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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Missouri-St. Louis, Political Science, expected June 2009.

Dissertation: *“Family Matters:” The Prevalence and Effects of Families in American Electoral Politics, 1978-2008.*

Abstract: I examine legislative and executive electoral kinship relations of major party candidates running for national-level offices (presidency, vice-presidency, Congressional, and gubernatorial) from 1978-2008. Marital or blood-kin ties within two degrees of separation with those who have pursued their own candidacy in a national, state, or large city mayoral race delineates a national office candidate as a political family member. I argue that these relationships are more prevalent in American politics than previous literature suggests and that they have increased during this era as a result of changes in national-level elections. I also expect political family members are more likely to win contests at the national level than non-members. I contend that victory results from the possession of superior political resources or capital accrued because of familial relations. Kinship association with state politics, party affiliations, gender, race, and fundraising capabilities are also examined. The collective consequences of political kinship upon national candidacy indicates that election and by extension, office holding, are not as meritocratic or open as American democratic theory assumes or expects governance to be. Political family membership is provides advantages for office-seeking candidates. Kinship is therefore an important variable insufficiently considered in American electoral politics.

Committee: David C. Kimball (Chair), David B. Robertson, Nancy Kinney, Farida Jalalzai.

Examination fields: American Politics, Gender, Public Policy, Institutions, Methodology; *Distinction:* American Politics, Gender, Public Policy, Institutions, 2007.

Certificate University of Missouri-St. Louis, Women’s and Gender Studies, expected 2009.

M.A. University of Missouri-St. Louis, Political Science, 2007.

M.A. Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California; Religion, 1990, Emphasis in Theology and Ethics.

B.A. Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California; History, 1987.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American and comparative political elites, American and comparative gender and politics, politics and history, historical institutionalism, early state-formation, American political development, political socialization and behavior, Medieval, modern, and American political theory and thought, elections, presidency, Congress, politics and religion, education and humanities and arts preservation policy, qualitative and multi-method research design.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Instructor, UM-St. Louis, Department of Political Science

Courses:

- American Political Thought (Fall 2008)
- Introduction to Public Policy (Fall 2008)

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Forest Park Community College, St. Louis

Course:

- Introduction to American Politics (Spring 2008)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, UM-St. Louis, Department of Political Science

Course:

- Introduction to American Politics, Professor E. Terrance Jones (Fall 2004, Winter 2005)

Adjunct Instructor, Carl Albert State College, Poteau, Oklahoma

Courses:

- Introduction to Humanities II—Web Course (Fall 1999, Spring 2000, May Interim 2000, Spring 2002, Summer 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Summer 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Summer 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Summer 2005)
- Introduction to Humanities I (Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2000, Spring 2001)
- History of Western Civilization to 1715 (Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2000)
- History of Western Civilization from 1715 (Spring 2000)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2000, Spring 2001)

Adjunct Instructor, Sanford Brown College, Fenton, Missouri

Course:

- English Composition II (Summer 2003)

Faculty, Carl Albert State College, Poteau, Oklahoma

Courses:

- Introduction to Humanities I (Fall, Spring, 1994-1999; Summer 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998; Winter Interim 1998)

- Introduction to Humanities II (Fall 1994, Spring 1995, Summer 1995, Fall 1995, Spring 1996, Fall 1996, Spring 1997, Summer 1997, Spring 1998, Summer 1998, Fall 1998, Spring 1999)
- History of Western Civilization to 1715 (Fall 1995, Fall 1996, Spring 1997, Fall 1997, Spring 1998, Fall 1998, Spring 1999)
- History of Western Civilization from 1715 (Spring 1997)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 1996, Spring 1997, Fall 1997, Spring 1998, Summer 1998, Spring 1999)
- American History to 1865 (Fall 1994, May 1998)
- Introduction to American Government (May 1997)
- Introduction to Literature (Fall 1994, 1995, 1996)
- English Composition II (Fall 1994, Spring 1995, Fall 1995, Spring 1996)
- English Literature to 1500 (Fall 1995)
- English Literature from 1500 (Spring 1996)

Adjunct Instructor, Murray State College, Tishomingo, Oklahoma

Course:

- World History (Fall 1993)

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Political Science Fellowship, 2008-2009.

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Institute for Women's and Gender Studies, McAffrey Family Scholarship, \$1,000, 2008-2009.

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Institute for Women's and Gender Studies, Writing Award in Graduate Papers and Essays, "The Importance of Women's Political Networks in Western European States: 1453-1570." First Prize, \$200, Spring 2008.

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Graduate School Research Fair, Poster, "Defining Political Capital: A Reconsideration of Bourdieu's Interconvertibility Theory." Third Place, Ph.D. Level, Social Sciences Division, \$100, Spring 2008.

Pi Sigma Alpha Best Graduate Student Paper Award (Top Honor), 16th Annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science, "Defining Political Capital: A Reconsideration of Bourdieu's Interconvertibility Theory," \$ 100, Spring 2008.

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Political Science Fellowship, Summer 2007.

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Political Science Fellowship, Summer 2006.

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Political Science Assistantship, 2004-2008.

Who's Who among American Teachers, 2000.

Who's Who among American Teachers, 1998.

