

CURRICULUM VITA

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EDUCATION

- 1993-2000 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.
Ph.D. in Political Science, September 2000.
Major Field: American Politics. Minor field: Political Theory.
Dissertation: *Legislative Ethics Regulation in the American States: Explaining Conflict of Interest Legislation, 1954-1996*.
Committee: Charles Stewart (Chair), Stephen Ansolabehere, Daniel Kryder.
- Summer 1996 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 1988-1989 Yale University, New Haven, CT.
M.A. in Political Science, December 1991.
Comparative Politics (Latin America) and American Politics.
- 1983-1987 Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT.
Bachelor of Arts Degree, June 1987. Phi Beta Kappa.
Major: Government. Minor: Economics.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

- 8/2009-present Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
 - 9/2000-8/2009 Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- Graduate Courses: Field Seminar in American Politics (American National Institutions), American Political Development, Political

Communication.

- Undergraduate Courses: Media and Politics, Ethics in American Politics, Introductory American Federal Government, Perspectives on American Political Development.

- 1/2002-5/2002 Visiting Adjunct Professor of Political Science, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

Course: M.A. seminar on American Political Development.

- 9/1999-5/2000 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Political Science, Tufts University, Medford, MA.

Courses: Fieldwork and Research in American Politics, Ethics in American Politics.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- State Legislatures and Congress
- Media and Politics
- Political Ethics, Corruption and Political Reform
- Legislative Voting Behavior
- American Political Development

CURRENT RESEARCH

- *Ethics Evolving: House Ethics Investigations and the Changing Content of Unethical Political Behavior, 1798-2004* (Book Manuscript): An examination of partisanship in the ethics process and of the content of ethics charges. The book illuminates the ways that the definition of “unethical” political behavior has evolved over time, exhibiting both change and continuity. I present a new classification scheme of ethics cases. I also argue that ethics investigations both reflect and contribute to broader historical processes and political tensions, for example over slavery and industrialization. Finally, the book will examine the current ethics processes in the House, including the operation of an “independent” ethics commission. Three chapters completed (90 pages).

- Media coverage of political “gaffes,” focusing on the 2008 and 2012 presidential primary and general election campaigns.

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Shadowlands of Conduct: Ethics and State Politics (Georgetown University Press, 2005)

Using quantitative analysis, case studies and historical research, this book examines several questions: Why do legislators enact ethics or conflict of interest laws? Why do states vary in the timing and the stringency of their legislative ethics laws? What are the limits of ethics laws and enforcement? The book shows how enactment of ethics laws is facilitated primarily by scandals and to a lesser extent by the actions of neighboring states. While actors outside legislatures were key to the laws' passage, legislators did not abdicate their role in the design of ethics regulation. The enactment of legislative ethics laws accommodated lawmakers' economic and political interests. The book thus highlights the gaps and loopholes in even the "strongest" ethics laws and provides a cautionary tale for political reformers.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Beth A. Rosenson, "Media Coverage of State Legislatures: Negative, Neutral or Positive?" Accepted for publication at *Social Science Quarterly*, December 2014.

Beth A. Rosenson. "Ethics Evolving: Change and Continuity in Unethical Behavior Viewed Through the Lens of U.S. House Ethics Investigations, 1798-2011." 2014. *Public Integrity*, Summer 2014, Vol. 16, No. 3: 227-41.

Beth A. Rosenson. 2009. "Congressional Frequent Flyers: Demand and Supply Side Explanations for Privately-Sponsored Travel." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (May 2009): 245-71.

Beth A. Rosenson, Elizabeth A. Oldmixon, and Kenneth D. Wald, 2009. "U.S. Senators' Support for Israel Examined Through Sponsorship/Co-Sponsorship Decisions, 1993-2002: The Influence of Elite and Constituent Factors." *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Vol. 5, Issue 1: 73-91.

Beth A. Rosenson. 2009. "The Effect of Political Reform Measures on Perceptions of Corruption." *Election Law Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 1: 31-46.

