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Appointments

Visiting Associate Professor, American Politics, Boston University (2022-2023)

Associate Professor, American Politics, Rutgers University-Camden (2019-present; on leave 2022-23)

Director, Gender Studies (undergraduate program), Rutgers University-Camden (2019-2022)

Assistant Professor, American Politics, Rutgers University-Camden (2014-2019)

Democracy Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance, Harvard's Kennedy School (2012-13)

Senior Thesis Adviser in Government and Women's and Gender Studies, Harvard College (2010-2014)

Education

Harvard University, Ph.D., American Government, 2014

Dissertation: *"The Rational Non-Candidate: A Theory of (Uneven) Candidate Deterrence"*

Committee: J. Hochschild (chair), C. Gay, J. Mansbridge, K. Schlozman

Georgetown University, Ph.D. Candidate, American Government, 2004-2006

Minor Field: Race, Gender & Public Policy

Harvard College, B.A., Magna cum laude, June 2001

Major: Social Studies/Women's Studies

Peer-Reviewed Books

Shames, S.; Jardina, A.; Morell, S.; Schlozman, K.; and Burns, N. Forthcoming. *Whatever Happened to the Gender Gap in Political Participation?* [working title]. Contract with Cambridge University Press, "Elements" Series.

Shames, S.; Och, M.; and Cooperman, R., editors. Forthcoming. *Rightist Women Worldwide* [working title]. Routledge. Book version of special guest-edited issue of *Journal of Women, Politics, & Public Policy* from 2019.

Shames, S.; Bernhard, R.; Holman, M., and Teele, D., eds. 2020. *Good Reasons to Run: Women & Political Candidacy*. Temple University Press.

Atchison, A. and Shames, S. 2019. *Survive & Resist: The Definitive Guide to Dystopian Fiction*. Columbia Univ. Press.

Och, M. and Shames, S., editors. 2018. *The Right Women: Republican Activists, Party Members, and Legislators*. Praeger/ABC-Clio.

Shames, S. 2017. *Out of the Running: Why Millennials Reject Political Careers and Why It Matters*. NYU Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Bernhard, R.; Shames, S.; and Teele, D. 2021. "To Emerge? Breadwinning, Motherhood, and Women's Decisions to Run for Office," *American Political Science Review* 115(2); 379-394.

Shames, S.; Frankel, L.; and Farjood, N. 2017. "Romance, Sexual Attraction, and Women's Political Ambition: Initial Findings from Two Experiments." *Sexuality & Culture* 21(4); 1177-96.

Shames, S. 2017. "Intersectionality and Political Ambition," *Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics*. (N.P.; Available online at <http://politics.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228637-e-241>)

Shames, S. and Wise, T. 2017. "Gender, Diversity, and Methods in Political Science; A Theory of Selection and Survival Biases." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50(3); 811-823.

Shames, S. 2015. "American Women of Color and Rational Non-Candidacy: When Silent Citizenship Makes Politics Looks Like Old White Men Shouting." *Citizenship Studies* 19(5); 553-569.

Shames, S. 2014. "Making the Political Personal." *Politics & Gender Journal* 10(2); 287-292.

Mansbridge, J. and Shames, S. 2008. "Toward a Theory of Backlash: Dynamic Resistance and the Central Role of Power." *Politics & Gender Journal* 4(4): 623-634. (Translated and reprinted in *Recherches Feministes*, May 2012.)

Williams, J. and Shames, S. 2004. "Mother's Dreams: Abortion & the High Price of Motherhood." *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 6 (4): 818-843

Shames, S. 2003. "The Un-Candidates: Gender & Outsider Signals in Political Ads." *Women & Politics* 25: 115-146.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Burns, N.; Schlozman, K.; Jardina, A.; Shames, S.; and Verba, S.: 2017. "What Happened to the Gender Gap in Participation?," in Banaszak and McCammon, *100 Years of the Nineteenth Amendment*. NY: Oxford University Press.

Schlozman, K.; Verba, S.; Brady, H.; and Shames, S. 2012. "What, if Anything, is to be Done?" In Schlozman, Verba, and Brady, *The Un-Heavenly Chorus: Unequal Political Voice in America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Shames, S.; Kuo, D.; and Levine, K. 2011. "Culture War?: Religion and Religiosity in U.S. Public Opinion on Multiple Sexualities." In Rayside, D. and Wilcox, C., eds. *Faith, Politics, and Sexual Diversity in Canada & U.S.* Toronto: U. of BC Press.

