

**Tracy L. Osborn  
Curriculum Vitae**

University of Iowa  
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Education and Professional History

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**Education**

Ph.D. Political Science, Indiana University, August 2004  
B.A. Political Science, Loyola University (New Orleans, LA), May 1998, *magna cum laude*

**Academic Positions**

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2012-present  
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2012-2013  
- Graduate Placement Director, 2015-2017  
Iowa Public Policy Center, Faculty Associate and Director of Politics and Policy Program, 2015-present  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2007-2012  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Bridgewater State College (MA), 2004-2007

**Honors and Awards**

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Collegiate Teaching Award, 2018 (2000\$)  
Iowa Public Policy Center Summer Scholar, Summer 2017 (4500\$)  
Iowa Public Policy Center Summer Scholar, Summer 2018 (4500\$)  
International Programs Summer Research Fellowship (3500\$), Summer 2015  
Dean's Scholar, University of Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (\$10,000), 2012-14  
Iowa Social Science Research Funding Initiative Grant (19,445\$), Fall 2011

Scholarship

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**Books**

Donovan, Todd, Daniel Smith, Tracy Osborn, and Christopher Mooney. 2014. *State and Local Government: Institutions and Reform (4<sup>th</sup> edition)*. New York: Cengage Press.  
Osborn, Tracy. 2012. *How Women Represent Women: Political Parties, Gender, and Representation in the State Legislatures*. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Articles (Refereed)**

Osborn, Tracy, Rebecca Kreitzer, Emily Schilling, and Jennifer Hayes Clark. Forthcoming. "Ideology and Polarization among Women State Legislators." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

- Kreitzer, Rebecca, and Tracy Osborn. Forthcoming. "The Emergence and Activities of Women's Recruiting Groups in the U.S." *Politics, Groups and Identities*.
- Boehmke, Frederick, Tracy Osborn, and Emily Schilling. 2015. "Pivotal Politics and Initiative Use in the American States." *Political Research Quarterly*  
\*winner of the 2016 Best Journal Article Award for the State Politics and Policy Section of APSA
- Osborn, Tracy. 2014. "Women State Legislators and Representation: The Role of Political Parties and Institutions." *State and Local Government Review* 46(2): 146-155.
- Osborn, Tracy, and Jeanette Mendez. 2011. "Two Become One? Spouses and Agreement in Political Opinions." *American Politics Research* 39(5): 783-803.
- Mendez, Jeanette, and Tracy Osborn. 2010. "Gender and the Perception of Knowledge in Political Discussion." *Political Research Quarterly* 63(2): 269-79.
- Osborn, Tracy, Scott McClurg and Benjamin Knoll. 2010. "Voter Mobilization and the Obama Victory." *American Politics Research* 38(2): 211-232.
- Osborn, Tracy, and Jeanette Mendez. 2010. "Speaking as Women: Women and the Use of Floor Speeches in the Senate." *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy* 31(1): 1-21.
- Clark, Jennifer Hayes, Tracy Osborn, Jonathan Winburn, and Gerald Wright. 2009. "Representation in U.S. Legislatures: The Acquisition and Analysis of State Legislative Roll Call Data." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 9(3): 356-70.
- Gerrity, Jessica, Tracy Osborn, and Jeanette Mendez. 2007. "Women and Representation: A Different View of the District." *Politics & Gender*. June 3(2): 179-200.
- Huckfeldt, Robert, Jeanette Morehouse Mendez, and Tracy Osborn. 2004. "Disagreement, Ambivalence, and Engagement: The Political Consequences of Heterogeneous Networks." *Political Psychology* 25(1): 65-95.

### **Book Chapters**

- Kreitzer, Rebecca, and Tracy Osborn. Forthcoming. "Women Candidate Recruitment Groups in the U.S. States." In *Good Reasons to Run*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
- Osborn, Tracy and Rebecca Kreitzer. 2014. "Women State Legislators: Women's Issues in Partisan Environments." In Sue Thomas and Clyde Wilcox, eds., *Women and Elective Office, Third Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Ahn, T.K., Robert Huckfeldt, Jeanette Mendez, Tracy Osborn, and John B. Ryan. 2014. "Experts, Activists, and the Social Communication of Political Expertise." In Ahn, Huckfeldt and Ryan, eds. *Experts, Activists, and Interdependent Citizens: Are Electorates Self-Educating?* New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Huckfeldt, Robert, Jeanette Morehouse Mendez, and Tracy Osborn. 2004. "The Survival of Diverse Opinions within Communication Networks," Chapter 8 in Robert Huckfeldt, Paul E. Johnson and John Sprague, *The Persistence of Political Disagreement among Citizens: How Disagreement Survives within Communication Networks*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

### **Book Reviews**

- Osborn, Tracy. 2014. Review of Michele Swers, *Women in the Club: Gender and Policy Making in the U.S. Senate. Perspectives on Politics*.
- Osborn, Tracy. 2012. Review of Regina Lawrence and Melody Rose, *Hillary Clinton's Race for the White House: Gender Politics and the Media on the Campaign Trail. Perspectives on Politics*.
- Osborn, Tracy. 2007. Review of Kira Sanbonmatsu, *Where Women Run: Gender and Party in the American States. Perspectives on Politics* 5(1): 177-8.