Beth A. Rosenson. 2007. "Explaining Legislators' Positions on Outside Income Limits: Voting on Honoraria in the U.S. Senate, 1981-1983." *Public Choice*, Vol. 133 (No. 1-2, October): 111-128.

Beth A. Rosenson. 2006. "The Impact of Ethics Laws on Legislative Recruitment and the Occupational Composition of State Legislatures." *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 59, No. 4: 617-27.

Beth A. Rosenson, 2005. "Costs and Benefits of Ethics Laws." *International Public Management Journal*. Part of Symposium: Ethics, Governance and Democracy, Vol. 8, No. 2: 209-224. Reprinted in *Public Ethics and Governance: Standards and Practices in*

Comparative Perspective, eds. Denis Saint-Martin and Fred Thompson. Oxford/Elsevier, 2005.

Elizabeth Oldmixon, Beth A. Rosenson, and Kenneth D. Wald. 2005. "Conflict over Israel: Religion, Race, Party and Ideology in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1997-2002." *Terrorism and Political Violence*. Vol. 17, No. 3: 407- 426. Reprinted in *The Religious Dimension of World Politics*, eds. Jonathan Fox and Shmuel Sandler. London: Frank Cass.

Beth A. Rosenson. 2003. "Against Their Apparent Self-Interest: The Authorization of Independent State Legislative Ethics Commissions, 1973-96." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 3, No.1: 42-65.

Beth A. Rosenson. 2003. "Legislative Voting on Ethics Reform in Two States: The Influence of Economic Self-Interest, Ideology and Institutional Power." *Public Integrity*, Vol. 5, No. 3: 205-222.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2010. Beth Rosenson, "Scandal, Corruption and Campaign Ethics," in Stephen Craig, ed., The Electoral Challenge: Theory Meets Practice, 2nd. Ed (Congressional Quarterly Press).

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

"Elitism." Entry in International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd edition (forthcoming 2007), with Hans Schmeisser.

BOOK REVIEWS

Beth A. Rosenson. 2005. Review of Julian Zelizer, On Capitol Hill: The Struggle to Reform Congress and Its Consequences, 1948-2000. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 2004. *Congress and the Presidency*, Vol. 32, No. 2: 175-77.

Beth A. Rosenson. 2005. Review of R. Douglas Arnold, Congress, The Press and Political Accountability. Princeton: Princeton University Press: 2004. *Public Integrity*, Vol. 7, No. 4: 379-381.

Beth A. Rosenson. 2003. Review of Peter Kobra, Cozy Politics: Political Parties, Campaign Finance, and Compromised Governance. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers. *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 65, No. 2: 608-610.

Beth A. Rosenson. 2001. Review of Andrew Stark, Conflict of Interest in American Public Life. Cambridge: Harvard University Press: 2000. *Public Integrity*, Vol. 3, No. 3: 405-408.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Media Coverage of State Legislatures: Negative, Neutral or Positive?” Paper presented at a panel at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, Orlando, FL, January 3-5, 2012.

Discussant, “Candidates and Voters,” panel at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 3-5, 2012.

Discussant, “Explorations in Public Policy and Public Opinion,” panel at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 3-5, 2012.

Invited panelist for Midwest Political Science Association conference, roundtable on campaign finance reform, Chicago, IL, March 2011.

“Ethics Evolving: The Changing Content of Unethical Political Behavior Viewed Through the Lens of House Ethics Investigations, 1798-2004.” Invited presentation at Oak Hammock Retirement Home, Gainesville, FL. March 23, 2010.

“Media Coverage of the California State Legislature: Quantity, Content and Tone.” Paper presented at University of Florida, Department of Political Science, November 7, 2008.

“Media Coverage of State Legislatures: Assessing Quantity, Content, and Tone.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. August 31-Sept. 3, 2008.

“Who Are The Frequent Flyers? Explaining Variation in Congressional Trips Domestically and Abroad, 2001-2004.” Paper accepted for presentation on a panel on Distributive Politics and Pork at the Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2008.

