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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Current Positions:

Barnard College, Columbia University.

Assistant Professor, Political Science. 2014-Present.

Brennan Center for Justice, New York University School of Law.

Fellow. June 2017-Present.

Previous Positions:

University of Illinois, Springfield.

Assistant Professor, Political Science. 2010-2014.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Cornell University. Government. 2010.

M.A. Minnesota State University, Mankato. Political Science. 2005.

B.A. Concordia College (Minnesota). Political Science & Business. 2001.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Miller, Michael G. 2014. *Subsidizing Democracy: How Public Funding Changes Elections, and How It Can Work in the Future*. Cornell University Press.

Dowling, Conor, and Michael G. Miller. 2014. *Super PAC! Money, Elections, and Voters After Citizens United*. Routledge. (Released in Paperback in 2015).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Kulesza, Christopher, Michael G. Miller, and Christopher Witko. 2017. "State Responses to U.S. Supreme Court Campaign Finance Decisions." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. Available online, forthcoming in print.

Miller, Michael G. 2016. "The Power of an Hour: Candidate Effort in State Legislative Elections." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 41(2): 327-359.

Doherty, David, Conor Dowling, and Michael G. Miller. 2016. "When Is Changing Policy Positions Costly for Politicians? Experimental Evidence." *Political Behavior* 38(2): 455-484.

Dowling, Conor, and Michael G. Miller. 2016. "Experimental Evidence on the Relationship Between Interest Group Funding and Candidate Vote Share." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 3(2): 152-163.

Miller, Michael G., Michelle Tuma, and Logan Woods. 2015. "Revisiting Roll-Off in Aligned Optical Scan Precincts: Evidence From Illinois General Elections." *Election Law Journal* 14(4): 382-391.

Miller, Michael G. 2015. "Going All-In: Gender and Campaign Commitment." *Research and Politics* 2(3).

PUBLICATIONS, CONTINUED

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Dowling, Conor, and Michael G. Miller. 2015. "Can Information Alter Perceptions About Women's Chances of Winning Office? Evidence from a Panel Study." *Politics and Gender* 11(1): 55-88.

Masket, Seth, and Michael G. Miller. 2015. "Does Public Election Funding Create More Extreme Legislators? Evidence from Arizona and Maine." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 15(1): 24-40.

Doherty, David, Conor Dowling, and Michael G. Miller. 2014. "Does Time Heal All Wounds? Sex Scandals, Tax Evasion, and the Passage of Time." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 47(2): 357-366.

Miller, Michael G. 2013. "Do Audible Alerts Reduce Undervotes? Evidence From Illinois." *Election Law Journal* 12(2): 162-178.

Doherty, David, Conor Dowling, and Michael G. Miller. 2011. "Are Financial or Moral Scandals Worse? It Depends." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44(4): 749-757.

Miller, Michael G. 2011. "After the GAO Report: What Do We Know About Public Election Funding?" *Election Law Journal* 10(3): 273-290.

Miller, Michael G. 2008. "Gaming Arizona: Public Money and Shifting Candidate Strategies." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 41(3): 527-32.

Book Chapters:

Miller, Michael G. 2011. "Public Money, Candidate Time, and Electoral Outcomes in State Legislative Elections." In *Public Financing in American Elections*. Costas Panagopoulos (ed.) Temple University Press.

Miller, Michael G., and Costas Panagopoulos. 2011. "Public Financing, Attitudes Toward Government and Politics, and Efficacy." In *Public Financing in American Elections*. Costas Panagopoulos (ed.) Temple University Press.

Other Writings:

Guest Columns and Op-Eds:

Miller, Michael G. 2014 (September 25). "Fight Fair on Clean Elections." *Arizona Republic*.

"Monkey Cage" Blog Posts:

Doherty, David, Conor Dowling, and Michael G. Miller. 2015 (October 15). "Will Hillary Clinton's Flip-Flops Hurt Her? Maybe Not."

Masket, Seth, and Michael G. Miller. 2015 (January 22). "Is Public Funding Really Electing Extremists?"

Miller, Michael G. 2013 (May 19). "Reform After the IRS Scandal? Don't Bet on It."

Miller, Michael G. 2011 (March 23). "Clean Elections vs. Political Speech."

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Under Review:

“How Long Do Effects of Factual Information Endure? The Short and Long Run Impact on Knowledge and Opinion.” With Dowling and Michael Henderson.