## **Works in Progress**

“Scared of Women and Mothers? Media Framing and Public Reactions to Men and Women Terrorists.” (with Jeanette Mendez, Candice Ortals, and Lori-Poloni-Staudinger). Revise and resubmit to *Politics & Gender*.

“When Women Are in Charge: Critical Mass and Agenda Control in New Hampshire.” (with Emily Schilling). Revise and resubmit to *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*.

“Anti-Feminism and Women’s Representation in the States.” (with Rebecca Kreitzer, Beth Reingold, and Michele Swers). In revision.

“Disaggregating the Causes of the Double Bind on Women Political Leaders.” With Jeanette Mendez, Sarah Shair-Rosenfield, and Melody Valdin. In revision.

“Women Candidate Groups and Political Parties.” With Rebecca Kreitzer and Abby Matthews. In revision.

“Gender, Language and Representation in the United States Senate.” With Leah Windsor, Sara Mitchell, and Grayson Cupit. In revision.

“Women Legislators, Partisanship, and Policy Change, 1960-2010: The Case of the Washington House (with Rebecca Kreitzer). In revision.

Recruiting Women’s Candidates in the U.S. States. (with Rebecca Kreitzer). Book manuscript in progress.

Party Change and Women’s Representation, 1960-2015. Book manuscript in progress.

## **Recent Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

*2019*

“Women Candidate Groups and Political Parties.” With Rebecca Kreitzer and Abby Matthews. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference, College Park, MD (June).

“Disaggregating the Causes of the Double Bind on Women Political Leaders.” With Jeanette Mendez, Sarah Shair-Rosenfield, and Melody Valdin. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA (April).

“Women’s Recruiting Groups: A Survey of the U.S. States.” With Rebecca Kreitzer. Paper presented at the Women in Subnational Government Conference, Tulane University (Feb).

*2018*

“Recruiting Women in the U.S. States.” With Rebecca Kreitzer. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (September).

“Women Candidate Groups in the U.S. States.” (with Rebecca Kreitzer). Paper presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Pennsylvania State University (June).

*2017*

“Women’s Recruiting Groups in the U.S.” (with Rebecca Kreitzer). Invited paper presented at the “Good Reasons to Run” conference, University of Pennsylvania (Nov).

“Majority of the Majority: Integrating Critical Mass and Party Control.” (with Emily Schilling). Paper presented at the European Political Science Association annual meeting, Milan, Italy (June).

“Upward Trajectory? Explaining Fluctuations in Women’s Recruitment and Representation in the U.S.” (with Rebecca Kreitzer). Paper presented at the European Conference on Politics and Gender, Lausanne, Switzerland (June).

“Upward Trajectory? Explaining Fluctuations in Women’s Recruitment and Representation in the U.S.” (with Rebecca Kreitzer). Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL (April).

*2016*

“Women State Legislators and Party Polarization in the U.S. States.” (with Rebecca Kreitzer, Emily Schilling, and Jennifer Clark). Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico (January).

“Women Legislators, Polarization, and Public Policy.” (with Rebecca Kreitzer, Emily Schilling, and Jennifer Clark). Paper to be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL (April).

“Party Change and Women’s Representation: The Washington House.” (with Rebecca Kreitzer). Paper to be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL (April).

“Political Representation in the U.S.” GEPP Project. Invited presentation at the Gender Equity and Public Policy Conference, University College, London, UK (May).

*2015*

“Emotionally Evocative Women? The Influence of Women Suicide Bombers on the American Public (with Jeanette Mendez, Candice Orbals, and Lori Poloni-Staudinger). Invited presentation at the Conference on How Gender Shapes Violence and Coercion, Arizona State University (October).

“When Women Are in Charge: Critical Mass and Agenda Control in New Hampshire.” With Emily Schilling. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV. (April)

“Scared of Women and Mothers? Media Framing and Public Reactions to Gendered Terrorism.” With Jeanette Mendez, Candice Orbals, and Lori Poloni-Staudinger. Paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Politics and Gender, Uppsala, Sweden (June).

“Anti-Feminism and Women’s Representation in the States.” With Rebecca Kreitzer, Beth Reingold and Michele Swers. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA (August).

“Scared of Women and Mothers? Media Framing and Gendered Terrorism Abroad.” With Jeanette Mendez, Candice Ortals and Lori Poloni-Staudinger. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA (August).

