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Academic Employment:

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, West Virginia University, August 2012-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, West Virginia University, August 2008-August 2012

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Kent State University, August 2003-May 2008

Education:

Ph.D. August 2003, The George Washington University

B.A., 1995, Political Science, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Publications:

Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals:

MacDonald, Jason A. 2023. "The Rise and Fall of Congressional Oversight of the Bureaucracy: The U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, 1969-2018." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*. 4(2): 287-309.

- Winner of the 2023 Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy's (Wayne State University Law School) Excellence in Oversight Research Award.

Kalaf-Hughes, Nicole, Jason A. MacDonald, and Lauren M. Santoro. 2022. "Congresswomen, Legislative Entrepreneurship, and the Basis for Effective Legislating in the U.S. House, 1973-2008." *Politics and Gender*. 18(September): 640-671.

MacDonald, Jason A., and Robert J. McGrath. 2019. "A Race for the Regs: Unified Government, Statutory Deadlines, and Federal Agency Rulemaking." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 44(May): 345-381.

Mills, Russell W., Nicole Kalaf-Hughes, and Jason A. MacDonald. 2016. "Agency Policy Preferences, Congressional Letter-Marking and the Allocation of Distributive Policy Benefits." *Journal of Public Policy*. 36 (December): 547-571.

MacDonald, Jason A., and Robert J. McGrath. 2016. "Retrospective Congressional Oversight and the Dynamics of Legislative Oversight of the Bureaucracy." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 41 (November): 899-934.

MacDonald, Jason A. 2013. "Congressional Power over Executive Branch Policy-Making: Limitations on Bureaucratic Regulations, 1989-2009." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 43 (September): 523-537.

MacDonald, Jason A., and Erin E. O'Brien. 2011. "Quasi-Experimental Design, Constituency, and Advancing Women's Interests: Reexamining the Influence of Gender on Substantive Representation." *Political Research Quarterly*. 64 (June): 472-486.

MacDonald, Jason A. 2010. "Limitation Riders and Congressional Influence over Bureaucratic Policy Decisions." *American Political Science Review*. 104 (November): 766-782.

MacDonald, Jason A. 2009. "Lawmakers' Preferences for Bureaucratic Discretion: The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996." *Congress & the Presidency*: 36 (Summer): 164-180.

MacDonald, Jason A., and William W. Franko, Jr. 2008. "What Moves Partisanship: Migration, State Partisan Environment Change, and Party Identification." *American Politics Research*. 36 (November): 880-902.

MacDonald, Jason A. 2007. "Agency Design and Post-Legislative Influence over the Bureaucracy." *Political Research Quarterly*. 60 (December): 683-695.

MacDonald, Jason A., and William W. Franko, Jr. 2007. "Bureaucratic Capacity and Bureaucratic Discretion: Does Congress Tie Policy Authority to Performance?" *American Politics Research*. 35 (November): 790-807.

MacDonald, Jason A. 2007. "The U.S. Congress and the Political Design of Agencies." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 32 (August): 395-420.

Henig, Jeffrey R., and Jason A. MacDonald. 2002. "Locational Decisions of Charter Schools: Probing the Market Metaphor." *Social Science Quarterly*. 83 (December): 962-980.

MacDonald, Jason A., and Lee Sigelman. 1999. "Public Assessments of Gubernatorial Performance: A Comparative State Analysis." *American Politics Quarterly*. 27 (April): 201-215.

Tuch, Steven A., Lee Sigelman, and Jason A. MacDonald. 1999. "Race Relations and American Youth, 1976-1995." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 63 (Spring): 109-148.

Book Chapters

MacDonald, Jason A. 2015. "Terry Moe: The New Economics of Organization" In *The Oxford Handbook of Classics in Public Policy and Administration*, Steven J. Balla, Martin Lodge, and Edward C. Page, eds. New York: Oxford University Press. 451-454

MacDonald, Jason A., and Caroline Tolbert. 2008. "Something Rich and Strange: Civic Engagement and the Tempest of Online Politics." In *Civic Engagement in a Network Society*, Erik Bergrud and Kaifeng Yang, eds. Information Age Publishing.

Mossberger, Karen., Caroline J. Tolbert, and Romana S. McNeal (with Jason MacDonald). "The Benefits of Society Online: Civic Engagement." 2007. In Karen Mossberger, Caroline J. Tolbert and Ramona S. McNeal, *Digital Citizenship: The Internet, Society and Participation*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Tuch, Steven A., Lee Sigelman, and Jason A. MacDonald. 2006. "Race and social capital in the United States." In *Kapita, Ludzie i Instytucje: Studia i Szkice Socjologiczne*. (Translation: *Capital, People and Institutions: Sociological Essays*.) Marek Szczepanski and Ania Sliz, eds. Opole, Poland: Opole University Press. 297-305.

Other Publications:

MacDonald, Jason A. 2019. "Partisan Trends in Congressional Oversight." *Extensions: A Journal of the Carl Albert Center Research and Studies Center*. Winter: 16-21.

