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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science (April 2016 – present)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science (August 2009 – April 2016)

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, Ph.D. in Political Science, 2009

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, M.A. in Political Science, 2009

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Masters of Public Administration, 2004

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA – TWIN CITIES, B.A. *summa cum laude* in Political Science, 2001

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed

Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2020. *It's Not Personal: Politics and Policy in Lower Court Confirmation Hearings*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, Eve Ringsmuth, and Emma Solomon. 2020. "Invoking Precedent: Discussion of Supreme Court Decisions at Circuit Court Confirmation Hearings." *American Politics Research*, 48(3), 355-364.

Bos, Angela, Kjersten Nelson, and Bas van Doorn. 2018. "Who's in the Picture? The Gender Composition of Images of Congress in Party Caucus Twitter Feeds and Online Media." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 6(4), 788-801.

- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2018. "Invoking Precedent: Discussion of Supreme Court Decisions at Circuit Court Confirmation Hearings." *American Politics Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X18788041>.
- Nelson, Kjersten. 2017. "Gender and the Bench: Does Judge Sex Influence Citizens?" In *The Political Psychology of Women in U.S. Politics*, ed. Angela L. Bos and Monica C. Schneider. New York: Routledge.
- Bauroth, Nicholas and Kjersten Nelson. 2016. "Home is Where the Vote Is: A Research Note on the Effects of Changes in North Dakota Voter Identification Laws on College Student Turnout in the 2014 Elections." *Online Journal of Rural Research & Policy* 11(1): <http://newprairiepress.org/ojrrp/vol11/iss1/1/>.
- Nelson, Kjersten. 2015. "Double-Bind on the Bench: Citizen Perceptions of Judge Gender and the Court." *Politics & Gender* 11(2): 235-264.
- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2014. "Individual Scrutiny or Politics as Usual? Senatorial Assessment of US District Court Nominees." *American Politics Research* 42(5): 784-814.
- Nelson, Kjersten and Eve Ringsmuth. 2013. "Inter-institutional Dynamics: Assessments of the Supreme Court in a Separation of Powers Context." *Political Behavior* 35 (2).
- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2011. "'Strict Scrutiny?' The Content of Senate Judicial Confirmation Hearings During the George W. Bush Administration." *Judicature* 95:3.
- Nelson, Kjersten and Eve Ringsmuth. 2009. "Departures from the Court: The Political Landscape and Institutional Constraints." *American Politics Research* 37:3.
- Druckman, Jamie and Kjersten Nelson. 2003. "Framing and Deliberation: How Citizens' Conversations Limit Elite Influence." *American Journal of Political Science* 47:4.

Other Publications

- Nelson, Kjersten. "Foreword" and "Conclusion." 2015. *Important Voices: North Dakota's Women Elected State Officials Share Their Stories, 1893-2013* by Susan Wefald. Fargo, ND: Institute for Regional Studies Press.
- Nelson, Kjersten.** 2012. "The More Things Change." Published in the North Dakota Humanities Council's publication *On Second Thought*.

Conference Presentations

- Nelson, Kjersten. 2020. "You Seem Like a Great Candidate, But...: Gender Attitudes and the 2020 Democratic Primary." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association 2020 Annual Meeting, San Juan PR, January 9-11.
- Chapp, Chris, Phil Chen, Logan Dancey, Matthew Luttig, and Kjersten Nelson. 2019. "Perceptions of Gender Discrimination and Vote Choice in the 2018 Elections." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association 2019 Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, January 17-19.
- Huseth-Zosel, Andrea, Mary Larson, and Kjersten Nelson. 2018. "Health Effects of the #metoo Movement." Presented at the American Public Health Association 2018 Annual Meeting and Expo, San Diego, CA, November 10-14.

- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2018. "Gone Nuclear: The Impact of the Filibuster Rules Change on Judicial Confirmation Hearings," Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5-8.
- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, Eve Ringsmuth, and Emma Solomon. 2017. "Invoking Precedent: The Discussion of Supreme Court Precedent at Circuit Court Confirmation Hearings." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.
- Bos, Angela L., Kjersten Nelson, Bas van Doorn, and Margaret Sestito. 2016. "The Gender Composition of Media Images of Congress and Its Effects: A Content Analysis and Experimental Study." Presented at the European Political Science Association in Brussels, Belgium, June 24-26.
- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2016. "Who Advises? Who Consents? Senatorial (Non-)Participation in Judicial Confirmation Hearings." Presented at the 74th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. January 2016. "Vetting Lifetime Appointees: Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings and Lower Federal Court Nominees." Presented at the 87th Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR.
- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. April 2015. "Bellwethers of Success? Senate Confirmation Hearings for Lower Federal Court Nominees." Presented at the 73rd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Bos, Angela L., Kjersten Nelson, and Bas van Doorn. April 2015. "The Gender Composition of Congressional Party Caucus Tweets and Its Effects." Presented at the 73rd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Bos, Angela L., Bas van Doorn, and Kjersten Nelson. October 2014. "How Does Women's Descriptive Representation 'Look' in Images of Congress, and to What Effect?" Presented at the Mentoring Conference for New Research on Gender in Political Psychology, Wooster, OH.
- Nelson, Kjersten. April 2013. "Gendered Justice: Citizen Perceptions of Women on the Bench." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. August 2012. "Asked and Answered: The Senate Judiciary Committee and Judicial Confirmation Hearings." Prepared for the American Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA. (Presentation canceled due to weather.)
- Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. April 2012. "Asked and Answered: The Senate Judiciary Committee and Judicial Confirmation Hearings." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Nelson, Kjersten. January 2012. "Women on the Bench: Citizen Perceptions of Gender and the Court." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Nelson, Kjersten, Eve Ringsmuth, and Logan Dancey. April 2011. "Deciding Who Decides: The Content of Senate Judicial Confirmation Hearings." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Ringsmuth, Eve, Kjersten Nelson, and Logan Dancey. January 2011. "Deciding Who Decides: The Content of Senate Judicial Confirmation Hearings." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

