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### **Employment History**

Interim Director, Women and Politics Institute, American University, Fall 2008.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government, American University, Fall 2006 - present.  
Affiliated Faculty, Women and Politics Institute, American University, Fall 2001 - present.  
Assistant Professor, Washington Semester Program, American University, Fall 2001 - Spring 2006.  
Assistant Professor, Southern Methodist University, Fall 1997 - Spring 2001.  
Consultant, Minnesota House of Representatives, House Research Department, Summer 1996 - Summer 1997.

### **Educational History**

Ph.D. in Political Science, July 1997, University of Minnesota. Examination fields: American Politics and Methodology. Supporting program: Women and Politics.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Summer 1993.

Master of Arts in Political Science, May 1992, Purdue University. Examination fields: American Politics, Methodology and Women's Studies.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, December 1989, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, summa cum laude. Major in Political Science, minor in German.

### **Research Interests**

American politics; women, gender and politics; elections and redistricting; judicial process and public law; Supreme Court agenda setting.

### **Publications: Books**

*Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. 2008. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Routledge Press.

*Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections*. 2006. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Routledge Press.

## **Publications: Articles**

“The Roll Call Behavior of the Men and Women in the U.S. House of Representatives.”  
Forthcoming. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. *Politics and Gender*.

“Roadblocks on the Path to Political Leadership: Women’s Roles in Congressional Elections, Incumbency and Parties.” Forthcoming. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. *Gender and Women’s Leadership*, Karen O’Connor, ed. Sage Publications.

“Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Incumbency, Redistricting, and the Success of Women Candidates.” 2008. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. *Thomas Jefferson Law Review*. 31(1):29-52.

“When Women Run Against Women: The Hidden Influence of Female Incumbents in Elections to the US House of Representatives, 1956-2002.” 2005. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. *Politics and Gender* 1(1):39-63.

“Justice Sandra Day O’Connor: The World’s Most Powerful Jurist?” 2005. Co-authored with Diane Lowenthal. *MARGINS Law Journal* (University of Maryland School of Law) 4(2):211-239.

“Political Ambition and Women in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1916-2000.” 2003. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. *Political Research Quarterly* 56(2):127-138.

Excerpts of this article are also reprinted as a chapter in *Gendering American Politics*, Karen O’Connor, Sarah Brewer, and Michael Fisher, eds. Longman, 2006.

“Political Science in a Different Voice: Women Faculty Perspectives on the Status of Women in Political Science Departments in the South.” 2003. Co-authored with Laura van Assendelft, Wendy Gunther-Canada, Julie Dolan, and Michele Swers. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 36:311-315.

“Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the Supreme Court’s Reaction to its Second Female Member.” 2002. *Women & Politics* 24(1):1-23.

“The Political Glass Ceiling: Gender, Strategy and Incumbency in U.S. House Elections, 1978-1998.” 2001. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. *Women & Politics* 23(1/2):59-78.

This article is also reprinted as a chapter in *Women & Congress: Running, Winning and Ruling*, Karen O’Connor, ed. Haworth Press, 2001.

“The Bermuda Triangle? The Cert Pool and its Influence over the Supreme Court’s Agenda.” 2001. *Constitutional Commentary* 18(1):105-120.

This article is also reprinted as a chapter in *Supreme Court Politics: The Institution and its Procedures*, Susan Low Bloch, ed. West Publishing, 2007.

“The Clinton Clones: Ginsburg, Breyer, and the Clinton Legacy.” 2001. Co-authored with Karen O’Connor. *Judicature* 84(5):262-273.

“Women in the American Judiciary: Their Influence and Impact.” (Review Essay) 2001. *Women & Politics* 23(3):89-99.

“To Do Justly: Women on the American Bench.” 2001. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 34:235-239.

“Low-Life-Sleazy-Big-Haired-Trailer-Park-Girl v. the President: the Paula Jones Case and the Law of Sexual Harassment.” 2001. First author, co-authored with Judith Baer, Amy Jaspersen, Jacqueline DeLaat. *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law* 9(2):283-304.

“Issue Fluidity and Agenda Setting on the Warren Court.” 1999. *Political Research Quarterly* 52(1):39-64.

