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Academic Appointments

Bucknell University

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (August 2018 – Current)

Dickinson College, Department of Political Science

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (August 2017 – July 2018)

Penn State University

Lecturer in Political Science (June 2017 – August 2017)

Education

Penn State University, PhD, Political Science, 2017

Thesis: “Institutional Political Actors’ Relative Influence Across the U.S. Federal Bureaucracy.”

Committee: David Lowery (chair), Suzanna Linn, Michael Berkman, and John Gastil

M.A. Political Science, 2014

M.B.A. 2009, concentration in corporate finance

Carleton College

B.A. English Literature, *cum laude*, 1999

Publications

Schiff, Eleanor. 2020. *Bureaucracy’s Masters and Minions: The Politics of Controlling the U.S. Bureaucracy*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Schiff, Eleanor. Kim Seufer, Anne Whitesell and David Lowery. 2015. “Empirical test of Principal-Agent Theory: Lobbyists and Clients.” *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 4(3), 225–248.

Whitesell, A., Schiff, E., & Lowery, D. 2018. Agency issues with small lobby firms: A test of competing hypotheses. *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 7(1), 82-103.

Schiff, Eleanor and Anne Whitesell. 2019. “Women Who’ve Been Pregnant Are More Likely to Support Abortion Rights – if You Remind Them of their Pregnancies.” *The Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage. June 3, 2019.

Working Papers

Schiff, Eleanor. 2016. "Using an Agent-Principal Model to Test Who Controls the U.S. Bureaucracy." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Schiff, Eleanor. 2016. "Principals' Tension: Understanding the Dynamics of K-12 Education Policy Changes." Presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

Schiff, Eleanor. 2014. "Strategic Allies and Adversaries: Organized Interests' Engagement with Bureaucratic Policy-Making."

Schiff, Eleanor and Anne E. Whitesell. 2019. "The Effects of Pregnancy on Abortion Attitudes". Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Schiff, Eleanor and Dan Mallinson. 2021. "Trumping the Centers for Disease Control: A Case Study of the CDC's Response to COVID-19 and Ebola."

Research Interests

American Political Institutions, Administrative Politics, Public Administration, Interest Groups, Public Policy

Teaching Interests

Public administration, public opinion, campaigns and elections, introduction to American Politics, Congress, Presidency

Teaching Experience

Bucknell University

Visiting Assistant Professor, POLS 140, American Politics, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

POLS 243 The American Presidency, Fall 2019, 2020

POLS 290 Executive Branch Decision Making, Spring 2020, 2021

Dickinson College

Visiting Assistant Professor, POSC 120, American Government, Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Visiting Assistant Professor, POSC 246, The Legislative Process, Fall 2017

Visiting Assistant Professor, POSC 231, Public Administration, Spring 2018

Penn State

Lecturer, PLSC 130, Campaigns and Elections, Summer 2017

Lecturer, PLSC 495, Political Science Internship, Summer 2017

Instructor, PLSC 480 W, Congress and the Presidency, Fall 2016

Co-Instructor, PLSC 444, Government and the Economy, Spring 2014

TA, PLSC 10: The Scientific Study of Politics, Spring 2016

TA, PLSC 427: Political Opinion, Fall 2015

TA, PLSC 506: Introduction to Game Theory, Fall 2014

TA, PLSC 001: Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2013

Instructor, University School of Nashville, High School English Teacher, Fall 1999

Awards

Research and Graduate Studies Office, Dissertation Support Award, (\$8230), Spring 2017

Political Science Graduate Research Fellowship, (\$8230), Spring 2015.

Summer Graduate Research Award, Department of Political Science (\$3000), Summer 2015

Travel Grant to MPSA, (\$700), Spring 2016 "Using an Agent-Principal Theory to Test Who Controls the U.S. Bureaucracy

Travel Grant to APSA (\$500), Fall 2016 "Principals' Tension: Understanding the Dynamics of K-12 Education Policy Changes."

Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association (2020): "Strategic Allies and Adversaries: Organized Interests' Engagement with Bureaucratic Policy-Making"

Midwest Political Science Association (2020). "The Effects of Pregnancy on Abortion Attitudes".

Midwest Political Science Association (2016): "Using an Agent-Principal Theory to Test Who Controls the U.S. Bureaucracy."

American Political Science Association (2016): "Principals' Tension: Understanding the Dynamics of K-12 Education Policy Changes."

Center for American Political Responsiveness (Penn State), (2014-2016): "Empirical test of Principal-Agent Theory: Lobbyists and Clients."

Professional Memberships

Midwestern Political Science Association (2015-present)

American Political Science Association (2009-present)

Professional Service

Reviewer for Oxford University Press
Reviewer for Political Research Quarterly

Professional Experience (1999-2012)

HCM: educational consultant on the Common Core State Standards (2011-2012)

Penn State University: speechwriter, federal policy analyst, Assistant Director, Federal Strategic Initiatives (2009-2011)

U.S. Department of Education: Deputy Director, Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education (2005-2007)

The White House, Special Assistant to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy (with top secret clearance) (2001-2005)

U.S. Senate, office of Senator Bill Frist, M.D. (various positions) (1999-2001)