

# **Elizabeth A. Sherman, Ph.D.**

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**American University** **2009-Present**  
*Assistant Professor of American Politics*

- Teach graduate courses in Women in Politics and Public Policy, The Legislative Process, Voting Behavior, Campaigns and Elections
- Teach undergraduate course in The Presidency, Introduction to U.S. Politics and Political Power and American Public Policy, Introduction to Women in Politics

**The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars** **2009-2010**  
*Instructor*

- Teach undergraduate course on Women, Politics and Public Policy
- Direct student Case Study Research projects on public policy legislation

**The George Washington University** **2005-Present**  
**Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration**  
*Adjunct Professor*

- Teach graduate-level courses in Politics and Public Policy
- Direct Capstone Projects (team projects for hands-on professional training)
- Advise students on research projects, courses, and career development

**Presidential Classroom** **2005-2008**  
*Executive Director*

- Led transformational development of Presidential Classroom to a new level of academic and professional excellence as the foremost experiential learning program in Washington, D.C. for outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the country and around the world interested in government, politics, public leadership and international affairs.
- Worked closely with Board of Directors to organize and implement strategic plan engaging the participation of board members, staff, and faculty resulting in

mission clarification, visionary goals, measurable and achievable objectives with specific action plans based on resource allocations and realistic timelines.

- Responsible for management of \$5.5 million budget, permanent staff of 10 employees in four departments, as well as 75-80 volunteer faculty instructors and 30 college interns each year.
- Instituted evaluation and assessment systems to capture and measure program outcomes and chart progress; designed to adjust and reorient programs and faculty training.
- Managed programs resulting in steady improvements in student evaluations to a level of 98% excellent or very good in every phase of Presidential Classroom including high levels on faculty performance and student and parent satisfaction.
- Developed a Fundraising Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan, a fundraising team of volunteers, alumni and staff, expanded and activated the Advisory Board, and raised scholarship donations from \$45,000 to \$1.3 million per year supported by foundations, corporate partners and individual donations.
- Established partnerships for marketing and program development with University of Virginia, Colonial Williamsburg, the Center for Civic Education, the Partnership for Public Service, The Constitution Center, Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools and the National Council of Social Studies.

**Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy**  
**University of Massachusetts Boston**  
***Founding Director***

**1992-2002**

- Founded and directed Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy comprising a graduate program, research center and conference series focused on women's political leadership and the development of policy research and public debate on issues of concern to women in Massachusetts.
- Planned, led and achieved major fundraising goals achieving over \$1.5 million in research grants and scholarship funds including two endowed funds for student financial support.
- Developed and managed curriculum, faculty, courses and guest lecture series for women in politics graduate program. (Courses included American Politics, Contemporary Issues, Women in Politics, and Case Study Research Methods.)
- Directed and managed internship placements in the public and non-profit sector for 25-30 graduate students annually.

- Organized and sponsored research series, “Women’s Issues Policy Briefs” for legislators, executive branch officials, scholars, jurists, the press and general public on women’s issues including domestic violence, welfare reform, job training and family leave.
- Directed annual conferences in conjunction with alumni organization (the Network for Women in Politics and Government); planned and organized events including a “Woman of the Year” dinner/ fundraiser, conferences on women in politics at the Kennedy Library, and panel discussions with elected and appointed officials.
- Represented the center as media spokesperson and political commentator on television and radio; wrote occasional op-ed pieces and book reviews for *The Boston Globe* on women’s issues, political involvement and leadership.

**Center for Public Leadership**  
**John F. Kennedy School of Government**  
**Harvard University**  
*Research Fellow*

**2002-2004**

- Developed research projects and completed two articles for publication in policy journals on the topics of family leave and comparable worth policies.
- Taught graduate seminars and organized guest speakers series for courses on Women in Public Leadership and The Changing Role of the First Lady.

**Boston College**  
**Program for Women in Politics and Government**  
*Associate Director*

**1983-2002**

- Taught graduate courses in women in politics and contemporary issues certificate program through the Department of Political Science and Boston College Law School.
- Directed and evaluated outcomes of internship program and research projects for 25-30 students each semester.
- Organized and directed special program events including three conferences on Women in Politics at the John F. Kennedy Library and the Boston College Centennial Celebration of Eleanor Roosevelt.

## **EDUCATION**

**BOSTON COLLEGE, Chestnut Hill, MA (1992)**  
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Sociology

**TUFTS UNIVERSITY, Medford, MA (1982)**  
Masters (M.A.) in Urban and Environmental Policy

**EMMANUEL COLLEGE, Boston, MA (1978)**  
Bachelor of Arts: Political Science

### **AWARDS**

- *Associated Press Public Service Award* as host of *Commonwealth Journal* a weekly interview program on NPR affiliate featuring informed discussions with political, economic, cultural and academic leaders, 2002.
- *President's Award* from Massachusetts Association of Public Administration and Abigail Adams Award for Women's Leadership, 1995
- *Presidential Honors*, highest academic achievement awarded at graduation from Emmanuel College, 1978.

References and list of publications available upon request.