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Smith College, magna cum laude

Employment: Professor of Government, Dartmouth College, 1995-2014; Emerita since 2014
Director, Rockefeller Center for Social Sciences, Dartmouth College, 1995-2004
Professor, Associate and Assistant Professor, Syracuse University, 1975–1995
Visiting Professor, Princeton University, 1988
Staff, Environmental Protection Agency, 1970-71
Staff, U.S. House of Representatives, 1969

Research Grants and Awards:

Robert A. Fish 1918 Award for outstanding contribution to undergraduate education, Dartmouth College, June 2014
Congressional Quarterly 2006 Award for best paper on legislatures at the 2005 annual meeting of the APSA
Guggenheim Foundation Research Fellowship 2005-06
National Science Foundation, 1983-84
Dirksen Center, Research Grant, 1985
Teaching Excellence, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University, 1983
Outstanding Professor, Student Government Association, Syracuse University, 1986
Environmental Protection Agency Grant, 1977

Books:

Watchdogs on the Hill: The Decline of Congressional Oversight of U.S. Foreign Relations (Princeton University Press, 2015)
Candidates, Congress, and the American Democracy (University of Michigan Press, 1993)
Political Ambition: Who Decides to Run for Congress (Yale University Press, 1989)

Current Research:

“Changing Patterns of Witness Testimony in Congressional Oversight of U.S. Foreign Policy.”

“Congressional Committee Oversight of U.S. Foreign Affairs, 1995-2020,” forthcoming. Peter Harris and Allison White, eds. *Democracy in U.S. Foreign Policy*. Oxford University Press.

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Articles and Book Chapters (continued):

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"Make Way for the Party: The Rise and Fall of the Senate Security Committees." Co-author. In David Rohde, Nathan Monroe and Jason Roberts, eds. *Why Not Parties?* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008), Chapter 7.

"Issue Advocacy Groups in the 2000 New Hampshire Primary." Co-author. In Paul S. Herrnson et al. *The Interest Group Connection*, 2nd ed. (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2005)

"Campaign Ethics and the Politics of Personal Destruction," In Candace J. Nelson and James A. Thurber, eds. *Campaigns and Elections American Style* (Boulder: Westview Press 2004).

"Sheep in Wolves Clothing: Undeclared Voters in the New Hampshire Primary" co-author. *PS*. (April 2003).

"The New Hampshire Senate Race." In Larry Sabato, ed. *Midterm Madness: The 2002 Elections* (2003 Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield)

"The Effects of Retail Politics in the New Hampshire Primary." Co-author. *American Journal of Political Science* (July 2002).

"Representation, Careerism and Term Limits: A Simulation." Co-author. In *Congress on Display, Congress at Work*, William T. Bianco, ed. (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000)

"Enhancing Citizenship Through Active Learning." Co-author. in *Educating for Citizenship*, Grant Reeher and Joseph P. Cammarano, eds. (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1997)

"Where Did All the Candidates Go?" in *Toward the Millennium: The Election of 1996*, Larry Sabato, ed. (Allyn & Bacon, 1997)

"The Decision to Run for Office," in *Vote For Me*, a Supplemental Text for the PBS series on the 1996 election. Also reprinted in *PS*, American Political Science Association (1996)

Articles and Book Chapters (continued):

"Replication as Regulation," *PS*, American Political Science Association (September 1995).

"Campaign Ethics and Political Trust," in *Campaigns and Elections*, James Thurber and Candace Nelson, eds. (Westview Press, 1995)

"Congressional Careers," in *Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*, Donald Bacon, Roger Davidson and Morton Keller, eds. (Simon & Schuster, 1995)

"Political Entrepreneurs, Governing Processes, and Political Change," in *New Perspectives on American Politics*, Lawrence Dodd and Calvin Jillson, eds. (CQ Press, 1994).

"Nomination Politics: The Role of Institutional, Contextual, and Personal Variables," co-authored, in *The Parties Respond*, 2d ed. L.S. Maisel, ed. (Westview Press, 1994).

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"Candidate Recruitment and the Study of Congress," in *Beyond Ambition*, Shirley Williams and Theodore Lascher, eds. (University of California Press, 1993)

"Candidates and the American Democracy," in Japanese, *Shiso* (November 1993)

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"The Partisan Context of Congressional Recruitment," in *Encyclopedia of American Political Parties*, L.S. Maisel, ed. (Garland, 1991)

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"Citizenship between Elections," proceedings of Donald S. MacNaughton Symposium on Democratic Governance (Syracuse University Press, 1990)

"Congressional Recruitment and Political Context," in *Home Style and Washington Work*, Morris P. Fiorina and David Rohde, eds. (University of Michigan Press, 1989)

"The Grass Roots Connection: Environmental Activists and Senate Decisionmaking," co-authored, *American Journal of Political Science* (August 1987)

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"The Electoral Effects of House Committee Assignments," co-authored, *Journal of Politics* (February 1980)

"The Electoral Lottery: Decisions to Run for Congress," in *Public Choice* (Fall 1979)

Book reviews: *American Political Science Review*, *Public Administration Review*, *Polity Political Science Quarterly*

Recent Presentations and Conferences:

Panelist, “Strengthening the Role of Congress in Foreign Policy: New Voices in National Security Workshop. Bridging the Gap, Library of Congress, December 12-13, 2024.

Panelist, “Overview of Legislative-Executive Relations in Foreign Affairs.” State Department Foundation/Council on Foreign Relations Seminar for Congressional and State Department Staff February 2020, Washington, D.C.

Presenter, “Congress and Military Reform,” Senior Military Conference, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY, April 23-25, 2017

“The Continued Decline of Congressional Oversight of U.S. Foreign Policy and the Obama Presidency,” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017

Participant, Lugar Symposium on Polarization and Policy, Denison University, April, 2016

Selected Op-eds:

“How to Make Districts Fair to Voters, Not Parties.” With Christopher S. Fowler, The Conversation, November 20, 2021.

<https://theconversation.com/how-to-make-voting-districts-fair-to-voters-not-parties-162651>

“Here’s a different way to fix gerrymandering” with Christopher S.

Fowler <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/07/06/heres-different-way-fix-gerrymandering/>

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