Shames, S. 2010. "The Status of Women in Leadership in Political Science." In K. O'Connor, ed. *Gender and Women's Leadership: A Reference Handbook*. Washington, DC: Sage Press

Sapiro, V. and Shames, S. 2009. "The Gender Basis of Public Opinion." In Norrander, B. and Wilcox, C., eds. *Understanding Public Opinion, 3rd Edition*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Goss, K. and Shames, S. 2008. "Pathways to Child Care Policy." In Gelb, J and Palley, M.L., eds. *Women and Politics Around the World*. ABC-CLIO Press.

Wilcox, C.; Brewer, P.; Lake, C., and Shames, S. 2007. "If I Bend This Far I Will Break?': Public Opinion on Same-Sex Marriage." In Wilcox, C. and Rimmerman, C., eds. *The Politics of Same-Sex Marriage*. Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press

Selected Popular Writing

Boston Review (2020): "Without Women, There is No Democracy" (co-authored with J. Piscopo)

The Conversation (2020): "Are We Living in a Dystopia?" (co-authored with Amy Atchison)

Bangor (ME) Daily News (2018): "Kavanaugh's Behavior is about Power, Not Just Sex"

Vox.com (2018): "Will Young Women of Color Shape the Democratic Party?" (co-authored with Melissa Deckman)

Huffington Post (2017): "Democracy vs. Dictatorship: Trump vs. Millennials?"

Corpus Christi Caller-Times (2017): "Texas is Deceptive on Fetal Burial Rule" (co-authored with Rhonda Struminger)

Cleveland Plain Dealer (2016): "Ohio is Exhibit A for Women & Office" (co-authored with state legislator K. Clyde)

Huffington Post (2015): "The Hillary Generation Gap Polls Don't Tell the Full Story"

Academic Presentations / Conferences

“Does Positive Framing of Political Office’s Ability to Solve Problems Motivate Increased Political Ambition?” Paper on project-in-progress presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Pol. Science Assn. Chicago, IL, April 2022.

“Gender Differences in Political Ambition among Elite Young People of Color.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Pol. Science Assn. San Francisco, CA. September 2015.

“Barriers and Solutions to Increasing Women's Political Power.” Paper presented for The Women Effect Symposium, Sponsored by Scholars Strategy Network and the Rockefeller and Wyss Foundations. Cambridge, MA, Feb. 2015.

Advocacy/Non-Profit Research (selected)

“Is South Jersey Getting its Fair Share of Public Goods?,” Research Report for the Walter Rand Institute, 2015

“Benchmarking Women’s Leadership,” Research Report for The White House Project, 2009

“Women, News, and Political Participation,” Research Report for the Shorenstein Center, Harvard University, 2007

“Women and Politics Worldwide,” Research Report for the Salzburg Global Seminar, 2004

“Ending Discrim. against Family Caregivers,” with J. Williams and R. Kudchadkar, for Work/Life Law Center, 2003

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Rutgers Research Council, internal university grant to promote faculty research, for 2021-23

Chancellor’s Awards for Teaching Excellence and Research Creativity, Rutgers-Camden, 2018 (both)

Best Club Adviser Award, for Political Science (undergraduate) Society, Rutgers Camden, 2018

Digital Teaching Fellow Training, Rutgers-Camden Office of Information Technology, 2016

Dissertation Fellowship, Ash Center for Democratic Governance, Harvard Kennedy School, 2012-13

Research Grant for Data Collection, Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard, 2010

Hoopes Prize in Social Science, Undergraduate Senior Thesis: “Women’s Political Advertising,” 2001, Harvard College

Teaching

Visiting Associate Professor, Boston University, 2022-2023: “Women & Politics,” “Political Psychology of Group-Based Politics,” “Politics & Inequality,” “Abortion and U.S. Politics,” “Race & U.S. Politics,” and an accelerated summer course, “The Politics of HBO’s ‘The Wire’”

Assistant & Associate Professor, Rutgers University-Camden (NJ), 2014-Present: “Public Opinion & Voting Behavior,” “Honors Sem.: Social Movements,” “Research Design,” “Quantitative Methods,” “The American Presidency,” “The 2016 Elections,” “Dystopian Government,” “Introduction to American Politics,” “Politics of Minority Groups,” “Political Methodology,” “Women & U.S. Politics,” “Intro to Politics IOI”

