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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Full Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science and Public Policy (April 2022 – present); Graduate Director of the Masters of Public Policy (September 2022 – present)

Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science (April 2016 – April 2022)

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

Bauroth, Nicholas and Kjersten Nelson. 2023. “A Wedge Issue for the 21st Century: The Conditional Effect of Party Identification for Predicting Feelings Towards Immigrants and Refugees in a Higher Ed Setting.” *Online Journal of Rural Research and Policy*, 18(1): 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.4148/1936-0487.1117>.

Nelson, Kjersten. 2021. “You Seem Like a Great Candidate, But...: Race and Gender Attitudes and the 2020 Democratic Primary.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 1-25. doi:10.1017/rep.2020.53.

- Huseth-Zosel, Andrea, Mary Larson, and Kjersten Nelson. 2021. "Health Effects of the #metoo Movement by Gender: Public Health Implications of a Social Movement." *Women's Studies International Forum*, 88. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wsif.2021.102523>.
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X18788041>.
- Bos, Angela, Bas van Doorn, and Kjersten Nelson. 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.
- Nelson, Kjersten. 2018. "When the Going Gets Tough: Issue Environments and Gendered Negativity Strategies." *Social Science Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12465>
- 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.

Under Review

- Boonstoppel, Sarah, Ethan Boldt, and Kjersten Nelson. "Regulating campus speech: Student ideology and support for free speech in a conservative university system." In the process of revising and resubmitting to *Social Science Journal*.

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

Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2023. "Put it in Writing: The Increase in Questions for the Record to Federal Judicial Nominees." At the Southern Political Science Association 2023 Annual Meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, January 11-14.

Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, Eve Ringsmuth, and Emma Solomon. 2021. "Gone Nuclear: The Impact of the Filibuster Rules Change on the Judicial Confirmation Process." At the American Political Science Association 2021 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 30-October 3.

Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2021. "Under the Shadow of Politics: Perspectives on the Nomination and Confirmation Process for the Federal Bench." Preliminary research/design plans presented at the Understanding Legislative Negotiation Conference through the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University, via Zoom (4/9/2021).

Dancey, Logan, Kjersten Nelson, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2021. "Authors Meet Critics: It's Not Personal: Politics and Policy in Lower-Court confirmation Hearings." At the Southern Political Science Association 2021 Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting, January 6-9.

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

Introduction to American Politics, NDSU

Public Policy Analysis, NDSU (undergraduate and graduate levels)

Applied Research Methods, NDSU

Problems and Policies in American Government, NDSU

Senior Seminar, NDSU

Campaigns and Elections, NDSU

Women and Politics, NDSU

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

SERVICE

Academic Service at NDSU

College representative, NDSU Faculty Senate (September 2023 – present; September 2016 – May 2019)

Member, AHSS Curriculum Committee (September 2023 – present)

Chair, Department Promotion, Tenure, and Evaluation Committee (2018-2022); Member, Department Promotion, Tenure, and Evaluation Committee (2018-present)

Chair, Conflict of Interest Committee (January 2021 – January 2022); Member, Conflict of Interest Committee (January 2020-present)

Member, President's Council of Diversity, Inclusion, and Respect (July 2020-May 2023)

Member, Health in All Policies Work Group of the President's Council for Campus Wellbeing (December 2019-May 2023)

Truman Scholarship representative (2013-present)

Member, AHSS Student Progress Committee (April 2020-April 2023)

Department committees for the hiring of new faculty members (2018, 2019, 2022, 2023); hiring of 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 (2015-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

Board member and secretary of the Women Initiative Network of Liberia of Cass-Clay (2019 – present)

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*, KVLVY (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