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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Williams College

Professor of Political Science	2015-present
Associate Professor of Political Science	2009-2015
Assistant Professor of Political Science	2003-2009

Courses: Power to the People?; Threats to the Republic; Power, Politics, and Democracy in America; The American Presidency; Dangerous Leadership; The Politics of Place; How Change Happens; Parties in American Politics; In Search of the American State; Interpretations of American Politics

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. in Political Science, 2003

Vassar College
B.A. 1992, *Phi Beta Kappa* and General Honors
Political Science Major with Political Economy Minor
University of Stockholm, Junior Semester Abroad

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Legacies of Losing in American Politics, with Jeffrey K. Tulis. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018).

Author Meets Critic Panel, Southern Political Science Association (Winter 2019)
Author Meets Critic Panel, American Political Science Association (Fall 2018)
Author Meets Critic Panel, Western Political Science Association (Spring 2018)

"The Inheritance of Loss: Symposium on Jeffrey K. Tulis and Nicole Mellow's *Legacies of Losing in American Politics*," *Political Theory*, 48:6 (December 2020)
Author Meets Critics Forum, [Book Review Forum](#), LSE's US Centre, 2019

Podcast Interview, Liberty and Law, January 2019
Podcast Interview, New Books Network, May 2018

The State of Disunion: Regional Sources of Modern American Partisanship. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008).

Articles/Book Chapters:

"Left Turn on a Red Light? Challenges and Decisions Facing Liberals and Progressives After 2016" and "Conclusion," in *Symposium on the Challenges Facing Democrats*, with Rogers Smith, eds. Nicole Mellow and Rogers Smith, *Polity*, 52:3 (July 2020).

"An Identity Crisis for the Democrats?" in *Symposium on the Challenges Facing Democrats*, eds. Nicole Mellow and Rogers Smith, *Polity*, 52:3 (July 2020).

"Voting Behavior: Continuity and Confusion in the Electorate," in *The Elections of 2016*, ed. Michael Nelson (Washington D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2017).

"The Democratic Fit: Party Reform and the Eugenics Tool," in *The Progressives' Century*, eds. Bruce Ackerman, Stephen Skowronek, and Stephen Engel (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016).

"The Anti-Federal Appropriation," with Jeffrey Tulis, *American Political Thought*, 3:1 (Spring 2014).

"How the Democrats Rejuvenated their Coalition" in *The Elections of 2012*, ed. Michael Nelson (Washington D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2013).

"Foreign policy, bipartisanship and the paradox of post-September 11 America," with Peter Trubowitz, *International Politics*, 48:2/3 (2011): 164-187.

"Mapping ambivalence in American politics: a view from political science," *Political Geography*. 28:6 (2009): 332-342.

"A Blue Nation?" in *The Elections of 2008*, ed. Michael Nelson (Washington D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2009).

"The Rhetorical Presidency and the Partisan Echo Chamber," *Critical Review*. 19:2-3 (2007): 367-378.

"Andrew Johnson and the Politics of Failure," with Jeffrey K. Tulis, in *Formative Acts: American Politics in the Making*, eds. Stephen Skowronek and Matthew Glassman (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007).

"The Election of 2004 and the Roots of Republican Success," in *The Elections of 2004*, ed. Michael Nelson (Washington D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2005).

"Going Bipartisan: Politics by Other Means," with Peter Trubowitz, *Political Science Quarterly*. 120:3 (Fall 2005) : 433-453.

"Red Versus Blue: American Electoral Geography and Congressional Bipartisanship, 1898-2002," with Peter Trubowitz, *Political Geography*. 24 (2005) : 659-677.

"The State of Gender Studies in Political Science," with Gretchen Ritter, in *The Annals of the American Academy in Political and Social Science*. 571 (September 2000) : 121-134.

"The Effect of Private Education on Political Participation, Social Capital, and Tolerance: An Examination of the Latino National Political Survey," with Jay Greene and Joseph Giammo, in *Georgetown Public Policy Review*. 5 (Fall 1999) : 53-76.

"Private Schools and the Public Good: The Effect of Private Education on Political Participation and Tolerance in the Texas Poll," with Jay Greene and Joseph Giammo, in *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice*. 2 (June 1999) : 429-443.

Current Works in Progress:

"Popular Sovereignty in the Trump Era: A Case Study of Pedagogy and Practice," with Andrew Perrin, in *When the People Rule: Popular Sovereignty in Theory and Practice*, eds. Ewa Atanassow, Thomas Bartscherer, and Alexander Bateman

"Voting Behavior in the 2020 Election," in *Elections 2020*, Michael Nelson, ed., (Washington DC: CQ Press)

How White Ethnics Got Themselves a New Deal: Nation Building and the Interventionist State, 1900 to 1940. (book manuscript on the topic of eugenics, national identity, and statebuilding)

Book Reviews and Other Invited Commentary:

Review of *The Politics of Losing: Trump, the Klan, and the Mainstreaming of Resentment*, by Rory McVeigh and Kevin Estep, *Perspectives on Politics*, 18:1 (March 2020).

