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**Academic Appointments**

Fall 2025 – Current Professor, Department of Political Science

California State University, Sacramento

Fall 2020 – Spring 2025 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

California State University, Sacramento

Fall 2014 – Spring 2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (formerly Government)

California State University, Sacramento

**Education**

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2014

Major Field: American Politics; Minor Field: Political Methodology

Dissertation: “Contextual Cues: A Key to Proximity Voting.”

Dissertation Committee: Walter Stone (chair), Cheryl Boudreau, and Brad Jones

M.A. Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2012

B.A. Political Science, Gonzaga University, 2007

Magna Cum Laude

Comprehensive Leadership Program

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society

**Scholarly Activity**

**Publications**

2025. Lee, Young-Im and Danielle Joesten Martin. “[Grading for Equity? The Limits of Course-Level Interventions in Closing Achievement Gaps in Political Science Education](https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2025.2538574).” *Journal of Political Science Education*: 1-16.

2025. Leiter, Debra and Danielle Joesten Martin. “[Superbowl Forecasting: Turning the Big Game into a Big Lesson](https://educate.apsanet.org/super-bowl-forecasting-turning-the-big-game-into-a-big-lesson).” *The Political Science Educator* 28(2).

2024. Martin, Danielle Joesten, Brian E. Adams, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. “[Tribal Politics or Discerning Voters? Party and Policy in Local Elections](http://doi.org/10.1177/10780874241252757).” *Urban Affairs Review* 60(6): 1871-1897.

* “[Local Elections are Less Partisan Because Voters Will Cross Party Lines when Issues Hit Close to Home](https://theconversation.com/local-elections-are-less-partisan-because-voters-will-cross-party-lines-when-issues-hit-close-to-home-233423).” The Conversation blog post with Edward L. Lascher, Jr. and Brian Adams. August 15, 2024.

2024. Martin, Danielle Joesten and Meredith Conroy. “[Female Candidates’ Incumbency and Quality (Dis)Advantage in Local Elections](http://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2024.2301090).” *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 45(3): 335-349.

2022. Martin, Danielle Joesten. “[Ideological and partisan biases in ratings of candidate quality in U.S. House elections](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13159).” *Social Science Quarterly* 103(3): 622-634.

2021. Adams, Brian E., Edward L. Lascher, Jr., and Danielle Joesten Martin. “[Ballot Cues, Business Candidates, and Voter Choices in Local Elections](https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X20943559).” *American Politics Research* 49(2): 186-197.

2020. Conroy, Meredith, Danielle Joesten Martin, and Kim L. Nalder. “[Gender, Sex, and the Role of Stereotypes in Evaluations of Hillary Clinton and the 2016 Presidential Candidates](https://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2020.1731280).” *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 41(2): 194-218.

* “[The Two Hillary Clintons: How Supporters and Detractors Describe the Democratic Nominee](https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2016/07/22/the-two-hillary-clintons-how-supporters-and-detractors-describe-the-democratic-nominee/).” London School of Economics’ American Politics and Policy (USAPP) blog post with Kim L. Nalder and Meredith Conroy. July 2016.

2019. Barker, David C., Danielle Joesten Martin, and Kim L. Nalder. “[Aggregated Fact-Checks, Partisanship, and Perceptions of Candidate Honesty](https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2019.1686394).” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties.* Online.

* “[Distrust of fact-checking is not restricted to the right](https://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2017/7/3/15893800/distrust-of-fact-checking-partisan).” Vox, Mischiefs of Faction blog post with David C. Barker and Kim L. Nalder. July 3, 2017.

2019. Martin, Danielle Joesten. “[Playing the Women’s Card: How Women Respond to Female Candidates’ Descriptive Versus Substantive Representation](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1532673X18776622).” *American Politics Research* 47(3): 549-581.

2019. Barker, David C., Kim L. Nalder, and Danielle Joesten Martin. “Citizen Responses to Fact Checking.” Chapter in *One Nation, Two Realities: Dueling Facts in American Democracy*, Eds. Morgan Marietta and David C. Barker. New York: Oxford University Press.