PUBLICATIONS

“Defining Political Capital: A Reconsideration of Pierre Bourdieu’s Interconvertibility Theory.”
Spring 2008, in *Critique: A Worldwide Student Journal of Politics*.

WORK UNDER REVIEW

“Kinship Participation in American Electoral Politics: A Case Study in Path Dependency.” Under Review

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Families in American Legislative and Executive Positions: An Analysis.”

“The Continued Dependence upon Kinship Ties among National-level Female Candidates 1978-2008”

“May the ‘Best’ Candidate Win: An Analysis of Political Kin versus Non-Kin in National Elections, 1978-2008”

“Do Family Politicians Raise More? An Analysis of Fundraising Totals in Congressional Elections: 1978-2008”

“The Family Trees Are Blooming: The Prevalence of Political Families in U.S. National Politics: 1990-2008”

“The Forms of Capital.”

“The Importance of Mentoring Women: The Case of Margaret of Austria.”

“The Forgotten Regiment: The Women Rulers of the Hapsburg Empire.”

“The Importance of Women’s Political Networks in Western Europe: 1453-1633.”

“Policies of Elite Female Succession and Inheritance in Thirteenth through Sixteenth Century Western Europe.”

“Who Are the Chosen? The Politics of Covenant and Three Cases of Supersessionism in Late Medieval and Early Modern National Development.”

“Before Westphalia: How Women Leaders Created the Modern Nation State.”

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Why Kinship and Electoral Politics Matter: A Case Study of Political Families in Missouri” to be presented at the Northeastern Political Science Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 13-15, 2008.

“Defining Political Capital: A Reconsideration of Pierre Bourdieu’s Interconvertibility Theory,” presented at the Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science, Normal, Illinois, April 4, 2008.

“Families in American Electoral Politics,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, California, March 20-22, 2008.

“The Importance of Women’s Political Networks in Western Europe: 1453-1570,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 7-9, 2007.

GUEST LECTURER

“Women and Glass Ceilings during the Middle Ages and Renaissance,” special lecture for course, Women and Leadership: Breaking Glass Ceilings,” University of Missouri-St. Louis, Honors College, February 26, 2008.

“Isabel of Castile and the Politics that Shaped the Modern World,” presented at the Noon Series Speaker’s Forum, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri-St. Louis, January 28, 2008.

“Isabel of Castile,” presented at the Wednesday Club Women in Politics Series, Ladue, Missouri, February 6, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UM-St. Louis, Department of Political Science, August 2007-present.

Graduate Student Managing Editor for *Clio*, the Newsletter of the Politics and History Section of the American Political Science Association, under the direction of Professor David B. Robertson. Collect articles and abstracts for publication, format content, and oversee distribution.

UM-St. Louis, Department of Political Science, October 2005-August 2007.

Graduate Student Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Political Science. Advised 150 undergraduates in course selection pertaining to academic requirements and facilitate articulation issues between students and administration.

UM-St. Louis, Department of Political Science, August 2005-October 2005.

Research Assistant, Professor Ruth Iyob. Formatted bibliographic information for publication, *Sudan: The Elusive Quest for Peace*.

UM-St. Louis, Department of Political Science, August 2004-May 2005.

Teaching Assistant, Professor E. Terrence Jones, Introduction to American Politics. Assisted with course lecture and lectured in primary session as needed, conducted three weekly discussion groups, graded research papers, administered discussion group grades.

Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, 2001- 2003.

Director of Retail Services. Oversaw day-to-day retail operations of Missouri Historical Society and History Museum. Responsible for merchandise research and product development pertaining to the museum mission, and all purchasing, pricing, inventory, display, and sales. Retail operations varied from one to three simultaneous outlets. Oversaw two full-time, seven part-time employees, and numerous volunteer staff.

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Teaching the Presidency: The Best Ways to Engage Students, American Political Science Association, August 2008.

Teaching Public Policy, American Political Science Association, August 2008.

Multi-Method Research, American Political Science Association, August 2007.

Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets, American Political Science Association, August 2007.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING AND RESEARCH SKILLS

- Extensive distance learning teaching experience
- Extensive experience with student academic advisement
- Web-course development and oversight
- Experience with STATA 8, 9
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Languages: Spanish (Reading-Intermediate); French (Reading-Beginner)

SERVICE

University of Missouri-St. Louis

- Constitution Day Committee 2008
- Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association 2004-present
- PSGSA Treasurer 2007-2008

University of Missouri-St. Louis Alumni Association 2007-present

Carl Albert State College

- Faculty Advisor, Young Students in Politics Club, 1997-1999
- Chair, Student-Faculty Interaction Committee 1998-1999
- Library Committee 1994-1999

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association, 2004 to present

- Politics and History Section Member, 2004 to present
- Qualitative Methods Section Member, 2006 to present
- International History and Politics Section Member, 2008

- Political Science Education Section Member, 2008
- Sexuality and Politics Section Member, APSA 2008
- Women and Politics Section Member, APSA, 2004 to 2007

Western Political Science Association, 2007 to present

American Historical Association, 2004 to present

Phi Kappa Phi, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2007 to present

Pi Sigma Alpha, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2004 to present

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request