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Academic Appointments

Foundation Board of Trustees Presidential Chair of Political Science, University of California, Merced, 2019-present
Professor of Political Science, University of California Merced, 2019-present
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of California Merced, 2012-2019
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California Merced, 2009-2012
Assistant Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Princeton University, 2005-2009
Instructor, Department of Politics/Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University 2004-2005
Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2003-2004

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2004
M.A. in Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2001
Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods, Training Institute in Qualitative Methods, 2003
B.A. in Political Science awarded High Honors, University of California, Berkeley, 1998

Peer Reviewed Books

Segregation by Design: Local Politics and Inequality in American Cities, Cambridge University Press, 2018
Winner, 2020 Best Book in the Field, Urban Affairs Association
Co-winner, J. David Greenstone Prize for Best Book in Politics and History, published in 2018, American Political Science Association
Winner, Best Book in Race, Ethnicity, and Urban Politics, published in 2018, American Political Science Association
Political Monopolies in American Cities: The Rise and Fall of Bosses and Reformers, University of Chicago Press, 2008
Winner, Best Book in Urban Politics published in 2008, American Political Science Association

Peer Reviewed Articles

Trounstone, Jessica, "You Won't Be My Neighbor: Opposition to High Density Development," *Urban Affairs Review*, 2021
Collins, Jonathan, Eddie Lucero, Jessica Trounstone, "Will Concurrent Elections Reshape the Electorate?," *California Journal of Politics and Public Policy*, 2020
Trounstone, Jessica, "Local Political Economy: The State of the Field: Past, Present, and Future", *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, Vol. 1: No. 3, 2020
Lucero, Eddie, Jessica Trounstone, Jennifer Connolly, Casey Klofstad, "A Matter of Life or Death: How Racial Representation Shapes Compliance with City Disaster Preparedness Orders," *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 2020

- Trounstone, Jessica, "The Geography of Inequality: How Land Use Regulation Produces Segregation," *American Political Science Review*, Volume 114, Number 2, 2020
- Crowder-Meyer, Melody, Shana Kushner Gadarian, and Jessica Trounstone, "Voting is Hard, Information Helps," *Urban Affairs Review*, Vol 56, Number 1, 2020
- Crowder-Meyer, Melody, Shana Gadarian, Jessica Trounstone, and Kau Vue, "A Different Kind of Disadvantage: Candidate Race, Cognitive Complexity, and Voter Choice," *Political Behavior*, Volume 42, Number 1, 2018
- Trounstone, Jessica, "Political Schizophrenics? Factors Affecting Aggregate Partisan Choice at the Local Versus National Level," *American Politics Research*, Volume 46, Number 1, 2018
- Trounstone, Jessica, "Segregation and Inequality in Public Goods," *American Journal of Political Science*, Volume 60, Issue 3, July 2016
- Crowder-Meyer, Melody, Shana Gadarian, and Jessica Trounstone, "Electoral Institutions, Gender Stereotypes, and Women's Local Representation," *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, Volume 3, Number 2, 2015
- Trounstone, Jessica, "The Privatization of Public Services in American Cities," *Social Science History*, Volume 39, Issue 3, September 2015
- Trounstone, Jessica, "How (and How Not) to Use History in the MPA/MPP Classroom," *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, Volume 20, Issue 1, Winter 2014
- Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstone, "Identifying and Understanding Perceived Inequities in Local Political Outcomes," *Political Research Quarterly*, Volume 67, Number 1, 2014
- Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstone, "What Underlies Urban Politics: Race, Class, Ideology, Partisanship and the Urban Vote," *Urban Affairs Review*, Volume 50, Issue 1, 2014
- Trounstone, Jessica, "Turnout and Incumbency in Local Elections," *Urban Affairs Review*, Volume 49, Number 2, 2013
- Rugh, Jacob and Jessica Trounstone, "The Provision of Local Public Goods in Diverse Communities: Analyzing Municipal Bond Elections," *Journal of Politics*, Volume 73, Number 4, 2011
- Trounstone, Jessica, "Evidence of a Local Incumbency Advantage," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, Volume 36, Issue 2, May, 2011
- Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstone, "Who or What Governs? The Effects of Economics, Politics, Institutions, and Needs on Local Spending," *American Politics Research*, Volume 38, Number 6, 2010
- Trounstone, Jessica, "Representation and Accountability in Cities," *Annual Review of Political Science*, Volume 13, 2010
- Trounstone, Jessica, "All Politics is Local: The Reemergence of the Study of City Politics," *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 7, Number 3, 2009
- Trounstone, Jessica and Melody Ellis-Valdini, "The Context Matters: The Effects of Single Member vs. At-Large Districts on City Council Diversity," *American Journal of Political Science*, Volume 52, Number 3, 2008
- Trounstone, Jessica, "Dominant Regimes and the Demise of Urban Democracy," *Journal of Politics*, Volume 68, Number 4, 2006
- Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstone, "Where Turnout Matters: The Consequences of Uneven Turnout in City Politics," *Journal of Politics*, Volume 67, Number 2, 2005