MacDonald, Jason A. 2011. "Budgeting: Rational Models." *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Volume 1. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. 163-166. (Encyclopedia entry).

MacDonald, Jason A., Lee Sigelman, and Steven A. Tuch. 2000. "Not Black and White: The Racial Attitudes of American Youth." *The Responsive Community*. 10 (Fall): 76-81.

Predicting Presidential Elections and Other Things by Ray C. Fair, *Journal of the Operational Research Society* with Lee Sigelman. 54 (Dec. 2003): 1308. (Book Review).

In Progress:

"Polarization and the Decline of Congressional Oversight of the Bureaucracy: The U.S. House of Representatives, 1971-2016. Under review

"The Quality of Legislative Effectiveness and Majority Party Power" with Nicole Kalaf-Hughes. In preparation.

"Machine Learning and Congressional Oversight of the Bureaucracy" with Nicole Kalaf-Hughes and Robert J. McGrath. In preparation.

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What Makes Oversight Oversight? Information, Representation, and Influence on the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. In preparation.

Awards and Honors:

2023 Recipient of the Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy's (Wayne State University Law School) Excellence in Oversight Research Award for "The Rise and Fall of Congressional Oversight of the Bureaucracy: The U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, 1969-2018." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*. 4(2): 287-309.

2010-2011 Recipient of the Outstanding Researcher Award for the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University

2008 Sophonisba Breckinridge Award for best paper on gender-related topics. Awarded at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting for "Quasi-Experimental Design, Longitudinal Federal Data, and Women's Interests: Reexamining the Influence of Gender on Substantive Representation" with Erin E. O'Brien. Prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6, 2008.

Invited Presentations:

"Enabling Gridlock." Allegheny College. Apr., 3, 2017.

"The Power of Limitations: Appropriations, *Chada*, and Congressional Influence over the Bureaucracy." Presented Mar. 28, 2014 at the Department of Political Science, University of Virginia.

"Retrospective Oversight of the Bureaucracy." Presented Dec. 6, 2013 at the Research in American Politics seminar series in the Department of Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

"Competition, Proposal Power, and Policy-Making in the U.S. House of Representatives: Limitation Riders in House Appropriations Bills, 1993-2002." Presented May 21, 2007 at the Program in Statistics and Methodology, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University.

Recent Conference Participation: (Last Five Years)

"Polarization and Congressional Oversight of the Bureaucracy: The Rise and Fall of Oversight, 1973-2016" with Nicole Kalaf-Hughes. Prepared for Presentation at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA, Sept 5-8.

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“The Rise and Fall of Bureaucratic Oversight by U.S. House Committees: 1976-2016” with Nicole Kalaf-Hughes. Prepared for Presentation at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, Apr. 6-9.

“Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Political Entrepreneurship in the U.S. Congress, 1997-2008” with Nicole Kalaf-Hughes. Prepared for Presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, Apr. 13-16.

“The Rise and Fall of Bureaucratic Oversight: The U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, 1969-2018.” Prepared for Presentation at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, Apr. 7-10.

“Congressional Effort and Oversight of the Bureaucracy.” Prepared for Presentation at the 2020 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan. 9-11.

“Legislative Effectiveness, Entrepreneurship, and Oversight in Congressional Committees.” With Nicole Kalaf-Hughes and Robert J. McGrath. Prepared for Presentation at the 2020 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan. 9-11.

“Congressional Appropriations Power and Bureaucratic Policymaking: The Historical Basis for Limitations on Appropriations.” Presented at the Theoretical and Empirical Developments in Executive Politics” conference at Ohio State University, June 27-28, 2019.

Congressional Oversight and the Capacity of Congressional Committees. With Nicole Kalaf-Hughes and Robert J. McGrath. Prepared for presentation at the 2019 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Apr. 17-20.

Cutting the Purse Strings. Prepared for presentation at the 2019 “Congress’s Power of the Purse in a Polarizing Era” conference at UC Hastings College of Law, March 14-15.

Internal Grants Received:

Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Mini-Grant, West Virginia University. 2010 “The Creation of Policy Expertise in the U.S. Congress.”

Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Summer Course Development Grant. 2009. Grant to plan the integration of the Personal Response System in the Introduction to American Government Course.

Summer Research and Creative Activity Appointment from Kent State University. “Do Members of Congress Try to Foster Policy Knowledge?” 2007.

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Summer Research and Creative Activity Appointment from Kent State University.
“Controlling the Bureaucracy through the Appropriations Process: Parties, Committees, and Internal Disagreement within Congress.” 2004.

