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## Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Political Science, Dickinson College, 2020 - Present

- Department Chair, July 2020 - June 2023
- Faculty Director of Assessment, January 2024 - Present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dickinson College, 2013 - 2020

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University, 2012-2013

## Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2012

- Fields: American Politics and Political Methodology

M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2008

M.A. in Political Science, Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA), 2005

B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy, Muhlenberg College (Allentown, PA), 2004

- *summa cum laude* with honors in Political Science

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

2023. “Do Early Voters Try to Mobilize Others?” *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy* 22(3): 229-246. (with Jacob Neiheisel)

2023. “Do House Prices Affect Campaign Contributions?” *Economics & Politics* 35(2): 629-660. (with Rebecca Lessem and Carly Urban)

2022. “Campaigns in the Tenth Congressional District: Competitiveness, Professionalism, and Asymmetric Nationalization” in *Are All Politics Nationalized? Evidence from the 2020 Campaigns in Pennsylvania*, edited by Stephen K. Medvic, Matthew M. Schousen, and Berwood A. Yost. Temple University Press. (with Sophie Ackert)

2021. “What Do Pennsylvania Voters Think about Women’s Representation? What We Learned from 2016 and 2018 Exit Polls.” *Commonwealth: A Journal of Pennsylvania Politics and Policy* 21(1): 7-29. (with Lanethea Mathews-Schultz)

2020. “Vote-by-Mail: COVID-19 and the 2020 Presidential Primaries.” *Society* 57: 547-553.

2020. “Gubernatorial Elections and Coattail Effects of Women Candidates.” *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 41(3): 334-350. (with Kathleen Marchetti and Thomas Kozdron)

2018. “By Ground or By Air? Voter Mobilization During the United States’ 2008 Presidential Campaign.” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 28(1): 78-104. (with Jacob Neiheisel and Matthew Holleque)

2017. "Does Negative Advertising Affect Giving Behavior? Evidence from Campaign Contributions." *Journal of Public Economics* 146: 15-26. (with Carly Urban)
2015. "On the Limits of Persuasion: Campaign Ads and the Structure of Voters' Interpersonal Discussion Networks." *Political Communication* 32(3): 434-452. (with Jacob Neiheisel)
- Research featured in virtual special issue with free access provided from August-December 2016. Special issue "includes some of the past decade's best scholarship on the topic, yielding timely insights into the 2016 elections"
2014. "Dollars on the Sidewalk: Should U.S. Presidential Candidates Advertise in Uncontested States?" *American Journal of Political Science* 58(2): 322-336. (with Carly Urban)
- Research featured on NPR's *Morning Edition*. October 28, 2016. "The Social Science Research Behind Political Campaign Ads." Available at: <http://www.npr.org/2016/10/28/499710829/the-social-science-research-behind-campaign-ads>.
2013. "The Use of Party Brand Labels in Congressional Election Campaigns, 1998-2008." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 38(3): 377-403. (with Jacob Neiheisel)
2010. "Narrow Victories and Hard Games: Revisiting the Primary Divisiveness Hypotheses." *American Politics Research* 38(6): 1052-1071. (with Amber Wichowsky)
2008. "Religious Affiliation, Health Behaviors and Outcomes: Nashville REACH 2010." *American Journal of Health Behavior* 32(6): 714-724 (with David Schlundt, Monica Franklin, Kushal Patel, Linda McClellan, Celia Larson, and Margaret Hargreaves)
2007. "A Conceptual Model for Using Action Inquiry Technologies to Address Disparities in Depression." *Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions* 27(S1): 55-64 (with Donald Moore, David Schlundt, and James Pichert)
2007. "Disparities in Smoking: Data from the Nashville REACH 2010 Project." *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management* 30(2): 150-158. (with David Schlundt, Anne Brown, James Pichert, Linda McClellan, Deborah Carpenter, Deborah Blockmon, and Margaret Hargreaves)

## Other Publications

2023. "Spring 2023 Pennsylvania Primary Mail-In Ballot Analysis" Available at: [https://sarahniebler.files.wordpress.com/2023/10/s23primaryanalysis\\_final.pdf](https://sarahniebler.files.wordpress.com/2023/10/s23primaryanalysis_final.pdf)
2022. "Review of Gender Differences in Public Opinion: Values and Political Consequences" *Political Science Quarterly* 137(3): 615-617.
2022. "Review of Minority Party Misery: Political Powerlessness and Electoral Disengagement" *Party Politics* 28(4): 790-792.
2020. "Slow Election Results Don't Mean Fraudulent Results. Here's Why." *Pennsylvania Capital-Star* Available at: <https://www.penncapital-star.com/commentary/slow-election-results-dont-mean-fraudulent-results-heres-why-opinion/>.
2019. "Review of Identity Crisis: The 2016 Presidential Campaign and the Battle for the Meaning of America" *Public Opinion Quarterly* 83(3): 646-679.
2013. "Review of The Candidate and The Timeline of Presidential Elections" *The Forum* 11(1): 69-76.

