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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

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, 2019
- 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

- 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 Trounstone, "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
- Trounstone, 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 Trounstone, "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

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

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

Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstone, "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

Trounstone, 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

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

Trounstone, 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

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

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

Mobility Metrics Working Group Member, Urban Institute, 2019-2020

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

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

2018

Harvard University, New York University

2017

UC Center in Sacramento, Washington University, St Louis

2016

Princeton University, University of California, Berkeley, University of Miami

2015

Emory University, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Yale University

2014

University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy

2013

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Vanderbilt University

2012

Harvard University, Princeton University, UC Center in Sacramento

2010

Harvard University, Washington University, St Louis

2009

Stanford University, Temple University, Yale University

2008

Columbia University, New York University School of Law, New York University Urban Studies Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Texas at Austin

2006:

New York University

Recent Conference Papers

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

American Political Science Association Conference, September 2020

“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

“Race and Class Segregation and Local Public Policy,”

NYU/UCLA Tax Policy Symposium: Tax Policy and Upward Mobility, October 2016

“A Different Kind of Disadvantage: Candidate Race, Electoral Institutions, and Voter Choice,” with Melody Crowder-Meyer, Shana Gadarian, and Kue Vue

American Political Science Association Conference, September 2016

“Inequality in Public Goods Provision: The Consequence of Segregation, 1900-1950,”

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2016

“Complex Interactions: Candidate Race, Sex, Electoral Institutions, and Voter Choice,” with Melody Crowder-Meyer, Shana Gadarian, and Kau Vue

APSA Pre-Conference on Experiments in State and Local Politics, August 2015, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2015

“How Place and Politics Intersect”

Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Equitable Growth Conference, Yale University, April 2015

“Race and Class Inequality in Local Politics,” with Zoltan Hajnal

APSA Task Force on Racial and Class Inequalities in the Americas, December 2014 and June 2015

“Living Apart: The Role of Public Spending in Metropolitan Area Segregation”

Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2014, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2014, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2015

Professional Service

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-present

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*, *Economics and Politics*, *Election Law Journal*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *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 Political Science*, *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

University of California Divisional Council, member, 2020-2021

UC Merced Divisional Council, at-large member (elected), 2020-2022

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

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-present
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

University and Department Service, Princeton University

Advisor for 20 senior theses, 13 junior papers, 2004-2009
Co-coordinator American Politics Colloquium, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2006-2007
Director of Policy Research Institute for the Region search committee, 2006-2007
Executive Committee for the Program in Urban Studies, 2006-2009
Senior exam Committee, 2005-2006
Senior American Politics Faculty search committee, 2005-2006
Advisor to 1st year MPA/URP students, 2005-2007

MPA Domestic Politics exam committee coordinator, 2008-2009

MPA Domestic Politics exam committee member, 2005-2008

Urban and Regional Planning exam committee, 2005-2007

Senior Thesis Award Committee, 2004-2005

Chair's Advisory Committee, 2004-2006

Urban Studies Program Review Committee, 2004-2005

Graduate Student Placements

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, 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

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, 2016-2019

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