Book Chapters

- Trounstone, Jessica, "The Production of Local Inequality: Race, Class, and Land Use in American Cities," in *The American Political Economy: Politics, Markets, and Power*, edited by Jacob Hacker, Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, Paul Pierson, and Kathleen Thelen, Cambridge University Press, 2021
- Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstone, "Uneven Democracy: Turnout, Minority Interests, and Local Government Spending," in *Representation: Elections and Beyond*, edited by Jack Nagel and Rogers M. Smith, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013
- Davies, Jonathan and Jessica Trounstone, "Urban Politics and the New Institutionalism," in *Oxford Handbook of Urban Politics*, edited by Karen Mossberger, Susan Clarke, and Peter John, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012
- Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstone, "Winners and Losers in Mayoral Elections," in *America's Uneven Democracy: Race, Turnout, and Representation in City Politics* by Zoltan Hajnal, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010

Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstine, "Turnout and Representation on City Councils," in *America's Uneven Democracy: Race, Turnout, and Representation in City Politics* by Zoltan Hajnal, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010

Trounstine, Jessica, "Challenging the Machine-Reform Dichotomy: Two Threats to Urban Democracy," in *The City in American Political Development*, edited by Richardson Dilworth, New York: Routledge Press, 2009

Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstine, "Transforming Votes into Victories: Turnout, Institutional Context, and Minority Representation in Local Politics," in *Voting Rights Act Reauthorization of 2006: Perspectives on Democracy, Participation, and Power*, edited by Ana Henderson. Institute for Global Studies, The University of California Press, 2007

Other Publications

Trounstine, Jessica, "What Trump Misunderstands About Suburban Voters," *The Atlantic*, September 9, 2020

Trounstine, Jessica, "Race and Class Segregation and Local Public Policy," *Tax Law Review*, 70 Tax L. Rev. 513, June 21, 2017

Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstine, "Race and Class Inequality in Local Politics," in *The Double Bind: The Politics of Racial and Class Inequalities in the Americas*, edited by Juliet Hooker and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr., for the APSA Task Force on Racial and Class Inequalities in the Americas, September 2016

Book review of John Arena, *Driven from New Orleans: How Nonprofits Betray Public Housing and Promote Privatization*, University of Minnesota Press, 2012. *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 13, Number 1, March 2015

Trounstine, Jessica, "How Racial Segregation and Political Mismanagement led to Flint's Shocking Water Crisis," *The Monkey Cage*, *Washington Post*, February 8, 2016

Book review of Cedric Johnson, ed. *The Neoliberal Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, Late Capitalism, and the Remaking of New Orleans*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2011. *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 10, Number 3, September, 2012

Book Review of Eleonora Pasotti, *Political Branding in Cities: The Decline of Machine Politics in Bogota, Naples, and Chicago*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009. *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 8, Number 3, September, 2010

Trounstine, Jessica. "Local Legislator", in *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, edited by Donald P. Haider-Markel, Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2008

Trounstine, Jessica. "Township," in *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, edited by Donald P. Haider-Markel, Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2008

Hills, Jessica. "Housing Policy", in *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, edited by David Schultz, New York: Facts on File, 2003

Hills, Jessica. "Department of Housing and Urban Development," in *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, edited by David Schultz, New York: Facts on File, 2003

Trounstine, Jessica and Gianzero, Gina. *Curriculum Matters: The Importance of Rigorous Course-taking in High School*. San Diego Dialogue Report, 2003.