“The Effects of Candidate Race and Gender on Party Chairs’ Assessments of Electoral Viability.” With Doherty and Dowling. *Winner of Best Paper Award, APSA Experiments Section, 2017.*

“Local Party Organization Engagement and Election Outcomes.” With Doherty and Dowling.

“Voter Abstention When Women Run For Congress.”

Working Projects:

“Does Polarization Have Local Roots? Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment on Party Chairs and Primary Voters.” With Doherty and Dowling.

“Stare Decisis and the Electoral Connection: Are Appointed Judges More Deferential to Precedent?” With Tuma.

“Who Does Voter ID Prohibit from Voting? Evidence from Texas.”

“Salience, Campaign Contributions, and Votes in Congressional Scandals.” With Brian Hamel.

“Determinants of Fundraising in Congressional Primary Elections.”

“The People’s Court? Incorrect Voting in Judicial Elections.” With Dowling.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS

External:

MIT Election Data and Science Lab New Initiatives Grant. June 2017-June 2018. \$10,235. With Bernard Fraga.

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant. SES-0819060. July 2008-July 2009. \$10,864.

Internal:

Barnard Committee on Online and On-Campus Learning (COOL) Digital Pedagogy Grant. \$4,537.

UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership Public Affairs Research Grant. December 2010. \$13,945.

Cornell University American Studies Research Grant. May 2008. \$950.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Summer Conference on Election Science, Reform, and Administration. 2017.

NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference. 2017.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2005-2017.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2009-2010, 2012, 2015-2016.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2007, 2012, 2015-2016.

Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2006-2007, 2015.

Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society. 2013.

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (poster). 2009.

Great Plains Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2007.

INVITED TALKS

“Can Candidate Recruiting Affect Polarization?” Columbia University. October 18, 2016.

“The State of the Race: Political Science in the 2016 Election.” Bard College. October 13, 2016.

“Buying In: Gender and Fundraising in Congressional Primaries.” Scholars Strategy Network/Ford Foundation. June 17, 2016.

“Can Information Endure? Knowledge, Perception, and Opinion in High- and Low-Salience Policy Domains.” Cornell University. October 16, 2015.

“Subsidizing Democracy: Can Public Funding Change Politics?” Brennan Center, NYU Law School. June 18, 2015.

“Congressional Scandal, Donors, and the Flow of Political Money.” Boston College. March 18, 2015.

“Super PACs in the States. What to Expect in Illinois.” Illinois Campaign for Political Reform. Chicago, IL. April 25, 2014.

“Subsidizing Democracy: Can Public Funding Change Politics?” New America Foundation. Washington D.C. January 13, 2014. Broadcast Live on CSPAN-2.

“Political Behavior in Publicly Funded Elections.” University of Texas, Arlington. November 7, 2013.

“Public Election Funding After *McComish*.” Paul Simon Public Policy Institute Conference on Ethics and Politics in Illinois: Chicago, IL. September 28, 2012.

“The Effects of Political Scandals on Evaluations of Representatives: Experimental Evidence.” Cornell University. April 30, 2010.

“Public Money, Candidate Time, and Election Outcomes in State Legislative Races.” New York Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research. Fordham University. June 9, 2008.

MEDIA, BLOG, AND GOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS OF RESEARCH

Government

United States Supreme Court: *McComish/Arizona Free Enterprise Club’s Freedom Club PAC v. Bennett*. Docket No. 10-239. March 28, 2011.

-Quoted in Oral Argument, Cited in Brief of Petitioner, Cited in Numerous Amicus Briefs Supporting Both Petitioner and Respondent

United States Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights: Hearing on the “Fair Elections Now Act.” April 12, 2011.

-Cited in Witness Testimony

Television Outlets

MSNBC: “Public Funding Creates ‘Clean Elections.’” January 27, 2014.

CSPAN 2: “Subsidizing Democracy: Can Public Funding Change Politics?” January 13, 2014.

Podcasts

New Books in Political Science: “Subsidizing Democracy.” June 9, 2015.

The Weeds: “Campaign Finance and Global Inequality.” January 21, 2016.

MEDIA DISCUSSIONS OF RESEARCH, CONTINUED

Print/Web Outlets

Washington Post (Blog Section)

2013 (July 8). “We Asked Science if Eliot Spitzer Could Win. It Said Yes.”

2011 (June 7). “What Political Science Says About Weiner.”

2011 (March 23). “The Importance of Campaign-Finance Reform in One Graph.”

538 Politics

2015 (March 13). “5 Lessons On The Clinton Email Scandal From Political Science.”

