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Employment

Letters & Science Nancy Obin Sukenik Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2025-Present.
Faculty Affiliate, Election Research Center, 2015-Present.
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2017 - Present.
Booth Fowler Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2017-2022.
Faculty Affiliate, La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2015-2021.
Trice Faculty Scholar, 2014-2017.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2014-2017.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 2009-2014.
Resident Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, 2009-2014
Resident Fellow, Center for the Study of American Politics, 2009-2014.

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Harvard University, June 2009.
M.A. Political Science, Harvard University, 2008.
A.B. Politics with Honors and a Certificate in Political Economy, Princeton University, June 2004.

Articles

"How Shifting Priorities and Capacity Affect Policy Work and Constituency Service: Evidence from a Census of Legislator Requests to U.S. Federal Agencies." 2026. *American Journal of Political Science.* 70(4): 1570-1588. Joint with Devin Judge-Lord and Justin Grimmer.

"Politics and Healthcare Spending in the United States: A Case Study from the Passage of the 2003 Medicare Modernization Act." 2024. *Journal of Health Economics*. Volume 95, May 2024, 102878. Joint with Zack Cooper, Amanda Kowalski and Jennifer Wu.

"Women in Legislative Studies: Improving Gender Equality," 2023, *PS: Political Science & Politics.* 56(4): 591-597. Joint with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Gisela Sin.

"Legislator Advocacy on Behalf of Constituents and Corporate Donors: A Case Study of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission," 2023, in *Accountability Reconsidered: Voters, Interests, and Information in US Policymaking*. Edited by Charles M. Cameron, Brandice Canes-Wrone, and Gregory A. Huber. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Joint with Devin Judge-Lord and Justin Grimmer.

Research Note: "Little is Known about Party System Volatility in Post-Communist Europe, but we have Interesting New Methods and Data for Studying It." 2017. *British Journal of Political Science*, 47(1): 235-259. Joint with Joshua A. Tucker.

"Money in Exile: Campaign Contributions and Committee Access," 2016, *Journal of Politics*. 78(4): 974-988. Joint with Justin Grimmer.

"Crowded Space, Fertile Ground: Party Entry and the Effective Number of Parties," 2016, *Political Science Research and Methods*. 4(2): 317-342. Joint with Daniel M. Kselman, and Joshua A. Tucker.

"Professional Societies, Political Action Committees and Party Preferences," 2015, *American Journal of Public Health*, 105(1): e11-e14. Joint with Steven Bernstein and Carol Barsky.

"Understanding The Party Brand: Experimental Evidence on the Role of Valence," 2014, *Journal of Politics*, 76(2): 492-505. Joint with Daniel M. Butler.

"Revisiting Electoral Volatility in Post-Communist Countries: New Data, New Results and New Approaches." 2014. *British Journal of Political Science*, 44(1):123-147. Joint with Joshua A. Tucker.

"Congressmen in Exile: The Politics and Consequences of Involuntary Committee Removal." 2013. *Journal of Politics*, 75(4): 907–920. Joint with Justin Grimmer.

"Driving Support: Workers, PACs and Congressional Support of the Auto Industry." 2013. *Business & Politics*, 15(2): 137-162. Joint with Ryan T. Moore and Andrew Reeves.

"Revisiting Public Opinion in the 1930s and 1940s." 2011. *P.S.: Political Science & Politics*, 44(3): 515-520. Joint with Adam Berinsky, Eric Schickler, and Ian Yohai.

Selected Research and Publications in Progress

Books

Unequal Interbranch Representation: How Members of Congress work with the bureaucracy and why some do much more than others, joint with Devin Judge-Lord and Rochelle Snyder.

Where Money Matters in Congress: A Window into How Parties Evolve

The "Legislative Consequences of Fundraising Influence" chapter received the inaugural Best Paper Award from the APSA Class & Inequality Section (2016 Best Paper Award).

Research Papers

"Private Sponsorship Lower for Conferences with Climate Change Topics" joint with Yu Lu, Christopher Kucharik, Mark N. Lubelland, and Adena Rissman. *Revise & Resubmit at Nature Communications.*

- Presented at MPSA.

"Words and Deeds: Do Legislators' Public Messages Reflect Their Less Visible Work with Federal Agencies?" joint with Jessie Munson, Rochelle Snyder, and Devin Judge-Lord.

- Presented at MPSA.

"Who Gets Constituent Service?" joint with Rochelle Snyder, Devin-Judge Lord and Justin Grimmer.

- Presented at APSA and MPSA.

"Private and Public Lobbying on Election Reform After January 6th," joint with Veronica Judson.