2004. "Gauging the Pulse of 'Swingtown'." *CBS News Online*. Available at:  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/gauging-the-pulse-of-swingtown/>.

### **Courses Taught at Dickinson College**

POSC 120: American Government (S24; F19; F18; S17; F15; F14; F13)  
POSC 239: Research Methods (F22; F21; F20; F19; F16; F15; F14; F13)  
POSC 242: Political Behavior (S23; F21; S19; S16; S14)  
POSC 243: Mass Media and American Politics (S22; S20; S16; S14)  
POSC 244: Public Opinion and Survey Research (S23; S21; F18; S17; S15)  
POSC 245: Political Parties and Interest Groups (S15)  
POSC 290: Politics of U.S. Presidential Primaries (S24)  
POSC 290: Polarization in American Politics (S19)  
POSC 390: Senior Seminar, Campaigns and Elections (F22; F20; F18; F16; F14)  
POSC 490: Senior Thesis (S24; S22; S21; S20)  
FYS: Ouija Boards to Big Data: Possibility, Probability, and Prediction (F19; F15)

### **Awards and Honors**

Dickinson College Student Senate Faculty Member of the Year (AY 2015-2016)  
Hovland Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, for "Dollars on the Sidewalk: Should U.S. Presidential Candidates Advertise in Uncontested States?" (with Carly Urban) (2011)  
Departmental Nominee, L&S Innovation in Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2011)  
Teaching Assistant Mentor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2011-2012)  
Communication-B Teaching Assistant Fellow, Writing Across the Curriculum, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Spring 2011)  
John Brown and Frances J.B. Mason Scholarship Fund Summer Fellowship (2008):  
Financial support for students studying American government  
Allentown Human Relations Commission Award (2005): Awarded to groups who bridge the gaps between people of different cultures, languages, races, ages, and backgrounds  
Phi Beta Kappa (2004)  
Verizon Academic All-District College Division At-Large First Team (2004)  
Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll (2002-2004)

### **Selected Conference Presentations**

"PA Voters' Ideas about Women in Politics: Presidential Vote, Gender & Party" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association (West Chester, PA: April 2018) (with Lanethea Mathews-Schultz)

“Local Economic Conditions, Voter Turnout, and Vote Choice: How and When Do House Prices Matter?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA: November 2017) (with Carly Urban)

“Coattail Effects of Women Candidates” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, CA: September 2017) (with Kathleen Marchetti and Thomas Kozdron (student co-author))

“Predicting Primary Divisiveness: Institutional and Behavioral Correlates” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, CA: September 2017) (with Jacob Neiheisel)

“Job Approval and Economic Evaluations: Survey Experiment Data from Wisconsin” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research (Austin, TX: May 2016)

“Affect, Accessibility, and the Pathways to Independence: An Experimental Investigation of Why Some People Self-Identify as Political Independents” Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Political Psychology Pre-Conference (San Francisco, CA: September 2015) (with Jacob Neiheisel)

“Ideology of the Left: Liberal versus Progressive and Americans’ Self-Identification” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL: April 2014)

“American Flag, Republican Flag?: Symbolic Politics and the Partisan Effects of Flag Display in Candidates’ Televised Campaign Advertising” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL: April 2014) (with Jacob Neiheisel)

“Who Comes Back to the Base? The Effect of Divisive Primaries on Campaign Contributions” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC: August 2014) (with Carly Urban)

“On the Limits of Persuasion: Campaign Ads and the Structure of Voters’ Interpersonal Discussion Networks” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL: April 2013) (with Jacob Neiheisel)

“Partisan Cheerleading and Evaluations of the Economy: Wisconsin 2012” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL: April 2013)

“Dollars on the Sidewalk: Should U.S. Presidential Candidates Advertise in Uncontested States?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL: April 2011) (with Carly Urban)