2014 (March 4). “The Wild, Conservative West.”

The Monkey Cage

2013 (March 28). “Can Politicians Make a Come Back from Sex Scandals?”

2012 (April 6). “Clean Elections Make for Extremists?”

2011 (June 6). “Can Anthony Weiner Survive?”

Vox.com

2016 (February 9). “The Great Money in Politics Myth.”

2014 (August 13). “How Public Financing Changed Politics in Arizona.”

Slate Magazine Money Box Blog

2012 (April 6). “Fundraising Buys Moderation.”

Pacific Standard

2011 (November 7). “Scandals Do Drive Voters — When Abuse of Power Is Involved.”

Arizona Republic

2017 (February 16). “Claims Against Arizona Clean Elections Commission are Misleading.”

El Periodoco (Spain)

2011 (December 4). “El Largo Camino Hacia la Casa Blanca: Tocados por el Sexo.”

Election Law Blog

“Do Audible Alerts Reduce Undervotes? A Natural Experiment in Illinois.” December 30, 2010.

“After the GAO Report: What Do We Know About Public Election Funding?” July 16, 2010.

Illinois Issues

“Other States Have Tackled the Issue of Political Fundraising.” February 2010.

Louisiana By the Numbers

“Scandal and Elections: How Much Does Vitter’s Past Matter?” November 2015.

TEACHING

Courses Taught:

Barnard College/Columbia University (2014-Present):

- POLS UN 1201: Introduction to American Politics (Large Lecture).
- POLS V 3250: Voting and Political Behavior.
- POLS W 3290: Voting and American Politics.
- POLS S 3296: Reforming American Elections.
- POLS BC 3325: The Politics of “Bad Behavior” (Barnard Colloquium).
- POLS BC 3334: American Elections (Barnard Colloquium).
- POLS BC 3337: Election Reform (Barnard Colloquium).
- POLS UN 3706: Empirical Research Methods in Political Science.
- POLS BC: 3720: Women in American Politics (Barnard Colloquium).

University of Illinois, Springfield (2010-2014):

- PSC 201: Introduction to American Government.
- PSC 242: Statistics for Social Sciences.
- PSC 410: Public Policy Processes.
- PSC 423: Women and Politics.
- PSC 451: Empirical Political Analysis.
- PSC 503: Graduate Research Methods.
- PSC 562: Seminar in Political Campaigns.
- PSC 564: Seminar in Policy Design, Analysis, and Presentation.
- PSC 599: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods.

Cornell University (2008-2010):

- POL 1111: Fixing Elections: Reform in American Democracy.
- POL 1111: Managing Political Campaigns.

Minnesota State University, Mankato (2005-2006):

- POLS 111: Introduction to American Government.

Graduate Student Committees

M.A. Thesis Committees Chaired at UIS:

- Logan Woods (Matriculated at the University of Michigan, Political Science Ph.D. Program).
 - Winner: Best Political Science Thesis, 2014.
- Meagan Musgrave (Matriculated at Heinz School of Public Policy and Management, Carnegie Mellon University, MPP Program)
 - Winner: Best Political Science Thesis, 2013.
- Jennifer Carter (Matriculated at Washington University, St. Louis, Political Science Ph.D. Program)
 - Winner: Best Political Science Thesis, 2011.

SERVICE

To Discipline:

Reviewer:

Journal Reviewer. *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Election Law Journal*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *The Social Science Journal*.

Book Manuscript Reviewer. Oxford University Press, Routledge, W.W. Norton, Westview Press.

Advisory Boards:

Academic Advisory Board Member. Campaign Finance Institute. 2014-present.

Advisory Board Member. Center for Research on Women. Barnard College. 2014-present.

Advisory Board Member. "OSF/DF Experimental Initiative." (Experimental Research Projects on Campaign Finance. Principal Investigators: Donald Green, Jonathan Krasno, and Costas Panagopoulos). 2013-2015.

Conference Organizing:

Organizer. "Campaign Finance in America" Panel. Northeast Political Science Association Meeting. 2015.

Co-Organizer. 2013 Conference on Political Scandal and Corruption. Loyola University, Chicago, IL. August 28, 2013.

Conference Discussant:

American Political Science Association: 2012.

Midwest Political Science Association: 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013-2017.

Southern Political Science Association: 2015.

Northeastern Political Science Association: 2007, 2015.

Great Plains Political Science Association: 2007.