- Presented at the MPSA and the Elections Research Center Conference, Madison, WI.

"Congressional Voting in Absentia," joint with Katherine Conlon.

"The Influence of Elected Leaders' Communication in a Fragmented Information Environment" Joint with Cody-Ann Lyn and Andrew Trexler.

"The Effect of Party Valence on Voting in Congress," joint with Daniel M. Butler.

- Presented at MPSA.

"Pure Position Taking in the U.S. House of Representatives."

- Presented at SPSA, Dartmouth, and Stanford.

"Judges and Money," joint with Maya Sen.

- Presented at Cornell Inequality Conference

"How Not to Lie Without Statistics," joint with Gary King.

- Presented at APSA.

"Gridlock Intervals, Judicial Appointments and the U.S. Senate," joint with Ryan J. Owens and Daniel Metcalf.

- Presented at Wisconsin-Madison.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association: 2001, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020.
Midwest Political Science Association: 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2024, 2025, 2026.
Southern Political Science Association: 2012, 2016.
Chambers of Democracy Conferece, Notre Dame, 2026
Forum on American Institutional Renewal Conference, Purdue University, 2026.
Congressional Capacity Conference, Washington, DC, 2018.
National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Summer Institute. 2016.
Purchasing Power? The Next Generation of Research on Money and Politics Conference. 2016.
Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy Conference, Brigham Young University, 2016.
Cornell Conference on Inequality and American Politics, Cornell University, 2016.
Congress and History Conference: 2012.
Visions in Methodology Conference: 2012, 2016 (Discussant).
MIT American Politics Conference: 2011.
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology: 2008 (Poster), 2011 (Discussant).

Invited Talks

Harvard University, November 2022. University of California-Berkeley, November 2022. University of Illinois-Chicago, October 2022. Capitol Historical Society, December 2020. Northwestern University, November 2020. Vanderbilt University, January 2020. University of California-Davis, February 2020. Princeton University, May 2019. University of Chicago, May 2019. University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana, February 2019. University of Virginia, October 2018. Duke University, November 2016. Harvard University, October 2016. University of Miami, October 2016. Stanford University (Graduate School of Business), September 2016. Dartmouth University, January 2016. Stanford University, May 2015. Washington University in St. Louis, March 2015. Harvard University, April 2014. Syracuse University, February 2014. Emory University, December 2013. University of Wisconsin, May 2013. University of California, Berkeley, April 2013. Wesleyan University, March 2013. Princeton University, February 2013. University of Virginia, 2012. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2010.

Awards and Fellowships

Inaugural Best Paper Award from the APSA Class and Inequality Section for "Legislative Consequences of Fundraising Influence," Award Presented at APSA 2016.
Vilas Faculty Early Career Investigator Award, UW-Madison, 2016.
Dirksen Center Congressional Research Award Grant, 2008.
Eliot Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2008-2009. A competitive merit-based Graduate School of Arts and Sciences fellowship for the Social Sciences.
Center for American Political Studies Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2008-2009. A competitive merit-based fellowship for the study of American Politics.
Benjamin Bainbridge Tregoe Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University, 2004-2005.
Carl Friedrich Fellow, Harvard University, Department of Government, 2004.

Research Grants

National Science Foundation Grant: Collaborative Research: Incentivizing and Spotlighting Scientific Contributions in Legislative Studies, 2024-2026. Joint with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Gisela Sin.

Election Research Center Grant: Corporate Lobbying and the Electoral Count Reform Act. Joint with Veronica Judson.

National Science Foundation Grant: Women in Legislative Studies, 2019-2023. Joint with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Gisela Sin.

APSA Centennial Center Grant: Women in Legislative Studies, 2019-2023.Joint with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Gisela Sin.

LSQ Grant: Women in Legislative Studies, 2019-2024. Joint with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Gisela Sin.

Vilas Faculty Early Career Investigator Grant, UW-Madison, 2016.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research with funding from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, "Congressional Representation: Constituents, Donors and Policy," 2016-2017.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research with funding from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, "Roll Call Voting: Abstention, Bias, and Representation," 2015-2016.

Institute for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, "Judges and Money Project," 2014.

Dirksen Center Congressional Research Award Grant, 2008.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Classes

The U.S. Congress (Undergraduate Lecture), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
The American Presidency (Undergraduate Lecture), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Introduction to Survey Research (Undergraduate Lecture), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
The U.S. Congress (Undergraduate Lecture), Yale University.
Parties and Leaders in Congress (Undergraduate Writing Seminar), Yale University.
Senior Essay Advising and Reading, Yale University.