“Issue Definition and Policy Making on the United States Supreme Court.” 1999. *Southeastern Political Review* 27(4):699-723.

“Issues, Agendas, and Decision Making on the Supreme Court.” 1996. Co-authored with Kevin McGuire. *American Political Science Review* 90(4):853-865.

“Issue Fluidity on the U.S. Supreme Court.” 1995. Co-authored with Kevin McGuire. *American Political Science Review* 89(3):691-702.

“Feminist or Foe? Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Title VII, Sex-Discrimination, and Support for Women’s Rights.” 1991. *Women’s Rights Law Reporter* 13(2/3):159-170.

#### **Publications: Electronic**

“Gender, Party, and Political Change: The Evolution of a Democratic Advantage.” 2004. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. APSAnet eSymposium, “An Open Boundaries Workshop: Women in Politics in a Comparative Perspective.” *PS Online* 37(1). <http://www.apsanet.org/PS/jan04/esymposium/toc.cfm>

#### **Publications: Book Reviews and Other Publications**

Encyclopedia Entries on Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and Representative Jeannette Rankin. 2007. *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, edited by Bonnie Smith. Oxford University Press.

Review of *Oral Arguments and Decision Making on the United States Supreme Court*, by Timothy Johnson. 2005. *Justice System Journal* 26(2): 245-248.

On-line Article Abstract of “Gender, Party and Political Change: The Evolution of a Democratic Advantage.” 2004. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. *PS Online*, January, 2004.

Review of *Litigating Federalism: The States Before the U.S. Supreme Court*, by Eric Waltenburg and Bill Swinford. 1999. *Law and Politics Book Review* 9(5): 201-203.

#### **Works in Progress**

“The Rule of Four and Strategic Voting on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Article-length manuscript.

*Women, Third Parties, and Congressional Elections, 1916-2006*. Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Book-length manuscript.

*Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.* Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Routledge Press.

### **Awards**

*Alice Paul Award*, presented to an American University faculty member who personifies the spirit of Alice Paul in her teaching, research, and service, March 2005.

*Marian Irish Award for Best Paper on Women & Politics presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: "Filling the Pipeline: Women and the Political Hierarchy, 1956-1998."* Co-authored with Dennis Simon.

*H.O.P.E. Professor (Honored on Professor Excellence)*, sponsored by the SMU Residence Life, Student Housing and Dean of Student Life, Fall 1999

*Mortar Board Senior Honor Society Faculty Appreciation Award*, Fall 1998

### **Selected Conference Presentations** (A complete list is available upon request)

"Women as Third Party Candidates in the United States." Presented at the Japanese American Women's Symposium, Tokyo, Japan, June, 2009.

"Beyond Hillary: Female Congressional Candidates in 2008 and the Political Geography of Women's Success." Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January, 2009.

"Women, Third Parties, and Congressional Elections, 1916-2006." Presented at the Virginia Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Lexington, VA, April, 2008.

"Women and Elections to the U.S. House of Representatives: The Midterm Elections of 1994 and 2006." Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January, 2008.

"The Political Geography of Women-Friendly Congressional Districts." Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January, 2005.

"Justice Sandra Day O'Connor: The World's Most Powerful Jurist?" Co-authored with Diane Lowenthal. Presented at the Town Hall Meeting of *MARGINS Law Journal* of the University of Maryland School of Law, "The Sway of the Swing Vote: Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Her Influence on Issues of Race, Religion, Gender and Class," Baltimore, October, 2004.

"Women-Friendly Districts and Elections to the U.S. House of Representatives, 1956-2002." Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Presented at the Southwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, TX, March, 2004.

“Women in the Political Hierarchy: A Time Series Analysis.” Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January, 2004.

“The Replacements: Gender, Party and Policy Impact in the U.S. House of Representatives.” Co-authored with Dennis Simon. Presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, March, 2002.

“Conversational Dynamics During Oral Arguments Before the Supreme Court: Does Gender Play a Role?” Co-authored with Meri Barr and Elizabeth Kearns (undergraduates). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April, 2002.

“The European Court of Justice and the U.S. Supreme Court: Agenda Setting Mechanisms on Constitutional Courts.” Co-authored with Stacy Nyikos. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2001.