To Community:

June-December 2016. Organizer. "Most Influential Non-Politician" #BestNonPol Twitter Tournament.

November 20-December 3, 2015. Organizer. "Most Influential Politician Who Was Never President" (#BestNonPres) Twitter Tournament. Generated more than 50,000 views/interactions, covered in Vox.com.

November 2012. In-Studio Election Analyst: Federal & Statewide Illinois Elections. WCIA TV (CBS), Champaign IL.

November 2012. Presentation to the Springfield AAUW.

March 2012. Live Broadcast Election Analyst: Illinois Primary. WCIA TV (CBS), Champaign IL.

January 2012. Presentation to the Springfield IL Rotary Club.

November 2010. In-Studio Election Analyst: Federal & Statewide Illinois Elections. WCIA TV (CBS), Champaign IL.

September 2010. Expert Testimony. Portland (OR) City Club. Subject: Ballot Measure 26-108, Public Funding in Portland Municipal Elections.

SERVICE, CONTINUED

Media Appearances for Commentary:

International Outlets: *The Age* (Australia), Polish Press Agency, *Die Presse* (Austria)

National, Regional, and Internet Outlets: MSNBC, CSPAN-2, Fox News Channel, *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *U.S. News and World Report*, Vox.com, QZ.com, Minnesota Public Radio, Chicago Public Radio, WUIS Public Radio (Central Illinois), *The Baltimore Sun*, *Dallas News*, *Deseret News*, *The Boston Herald*, *The State Journal Register* (Springfield IL), Nerdwallet.com, Medill News Service, Scripps Howard News Service.

Local Television:

WICS ABC News (Springfield, IL): More Than 20 Appearances, 2011-2014.

WCIA CBS News (Champaign, IL): More Than 40 Appearances, 2010-2014.

To University, College and Department:

Barnard Faculty Committee on Internationalization. 2015-present.

Columbia University Faculty Athletics Committee. 2016-present.

First-Year Student Adviser. 2015-present.

Search Committee Member. 2017 Barnard American Politics Faculty Search.

Search Committee Member. 2015 Barnard American Politics Faculty Search.

Barnard Faculty Teller. 2014-15.

Public Talks for the College:

Regional Alumnae Relations Event, Philadelphia PA. April 24, 2017.

Phi Beta Kappa Initiation. December 13, 2016.

Post-Election Town Hall. November 9, 2016.

Barnard College Parents Weekend. October 4, 2016.

Alumnae Relations Event. September 27, 2016.

Public Talks for Student Groups:

College Democrats Constitution Teach-In. March 1, 2017.

Columbia Political Science Student Association Debate Party. October 7, 2016.

Sigma Nu Faculty Colloquium. October 5, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Sections: Elections, Public Opinion, & Voting Behavior; Experimental Research; Political Methodology; State Politics & Policy; Legislative Studies

Midwest Political Science Association

Northeastern Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Society of Empirical Legal Scholars

HONORS AND AWARDS

Best Paper, APSA Experiments Section. 2017. "The Effects of Candidate Race and Gender on Party Chairs' Assessments of Electoral Viability." With Doherty and Dowling.

Gladys Brooks Junior Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award. Barnard College. 2016-2017.

Faculty Marshal (elected by Barnard seniors). 2017 Commencement.

Honorable Mention: Emily Gregory Teaching Award. Barnard College. 2015-2016.

Student Organization Faculty Advisor of the Year. Model Illinois Government. University of Illinois, Springfield. 2013-2014.

Best Large Delegation. Model Illinois Government Competition. University of Illinois, Springfield Delegation. 2014.

Travel Grant from APSA Organized Section on Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior. October 2009.

APSA Travel Grant. July 2009.

Tuition Scholarship to attend ICPSR workshop "Designing, Conducting, and Analyzing Field Experiments." Yale University. June 2008.

Best Paper, Graduate Category, 2008 Student Paper Competition of the Western Social Science Association. "Public Financing, Candidate Behavior and Electoral Outcomes in State Legislative Elections." May 2008.

Warren J. Mitofsky Student Paper Award, New York Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research: "Public Financing, Candidate Behavior and Electoral Outcomes in State Legislative Elections." April 2008.

Best Student Paper. "Candidate Behavior and Electoral Outcomes in State Legislative Elections." Great Plains Political Science Association Conference. March 17, 2007.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

2002-2006. Political Consultant. Various Races (U.S. House, U.S. Senate). Campaign Management, Political Strategy, Policy, Communications.

June 15, 2017