“Act 72: The Big Gamble on Education Funding in Pennsylvania,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Education Finance Association (Denver, CO: March 2006) (with Michele Moser Deegan)

“BethWorks New Development Proposal: A Sociological Perspective,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Sociology and Sociological Practice Association (Philadelphia, PA: August 2005) (with class taught by Judith Lasker)

“Faith in Democracy: Organizational Structures and the Building and Maintenance of Social Capital,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Political Science Conference (Scranton, PA: April 2004)

“Saving for a Rainy Day: An Analysis of State Fiscal Management Policies in a Pre-Recession Period,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Political Science Conference (Villanova, PA: April 2003) (with Christopher Borick)

## **Professional Activities and Dickinson College Service**

### Journal Manuscript Reviews

- *American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, Applied Economics, Electoral Studies, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Political Research Quarterly, SN Social Sciences, Social Science Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Political Science*

President, Pennsylvania Political Science Association (F22-S23)

Treasurer, Pennsylvania Political Science Association (S23-Present)

Member, Executive Council of Pennsylvania Political Science Association (F18-S22)

### Section Chair

- Undergraduate Research: Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference
  - \* Shippensburg University (April 2021: Conference Held Virtually due to COVID-19)
  - \* Harrisburg, PA (April 2020: Conference Canceled due to COVID-19)
- State and Local Politics: Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference
  - \* Muhlenberg College (April 2019)
  - \* West Chester University (April 2018)
  - \* Robert Morris University (April 2017)
  - \* Shippensburg University (April 2016)

Faculty Member, Dickinson College Strategic Planning Committee (F21-S23)

Faculty Member, Dickinson Votes Committee (F18-Present)

Chair, Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Committee (F18-Present)

Faculty Member, Advising Reimagined (S22-Present)

Faculty Liaison to Women's Lacrosse Team (F18-Present)

Steering Committee Member, Draw the Lines PA (F17-S21)

Faculty Member, Interfaith Strategic Planning Committee (F18-S21)

Faculty Member, President's Commission on Inclusivity (F18-S21)

Qualified Administrator, Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) (F17-S20)

Junior Faculty Member, Presidential Search Committee (F16-S17)

Inaugural Co-Director, Quantitative Reasoning Center (F15-S17, F19)

Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (F14-S17)

Adviser, College Democrats (F15-S17)

Member, Information Technology and Services Committee (F14-S15)

Since fall 2014, I have been quoted in over 100 television news clips, newspaper articles, or radio stories. A list of these can be found on my website: [www.sarahniebler.com/media](http://www.sarahniebler.com/media)

## **Selected Workshops Attended**

Bootcamp for Future Faculty Leaders (Virtual, Hosted by The Chronicle of Higher Education: September 2023)

Faculty Learning Community: Dialoguing Across Difference (Carlisle, PA: September 2022-January 2023)

Faculty Learning Community in Writing: Writing About Numbers (Carlisle, PA: September 2018-May 2019)

Qualified Administrator Training, Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) (Carlisle, PA: January 2018)

Mutual Mentoring: Moving Beyond One-Size-Fits-All Mentoring, Central Pennsylvania Consortium (Carlisle, PA: January 2016)

How Learning Works, Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA: May, August 2015)

The Willoughby Institute for Teaching with Technology, Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA: August 2014)

First-Year Academic Excellence and Engagement Beyond the First-Year Seminar, Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA: May 2014)

Teaching the WR Class, Dickinson College Writing Center (Carlisle, PA: January 2014)

Teaching for Student Learning, Central Pennsylvania Consortium (Lancaster, PA: January 2014)

Teaching Texts: The Hard Stuff of Reading, Vanderbilt University Center for Ethics (Nashville, TN: May 2008)

National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education (Middlebury, VT: June 2005)

National Education for Women's (NEW) Leadership (Pittsburgh, PA: July 2003)

PICO National Leadership Training (Los Altos, CA: August 2003)

## **Relevant Non-Academic Employment**

Vanderbilt University Diabetes Research and Training Center, Research Analyst (Nashville, TN: January 2006 - July 2007)

Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion, (Allentown, PA: August 2001 - August 2005)

- Student Phone Caller, August 2001 - May 2002
- Student Supervisor, June 2002 - May 2004
- Assistant Director, June 2004 - August 2005

Congregations United for Neighborhood Action, Organizer (Allentown, PA: June 2003 - August 2005)

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