“Examining Interest Group Influence Through Privately Sponsored Travel: Which Members of Congress Do Groups Target?” Paper presented at the Research Seminar Program, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Feb. 4, 2008.

“Are Ethics Laws Bad For Democracy? A Consideration of Some Effects of State Conflict of Interest Laws.” Invited presentation at Symposium entitled “The Future of Election and Ethics Reform in the States,” State Capitol, Columbus, OH. Sponsored by Kent State University. January 16-17, 2007.

Invited panelist for roundtable on the Congressional ethics process, Woodrow Wilson Center (Congress Project), Washington, D.C. Had to decline due to attending another conference the same day. January 16, 2007.

"The Content and Partisanship of House Ethics Investigations, 1798-2004: Beyond a Partisan Ethics Wars Interpretation." Paper presented at the Department of Political Science Research Seminar, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. February 28, 2006.

"The Congressional Ethics Investigations of Wright, Gingrich and DeLay: Beyond a 'Partisan Ethics Wars' Interpretation." Paper presented at a panel on Partisan Wars at the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Sept. 1-4, 2005.

Discussant, Social Science Methods Symposium, Panel on "Intellectual Honesty and Methodological Rigor," University of Florida Political Science Department, March 11-12, 2005.

Invited panelist for a roundtable on "Ethical Reflections on the 2004 Presidential Race" at the Southern Political Science Association conference, January 2005.

"The Costs and Benefits of Ethics Laws." Invited presentation at the Conference on the Governance of Political Ethics, University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada, May 14-15, 2004.

"The Effects of Ethics Laws on the Recruitment, Retention, and Occupational Composition of State Legislatures." Paper presented at the Department of Political Science Research Seminar, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. October 6, 2003.

"The Effects of State Ethics Laws on The Occupational Composition of Legislatures and on Voluntary Retirements." Paper presented at a panel on Campaign Finance and Political Regulation at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2003.

"Why Members of Congress Support Israel: Explanations of Legislative Behavior." Paper presented at a panel on Legislative Behavior at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2003.

"Why U.S. Senators Voted to Limit Honoraria, 1981-1983." Paper presented at a panel on Decision Making in the Modern Senate at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, IL. April 25-28, 2002.

Chair, panel on "New Perspectives on the Influence of PAC Contributions and Lobbying on Members of Congress" at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, IL. April 25-28, 2002.

"Legislative Voting on Ethics Reform: The Role of Economic Self-Interest, Ideology and Institutional Power." Paper presented at a poster session at the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. August 30-Sept. 2, 2001.

"Legislative Voting on Ethics Reform in Two States." Paper presented at a panel on American Institutions at the Florida Political Science Association meeting, Jacksonville, FL., March 23-24, 2001.

"Legislative Ethics Regulation in the American States: Explaining Conflict of Interest Regulation in the Pre-Watergate Period: 1954-1972." Paper presented at a panel on Legislators and the Regulation of Legislative Ethics at the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA., September 2-5, 1999.

"Conflict of Interest Laws in the American States: Explaining Variation in Ethics Regulations for State Legislators." Presented at a panel on Public Policy at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA., November 12-14, 1998.

"Why Do States Vary in their Legislative Ethics Laws?" Presented at the American Politics Working Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Political Science, October 23, 1998

"Conflict of Interest Laws in the American States: Explaining Variation in Ethics Regulations for State Legislators." Presented at a panel on Interests and Politics in the States at the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA., September 4-6, 1998.

"Federal Ethics Reform: The Role of Members' Economic Interests in the Battle Over Congressional Honoraria." Presented at a panel on American National Institutions at the New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, New London, CT., May 2-3, 1997.

"Public Support for Congressional Term Limits: Explanations and Implications." Presented at a panel on Public Opinion at the New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Springfield, MA., May 3-4, 1996.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Professor of the Year, awarded by Political Science Advisory Board in April 2010.
- University of Florida, Faculty Mentor Award, SEAGEP-SBE (South East Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate-Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences). Award for mentoring minority graduate student. Fall 2008.
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Grant. Notification December 2007. \$7,121 for summer research on book project entitled "Ethics Evolving: The Changing Content of Unethical Political Behavior Viewed Through the Lens of House Ethics Investigations, 1798-2004."