"Scenario Planning in Extraordinary Times," Post on *First Year 2017, Volume 5, Fixing our Broken Government*, Miller Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (Summer 2016).

Review of *Beyond Ideology: Politics, Principles, and Partisanship in the U.S. Senate*, by Frances Lee, in *Perspectives on Politics*. 9:3 (Fall 2011).

Review of *Andrew Jackson and the Constitution: The Rise and Fall of Generational Regimes*, by Gerard N. Magliocca, in *Political Science Quarterly*. 123:2 (Summer 2008).

Review of *Popular Efficacy in the Democratic Era: A Reexamination of Electoral Accountability in the United States, 1828-2000*, by Peter F. Nardulli, in *Political Science Quarterly*. 121:3 (Fall 2006).

Working Papers:

"Integration Where it Counts: A Study of Racial Integration in Public and Private School Lunchrooms," with Jay Greene, in Harvard University's *Education Policy and Governance* series, PEPG98-13. (Fall 1998).

SELECTED CONFERENCES

"Popular Sovereignty in the Trump Era: A Case Study of Pedagogy and Practice," SSRC's *Popular Sovereignty Conference*, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, October 2019

"Facing Up to the Challenge of 'Who Are We?'" *Northeastern Political Science Association*, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

"Defining 'Fitness:' Eugenics, National Identity, and State Power," paper prepared for *American Political Science Association*, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2017.

"Friction, fracture or party change? 2016 and the party challenges in 2017," *Northeastern Political Science Conference*, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2016.

"The Wrong Fit: Eugenics and the Limits of the Progressive Idea of Party," *The Progressive Century Conference*, Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 2013.

"The Art of Rhetorical Appropriation: How *The Federalist* Enabled Anti-Federalists to Transform Losing into Success" with Jeffrey Tulis, *American Political Science Association*, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 2013 (and September 2012).

"Barry Goldwater and the Reconstitution of American Political Development," with Jeffrey Tulis, *American Political Science Association*, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2010.
- Honorable Mention, 2011 Founders' Award for Best Paper, Presidency Research Group

"Mapping Ambivalence: Political Science's Discomfort with Geography," *Association of American Geographers*, Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 2009.

"The Partisan Echo Chamber," Roundtable remarks for "*The Rhetorical Presidency at 20*," *Midwest Political Science Association*, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

"The Legacies of Andrew Johnson: Failure as an Agent of Long-Term Effectiveness?" with Jeffrey Tulis, Center for the Study of American Politics conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 2004.

"Andrew Johnson and the Politics of Failure," with Jeffrey Tulis, *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, September 2004.

"Bipartisanship, Foreign Policy, and September 11," with Peter Trubowitz, *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, September 2003.

"Modernization and Social Change: Party Politics and the Geography of Abortion," *Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, April 2003.

"Reforming Welfare: Party Politics and Regional Change in the 1960s," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, September 2002.

"Bipartisanship in American Politics: Politics by Other Means," with Peter Trubowitz, *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, September 2002.

"Regional Coalitions and the Reemergence of Party Conflict: the Case of Trade Policy," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, September 2001.

"The State of Gender Studies in Political Science," roundtable panel participant at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., September 2000.

"Reconstituting the Party: the Changing Regional Dimension of American Political Parties," *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Jose, CA, March 2000.

"Integration Where it Counts: A Study of Racial Integration in Public and Private School Lunchrooms," with Jay Greene, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 1999.

"The Effect of Private Education on Political Participation, Social Capital, and Tolerance: An Examination of the Latino National Political Survey," with Jay Greene and Joseph Giammo, *Southwest Social Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, March 1999.

"From Global to Local: Regional Responses to a Changing World Economy," *Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting*, Ojai, CA, February 1999.

SELECTED OTHER INVITED TALKS

Panel Discussant, Author meets Critics Roundtable on *Rivalry and Reform*, by Sidney Milkis and Daniel Tichenor, *New England Political Science Association*, Annual Meeting, Portland, ME, April 2019.

"Election 2016: Changing and Challenging the Political Game?" Williams Club of New York, New York City, October 2016.

"Immigration Reform and Party Alignments: The Next Civil Rights?" Rosemary and John Galbraith Conference on Immigration, Washington DC, October 2013.

"How the Democrats Rejuvenated their Coalition," *Symposium on Elections 2012*, Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia, February 2013.

"Election 2012: How the Democrats Rejuvenated their Coalition," Faculty Dinner Talk, Williams College, January 2013.

"The Election of 2012," Faculty Research Talk, Williams College, December 2012.

"In Your Heart You Know He's Right: Barry Goldwater and the Legacies of Loss," Faculty Lecture Series, Williams College, March 2012.

"What Americans Want: Reflections on Sidney Milkis' *Teddy Roosevelt, The Election of 1912, and the Transformation of American Democracy*," Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, May 2010.