2017. Jones, Bradford and Danielle Joesten Martin. “[Path to Citizenship or Deportation? How Elite Cues Shape Opinion on Immigration in the 2010 U.S. House Elections](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11109-016-9352-x).” *Political Behavior* 39(1): 177-204.

2017. Adams, James, Erik Engstrom, Danielle Joesten Martin, Jon Rogowski, Boris Shor, and Walter J. Stone. “[Do Moderate Voters Weigh Candidates’ Ideologies? Voters’ Decision Rules in the 2010 Congressional Elections](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11109-016-9355-7).” *Political Behavior* 39(1): 205-227. [Erratum](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11109-016-9370-8).

2014. Joesten, Danielle A. and Walter J. Stone. “[Reassessing Proximity Voting: Expertise, Party, and Choice in Congressional Elections](https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1017/s0022381614000140?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents).” *Journal of Politics* 76(3): 740-753.

**Working Projects**

“Candidate Gender and District Ideological Alignment in U.S. Congressional Elections, 2002-2020” with Jordan Kujala. Invitation to revise and resubmit.

“Candidate Sex and (Mis)Perceptions of Ideology in U.S. Congressional Elections”

“Age and Electability in U.S. Congressional Elections”

**Recent Conference Presentations**

“Candidate Age, Gender, and Electability in the 2018 U.S. Congressional Elections.” Presented at the 2025 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 2025.

“Recipe for Disaster or Electoral Success? Female Candidate Ideological Extremism in U.S. Congressional Elections” with Jordan Kujala. Presented at 2024 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2024. Presented at 2023 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2023.

“Tribal Politics or Discerning Voters? Party and Policy in Local Elections” with Brian Adams and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. Presented at 2023 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2023. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, September 2023.

“Grading Practices and Achievement Gaps in Political Science” with Young-Im Lee. Presented at the 2023 American Political Science Association Teaching & Learning Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 2023.

“Candidate Sex, (Mis)Perceptions of Ideology, and Electability in U.S. Congressional Elections.” Presented at 2022 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. March 2022.

“Voters’ Use of Cues in Low-Information Elections” with Brian Adams and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. Presented at 2022 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. March 2022.

“Female Candidates’ Incumbency and Quality (Dis)Advantage in Local Elections” with Meredith Conroy. Presented at 2020 American Political Science Association Annual (Virtual) Meeting. September 2020.

“Experimental Evidence about Occupational Designations in Local Elections” with Brian E. Adams and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. Presented at 2019 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2019.

“Can public events improve voter knowledge? Evidence from a 2016 ballot explainer event” with Kim L. Nalder. Presented at the 2018 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2018.

**Teaching**

**California State University, Sacramento**

Assistant/ *Graduate Courses*

Associate Method and Scope in Political Science: Fall 2017, 2018, 2019; Spring 2021, 2022, 2023

Professor

*Undergraduate Courses*

Essentials of Government: Spring 2020, 2022, 2024; Fall 2020, 2022, 2024, 2025; Summer

2021, 2022, 2024, 2025

Quantitative Reasoning in Political Science: Spring 2023

First Year Seminar: Fall 2022

Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science: Spring 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021,

2024, 2025; Fall 2019

American Governments: Fall 2014, 2015, 2017; Summer 2016, 2017

Campaigns and Elections: Fall 2016, 2018, 2020; Spring 2020

Interest Groups: Fall 2015; Spring 2016, 2017

**University of California, Davis**

Instructor The Scientific Study of Politics: Spring 2013, Summer 2013, Winter 2014

**Teaching & Professional Development**

Empowering Students to Use AI Effectively, ACUE course, Summer 2024.

Teach-On!-Line Summer Camp, California State University, Sacramento, July 2020.

Dreamer Ally Training, Dreamer Resource Center, California State University, Sacramento, October 4, 2017.

Professional Learning Community, “Equity and Student Success: Inclusive Teaching for Diverse Learners,” Center for Teaching and Learning, California State University, Sacramento, 2016-2017.

Professional Learning Community, “Student Success Analytics,” Center for Teaching and Learning, California State University, Sacramento, 2015-2016.