- Dirksen Congressional Center, Congressional Research Grant. Notification March 2007. \$3,100 for a book project on the Congressional ethics process. The project will examine the role of partisanship in the ethics process, the evolution of the concept of “unethical political behavior” viewed through the lens of House ethics investigations from the 1790s to the present, and the implications of the ethics process for American democracy.
- American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship. Waiting for notification.
- Departmental Research Grant, Spring 2007, Department of Political Science (funding for a Research Assistant six hours per week).
- Summer Research Grant, \$1300, Summer 2007, Department of Political Science (funding for research assistance).
- University of Florida, Graham Center, \$1500 Course Enhancement Grant for undergraduate class on Ethics in American Politics, Received grant in spring 2007.
- University of Florida, International Center “Internationalizing the Curriculum Grant.” Received \$3,000 to expand the international component of undergraduate class on Media and Politics, Fall 2005.
- University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Travel Grant: \$400 for travel to the Conference on the Governance of Politics Ethics, University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada, May 14-15, 2004.
- MIT Departmental Grant for Dissertation Research in American Politics, \$250. 1998.
- Jacob Javitz Fellow, 1988-1989.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- Member, Chair Advisory Committee, Spring 2015-present.
- American Politics Field Chair 2010-present.
- Member, CLAS Dissertation Fellowship Review Committee, October 2014.
- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Spring 2014.
- Member, Chair’s Advisory Committee, Fall 2013.
- Member, Merit Committee, political science department, March 2013 to present.

- Member, Chair Search Committee, political science department, Spring 2013.
- Chair, Dunlevie Term Professorship Selection committee, political science department, March 2013.
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa Committee (review audits for membership). University committee. Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013.
- Chair, Chair's Advisory Committee, Spring 2010-fall 2011
- Honors Coordinator, Department of Political Science, June 2003-January 2014.
- Department Undergraduate Advisor, Fall 2010-Spring 2011.
- Faculty Advisor, student winner of Best Undergraduate Thesis Award, Spring 2012 (Jon Ossip).
- Member, CLAS Dissertation Fellowship Review Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2010.
- Member, Search Committee for African Politics/Political Economy position, Fall 2009.
- Member, Selection Committee for Graduate Student Applications to the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, November 2008.
- Member, Director Search Committee, Graham Center for Public Service, Fall 2008-Spring 2009.
- Campaigning Program Certificate Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2007.
- American Institutions Field Chair, Summer 2006-present.
- Member, American Fields Workshop. Fall 2005-present. Gave presentations on submitting conference proposals (November 4, 2005) and submitting journal articles (January 27, 2006).
- Judicial Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2005.
- Co-organizer, American Politics Working Group, Fall 2005.
- Chair, M.A. Thesis, Completed Fall 2004. Chair of one Ph.D. committee, degree completed 2007. Co-chair, dissertation committee, degree completed 2012. Committee member, over 15 dissertation committees.
- Chair, Best Undergraduate Thesis Committee, 2004-2011.

- Faculty Judge, Florida Blue Key Debate Tournament, October 2004.
- Panelist for panel on Media Bias, sponsored by the College Democrats and College Republicans, April 2004.
- European Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2003.
- Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2003-Spring 2005.
- Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, September 2003-present.
- Department Research Grants Committee, Department of Political Science, Spring 2003.
- Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha (Honors Society), Department of Political Science, 8/01-12/02.
- Political Science Department Advisor, Department of Political Science, 1/01-12/02.
- Faculty Judge, Best Graduate Paper Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2000.
- Faculty Development Committee, Department of Political Science. 9/00-12/02.
- Initiatives Committee, Department of Political Science, 9/00-12/02.
- Frequent interviews on political topics, especially corruption and political ethics: with Independent Florida Alligator, Gainesville Sun, University of Florida radio station, as well as Florida public radio and various state newspapers (e.g. Orlando Sentinel, Sun-Sentinel).

