

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., Government and Political Science** June 2022  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology  
Dissertation: "Follow the Leaders: Policy Positioning in the U.S. Congress"  
Chair: Kris Miller, UMD  
Committee: Frances Lee, Princeton University; Stella Rouse, UMD; Ernesto Calvo, UMD
- M. A., Government and Political Science** May 2020  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- B. A., History and Journalism, with Honors** May 2013  
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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- Safarpour, A. C., **Gaynor, S. W.**, Rouse, S. M. Swers, M. When Women Run, Voters Will Follow (Sometimes): Examining the Mobilizing Effect of Female Candidates in the 2014 and 2018 Midterm Elections. (2022). *Political Behavior*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-021-09767-x>
- Gaynor, S. W.** The (Financial) Ties That Bind: Social Networks of Intraparty Caucuses, Gaynor, S. W. (2021). *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/lsq.12360>
- Gaynor, S. W.** & Gimpel, J. G. (2021) Small Donor Contributions in Response to Email Outreach by a Political Campaign, *Journal of Political Marketing*, DOI: [10.1080/15377857.2021.1910611](https://doi.org/10.1080/15377857.2021.1910611)
- Gaynor, S. W.**, & Gimpel, J. G. (2021). Reapportioning the US Congress: The shifting geography of political influence. *Political Geography*, 86, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2021.102365>
- Wyckoff, S.**, & Lee, F. E. (2020). Advice for Women and Their Colleagues: An Interview with Frances E. Lee. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 53(2), 310-312. DOI: [10.1017/S1049096519002129](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096519002129)

#### BOOK CHAPTERS & REPORTS

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- Gaynor, S. W., "Here's how Republican and Democratic party leaders reward the faithful and punish wayward members", *The Monkey Cage: Washington Post*, Dec. 14, 2021.
- Gaynor, S. W., "Congress and External Influencers: Interest Groups, Activists, and Media." *Congress Explained*, Burgat, C. and Hunt, C. Sage Press, forthcoming 2022.
- U.S. Congress. House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. *Final Report*. Washington: U.S. Government Publishing Office, October 2020. (1009-E). (Y 4.2:M 72/R 29). Lead Author, with support from the American Political Science Association Public Service Fellowship. <https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo146079>.
- Wyckoff, S. (2017). "[Should Congressional Incumbents be Concerned About the 2018 Midterm Elections?](#)", Center for American Politics and Citizenship, University of Maryland. Download the full report [here](#).

## WORKING PAPERS

New Lines, New Districts, and New Representation: State Decisions in Congressional Reapportionment”, with Sam Hayes (Boston College). Invited to revise and resubmit.

“Express Yourself (Ideologically): Legislators’ Ideal Points Across Audiences” with Kris Miller, Pranav Goel, Alexander M. Hoyle, Philip Resnik (University of Maryland, College Park). Under review.

“Money Talks: How donor activity predicts US legislators’ attention to political speech”, with Pranav Goel, Alexander M. Hoyle, Kris Miler, and Philip Resnik (University of Maryland, College Park). Under review.

“Expanding Grassroots Support through Social Media Outreach in a Political Campaign” with Jim Gimpel. Invited to revise and resubmit.

“Follow the Leader: Policy Presentation in the U.S. Congress,” Prepared for the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2022).

“Asymmetric Communication: Partisan Policy Presentation of the U.S. Congress”

“Bringing Home the Committee Hearing: Analysis of Field Hearings in the U.S. Congress”

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### **College of The Holy Cross, Worcester, MA**

Assistant Professor

Fall 2022-current

### **George Mason University Schar School of Public Policy and Government**

Adjunct Instructor

Spring 2022

### **University of Maryland, College Park, MD**

Instructor of Record

Introduction to American Government

Summer 2021

Experiential Learning: Maryland, Public Policy, and Beyond

Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant

Crime, Cities, and the Constitution

Fall 2019

Justice, Law, and the Courts

Spring 2018, Spring 2019

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

APSA Public Service Fellowship, U. S. House of Representatives

Dec. 2019 – March 2021

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress

U. S. Senate, Sen. John Cornyn

July 2015 – Aug. 2017

Deputy Press Secretary, Speechwriter

U. S. House of Representatives, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers

April 2014 – July 2015

House Republican Conference Press Secretary

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Fixing the Sausage Factory: The Limited Potential of Congressional Reform”, with J.D. Rackey. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. September 2022.

“Follow the Leaders: Policy Positioning in the U.S. Congress”, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April 2022.

“Expanding Grassroots Support Through Social Media Outreach in a Political Campaign”, with Jim Gimpel. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April 2022.

“Voting the District or Talking the District?”, with Kristina Miler, Philip Resnick, Pranav Goel, and Alexander Hoyle. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. September 2021.

“Dynamic Districts and Institutional Power: The Impact of Reapportionment in the U. S. Congress”, with Sam Hayes. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. January 2021.

“The Financial Ties that Bind: Social Networks and Intraparty Caucuses in Congress.” University of Maryland American Politics Workshop, College Park, MD. September 25, 2020.

Gender and the Political Pipeline, Chair and discussant. American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. September 2020.

“The New Year of the Woman: How Candidate Gender Affected Voter Turnout in the 2014 and 2018 Midterm Elections”, with Alauna Safapour and Dr. Stella Rouse. University of Maryland American Politics Workshop, College Park, MD. October 18, 2019.

“Redistricting and the Geographic Redistribution of Political Influence”, with James Gimpel. American Political Science Association, Washington, D. C., 2019.

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

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Roger H. Davidson Award in American Politics (\$500) University of Maryland, College Park Awarded to the best graduate student paper in the field of American Politics	December 2020
Graduate Student Research Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$5,000)	Summer 2020, 2021
American Political Science Association Public Service Fellowship Fellow with the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress	Dec. 2019 – March 2021
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Maryland	AY 2019 – 2020
Elizabeth Jean Spencer Award for excellence in American Politics (\$6,000)	Fall 2019
UMD College of Behavioral and Social Science Dean’s Fellowship (\$5,000)	2018, 2019, 2020
University of Maryland GVPT Methodological Field Funding (\$400)	Summer 2019

#### RESEARCH AND TRAINING

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The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse NY Summer 2019

#### Editing and Copyediting

Curry, James and Frances E. Lee. *The Limits of Party: Congress and Lawmaking in a Polarized Era*. Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Davidson, Roger H., Walter J. Oleszek, Frances E. Lee, and Eric Schickler. *Congress and its Members, 17<sup>th</sup> Edition*. CQ Press, 2019.

Lee, Frances E., and Nolan McCarty, eds. *Can America Govern Itself? SSRC Anxieties of Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.

Proficient in R, Excel, and SPSS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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BSOS Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council (DGSAC)	Fall 2019 – Spring 2020
Graduate Student Association, University of Maryland Chair	Fall 2018 – Fall 2019
Congressional Research Service Outside evaluator for the 2018 New Member program (with Dr. Frances E. Lee)	January 2019
<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> Assistant Editor	Fall 2018 – January 2019
Center for American Policy and Citizenship, University of Maryland Internship Coordinator	Fall 2017 – Spring 2018