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

Andrew Carnegie Fellow, 2022-2024, \$200,000

STIR Labs Academic in Residence with the Association of Bay Area Governments, 2021, \$19,686

Mobility Metrics Working Group Member, Urban Institute, 2019-2021

New America Foundation Grant, "Evaluating Voter Experiences and Traits of Supported Candidates in Ranked Choice Voting Elections," co-PI, March 2020, \$19,000

Political Science Seed Grant, University of California, Merced, May 2018

Best Paper in American Politics presented in 2017, Midwest Political Science Association

Best Paper on Urban and Local Politics presented in 2017, American Political Science Association

Sophonisba Breckenridge Award for the Best Paper on the Topic of Women and Politics presented in 2015, Midwest Political Science Association

University of California, Multi-campus Grant, "Will California's New Electorate Reflect the New California?" co-PI, \$545,641

Political Science Seed Grant, University of California, Merced, May 2014
Academic Senate Award for Distinguished Early Career Research, University of California, Merced, 2012
Outstanding Women's Luncheon Honoree, University of California, Merced, 2012
Clarence Stone Scholar, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2010
Princeton University Ralph O. Glendinning University Preceptor, 2008-2009
Russell Sage Foundation Fellow, 2007-2008 (declined)
Princeton University Department of Politics Manuscript Conference, *Urban Empires: Rise and Fall of Monopoly Government in American Cities*; discussants included Amy Bridges, Rebecca Morton, Douglas Massey, David Mayhew, John Mollenkopf, and Paul Peterson, May 2006
Best Urban Politics Paper presented in 2002, American Political Science Association, 2003
Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, University of California, San Diego, 2001, 2003
Sustainable Communities Leadership Program Fellow, 2001, 2002
Edmund G. Brown Scholarship, University of California, San Diego, 2000
Phi Beta Kappa, University of California at Berkeley, 1998
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship; Letters and Science Dean's Scholarship; Louis Levy Scholarship; G&H Pardee Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, 1994-1998
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Summer Fellow, Washington D.C., 1996

Invited Talks (most recent 5 years)

2022
Princeton University, University of Pittsburgh, Gimme Shelter Podcast, University of Toledo,

2021
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Livable Sunnyvale, Massachusetts Housing Partnership, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government, Association of Bay Area Governments, University of Pennsylvania Race and Regulation Series, San Jose State University, San Mateo County Let's Talk Housing, Up for Growth Racial Equity Panel,

2020
Texas A & M University

2019
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, University of Southern California, University of California, Berkeley, University of California, Irvine, Brigham Young University, City Lights Bookstore, TechEquity

2018
Harvard University, New York University

2017
UC Center in Sacramento, Washington University, St Louis

Conference Papers (most recent 5 years)

"Ranking Candidates in Local Elections: Neither Catastrophe nor Panacea," with Melody Crowder-Meyer and Shana Gadarian
Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2022

"Segregation Kills: How County Level Segregation Generated Unequal Outcomes in the COVID-19 Pandemic," with Sidra Goldman-Mellor
Entrenchment and Health Equity Conference Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, October 2021

"The Political Influence of City Employees: Civil Service Adoption in America," with Sarah Anzia

American Political Science Association Conference, September 2021; Western Political Science Association Conference 2022, Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2022

“Redlined Forever: The Racist Past of Today’s Land Use Regulations”

Institute for Human Studies Paper Workshop for the Center for Ethics at St. Anselm College, August 2021

