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Curriculum Vitae Winter 2020

Current Position Professor of Politics (2005-) Interim Department Head (Fall 2015)
Canaan Term Professorship (2014-2017)
Department of Politics
Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics
Washington and Lee University

Education Ph. D. 2006 Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
M.A. 2000 Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
B.A.E. 1998 Education/Poli.Sci, W. Washington University, *Magna Cum Laude*

Areas of Expertise American Politics, Biotechnology & Food Policy, Judicial Politics

Publications R. C. Harris. Forthcoming 2022. "Human Nature and the Policy Process: New Expectations from Biology." In Tony Wohlers, et al., editors, *Biopolitics at 50 Years: Founding and Evolution* (Emerald Publishing).

R. C. Harris. Forthcoming 2022. *Party Food: A Partisan History of Food and Farming in America*. (Food Studies Imprint, Common Ground Publishing.)

Rebecca C. Harris. 2016. "The Political Identity of Food: Partisan Implications of the New Food Politics." *Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* (Common Ground Publishing) Vol. 6 No. 4 pp. 1-20. This article received the CGP International Award for Excellence

Rebecca C. Harris. 2015. "State Responses to Biotechnology 1990-2011". *Politics and the Life Sciences* (Cambridge University Journals) 34:1-24.

Rebecca C. Harris. 2013. "Understanding Policy Outcomes on the Frontiers of Science as a Power Maintenance Problem." *International Journal of Business & Social Science*. Vol 4 No. 6:196-207.

Rebecca C. Harris. 2012. "Gatekeeping" in *Leadership in Science and Technology: A Reference Handbook*. William Sims Bainbridge, ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Rebecca C. Harris. 2008. *Black Robes, White Coats: The Puzzle of Judicial Policymaking and Scientific Evidence*. (Rutgers University Press)

Daniel M. Shea and Rebecca C. Harris. 2007. "Rural Party Leadership." In *Government in the Countryside* by Gary Aguiar, ed. Dabuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt

Daniel M. Shea and Rebecca C. Harris. 2006. "Why Bother? Because Peer-to-Peer Programs Can Mobilize Young Voters." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 39(2):341-345

Daniel M. Shea and Rebecca C. Harris. 2006. "Women and Local Party Leadership." *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*. 28(1):61-85.

Book Reviews

Rebecca C. Harris. 2010. Book Review: *Lawyers' Medicine: The Legislature, The Courts, and Medical Practice, 1760-2000* by Imogen Goad and Catherine Kelly (eds.) (Portland, OR: Hart Publishing 2009). *Law and Politics Book Review* 20: 283-286.

Rebecca C. Harris. 2005. Book Review: *The Genetic Imaginary: DNA in the Canadian Criminal Justice System* by Neil Gerlach (Toronto: University of Toronto Press 2004). *Law and Politics Book Review* 15:96-98

Conference Papers

100 Years of Presidential Leadership in Farm Politics
Presidential Politics Conference of Iowa 2019
Sioux Center, Iowa
October 25, 2019

Famer's Party: Political Party Platforms and Food Policy 1992-2016
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois
April 7, 2019

Panel Discussant: Challenges & Opportunities Implementing U.S. Food & Agriculture Policies
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
Chicago, Illinois
April 2018

Is Food Policy Really Bipartisan?
The Causes of Partisanship and Bipartisanship in Farm Bills
Midwest Political Science Association
April 6, 2017 Chicago, Illinois

The Politics of State-level Food Politics
Midwest Political Science Associate Annual Meeting
April 10, 2016. Chicago, Illinois.

Ripe for the Picking: Modern Partisanship in Agriculture and Food Policy
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
April 16, 2015. Chicago, Illinois.

The Political Identity of Food.
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
April 6-8, 2014. Chicago, Illinois.

State Policymaking on the Frontiers of Science.
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
April 12-15, 2012. Chicago, Illinois.

Policy Outcomes on the Frontiers of Science: Policy Analysis v. Policy Making
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
September 2-5, 2010. Washington, DC

Human Nature and the Policy Process: New Expectations from Biology
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
April 22-25, 2010 Chicago, Illinois

Why Field Studies Matter: The Long-term Civic Engagement Effects of Real World Learning Projects.

American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference
February 5-7, 2010 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Behavioral Genetics in the Criminal Courtroom: Why there won't be (and isn't) a Revolution.