### **Conference Roundtables & Poster Sessions**

Coordinator and Moderator, Roundtable on “2006: Another Year of the Woman?” featuring Norma Jane Sabiston (former Chief of Staff to Senator Mary Landrieu) and State Senator Ann Duplessis. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2007.

Coordinator and Moderator, Roundtable on “Women, the U.S. Congress, and Elections,” featuring Silvia Delamar (congressional candidate) and Tiffany Brown (mayoral candidate). Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2006.

Poster Session, “Experiential Learning: Internships & Fellowships for Undergrads & Graduate Students in Women and Politics.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2002.

### **Teaching Experience/Courses Taught**

Introduction to American Government/Politics in the U.S. (various class sizes; as regular course, summer course, University College seminar, and adapted for international students)

Women & Politics (undergraduate and graduate levels)

Women & the 2008 Campaign (weekend course); Women & the 2006 Campaign (weekend course)

Women & the Law/Gender & the Law (undergraduate and graduate levels)

Civil Rights & Liberties (as honors section and regular section) (received Green Certification)

The American Constitution (a general education survey course) (received Green Certification)

Judicial Process/Law & the Political Process

Equal Protection

### **Academic Supervisor for Congressional Internships**

I served as the academic supervisor for students interning for Members of Congress for 3 – 6 credits.

The academic course I designed combined career development skills and a major capstone research project that required students to use participant observation, conduct interviews with staff members, and integrate assigned academic readings and theories to analyze their Member’s congressional behavior. In addition, working with the School of Public Affairs advisors, I standardized the internship contract, evaluations, and other forms to stream-line administration.

## **Courses Taught in the Washington Semester Program (2001 – 2006)**

American Politics

Public Law

Women and Public Policy/Gender and Politics

The Washington Semester Program provides college students from all over the country the opportunity to spend an intensive “semester abroad” in Washington, DC, taking seminars, interning, and conducting field research in an experiential learning environment. These courses consisted of 2 four-credit seminars, exploring the general theme of “how Washington works” in the particular subject area. In the first seminar, students developed a working knowledge of important concepts, theories, and authors, and participated in a variety of class activities, including campaign simulations, moot courts, a gender “media-watch” assignment, and designing and conducting a “Washington Semester Public Opinion Poll.” For the second seminar, I was responsible for creating a speaker series, coordinating 40-50 policy professionals per semester. Speakers included Members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, interest group leaders, political consultants, national party leaders, and journalists.

Internship Academic Advisor: Students did a 4-credit internship that had both a professional and academic component. I designed assignments that integrated their internships into our classroom seminars, applying theory to practice, and helped students with professional development skills, such as creating resumes, interviewing, and networking.

Undergraduate Research Project: Students engaged in original research on the topic of their choice to complete a 4-credit independent research project. The purpose of the project was for students to produce a manuscript that could be presented at a professional conference or used as a senior honors thesis. Approximately half of the students I supervised did quantitative work. Three of my students won the Washington Semester Best Paper Award.

## **Grants and Fellowships**

Spagna SPA Faculty Research Award, 2009.

Faculty Curriculum Development Grant, 2007.

Washington Semester Summer Research Grant, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Southern Methodist University Research and Travel Grant, 1998 and 2000.

John G. Tower Center Faculty Fellowship, Southern Methodist University, 1997 and 1999.

University of Minnesota Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1996-7.

Doctoral Dissertation Special Grant, University of Minnesota, 1995.

## **University and Professional Service**

Judge, First Annual School of Public Affairs Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 2009.

Member, Committee to Select the American University Alice Paul Awards, 2009, 2006.

Mentor, “Honors 101” at American University, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009.

Member, American University Living and Learning Subcommittee of the Undergraduate Experience Council, Fall 2007 to present.

Member, American University School of Public Affairs Education Policy Committee, Fall 2007 to present.

Founding Member, Japan American Women's Symposium, 2000 to present.  
Member, American University School of Public Affairs Constitution Committee,  
Fall 2007 to Spring 2008.  
Member, American University Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Development,  
Fall 2004 to Spring 2006.  
Washington Semester Faculty Senate Liaison, Fall 2003 to Fall 2005.  
Washington Semester Dunblane Hall Classroom and Facilities Management Coordinator, Fall 2004.  
Chair, Committee to Select the 2002 Marian D. Irish Award for the Best Paper on Women &  
Politics presented at the Southern Political Science Association 2002 Annual Meeting.  
Treasurer, Midwest Political Science Association Women's Caucus, 1999 to 2002.  
Member, Southern Political Science Association Commission on the Status of Women, 1998 to 2006.  
Member, Women's Studies Council, Southern Methodist University, 1997 to 2001;  
Chair, Subcommittee on Curriculum Development, 1998 to 2001.  
Newsletter Editor, Southern Political Science Association Women's Caucus, 1997 to 1999.

Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Women & Politics*, *Politics & Gender*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Politics & Policy*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *National Science Foundation Law and Social Science Division*

**Doctoral Thesis:** "Issue Fluidity and Agenda Setting on the United States Supreme Court."  
Co-advisors: Kevin McGuire and Virginia Gray

### **Community Service**

Board Member, Running Start, 2007 to present.  
Political Director & Treasurer, Women Under Forty Political Action Committee (WUFPAC),  
2001 to 2007, Board Member 2009 to present.  
Member, By-Laws Revision Committee, 3900 Tunlaw Cooperative, 2008 to present.  
Member, Minnesota State Society, 2006 to present.  
Researcher, Capitol Hill Bureau for Public Radio International, Summer 2003.  
Free-lance photographer, 2003 to present.

### **Selected Media Interviews** (A complete list is available upon request)

*Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *CQ Weekly*, *Minnesota Public Radio*, *Women's eNews*,  
*Glamour Magazine*, *San Francisco Examiner*, *Las Vegas Sun*, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Voice of America*,  
*Sky News (Great Britain)*, *Die Zeit (Germany)*, *Swedish Broadcasting Corporation*, *Toronto Star*,  
*Agence France-Presse*, *Nara News (Japan)*, *Politics Magazine* (formerly *Campaigns and Elections Magazine*).

### **Selected Invited Talks** (A complete list is available upon request)

"From Early Pioneers to Hillary Clinton: Women Overcoming Obstacles & Winning Elections in the United States," *Cracking the Glass Ceiling: The Evolving Role of Women in Politics*, U.S. Embassy & Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, September 4, 2009.

“Famous Firsts: A History of Amazing Women Running for Office... and How You Can Be One Too,” Running Start’s Young Women’s Leadership Retreat (50 high school girls), Washington, DC, July 18, 2009.

“Beyond Hillary Clinton & Sarah Palin.” The Honors College, University of Texas-San Antonio, San Antonio, TX, November 18, 2008.

“Elections, Voting, and the Role of Women in the United States,” St. Helen’s School, Middlesex, United Kingdom, at the British Embassy, Washington, DC, October 21, 2008.

“Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Will We Ever Reach Gender Parity in Congress?” Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance of the National Academy of Public Administrators, Washington, DC, October 10, 2008.

“How a Bill Becomes a Law,” *LEAD America* (60 high school students), Washington, DC, June 30, 2008.

“The ‘Gender Gap’ in Self-Confidence: Why Women Don’t Run for Office,” Video Conference for the U.S. Department of State (20 Israeli and Palestinian women civic leaders), American Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel, April 27, 2008.

“Working with Undergraduates on Research,” American University Prospective Freshmen Day, April 11, 2008.

“Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Incumbency, Redistricting, & the Success of Women Candidates.” *Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture*, 8th Annual Women & Law Conference, Thomas Jefferson School of Law & the Women & Law Project, San Diego, February 29, 2008.

“Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections.” The Riley Institute Women and Politics Series, Furman University, Greenville, SC, October 23, 2006.

“Where Women Run and Redistricting.” *The Recruitment of Female Candidates: A Research Project Meeting*, Center for American Women & Politics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, June 21-23, 2006.

“Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections,” with State Representative Mindy Greiling and Ramsey County Commissioner Jan Parker, Roseville Library, Roseville, MN, June 6, 2006.

“Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections.” Politics & Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC, April 8, 2006.

“Women and Congressional Elections: the Outlook for 2004,” National Association of Women Business Owners – Baltimore Chapter, Baltimore, MD, September 21, 2004.