“Civilians as Agents of Repression,” with Courtenay Conrad and Emily Ritter

American Political Science Association Conference, September 2020, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2021

“The Production of Local Inequality: Race, Class, and Land Use in American Cities”

American Political Science Association Conference, September 2020

“The Geography of Inequality: How Land Use Regulation Produces Segregation and Polarization”

Workshop on Cities, Inequality, and Electoral Politics at Princeton University, March 2018; Anxiety of Democracies Workshop at Villa Vigoni, Menaggio, Italy, June 2018, PolMeth, July 2018

“Voting Can be Hard, Information Helps,” with Melody Crowder-Meyer and Shana Gadarian

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2017, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2017, Citizenship and the City Conference at Brown University, January 2018

Professional Service

Midwest Political Science Association, Council and Officer Nominations Committee member, 2021-2022

California Statewide Housing Plan Advisory Committee, member, 2021

Class and Inequality Section, American Political Science Association, nominations committee member, 2021-2023

American Political Science Association, Best book award renaming committee member, 2021-2022

Clarence Stone Scholar Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Chair, 2021

American Journal of Political Science, Editorial Board Member, 2021-2023

Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy, Editorial Board Member, 2019-present

Local Political Economy Conference, organizer, 2016-present

J. David Greenstone Book Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2020

Studies in American Political Development, Editorial Board Member, 2019-2021

Midwest Political Science Association, Council Member, 2019-2022

Urban and Local Politics Section, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Section chair, 2019

Urban and Local Politics Section, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Section chair, 2018

California Journal of Politics and Policy, Co-Editor, 2017-2019

Journal of Politics, Editorial Board Member, 2016-2020

Nominations Committee, Public Policy Section, American Political Science Association, Chair, 2017

National Science Foundation Political Science Review Panel, member, 2017-2018

Local Political Economy Pre-Conference, American Political Science Association, co-organizer, 2017, 2019

American Politics Research, Editorial Board, member, 2016-2019

APSA Task Force on Racial and Class Inequalities in the Americas, member, 2014-2015

Executive Committee, Representation and Electoral Systems Section, American Political Science Association, member, 2013-2015, 2017-2019

Political Research Quarterly Editorial Board, member, 2014-2016

Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, president, 2014-2015

Urban Affairs Review Editorial Board, member, 2012-present

Best Dissertation Award Committee, Western Political Science Association, member, 2013

Urban and Local Politics Section, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, chair, 2013

Mary Parker Follett Award Committee, Politics and History Section, American Political Science Association, member, 2011

Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, Treasurer/Secretary, 2010-2013

Best Book Award Committee, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, chair, 2010

William Riker Book Award Committee, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association, member, 2010

Urban and Local Politics Section, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, chair, 2010

Byran Jackson Dissertation Award Committee, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, chair, 2008-2009

Executive Committee, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, member, 2008-2010

Federalism and Sub-national Politics Advisory Board, Political Science Network, member, 2007

Parties and Interest Groups Section, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, chair, 2006

Referee/Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Cornell University Press*, *Demography*, *Economics and Politics*, *Election Law Journal*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*, *Kansas University Press*, *Law and Society*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *National Science Foundation*, *Oxford University Press*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Princeton University Press*, *Public Administration Review*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Polity*, *Publius*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Routledge Press*, *Social Science Journal*, *Social Sciences Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Studies in American Political Development*, *Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*, *University of Chicago Press*, *University of Pennsylvania Press*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Urban Research and Practice*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *W.W. Norton and Company*

University and School Service, University of California, Merced

Center for Analytic Political Engagement, Executive Committee, member, 2021-present

EDI Virtual Dialogue: Equity, Justice, and Politics, presenter, 2020

UC Merced Divisional Council, at-large member (elected), 2020-2021

School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts, Executive Committee, Chair, 2019

Pi Sigma Alpha, advisor, 2019-present

University of California Planning and Budget Committee, member, 2018-2019

UC Merced Divisional Council, member, 2018-2019

UC Merced Academic Planning Working Group, co-chair, 2018-2019

UC Merced Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation, chair, 2018-2019