Association for Politics and the Life Sciences Annual Meeting
October 9-11, 2007 Cincinnati, Ohio

Teaching Biopolitics (poster session)

Association for Politics and the Life Sciences Annual Meeting
October 9-11, 2007 Cincinnati, Ohio

Internationalizing the Curriculum: Why I Teach on Iraq in American Government

American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference
February 9, 2007 Charlotte, North Carolina

Judicial Processing of Scientific Information: The Politics of Science in the Courtroom

Association for Politics and the Life Sciences
September 3, 2004 Chicago, Illinois

Balance of Power on the Current U. S. Supreme Court: Dimensional Analysis of Voting Patterns.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
April 25, 2002 Chicago, Illinois

Where No Government Has Gone Before: Explaining the Diffusion of State Human Cloning Policy, 1997-1999

Association for Politics and the Life Sciences Annual Meeting
September 5, 2000 Washington, DC

Teaching Appointments (University Level) Professor: American Politics (2005—) Washington and Lee University
Teaching Fellow, American Gov't/Public Policy (2004-2005) Allegheny College
Independent Instructor: American Government (2002-2004) UIUC
Teaching Assistant: Women in Politics (Fall 2001) UIUC
Teaching Assistant: Constitutional Law I & II (1998-2001) UIUC

Current Courses American National Government
Law and Judicial Process
Public Policy
Food Policy
Environmental Law and Policy

Grants 2021-2022 Full Year Sabbatical (Partial Salary Match) WLU
2018-2019 Dupont Community Based Learning Stipend (Teaching Fellow)
2018 (Summer) Lenfest Grant \$4500 Washington and Lee University
2017-2018 Sustainable Commerce Teagle Stipend (CS Minor Committee)
2016-2017 Full-year Sabbatical (Salary Match) WLU
2015 (Summer) Lenfest Grant \$4500 Washington and Lee University
2011-2012 Lenfest Sabbatical Fellowship (Salary Match) WLU
2010 (Summer) Lenfest Grant (\$4500) Washington and Lee University
2009 (Winter) Spring Term Pioneer Grant (\$1000) WLU

2008 (Summer) Glenn Grant (\$2400) Washington and Lee University
2007 (Summer) Glenn Grant (\$1500) Washington and Lee University

*Honors and
Distinctions*

W&L Community-Based Learning Teaching Fellow 2018-2020.

2016 International Award for Excellence in Food Studies, Common Ground Publishing. Invitation to speak at annual Food Studies Conference 2017. Awarded Spring 2017.

*Interim Department Head, Politics Department, W&L (Fall 2015)
2014-2017 Canaan Term Professor (Endowed Chair)
Williams School of Commerce, Economics, Politics
Washington and Lee University*

2004 University of Illinois Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching University of Illinois, \$3500 stipend, \$1000 annual salary increase

2003-2004 Lynn M. Martin Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching UIUC College of the Liberal Arts and Sciences, \$2000 Stipend

*2003 Honorary Coach: Fighting Illini Football Team UIUC
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, VIP recognition for service to athletes*

*2003 A. Belden Fields Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching UIUC
Department of Political Science, \$400 Stipend*

*2001-2004 List of Teachers Ranked Excellent by Their Students UIUC
Student Evaluation Publication, Campus-wide distinction*

*2000 Delta Sigma Omicron Distinguished Graduate Assistant UIUC Student
selected, campus-wide award, \$500 stipend
1998-2001 Departmental Fellow UIUC
Department of Political Science, \$6000 annual stipend*

*1998 Outstanding Graduate in Political Science
Western Washington University, \$500 stipend*

Guest Lectures

*Teaching Students with Community Based Learning: The Rockbridge County
Food Map and Food Desert Project.
CARA Community Presentation
March 2017*

*Beyond Hillary: Prospects for Gender Equity and the Gender Gap in the Election
of 2016. Panelist (presenter and discussant)
Washington and Lee 2016 Mock Convention Programming
February 3, 2016*

*Gatekeepers and the Legitimation of Truth and Knowledge
Science and the Law Seminar (POL 380)
Washington and Lee University
Fall Term 2014*

*The Politics of Food
Lexington Rotary Club (March 2014)
Lexington, Virginia*

Social and Political Meanings of Scientific Research
Research in the Biosciences (BIOL 200) Professor I'Anson
Washington and Lee University
Spring Term 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014

How Perfect is Our Constitution?
Augusta County Republican Women Annual Public Forum (Panelist)
Augusta County Government Center, Verona, VA
April 24, 2008

Why Political Scientists Think a Woman President Will Be Different
Knowledge Empowering Women Leaders Speaking Event
Washington and Lee University
November 11, 2007

Is the Environment Better Off Without Us? Benefits and Liabilities of Citizen Involvement in Environmental Policymaking.
Rockbridge Area Forestry and Wildlife Association
May 17, 2007

Black Robes, White Coats: The Judicial Processing of Scientific Information
College of Law Faculty Spring Workshop
Washington and Lee University, College of Law Spring Faculty Workshop
February 5, 2007 Lexington, Virginia

Women in Political Parties.
Washington and Lee University, Women Law Students Organization.
Washington and Lee University College of Law.
November 2, 2005.

Balance of Power on the Current U.S. Supreme Court.
Constitution Day Panel.
Elrod Commons, Washington and Lee University.
September 19, 2005.

Lessons from the Field: The Political Dimensions of GMO Policy in the International and Domestic Community
Genetics and the Law class
University of Illinois College of Law, Spring 2003

A Survey of Behavioral Genetics in the Courtroom: Legal, Political, and Scientific Issues
Behavioral Genetics class
University of Illinois, Department of Psychology, Spring 2001

Special Appointments Invited Participant. 2021 *US House Farm Bill Field Hearing and Shenandoah Farm Tour*. