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Education

Rutgers University   *New Brunswick, NJ*

PhD Political Science   *Expected Spring 2023*

- Subfields: Women and Politics; Comparative Politics; American Politics
- Advisor: Dr. Kira Sanbonmatsu

Rutgers University   *New Brunswick, NJ*

Masters Certificate Women's and Gender Studies   *Expected Spring 2022*

University of New Mexico   *Albuquerque, NM*

BA Political Science, summa cum laude   *2013 - 2017*

- Minors: History and Psychology
- Honors thesis: "Gender and Race in the 2008 Democratic Primary"
- Undergrad research advisor: Dr. Gabe Sanchez

Publications

Published

Sanbonmatsu, K. and **Wilson, M.**, 2021. Women's Election to Office in the Fifty States: Changes and Challenges. In S. Carroll, R. Fox, and K. Dittmar (Eds.), Gender and Elections: Shaping the Future of American Politics (pp. 248-267). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781009052818.010

Forthcoming

Wilson, M., Forthcoming. Junctures in Women's Leadership: Politics. Liuba Grechen Shirley. Rutgers University Press.

Working Papers

"A Study of Intersectional Discourse Using Twitter Data: Evidence from Turkey" (coauthoring with Burcu Kolcak)

"Gauging Public Opinion on Campaign Finance Reforms for Childcare"

Research Experience

Rutgers University - Center for Youth Political Participation   *New Brunswick, NJ*

Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Matto   *Spring 2022*

- Research Assistant: "Talking Politics: Disagreeing Without Being Disagreeable"

Rutgers University- Center for Youth Political Participation   *New Brunswick, NJ*

Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Matto   *Summer 2020 - Summer 2021*

- Research Assistant: "RU Ready in the Classroom"

Rutgers University - Center for American Women in Politics   *New Brunswick, NJ*

Advisor: Dr. Kira Sanbonmatsu   *Spring 2019 - Summer 2020*

- Research Assistant: collected and coded data on every gubernatorial candidate in the US from 2010 to 2018

Rutgers University - Dept of Political Science   *New Brunswick, NJ*

Advisor: Dr. Hannah Walker   *Summer 2019*

- Research Assistant: coded data for project on policing and criminal justice reform

American Political Science Association   *Washington, DC*
Advisors: Drs. Christina Xydias, Jennifer Piscopo, Amy Atchison, Malliga Och   *Summer 2019*
  • Research Assistant: "APSA Attendance Survey Project

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2018-2020	**Rutgers Excellence Fellowship**, Rutgers University	*$ 28,000/ year*
April 2020	**Conference Travel Award**, Rutgers Dept of Political Science	*$ 500*
Spring 2017	**Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Magna Cum Laude Designation**, University of New Mexico	

Conference Presentations

Spring 2021. *"Mothers on the Campaign Trail: Campaign Finance and Candidate Emergence"*. Midwestern Political Science Association, Virtual Presentation.

Spring 2020. *"Mothers on the Campaign Trail: Campaign Finance and Candidate Emergence"*. Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. **Cancelled due to COVID-19**

Spring 2020. *Childcare and Campaign Finance: A Feminist Economics Perspective*. Emerging Scholar Conference, Rutgers University, Virtual Presentation.

Teaching Experience

Spr 2022	**Nature of Politics**, Teaching Assistant
Fall 2021	**Law and Politics**, Instructor of Record
Fall 2021	**Nature of Politics**, Teaching Assistant
Spr 2021	**Law and Politics**, Teaching Assistant
Fall 2020	**Law and Politics**, Teaching Assistant

Mentoring

2019-2021	**First Year Student Mentor**, Rutgers University

Skills & Professional Service

Department and University Service

2019 - present	**Gender and Politics (GAP) Seminars**, Student Event Coordinator
2018-2020	**Political Science Graduate Student Association**, President (2019-2020), First Year Representative (2018-2019)
2019	**Political Science Department Climate Survey**, Graduate Student Representative

Methods Training

Institute for Qualitative Methods and Research, in summer 2021, I participated at IQMR hosted by Syracuse University. I deepened my understanding of qualitative methods and networked with other scholars through research design workshops.

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, in summer 2020, I learned how to apply data science methods to political science, including Twitter scraping, text analysis, and machine learning. I collaborated with scholars from across the United States on a collaborative project using sentiment analysis to analyze governors' tweets responding to the COVID 19 crisis.

Skills

Statistical Software: STATA, SPSS, R, LaTeX
Qualtrics

Adobe: Creative Cloud Applications
Microsoft Office
Web Design: CASCADE Website Management, Square Space, Word Press, Canva
Digital and Film Photography
Language: Spanish CEFR Level B2 (Intermediate)

Professional Memberships

Midwestern Political Science Association
American Political Science Association