- Ringsmuth, Eve and Kjersten Nelson. April 2010. "Inter-institutional Dynamics: Institutional Support in a Separation of Powers Context." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Nelson, Kjersten. August 2008. "If You Can't Say Something Nice: The Gender Dynamics of Negative Advertising." Presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA.
- Pearson, Kathryn and Kjersten Nelson. April 2008. "The Gender Dynamics of Defense and Foreign Policy Making in the House of Representatives." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Ringsmuth, Eve and Kjersten Nelson. April 2008. "Strength in Numbers? The U.S. Supreme Court and Congress." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Nelson, Kjersten. April 2007. "Getting Out the Vote: An Organization-Centered Approach." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Nelson, Kjersten and Eve Ringsmuth. April 2007. "Departures from the Court: The Political Landscape and Institutional Constraints." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

- Recipient, Dean's Challenge Grant, College of AHSS, 2019
- Participant, "Change Agents," NDSU Provost's Office, 2018-2019
- Recipient, with Sarah Boonstoppel, Dean's Challenge Grant, 2016
- Recipient, NDSU's College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences' Outstanding Teaching Award, 2015
- Honorable Mention, NDSU's College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences' Outstanding Research Award, 2013
- Selected for inclusion in the survey pool, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS), 2012
TESS fields a nationally-representative survey sample and awards select applicants questions to field with this sample.
- Honorable Mention, NDSU's College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences' Outstanding Teaching Award, 2012
- Recipient, Mentor Travel Award through NDSU FORWARD, 2011, 2010
- Participant, New Research on Gender in Political Psychology Conference, March 2011
Participation determined by competitive application process.

Finalist, Best Dissertation Award, Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2010

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota Graduate School, 2008-2009
Provides stipend and tuition support for the 2008-2009 school year towards the end of completing the dissertation.

Thesis Research Grant, University of Minnesota Graduate School, 2007

Political Psychology Dissertation Research Grant, Center for the Study of Political Psychology at the University of Minnesota, 2007

Stout-Wallace Fellowship Department Nominee, University of Minnesota Graduate School, 2006

Roberta Sigel Junior Paper Award, The International Society of Political Psychology, 2003
Recipient with James Druckman for "Framing and Deliberation: How Citizens' Conversations Limit Elite Influence"

COURSES

Introduction to Political Science, NDSU

Public Policy Analysis, NDSU

Applied Research Methods, NDSU

Problems and Policies in American Government, NDSU

Senior Seminar, NDSU

Campaigns and Elections, NDSU

Women and Politics

Quantitative Analysis in Political Science, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

SERVICE

Academic Service at NDSU

Chair, Department Promotion, Tenure, and Evaluation Committee (2018-present)

Truman Scholarship representative (2013-present)

College of AHSS's Diversity Committee (2012-present)

Department committees for the hiring of new faculty members (2018, 2019); the interim chair (2012); hiring of the permanent chair (2012); hiring of a criminal justice tenure line (2013)

Evaluation Committee for the AHSS Dean (2014)

Faculty Adviser for Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science national honors society (2012-2014)

Faculty Adviser for the NDSU College Democrats (2014-present)

Faculty Adviser for the Student Environmental Advisory Council (2010-2013)

Faculty Adviser for Blue Key (2011-2013)

Guest lectures in public health classes (undergraduate and graduate), study skills classes, and other political science classes.

Community Service

Member of the Program Committee for Tri-College's NEW Leadership Program (2012-2014)
Presenter on public policy to the NEW Leadership Program (2014, 2015)

Board member of the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition (2011-2017)

Media interviews with several outlets, including Reuters, *The Forum*, KVLV (TV), WDAY (radio), KFGO (radio), and the local FOX affiliate.

Discipline Service

Served as peer reviewer for *Political Psychology*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Justice System Journal*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *New Media and Society*, *Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Local Governance*, and the NSF.

Served as a discussant for the Midwest Political Science Association's annual meetings; the Southern Political Science Association's annual meetings; the New Research in Gender and Political Psychology conference; NDSU's Graduate School Conference; and the Red River Women's Studies annual conference.

Co-organizer of the University of Minnesota Political Science Teaching Conference, 2014