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Education

Harvard University

Ph.D., American Government, 2014; Dissertation: *“The Rational Non-Candidate: A Theory of (Uneven) Candidate Deterrence,”* Committee: J. Hochschild, 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. with Honors, June 2001

Major: Social Studies/Women’s Studies

Peer-Reviewed Books

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

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

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

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

Peer-Reviewed Articles

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 a special issue of *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 Women's Political Ads." *Women & Politics Journal* 25 (1/2): 115-146.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Shames, S. 2017. "Higher Hurdles in the Primary Process for Republican Women," in Malliga Och and Shauna Shames, eds, *The Right Women: Republican Activists, Party Members, and Legislators*. Colorado: Praeger/ABC-Clio Press.

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*, forthcoming from 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?: A Closer Look at the Role of Religion, Denomination, and Religiosity in U.S. Public Opinion on Multiple Sexualities." In Rayside, D. and Wilcox, C., eds. *Faith, Politics, and Sexual Diversity in Canada and the 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: University of Chicago Press

Academic Presentations / Conferences

"Which Women Run? Breadwinning and Income in Elite Women's Candidacy Decisions," with R. Bernhard and D. Teele. Paper presented at the American Politics Workshop, Columbia University, NY. April 2018.

"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 SSN (Scholars Strategy Network) and the Rockefeller and Wyss Foundations. Cambridge, MA, Feb. 2015.

"Redefining the Stonewall: When and Why the Gay Rights Movement Adopted Marriage Equality as its Top Priority," with D. Manella. Paper presented at the New England Pol. Science Assn's annual meeting. Woodstock, VT. April 2014.

"Doubly Bound Revisited: Further Investigations into Race and Gender Effects of Descriptive Representation." Co-authored with P. Cropper. Conference paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association's annual meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2008.

"Raising Money, Raising Hackles: Polarization of the Abortion Debate through Fundraising Techniques" Conference paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association's annual meeting, January. Atlanta, GA. 2006.

"The Gender Consciousness of Conservative Women." Co-authored with Clyde Wilcox and Carin Larson Robinson. Conference paper, presented at American Political Science Association's annual meeting, August. Washington DC. 2005.

Academic Papers in Progress

“Race and Political Ambition among Elite Millennials of Color”
“Civic Wealth: Developing a Concept,” with A. Green, J. Michener, and W. Darity
“Political Primacy: Thinking Politics Solves Problems,” with P. Meehan

Advocacy/Reports/Non-Profit Research (selected)

“Is South Jersey Getting its Fair Share of Public Goods?,” Research Report for the Walter Rand Institute, 2015
“Clearing the Primary Hurdle for Republican Women,” Research Report for Political Parity/Hunt Alternatives, 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 Discrimination against Family Caregivers,” co-authored with Joan Williams and Raja Kudchadkar, Research Report for the Work/Life Law Center, 2003

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Chancellor’s Award for Research Creativity, Rutgers-Camden, 2018
Chancellor’s Award for Teaching Excellence, Rutgers-Camden, 2018
“Best Club Adviser,” for Political Science (undergraduate) Society, Rutgers-Camden, 2018
Scholars Strategy Network, event grants for three national conferences between 2016 and 2017
Digital Teaching Fellow, Office of Information Technology, Rutgers-Camden, 2016
Research Fellowship, RAND Institute, Rutgers-Camden, research on South Jersey, 2015
Teaching-Assistant Award and Teaching Certificate, Bok Center for Teaching & Learning, Harvard, 2012-13
Dissertation Fellowship, Ash Center for Democratic Governance, Harvard Kennedy School, 2012-13; Center for American Political Studies at Harvard, 2011-12
Research Grants for Data Collection, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, 2010; Taubman Center for Local Governance, 2010; Center for American Political Studies, 2010 (all Harvard centers)
Hoopes Prize in Social Science, Undergraduate Senior Thesis: “Women’s Political Advertising,” 2001

Teaching

Assistant/Associate Professor, Rutgers University-Camden (NJ), 2014-Present: “Voting & Public Opinion,” “Honors Seminar: Social Movements,” “Research Design for PhD Students,” “Quantitative Methodology,” “The American Presidency,” “The 2016 Elections,” “Dystopian Government in Futuristic Fiction,” “Introduction to American Politics,” “Politics of Minority Groups,” “Political Methodology,” “Introduction to Politics,” “U.S. Political Parties”

Instructor, Harvard University (MA), 2013: “Women in U.S. Politics”

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)

Teaching Fellow/Assistant, Harvard Univ., 2008-2014; Georgetown Univ., 2004-2006; MIT 2009: “Senior Thesis-Writers’ Tutorial,” “Democracy (Soph. Gov. Tutorial),” with E. Nelson and P. Singh; with N. Rosenblum and T. Colton; “Is the American Racial Order Being Transformed?,” with J. Hochschild; “Introduction to Public Policy” with A. Campbell; “Introduction to American Politics” with S. Wayne, M. Rom, and C. Wilcox, “Women in Politics” with D. Brazile

Professional Activities & Service

Media commentator for local NBC & CBS affiliates on politics and elections, 2016-2018; op-ed contributor, various news outlets (links available on my website, at shaunashames.com)

President-Elect/Co-President, “Organized Section on Women and Politics Research,” American Political Science Association [APSA] (2016-2018); 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, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Women and Public Policy*, *Harvard Political Review*, Berrett-Koehler Press, Oxford University Press; 2005-present
Mock interviewer, HopeWorks (Youth Job Training Program), Camden, NJ; 2014-present
Coordinator and driver, Patient Support Network, Philadelphia/S. Jersey (driving low-income patients to med. appointments)
Panel discussant/chair for annual meetings of the American, Midwest, Southern, and Northeast Political Science Associations

University Activities & Service

Committee member, General Education Approvals Committee, 2017-2018
Faculty senator, Rutgers University-Camden, 2014-2017
Co-founder/convenor, 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, Pi Sigma Alpha, Rutgers Camden, 2016-17
Departmental “Curriculum Review” committee member, 2015-16
“Digital Politics Certificate Development” committee member, 2015-16
Events committee member, Political Science Dept., 2014-Present

Other Professional Experience

Research Fellow, Political Parity, Hunt Alternatives Foundation (Cambridge, MA)
Rapporteur, Conferences in 2004, 2005, and 2007, Salzburg Global Seminar (Austria)
Executive Assistant to the President (K. Gandy), 2003-4, National Organization for Women, NOW (D.C.)
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 women and politics 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, sample size of over 23,000 candidate-district pairs, includes multiple variables on each candidate and congressional district; produced (in conjunction with research assistants) for Political Parity, a program of Swanee Hunt Alternatives Foundation, Cambridge, MA, in 2015. Available upon 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]

Skills

Language: Spanish (conversational)
Computer Programs: Stata, SPSS, basic R, Atlas.ti, Microsoft Office suite, Google suite, PageMaker, Qualtrics, KeySurvey
Course Website Tools: Sakai, Blackboard, iSites, Moodle, Canvas
Bikram yoga practice, 2008-present
Amateur Playwright/Producer (“Losing Ground,” performed in NYC, 2003; “The Rules,” performed in Cambridge, MA, 2009)