Teaching Institute, Center for Teaching and Learning, California State University, Sacramento, Summer 2015.

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Social Research Faculty Fellows Program, California State University, Sacramento, Fall 2014.

Scholarly Writing Forum Program, Faculty Professional Development Series, Office of Research Affairs, California State University, Sacramento, Fall 2014.

**Grants & Awards**

Peer & Academic Resource Center (PARC) Outstanding Wisdom and Leadership (OWL) award. California State University, Sacramento. Spring 2023.

Provost’s Progress to Promotion (P3) Program recipient, California State University, Sacramento. Spring 2023.

California State University Social Science Research & Instructional Center (SSRIC) fellowship to include survey questions on 2021 CALSPEAKS Statewide Panel. Project titled “Voters’ Use of Cues in Low-Information Elections” with Brian Adams and Edward L. Lascher, Jr.

Research and Creative Activity Faculty Award, California State University, Sacramento. Funding for “Polarization of Character Evaluations.” Summer 2018.

Retirees Association Junior Faculty Research Award, California State University, Sacramento. 2017.

Faculty Council Travel Award, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, California State University, Sacramento, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023.

Provost’s Research Incentive Fund, California State University, Sacramento, 2014.

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, Graduate Council and Office of Graduate Studies, University of California, Davis. 2014.

Marvin Zetterbaum Teaching Award, Political Science Department, University of California Davis. 2014.

**Professional, University, & Community Service**

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| Campus Representative | Representative for Sacramento State to the California State University’s Social Science Research & Instructional Center ([SSRIC](https://www.ssric.org/)). Member of the SSRIC Social Science Student Symposium (S4) Awards Committee. Spring 2023 – current. |
| Board Member | California State University, Sacramento Institutional Review Board (IRB) voting member. Fall 2019 – current. |
| Senior Faculty Associate | [Project for an Informed Electorate (PIE)](https://www.csus.edu/college/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/project-informed-electorate/), California State University, Sacramento |
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| Faculty Advisor | Social Science Program, California State University, Sacramento, Fall 2024 – current. Member of Social Science Advisory Council. |
| Election Observer | Yolo County Official Election Observer Panel. November 2022 General Election and March 2024 Presidential Primary Election. |
| Selected Political Science Department Service | Political Science-Journalism major advisor; Advising Committee Chair (2024-present); Part-Time Review Committee; Curriculum Committee Chair (2021-2023); Scholarships and Awards Committee Chair (2018); California Politics Assistant Professor Hiring Committee (2017-2018) |
| College of SSIS Service | Secondary Committee for Retention (2022-2023; 2024; 2025); Outstanding Awards Committee Chair (2017-2019) and committee member (2016); Curriculum Committee (Spring 2016) |
| Juror | Sacramento State Student Research and Creative Activity Symposium. 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, and 2020. |
| Reviewer | *American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, American Journal of Political Science, Political Behavior, American Politics Research, Electoral Studies, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Women, Politics & Policy, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Politics & Policy, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Congress & the Presidency, California Journal of Politics and Policy* |
| Reviewer | American Political Science Association’s Spring Centennial Center Research Grants. 2021. |
| Commissioner | City of West Sacramento Commission on Election Integrity. The Commission is tasked with drafting recommendations for how to improve city campaigning and  election regulations. October – December 2019. |
| Committee Member | American Political Science Association’s Elections, Public Opinion,  and Voting Behavior section’s Best Article in Political Behavior Award Committee. 2019-2020. |
| Faculty Advisor | First Year Advising, Academic Advising Center, California State University, Sacramento. Fall 2017 – Fall 2018. |
| Faculty Fellow | College of SSIS Student Success, California State University, Sacramento. Summer 2017 – Summer 2018. |
| Section Chair | Media and Political Communications Section, 2017 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. |
| Invited Speaker | “Optimizing the Electorate: Factors that Promote Politically Literate and Engaged Voters” at University of California Center Sacramento on October 20, 2016. |

**Skills & Memberships**

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| Computer Skills | Stata, Qualtrics |
| Professional Memberships | American Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association |

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