’s Political Leadership and American Democracy*. By Eileen McDonagh. 2010. *Political Psychology*.

- Review of *Legislative Women: Getting Elected, Getting Ahead*. Ed. Beth Reingold. 2009. *California Journal of Politics and Policy*. 1:1. <http://www.bepress.com/cjpp/vol1/iss1/>
- 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.
- 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.

### **Other Publications**

- “Life’s a Party: Do Political Parties Help or Hinder Women?” 2010. *Harvard International Review* 32 (1): 36-39.
- “Poised to Run: Women’s Pathways to the State Legislatures” (with Susan J. Carroll and Debbie Walsh). 2009. Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- “Gender Stereotypes and Gender Preferences on the 2006 ANES Pilot Study” (with Kathleen Dolan). 2007. A report to the ANES Board of Overseers.
- “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.
- “Women and Politics: The Intersection of Public and Private.” 1997. *Current World Leaders International Issues* 40 (December): 34 – 49.

### **SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Discipline**

- Member, *Politics & Gender* Editorial Selection Committee, 2010
- Chair, Political Parties and Interest Groups Section of the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings
- President, Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2007-2008
- Chair, Jack L. Walker Outstanding Article Award Committee, Political Organizations and Parties Section of the American Political Science Association, 2007
- 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, 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 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**

### **Rutgers University**

#### University Service

Social Sciences Area Committee, 2009-2010

Honors Mentor

#### Department Service

Field Chair, Women and Politics, 2009-2010

Peer Evaluation Committee, 2009-2010

Advisory Committee, 2008-2010

Chair, The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and/or Gender Search Committee, 2008-2009

Race and Ethnic Politics Search Committee, 2006

#### Eagleton Institute of Politics

Eagleton Fellowship Selection Committee, 2009

### **Ohio State University**

#### University Service

President's Council on Women's Issues, 2005 – 2006

Institutional Review Board, 2004 – 2006

Asian American Studies Committee, 2004 – 2005

#### Department Service

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**

### **Book Series**

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

### **Editorial Boards**

*Politics & Gender*, 2005-2010

*State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, 2005-2010

## **REVIEWER**

*American Journal of Political Science*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Politics Research*; *American Political Science Review*; *Japanese Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Party Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Communication*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics & Gender*; *Politics and Religion*; *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*; *Urban Affairs Review*

## **GRANTS**

Co-principal Investigator, "Recruitment of Women for Public Office," a grant to the Center for American Women and Politics from the Barbara Lee Foundation, \$100,000 (plus \$50,000+ in matching funds from other sources), 2007-08.

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**

Carroll, Susan J., and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2010. "Entering the Mayor's Office: Women's Decisions to Run for Municipal Office." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL.

Sanbonmatsu, Kira, and Susan J. Carroll. 2009. "Gender and Election to the State Legislatures: Then and Now." Paper presented at the Ninth Annual State Politics and Policy conference, Chapel Hill, NC.

- Carroll, Susan J., and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2009. "Gender and the Decision to Run for the State Legislature." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 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, IL.
- 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.

### **OTHER RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- Panelist, 2010 "Racial Inequality and the Challenge of a Post-Racial Society: Race, Rights, and Public Policy in the Age of Obama." Symposium at Rutgers and Princeton Universities, March 26-27.
- Discussant, 2008 American Political Science Association annual meeting. "EnGendering Campaigns?"
- Panel Chair, 2007 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. "Roundtable: Studying Gender and Politics Over Time: Research Questions and Strategies."
- 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."

### **RECENT TALKS**

- Panelist, "Women's Political Representation Around the World," SIPA Gender Policy Working Group, Columbia University. April 2010.
- Campaigns and Elections Seminar. Department of Political Science. Temple University. October 2009.

Workshop on American Society and Politics. Department of Political Science. Columbia University. April 2009.

**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

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