Panel Discussant, Author meets Critics Roundtable on *Counter-Realignment: Political Change in the Northeast*, by Jeffrey Stonecash and Howard Reiter, *New England Political Science Association*, Annual Meeting, Newport, RI, April 2010.

"Red and Blue Partisanship," Partisan Rancor and American Democracy Conference, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 2007.

"What's in a Region? Deciphering Red and Blue America," Politics and History Colloquia, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, May 2007.

"Security and the Elections of the 2000s," and "Clinton: The New Democrat and Democratic Moderation," *Berkshire Institute for Lifelong Learning*, Pittsfield, MA, May 2006.

"That Dog Won't Hunt: The 2004 Election and Prospects for the Democrats," *Talks for an Election Year Series*, Williams College, November 2004.

“Depending on Welfare: Regional Strategies for Party Gain,” Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, May 2002.

“Trading Places: Geography, Party, and Conflict over Trade Policy,” Centro de Investigación y Docencia Economicas, Mexico City, Mexico, March 2001.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Social Science Research Council, Teaching Grant for <i>Power to the People?</i> course	2018
Class of 1957 Summer Research Program, Williams College	2010
Oakley Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences Fellow, Williams College	2006-2007, 2015
Ursula Prescott Research Grant, Political Science Department, Williams College	2004
Macdonald Dissertation Fellowship, Dept. of Government, University of Texas at Austin	2002-2003
Miller Center Dissertation Fellowship Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia	2001-2002
Everett C. Dirksen Congressional Research Award Everett C. Dirksen Congressional Center, Pekin, Illinois	2000-2001
Carl Albert Center Visiting Scholars Grant Carl Albert Center, Norman, Oklahoma	2000-2001
University Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin	2000-2001
Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin	Spring 2000

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITY

Elected to the Executive Council of APSA’s Politics and History Section	2019
Elected to the Executive Council of APSA’s Presidency and Executive Politics Section	2019
Editorial Advisory Board Member, <i>American Political Thought</i>	2019
Mary Parker Follet Award Committee for Best Article, Politics and History Division, American Political Science Association	2019
Chair, Program Committee, Presidency and Executive Politics Division, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018, Boston, MA	2018
Participant, Social Science Research Council Retreat, “Fostering Liberal Arts Knowledge and Connections,” Swarthmore, PA and New York, New York	2017-2019
Heinz Eulau Award Committee for Best Article in <i>American Political Science Review</i> (2014), American Political Science Association	2015

Richard Neustadt Book Prize Committee, Presidency and Executive Politics Division, American Political Science Association	2013
Co-Chair, Program Committee, Politics and History Division, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2012, New Orleans, LA	2012
David J. Greenstone Book Prize Committee, Politics and History Division, American Political Science Association	2011
External Examiner, American Politics Honors Seminar, Swarthmore College	2008-2013, 2018
Editorial Advisory Board Member, <i>Polity</i>	2009-present
Article and Book Referee (<i>Harvard University Press, University of Chicago Press, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Cornell University Press, Congressional Quarterly Press, Routledge, American Political Science Review, Perspectives on Politics, Polity, American Politics Research, Political Science Quarterly, Political Geography, Politics and Policy, American Political Thought</i>)	2004-present
External Evaluation Team, Dickinson College Political Science Department	2006
Participating Scholar in the National Scholars Conference Center for Civic Education, Pasadena, CA	2002-2004
American Politics in a New Millennium Conference, Rapporteur Centro de Investigación y Docencia Economicas, Mexico City, Mexico	April 2002
Editorial Advisory Board Member, <i>Journal of Children and Poverty</i>	1999-present
Alumni Admissions Volunteer for Vassar College	1999-2006
Co-president, Graduate Student Organization, elected Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin	1998-1999
Research Analyst Homes for the Homeless, New York, New York	1993-1996
English as a Foreign Language Instructor Education for Democracy, Czechoslovakia	1992-1993

WILLIAMS COLLEGE COMMITTEE SERVICE

Division II Representative, First 3 (2019-present)
 Division II Representative, Curricular Planning Committee (2018-2019)
 Chair, Committee on Academic Standing (2013-2014, 2015-2017)
 Chair, American Politics Search Committee (2015)
 Chair, Faculty Review Committee (2013) – elected to Faculty Review Panel 2012
 Ad-Hoc Committee on Elections 2012 (2012)
 Chair, Leadership Studies Program (2011-2014)
 Chair, American Politics Search Committee (2011)
 Leadership Studies Advisory Committee (2003-2019)

Political Economy Advisory Committee (2009-2010)
Phi Beta Kappa, Chapter Secretary and Treasurer (2009-2010)
Committee on Academic Standing (2008-2010)
Mellon 23 Assembly (2010)
Oxford / Cambridge Post-Graduate Fellowship Committee (2009)
Chapin Library Committee (2003-2004)