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## EDUCATION

**PhD** Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, University of Kansas, May 2019

Dissertation: “Female Firepower: Exploring the Politics of Gun Ownership and Gender”  
Committee: Mark R. Joslyn (Chair), Donald P. Haider-Markel, John James Kennedy,  
Kevin J. Mullinix, and Margaret S. Kelley

**MA** Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Arkansas, May 2016

**BS** Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Central Michigan University, May 2014

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019 - Present Assistant Professor, Wichita State University; Wichita, KS

2019 Visiting Instructor, Missouri Western State University; Saint Joseph, MO

2018 - 2019 Adjunct Instructor, Central Michigan University Global Campus

2018 Adjunct Instructor, Highland Community College; Highland, KS

## COURSES TAUGHT

- American Politics, Comparative Politics, Gender and Politics, International Organizations, Model United Nations, Public Opinion and Political Psychology, State and Local Government

## RESEARCH

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Public Opinion, Political Behavior and Engagement, Gun Ownership, Gun Politics, Gender, Policy Attitudes, and Political Science Pedagogy

### PUBLICATIONS

2019 “*Intersectionality in Action: Gun Ownership and Women’s Political Participation*” with Mark R. Joslyn and Donald P. Haider-Markel. October 2019. *Social Science Quarterly* 100(6).

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

2020 “*Even Six Feet Apart, We’re All in This Together: Social Capital and Social Distancing in the Great Plains*” with Mark R. Joslyn, *Great Plains Research*, Special Issue: Rural Politics, expected publication October 2021

2020 “*Gun Culture and Political Participation in Rural America*”, *Great Plains Research*, Special Issue: Rural Politics, submission expected October 2020

2020 “*Speak Loudly and Carry a Big Stick: Gun Ownership, Motivated Reasoning, and Support for the Use of Military Force*” with Patrick Gauding and Donald P. Haider-Markel, submission expected Fall 2020

2020 “*Weaponizing Women: Firearms Ownership and the Gender Gap in Gun Attitudes*”, submission expected Fall 2020

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 *"Weaponizing Women: Firearms Ownership and the Gender Gap in Gun Attitudes"*, Gender & Sexuality in Kansas Conference, March 2020 [did not attend due to COVID-19]
- 2020 *"The 'Massacre Generation': Young People and Attitudes About Mass Shooting Prevention"* with Abigail Vegter. Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2020.
- 2019 *Kansas Politics* Roundtable. Great Plains Political Science Association Conference, October 2019.
- 2019 *"Firearms & Force: Women's Gun Ownership and Attitudes About Use of Force Policies"*. Great Plains Political Science Association Conference, October 2019.
- 2019 *"Who Might Buy a Gun? Results from the Guns in American Life Survey"* with Margaret S. Kelley and Christopher G. Ellison. American Sociological Association Conference, August 2019.
- 2019 *"How Authoritarian Are We?: Non-Democratic Regimes and Public Opinion in the American Context"* with Rachel E. Finnell. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2019.
- 2019 *"Beliefs About Preventing Mass Shootings: The Role of Motivated Self-Interest"* with Abigail Vegter and Donald P. Haider-Markel. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2019.
- 2019 *"Female Firepower: Women's Gun Ownership, Perceptions of Safety, and Concealed Carry"* with Mark R. Joslyn and Donald P. Haider-Markel. Political Science Association Conference, January 2019.
- 2019 *"American Authoritarianism: Attitudes as Determinants of Support for Authoritarian Regimes"* with Rachel E. Finnell. Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2019.
- 2018 *"Correlates of Gun Ownership in the U.S.: Exploring the 'Maybes'"* with Margaret S. Kelley and Christopher G. Ellison. American Society of Criminology Conference, November 2018.
- 2018 *"Gender, Populism, and Cultural Conservatism: The Populist Gender Gap in Western Europe"* Great Plains Political Science Association Conference, October 2018
- 2018 *"Speak Loudly and Carry a Big Stick: Gun Ownership, Motivated Reasoning, and Support for the Use of Military Force"* with Patrick Gauding, Donald P. Haider-Markel, Mark R. Joslyn, Cagil Albayrak, and Bronson Herrera. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2018
- 2018 *"Guns, Gender, and Political Engagement: Gun Ownership and Women's Willingness to Discuss Politics"* with Mark R. Joslyn and Donald P. Haider-Markel. Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2018
- 2018 *"Speak Loudly and Carry a Big Stick: Gun Ownership, Motivated Reasoning, and Support for the Use of Military Force"* with Patrick Gauding, Donald P. Haider-

Markel, Mark R. Joslyn, Cagil Albayrak, and Bronson Herrera. Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2018

#### **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

- 2020    “[Social Capital and Social Distancing – Part 2](#)”, featured in *Consider the Politics* blog, 5 May 2020
- 2020    “[Social Capital and Social Distancing – Part 1](#)”, featured in *Consider the Politics* blog, 1 May 2020
- 2020    “[The United Nations’ Greatest Accomplishment: A Whiteboard](#)”, featured in *War Room* online journal, U.S. Army War College, 19 February 2020

#### **GRANTS**

- 2020           Ranked Choice Voting in Kansas Project, Fairvote, \$2454

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2020 - Present Social Media Manager, Department of Political Science, Wichita State University
- 2019 - Present Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations, Wichita State University
- 2019-2020    Luther Ottawa, Master’s Thesis Committee, Department of Communications
- 2019           Millett-Young Best Political Science Paper (Intermediate) Award Selection Committee, Department of Political Science

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2015 - 2020    American Model United Nations International, Chicago, IL
  - 2020    Executive Committee, Under-Secretary-General
  - 2019    Executive Committee, President of the General Assembly
  - 2018    Conference Leadership Team, Vice President of the General Assembly
  - 2015-Present    Secretariat Member
- 2019           Panel Chair and Discussant; International Relations and Comparative Politics Panel; Great Plains Political Science Association Conference, October 2019
- 2019           Discussant; Women Seeking Office Undergraduate Poster Panel; Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2019
- 2019           Panel Chair; Public Attitudes, Opinions, Intensity, and Interest; Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2019

#### **PEER REVIEW**

- 2020    Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Public Policy*
- 2020    Manuscript Reviewer, *Social Currents*

#### **INVITED LECTURES, SPEECHES**

- 2020           Using Zotero for Citation Management, POLS 600: Senior Thesis, Department of Political Science, Wichita State University February, 2020
- 2019           Using Zotero for Citation Management, POLS Senior Thesis, Department of Political Science, Wichita State University, October 2019

2018 Kansas Politics and Government, KU Upward Bound Program, June 2018

**MEDIA COMMENTARY**

2019 *America's First Freedom*, "[Study Finds Women Gun Owners Are More Political](#)", 9 September 2019

2019 *Lawrence Journal World*, "[KU Study: Women who own guns are more likely to be politically active than those who don't](#)", 7 August 2019

2019 *KU News*, "[Link between women's gun ownership and increased political participation explored in new article](#)", 5 August 2019

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association  
Great Plains Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Women's Caucus of Political Science