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Article Manuscript Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, May 2015.

Book Proposal Review for Routledge Press of Doing News Framing Analysis second edition, February 2015

Article Manuscript Review, Election Law Journal, February 2015

Article Manuscript Review, American Politics Research, September 2014.

Article Manuscript Review, Public Administration Review, April 2014.

Article Manuscript Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, March 2014.

Article Manuscript Review, Social Science Quarterly, February 2014.

Article Manuscript Review, American Political Science Review, November 2013.

Article Manuscript Review, Social Science Quarterly, August 2013.

Article Manuscript Review, Public Integrity, July 2013.

Article Manuscript Review, American Politics Research, May 2013

Proposal Review for Israel Science Foundation, March 2013 (proposal on study of U.S.-Israeli relations through an examination of mass opinion, Congress, and the president).

Spring/Summer 2013: Chair, Malcolm Jewell Award Committee for best graduate paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual conference, 2013.

Spring/Summer 2012: Committee Member, American Political Science Association
Walter Dean Burnham Award Committee for Best Dissertation in Politics and History
(10 Dissertations Submitted).

Summer 2012: Article Manuscript review, Comparative Political Studies.

Spring 2012: Article Manuscript review, Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power.

Fall 2011: Article manuscript review, Political Research Quarterly.

Fall 2011: Article manuscript review, Public Integrity.

Fall 2011: Book manuscript review, book on media and politics, Taylor and Francis Press.

July 2011: Book manuscript review, book on political parties, Taylor and Francis Press.

July 2011: Article manuscript review, American Politics Research.

March 2011: Article manuscript review, American Politics Research.

Summer 2010: Book manuscript review, book on media and politics, Taylor and Francis Press.

October 2010: Article manuscript review, State Politics and Policy Quarterly.

December 2010: Article manuscript review, Political Research Quarterly.

Chair, American Political Science Association, Legislative Studies Section, Committee to Award The Alan Rosenthal Prize For Best Book or Article in Legislative Studies Written by a Junior Scholar That Has Potential Value to Legislative Practitioners. 2008-2009.

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Congress and the Presidency*, *Public Integrity*, *American Politics Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*.

Book/Textbook Reviewer: Routledge, Taylor and Francis, Cambridge University Press, Congressional Quarterly Press, Pearson-Longman Publishers, Atomic Dog Press, Bedford/St Martin's.

DISSERTATIONS ADVISED

Diana Cohen, Chair (defended).
Lance Bardsley, Co-chair (defended).
Marissa Silber, Co-chair (defended).
Charles Shields, Co-chair (current).

RECENT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Kansas City Star, interviewed about post-government employment limits for state legislators, February 2015.

Chicago Tribune, interviewed about state legislative corruption in Illinois, May 2012.

Des Moines Register, interviewed about lobbying laws in Iowa, March 2011.

Boston Herald, interviewed about municipal corruption. Summer 2011.

Kansas City-Star, interviewed about state legislative corruption, Summer 2011.

St. Augustine Record. Quoted in "Mica's Earmarks." March 16, 2008.

South Florida Sun Sentinel. Quoted in "Expected expressway leader often declares conflicts," November 11, 2006.

Independent Florida Alligator. Quoted in article on political advertisements on Facebook. September 26, 2006.

6. Florida Public Radio. Interviewed about gubernatorial candidate Tom Gallagher's ethics scandal. Feb. 3, 2006.

7. South Florida Sun Sentinel. Quoted in “Violation likely to tarnish record.” August 1, 2004.

8. Gainesville Sun. Quoted in article on press secretaries. September 10, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member: American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association.

American Political Science Association Section Member: Legislative Studies, State Politics and Policy, Politics and History, Political Communication, Public Policy, Public Administration.

PERSONAL

Married, four children.

Hobbies: Playing piano, listening to music (especially country), reading, the outdoors, travel.