UC Merced Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation, vice-chair, 2017-2018

UC Merced Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation, member, 2016-2017, 2019-2021

Inequality, Power, and Social Justice Search Committee, member, 2016-2017

School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts, Curriculum Committee, member, 2016-2017

School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts, Executive Committee, member, 2016, 2017-2018

Hellman Fellowship Award Committee, member, 2013

University of California Center Sacramento Faculty Council, member, 2010-present

University of California Center Sacramento Campus Representative, 2010-present
Academic Degree Program Policy Working Group, member, 2016-2018
Campus Physical Planning Committee Subcommittee on Academic Space, member, 2013

Department and Graduate Group Service, University of California, Merced

Political Science Department, Chair, 2020-present
Understanding Politics Speaker Series Committee, member, 2019-2020
Political Science Mentor for Elaine Denny, 2018-present
Political Science By-Law Unit, Vice-Chair, 2017-2018, 2019-2020
Political Science Lecturer Search Committee, Chair, 2017
Political Science Graduate Group Admissions and Awards Committee, member, 2016-2019
Political Science Undergraduate Program Review, Lead Author, 2016-2018
Undergraduate Director/Faculty Assessment Organizer, Political Science, 2016-2017
Comprehensive Graduate Exam in Political Institutions and Political Economy, chair, 2014-2016, 2018
Political Science Graduate Group, Chair, 2013-2015
Political Science Executive Committee, member, 2013-2017, 2018-present
First Year Graduate Exam in Political Science, member, 2012-2014
Committee for the Advancement of Graduate Education in the Social Sciences, Member, 2010-2011
Social and Cognitive Sciences Graduate Group, Chair, 2011-2013
Graduate Studies in Political Science, Director, 2009-2013
Understanding Politics Speaker Series Committee, Chair, 2009-2011, 2013
Political Science Search Committee, Member, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2018
Political Science Mentor for Emily Ritter, 2013-2018

Graduate Student Placements

Ada Nina Johnson-Kanu, Chair, Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky
Josue Franco, Committee member, Assistant Professor, Cuyamaca College
Tessa Provins Smith, Committee member, Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh
Kau Vue, Chair, Assistant Professor, Fresno Community College
Jacob Rugh, Committee member, Associate Professor, Brigham Young University
Rebecca Casciano, Committee member, Office of Population Research Fellow, Princeton University
Melody Crowder-Meyer, Committee member, Assistant Professor, University of the South, Davidson University
Jeff Tessin, Committee member, Government Accountability Office
Yue Zhang, Committee member, Associate Professor, University of Illinois Chicago
Gregory Stankiewicz, Reader, New Jersey Office of Management and Budget
Erik Mobrand, Reader, Associate Professor, Seoul National University
Jonathan Rothwell, Reader, Brookings Institute, Metropolitan Policy Program

Teaching Experience

American Political Institutions, University of California, Merced

Senior Honors Thesis Seminar, undergraduate, University of California, Merced

Politics of Diversity, graduate, University of California, Merced

Subnational Politics, graduate, University of California, Merced

Quantitative Analysis of Political Data I, graduate, University of California, Merced

Understanding Political Controversies, undergraduate, University of California, Merced

Introduction to American Politics, undergraduate, University of California, Merced, Princeton University

Urban Politics, undergraduate, University of California, Merced, University of California, San Diego,

The American City, undergraduate, Princeton University

Politics and Policy Making in Metropolitan Areas, graduate, Princeton University

Congressional Simulation, undergraduate, University of California, San Diego

Work Experience

Expert Witness, Central California Legal Services and Public Interest Law Project, 2020

Consultant, Department of Justice, 2016-present

Consultant, City of San Diego, 2005

Research Fellow, San Diego Dialogue, San Diego, 2000-2004

Press Aide, Governor Gray Davis, Sacramento, 1998-1999

Investigator, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington DC, Summer 1996