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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, 2016

*University of Houston*

Dissertation Title: *From Invisible to Visible: How American Women Transformed Representation and Equity in the American States*

Committee Chair: Ling Zhu

M.A in Political Science, University of Houston, December 2013

B.A. in Political Science and French, University of Texas at Austin, 2004

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2016-present

University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

## TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender Politics and Policy

Identity Politics

American Government

Health Care Politics and Policy

Social Policies

Legislative Process

State and Local Politics

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **At University of Montevallo (2016-present)**

- Introduction to Public Policy
- Women in Politics
- Introduction to American National Government
- Environmental Policy
- State and Local Politics
- Identity Politics

### **At University of Houston (2013-2016)**

- The US Government: Congress, Presidency and the Courts.
- The US and Texas Constitutional Politics

- The Politics of Social Policy
- Introduction to Public Policy
- Race, Gender and Ethnic Politics

## UNDER REVIEW

"The (Dis)Enfranchisement of Poor, Minority Voters: The Case of Early Voting Site Selection in Texas" with Markie McBrayer and R. Lucas Williams, under review at the Journal of Politics

## WORKING PAPERS

"Female Constituents and Judicial Nominees: An Examination of Gender Representation in Judicial Confirmation Voting" with Robert Ross

"Assessing the Intersectionality of Race, Ethnicity and Gender on Bill Sponsorship and Co-Sponsorship in the House and Senate" with Jason Casellas

"Gender Representation, Institutional Constraints, and Welfare Provision toward Women." with Ling Zhu

"Measuring The Impact of Female Government Officials on State Level Reproductive Health Policy"

"Right to Choose? Top-Down Women's Health Policy Diffusion and Partisan Politics ." with Matthew Ward

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Female Constituents and Judicial Nominees: An Examination of Gender Representation in Judicial Confirmation Voting". Presented at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. With Robert Ross

"The (Dis)Enfranchisement of Poor, Minority Voters: The Case of Early Voting Site Selection in Texas." Presented at the 87th Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (San Juan, Puerto Rico), 2016. With Markie McBrayer and R. Lucas Williams

"Right to Choose? Top-Down Women's Health Policy Diffusion and Partisan Politics ." Presented at the 87th Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (San Juan, Puerto Rico), 2016. With Matthew Ward

"When Government Officials Interact: An Analysis of Gender Representation in Multiple Branches of Government." Presented at the Western Political Science Association 2015 Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, April 2-4, 2015.

"How Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Effect Bill Sponsorships in Congress." Presented at the Western Political Science Association 2015 Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, April 2-4, 2015. With Jason Casellas

"Gender Representation, Institutional Constraints, and Welfare Provision toward Women." Presented at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association(Washington, DC). 2014.

"Measuring the Impact of Female Government Officials on State Level Reproductive Health Policy." Presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), 2013.

"The Changing Politics of Active Gender Representation in Fifty American States." Presented at the 85th Annual Southern Political Science Conference (New Orleans, LA), 2014

"The Changing Politics of Active Gender Representation in Fifty American States." Presented at the 2nd Annual Gender and Politics Conference (St. Louis, MO), 2013

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2017

APSA Travel Grant, 2014

Prestage-Cook Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association, 2014

Research/Teaching Assistantships, University of Houston, 2011-2014

Teaching Assistantship, Summer 2011

University of Houston Center for Asian American Studies Grant, Summer 2012

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Midwest Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association