Instructor, Harvard University (MA), 2013: “Women in U.S. Politics” (and TA for various courses)

Instructor, Berea College (KY), 2009-2010: “Introduction to Women’s Studies,” “Riding the Waves of Feminism,” “What Can Futuristic Fiction Teach Us about Ourselves, Now?,” “In Their Own Words: Race, Class, Gender, and Appalachia” (2010)

Professional Activities & Service

Media commentator for local NBC & CBS affiliates on politics and elections; op-ed contributor, various news outlets

President-Elect/President, “Organized Section on Women and Politics Research,” American Political Science Association [APSA] (2016-2019); served also on the Women & Politics Section’s Best Book Committee, 2016

Co-chair, “Women & Representation” Working Group, Scholars’ Strategy Network (SSN), 2014-2017

Organizational consultant [pro bono] for national Indivisibles organization, 2017

Invited speaker, Berea College, KY; Harvard College, MA; Northeastern Univ., MA; SUNY-Oswego, NY; League of Women Voters of New Jersey, NJ; NOW Chapter of South Jersey, NJ; Rutgers Alumni Association
Book and manuscript reviewer, *APSR*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Politics & Gender Journal*; *Social Science Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Women and Public Policy*, Berrett-Koehler Press; Oxford Univ. Press
Mock interviewer, HopeWorks (Youth Job Training Program), Camden, NJ; 2014-2019
Coordinator and driver, Patient Support Network (drives low-income patients to medical appointments)
Panel discussant/chair for annual meetings of the American, Midwest, Southern, and Northeast Pol. Sci. Associations

University Activities & Service

Faculty Council Elected Representative, Rutgers University-Camden, 2019-2020
Faculty Senator, Rutgers University-Camden, 2014-2017; VP of Faculty Senate (2018-2019)
Co-founder/convener, Women & Gender Studies Faculty Reading Group, Rutgers-Camden, 2015-17
Co-chair, Keynote Subcommittee of the Diversity & Inclusion Campus-wide Committee, 2016-17
Faculty advisor, Political Science Society, Rutgers Camden, 2016-17
Faculty advisor, student LGBTQ+ organization, 2018-19 and again in 2021-22
Departmental "Curriculum Review" **Committee member**, 2015-16 and 2018-19
"Digital Politics Certificate Development" **Committee member**, 2015-16
Events committee member, Political Science Dept., 2014-Present

Other Professional Experience

Research Fellow, 2012-14, Political Parity, Hunt Alternatives Foundation (Cambridge, MA)
Rapporteur, Conferences on women and politics globally, 2004, 2005, and 2007, Salzburg Global Seminar (Austria)
Executive Assistant to the President (K. Gandy), 2003-4, National Organization for Women, NOW (D.C.)
Board Member, DC and NYC abortion access funds; Massachusetts NOW, National NOW (various years b/t 2001-2012)
Research Director, 2001-2003, The White House Project (New York, NY)

Conferences & Datasets Produced

- **Good Reasons to Run Conference**, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017; funded through grants from the Univ. of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute and the SSN; conference brought together 55 scholars and nonprofit advocates
- **Women & Representation Conference**, New Brunswick, NJ, May 2016; funded through grant from the Scholars Strategy Network (SSN); conference brought together more than 35 women and politics scholars and nonprofit advocates
- **"Where Women Win: Closing the Gap in Congress,"** Public dataset of congressional candidates 1980-2012 with over 23,000 candidate-district pairs, inc. multiple variables on each candidate and congressional district; produced with research assistants for Political Parity, a program of Hunt Alternatives Fdn., Cambridge, MA, in 2015. Available on request.
- **"Law and Policy Student Political Ambition Study [LPS-PAS],"** Public dataset of a survey (n=763) of the political ambition, opinions, and activities of three samples of law and policy graduate students at three elite campuses; data collected 2012-2014. Available through the Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University [IQSS Dataverse]: <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/> (Search for "Shames Rational Noncandidates Data")

Skills

Language: Spanish (conversational)
Computer Programs and Course LMS: Stata, SPSS, basic R, Atlas.ti, Microsoft Office suite, Qualtrics, Canvas, Sakai, Blackboard, iSites, Moodle
Amateur Playwright/Producer: "Losing Ground," performed in NYC, 2003; "The Rules," performed in Cambridge, MA, 2009
Toddler-wrangling: can usually (but not always) get daughter to preschool on time