Teaching Experience:

West Virginia University, Fall 2008-Present

- Undergraduate Courses Taught: Legislative Process (Fall 2008, Fall 2009; Fall 2011; Fall 2013; Fall 2018); Introduction to American National Government (Spring 2009, Spring 2010; Spring 2013; Spring 2014; Spring 2015; Spring 2016; Spring 2017; Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Spring 2019; Fall 2019; Spring 2020).
- Graduate Courses Taught: Quantitative Political Analysis (Fall 2008, Fall 2009; Fall 2010; Fall 2011; Fall 2012; Fall 2013; Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Fall 2017; Fall 2018; Fall 2019); Congress (Spring 2009; Spring 2012; Fall 2014; Spring 2018; Spring 2020); Introduction to Political Research (Spring 2010; Spring 2013; Fall 2015); Advanced Quantitative Methods (Fall 2010)

Kent State University, Fall 2003-Spring 2008

- Undergraduate Courses Taught: U.S. Congress (Fall 2003; Fall 2004; Spring 2006; Spring 2007); The U.S. President and the Executive Bureaucracy (Spring 2004; Fall 2004; Fall 2005; Spring 2008); Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2003; Fall 2004; Fall 2005); Senior Writing Seminar on “Dilemmas of Democracy” (Fall 2006; Fall 2007)
- Graduate Courses Taught: Proseminar in American Politics and Public Policy (Spring 2005; Spring 2006, Spring 2007; Spring 2008); Congress, the Presidency and the Courts (Spring 2004; Fall 2006); Policy Methods I, i.e., Introductory Statistics for Graduate Students in Political Science (Fall 2007).

Professional Service to the Discipline:

Member, Editorial Board, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2012-2014)

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science* (2022, 2021, 2019, 2018; 2017; 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011); *American Political Science Review* (2023; 2021, 2019, 2017; 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2006, 2003, 2002); *American Politics Research* (2021, 2016; 2014; 2012, 2011, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006); *Congress & the Presidency* (2023, 2019, 2014), *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* (2015, 2014, 2013); *Journal of Legislative Studies* (2016); *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (2012); *Journal of Politics* (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018; 2017; 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2004); *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (2018; 2017; 2016, 2014); *Journal of Public Policy* (2022, 2018); *Journal of*

Women, Politics, and Public Policy (2014, 2013); *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2022, 2021, 2020, 2018; 2017; 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2007); *Policy Studies* (2018); *Political Behavior* (2023; 2022, 2017; 2014); *Political Research Quarterly* (2018; 2017; 2016, 2013, 2012, 2011); *PS: Political Science and Politics* (2010); *Public Administration Review* (2012); *Public Budgeting and Finance* (2016, 2015); *Social Science Quarterly* (2023).

“Top 20 Reviewer” for *Political Research Quarterly*, 2019

Section Chair of the “Bureaucracy” section for the 2016 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Section Chair of the “Presidency and Executive Politics” section for the 2008 annual meeting of the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting

University/Department Service

- University Service, West Virginia University: *Member of the Scholarship Committee for the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences*, AY Spring 2012; Spring 2013; Spring 2014; Spring 2015; Spring 2017; Spring 2018; Spring 2022; *Member of the Outstanding Researcher Committee*, AY 2013-2014; 2014-2015; 2017-2018; 2021-2022; 2022-2023; *University Liaison to the West Virginia State Legislature for the Frasure-Singleton and Herndon Internship Programs*; AY 2016-2017-Present; *Chair, Faculty Evaluation Committee, Department of Public Administration*, 2022-2023.
- Department Service, West Virginia University: *Director of Graduate Studies*, May 2012-June 2015; *Graduate Studies Committee* (AY 2009-2010-Present); *Graduate Admissions Committee* AY 2011-2012; 2012-2013; 2013-2014; 2014-2015; *Graduate Student Professionalization Committee*, AY 2011-2012 (Chair); *American Politics Search Committee*, Fall 2011; Fall 2012; Spring 2015; *Ad Hoc Committee on Political Science and Public Administration*, Fall 2011.
- Doctoral Committee Service, West Virginia University: Tyler Mentzer (Chair; graduated 2022); Franchesca Nestor (Chair; graduated 2017); Lauren Santoro (Chair, graduated 2017); Paul Rutledge (Member), Spring 2009; H. Carl Taylor (Member), Spring 2011; Damien Arthur (Member), Spring 2013; Velda Frisco (Member), Spring 2014.
- University/College Service, Kent State University: *Research and Creative Activity Appointment Awards Committee, Social Sciences*, AY 2004-2005.
- Department Service, Kent State University: *American Politics Search Committee*; Member Fall 2004-Spring 2005, Fall 2007; *Department’s Speaker Series, Coordinator* (Fall 2006-Spring 2007; Fall 2007-Spring 2008); *Faculty Advisory Committee*; Member (Fall 2005-Spring 2006); *Faculty Evaluation Committee*; Member (Fall 2004-Spring 2005); *Chair* (Fall 2007-Spring 2008); *Graduate Studies Committee*; Member (Fall 2004-Spring 2005; Spring 2005-Fall 2006; Fall 2006-Spring 2007; Fall 2007-Spring 2008); *Justice Politics and Policy*

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Search Committee (Fall 2005); Member of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (Fall 2003-Spring 2004).

- Master's Committee Membership, Kent State University: Bill Franko, Summer 2007 (Chair)
- Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis, Kent State University: Megan Zaidan (AY 2007-2008) (Chair)