*(for conferences prior to 2015, please contact at the information above)*

## Teaching

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### **Courses Taught at the University of Iowa**

*Women and Politics in the U.S.* (Spring 2008; Spring 2009; Fall 2009; Fall 2010; Spring 2012; Fall 2013; Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2017)

*U.S. Congress* (Spring 2009; Summer 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011; Spring 2013; Summer 2014; Spring 2015; Summer 2016; Summer 2017; Fall 2017)

*Introduction to American Politics* (Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011; Spring 2012; Fall 2012; Fall 2013; Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Spring 2019)

*Introduction to American Politics, Honors* (Fall 2014)

*Graduate Seminar in American Politics* (Fall 2008; Fall 2009; Spring 2015; Spring 2019)

*Graduate Seminar in Women and Politics* (Fall 2012; Fall 2016)

*US State Politics* (Fall 2007; Fall 2008)

*Voting and Elections* (Summer 2012; Fall 2018)

*Politics of Representation* (Fall 2007)

## Service

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### **Profession**

**Referee:** *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *American Politics Research*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics & Gender*; *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Congress and the Presidency*; *Journal of Legislative Studies*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Political Behavior*; *Social Science Quarterly*; Congressional Quarterly Press; Routledge Press; Oxford University Press; New York University Press; Temple University Press; National Science Foundation.

Named *American Journal of Political Science* “super-reviewer,” 2013

Named *Political Research Quarterly* Outstanding Reviewer, 2012-2013

Named *Politics & Gender* Outstanding Reviewer, 2018

**Associate Editor:** *Politics & Gender* (January 2014-August 2018)

**Member, Editorial Board:** *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (March 2011-present); *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (Fall 2012-2016)

**Professional Associations:** American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science, National Women's Caucus for Political Science

**Service to Professional Organizations:**

Midwest Women's Caucus: President, 2009-2010; President-elect, 2008-2009; Treasurer, 2006-2008

American Political Science Association Legislative Studies Section: Treasurer (August 2011-2013)

American Political Science Association Women's Caucus: President (August 2012-August 2013)

President-Elect (August 2011-2012)

American Political Science Association Women and Politics Section: member, Best Dissertation Award Committee (2012)

Midwest Political Science Association, Best Article Published in *AJPS* Committee (2014; 2015 Chair)

Southern Political Science Association, Marian Irish Award for the Best Paper on Women and Politics at the SPSA (2014)

**Additional Conference Participation:**

Conference Chair/Organizer: State Politics and Policy Conference 2013

Section Organizer:

Midwest Political Science Association (Midwest Women's Caucus Section): 2010

Southern Political Science Association (Legislative Studies Section): 2012

Western Political Science Association (Women and Politics Section): 2015

Midwest Political Science Association (Women and Politics Section): 2017

Southern Political Science Association (Women and Politics Section): 2019

Chair/Discussant:

Midwest Political Science Association: 2017; 2015; 2014; 2013; 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006

American Political Science Association: 2013; 2012, 2011, 2009

State Politics and Policy Conference: 2017; 2013, 2012, 2010

Southern Political Science Association: 2012

Roundtable Panelist:

Midwest Political Science Association: 2009, 2008, 2006

American Political Science Association: 2013

Western Political Science Association: 2018

Short Course Panelist:

American Political Science Association, 2011

**Department**

Graduate Placement Director, Spring 2015-Spring 2017

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Fall 2012 - Fall 2013

Contentious Politics Search Committee, Fall 2011

Executive Committee, Fall 2009-Spring 2010; Fall 2014-Fall 2016

Graduate Committee, Fall 2008-Spring 2010; Fall 2016-Spring 2018

Alumni/Fundraising Committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2009; Fall 2016-present

**University**

Member, Presidential Committee on Athletics (Fall 2016-present)

Member, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Scholarship Committee (Fall 2014-Spring 2017)

Member, University Judicial Commission (Fall 2013-present)

Organizer, “Conference on Gendered Violence,” University of Iowa Public Policy Center, Fall 2017  
Organizing Committee and Speaker, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual UI Health Sciences and Engineering Conference for Women Faculty (Fall 2015-February 2016)  
Organizing Committee, “Political Discourse: The Impact of Redistricting, Campaign Finance and the Media.” University of Iowa Public Policy Center, December 2015  
International Programs, Summer Research Award Committee, Chair (December 2015)  
Chair, “Women in Office, How Do Women Govern?” University of Iowa Public Policy Center, Symposium on Women and Politics: Current and Historical Perspectives, April 2014.  
Chair, “Women and Political Discourse,” University of Iowa Public Policy Center, Symposium on Political Discourse, September 2011.  
Panelist, “Women in Iowa Politics,” University of Iowa Law School, Symposium on Women in Iowa Law and Politics, March 2012.

### **Community**

Presentation, “Electing Women to Office in the U.S.,” Iowa City Public Library, February 2018  
Interviews related to the Iowa Caucuses/Elections (numerous)  
Guest on Iowa Public Radio (numerous)  
Presentation, “How to Recruit More Women to Politics,” Iowa Public Library, February 2018  
Presentation, “Women in American Politics,” Marengo County (Iowa) Public Library, August 2010  
Presentation, “The Most-Asked Questions in Women and Politics,” Linn County Legal Support Professionals, January 2009  
Board of Directors, Domestic Violence Intervention Project (Iowa City, IA) (2011-2015)  
Reviewer for Project Vote Smart ([www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)) “Key Votes” Identification, 2007-present

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