

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., Government and Political Science** Expected 2022  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology  
Dissertation: "Follow the Leaders: Policy Positioning in the U.S. Congress"  
Chair: Kris Miller, UMD  
Committee: Frances Lee, Princeton University; Stella Rouse, UMD; Ernesto Calvo, UMD
- M. A., Government and Political Science** May 2020  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- B. A., History and Journalism, with Honors** May 2013  
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

### REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, and BOOK CHAPTERS IN PRINT

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- Safarpour, A. C., Gaynor, S. W., Rouse, S. M. Swers, M. When Women Run, Voters Will Follow (Sometimes): Examining the Mobilizing Effect of Female Candidates in the 2014 and 2018 Midterm Elections. (2022). *Political Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-021-09767-x>
- Gaynor, S. W. (2021). The (Financial) Ties that Bind: Social Networks of Intraparty Caucuses. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lsq.12360>.
- Gaynor, S. W., "Congress and External Influencers: Interest Groups, Activists, and Media." *Congress Explained*, Burgat, C. and Hunt, C. Sage Press, forthcoming 2022.
- Gaynor, S. W., & Gimpel, J. G. (2021). Small Donor Contributions in Response to Email Outreach by a Political Campaign. *Journal of Political Marketing*, 1-25.
- Gaynor, S. W., & Gimpel, J. G. (2021). Reapportioning the US Congress: The shifting geography of political influence. *Political Geography*, 86, 102365.
- U.S. Congress. House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Final Report. Washington: U.S. Government Publishing Office, October 2020. (1009-E). (Y 4.2:M 72/R 29). Lead Author, with support from the American Political Science Association Public Service Fellowship. <https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo146079>.
- Gaynor, S. W., & Lee, F. E. (2020). Advice for Women and Their Colleagues: An Interview with Frances E. Lee. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 53(2), 310-312.
- Wyckoff, S. (2017). Should Congressional Incumbents Be Concerned About the 2018 Midterm Elections? Center for American Politics and Citizenship, University of Maryland. December 2017.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Voting the District or Talking the District?”, with Kristina Miler, Philip Resnick, Pranav Goel, and Alexander Hoyle. Prepared for the 2021 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

“Dynamic Districts and Institutional Power: The Impact of Reapportionment in the U. S. Congress”, with Sam Hayes. Prepared for the 2021 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

“A Dictionary-based Approach for Measuring Text Complexity”, prepared for the University of Maryland Methods Field requirement.

“Influencing Change: Minority Caucuses in Congress”

## TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

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**George Mason University, Fairfax, VA** Spring 2022

Adjunct Instructor

Legislative Behavior

**University of Maryland, College Park, MD**

Instructor of Record

Introduction to American Government

Summer 2021

Experiential Learning: Maryland, Public Policy, and Beyond

Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant

Crime, Cities, and the Constitution

Fall 2019

Justice, Law, and the Courts

Spring 2018, Spring 2019

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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APSA Public Service Fellowship, U. S. House of Representatives  
Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress

Dec. 2019 – March 2021

U. S. Senate, Sen. John Cornyn  
Deputy Press Secretary, Speechwriter

July 2015 – Aug. 2017

U. S. House of Representatives, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
House Republican Conference Press Secretary

April 2014 – July 2015

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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“Voting the District or Talking the District?”, with Kristina Miler, Philip Resnick, Pranav Goel, and Alexander Hoyle. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. September 2021.

“Dynamic Districts and Institutional Power: The Impact of Reapportionment in the U. S. Congress”, with Sam Hayes. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. January 2021.

“The Financial Ties that Bind: Social Networks and Intraparty Caucuses in Congress.” University of Maryland American Politics Workshop, College Park, MD. September 25, 2020.

Gender and the Political Pipeline, Chair and discussant. American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. September 2020.

“The New Year of the Woman: How Candidate Gender Affected Voter Turnout in the 2014 and 2018 Midterm Elections”, with Alauna Safapour and Dr. Stella Rouse. University of Maryland American Politics Workshop, College Park, MD. October 18, 2019.

“Redistricting and the Geographic Redistribution of Political Influence”, with James Gimpel. American Political Science Association, Washington, D. C., 2019.

## RESEARCH AND TRAINING

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse NY Summer 2019

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Research Assistant – Dr. Kris Miler Fall 2021

Research Assistant – Dr. Frances E. Lee Winter 2017 – Summer 2019

Research Fellow – Center for American Politics and Citizenship Fall 2017

Editing and Copyediting

Curry, James and Frances E. Lee. *The Limits of Party: Congress and Lawmaking in a Polarized Era*. Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Davidson, Roger H., Walter J. Oleszek, Frances E. Lee, and Eric Schickler. *Congress and its Members, 17<sup>th</sup> Edition*. CQ Press, 2019.

Lee, Frances E., and Nolan McCarty, eds. *Can America Govern Itself? SSRC Anxieties of Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.

Proficient in R, Excel, and SPSS

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Conley H. Dillion Award in American Politics December 2021

University of Maryland, College Park

Awarded for outstanding doctoral research in American Politics

Roger H. Davidson Award in American Politics (\$500) December 2020

University of Maryland, College Park

Awarded to the best graduate student paper in the field of American Politics

Graduate Student Research Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$5,000) Summer 2020, 2021

American Political Science Association Public Service Fellowship Dec. 2019 – March 2021

Fellow with the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Maryland AY 2019 – 2020

Elizabeth Jean Spencer Award for excellence in American Politics (\$6,000) Fall 2019

UMD College of Behavioral and Social Science Dean's Fellowship (\$5,000). 2018, 2019, 2020

University of Maryland GVPT Methodological Field Funding (\$400) Summer 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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BSOS Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council (DGSAC) Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Graduate Student Association, University of Maryland  
Chair Fall 2018 – Fall 2019

Congressional Research Service January 2019  
Outside evaluator for the 2018 New Member program (with Dr. Frances E. Lee)

*Legislative Studies Quarterly* Fall 2018 – January 2019  
Assistant Editor

Center for American Policy and Citizenship, University of Maryland  
Internship Coordinator Fall 2017 –Spring 2018