Graduate Classes

American Politics Workshop (Graduate Seminar), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Political Economy Colloquium (Graduate Seminar), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
The Legislative Process (Graduate Seminar), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
American Field Seminar (Graduate Seminar), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
New Approaches in American Politics (Graduate Seminar), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Empirical Methods of Political Inquiry (Graduate Seminar), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
American Political Institutions (Graduate Seminar), Yale University.
Math Re-Fresher for Political Science (Graduate Seminar), Yale University.

Graduate Comprehensive Field Exam Evaluations: American, Methods

Dissertation Committees

Levi Bankston (Wisconsin), Peter Burress (Wisconsin; LaFollette), Lara Chausow (Yale), Kennia Corronado (Wisconsin), Evan Crawford (Wisconsin), Michael DiCrecenzo (Wisconsin), Jack Edelson (Wisconsin), William Egar (Wisconsin), Jess Esplin (Wisconsin Ph.D. Candidate), Evan Fleshman (Wisconsin), Simon Haeder (Wisconsin), Devin Judge-Lord (Wisconsin), Veronica Judson (Wisconsin), Matthew Kim (Wisconsin), Christopher Krewson (Wisconsin), Ruoxi Li (Wisconsin), Cody-Ann Lyn (Wisconsin), Yu Lu (Wisconsin; Human Dimensions of Ecosystem Management), Jessie Munson (Wisconsin), Marcy Shieh (Wisconsin), James Sieja (Wisconsin), Natalie Smith (Wisconsin), Rochelle Snyder (Wisconsin), Mary Sullivan (Vanderbilt), Sarah Waldfogel (Wisconsin; Economics), and Regina Wagner (Wisconsin).

Professional Service

At-Large Member, Legislative Studies Section Executive Board 2019-2025.
Past-President of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2024-2025.
Host, Women in Legislative Studies Conference. 2024.
President of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2023-2024.
President-Elect of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2022-2023.
MPSA Executive Committee & MPSA Council, 2022-2025.
Co-Founder & Executive Committee Women in Legislative Studies, 2019-2025.
Program Co-Chair 2020 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
Host, 2020 Congress & History Conference.
Section Head, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.
Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2017-2022.
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2017-2018.
Co-Host, 34^{th} Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 2017.
Program Committee, 34^{th} Annual Meeting, Society for Political Methodology, 2017.
Rosenthal Prize Committee, Legislative Studies Section, APSA, 2017.
Chair, Gladys M. Kammerer Book Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2016.
Section Head, Legislative Institutions, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2014.
Grant Reviewer: National Science Foundation.
Manuscript Referee: *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science (QJPS), Legislative Studies Quarterly, British Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, Political Research Quarterly, CQ Press, Party Politics, Political Behavior, Political Science Research & Methods, Business & Politics, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Sage (QASS Series), Journal of Conflict Resolution, Public Choice, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Public Opinion Quarterly, Interest Groups & Advocacy, Journal of Common Market Studies*, and *Electoral Studies*.
Professional Memberships: *American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Legislative Studies Section of the American Political Science Association, Political Methodology Section of the American Political Science Association, Political Organizations and Parties Section of the American Political Science Association, Class and Inequality Section of the American Political Science Association, Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research Subsection of the American Political Science Association*

University Service

Faculty Senate; 2026-Present
UW-Madison Representative to the Universities of Wisconsin Office of Civic Engagement
University's Civics and Democracy Collective; 2025-Present
Political Science Faculty Review Committee; 2025-2026
Political Science Student Award And Prize Committee; 2025-2026
Mock Trial Advisor; 2025-2026
Steering Committee, Elections Research Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring 2015-2026.
American Politics Search Committee, Fall 2024.
Intellectual Life Committee, 2024-2025.
American Politics Search Committee, Fall 2022.
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2021-2022.
Chair's Advisory Committee, Political Science Department, 2018-2020, 2021-2022.
University Protest Administrative Review Team, 2018-2022.
Faculty Coordinator for Women in Political Science (WIPS+), 2019-2022.
Chair, Quantitative Methods Search Committee, Fall 2018.
Undergraduate Program Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2017.
Computer Services Committee, Fall 2014; Fall 2015-Spring 2017.
Joel Dean Reading Room Committee, UW, Political Science Department, Fall 2014-Spring 2015.

Department Secretary, UW, Political Science Department, Fall 2014-Spring 2015.
H.J. Heinz IV '60/Wrexham Prize Committee, Yale, 2013.
American Politics Workshop Coordinator,Yale, 2009-2011
Faculty Search Committee & Diversity Representative, Yale University, 2010.
Post-doctoral Fellow Selection Committee , Center for the Study of American Politics, Yale, 2010, 2011.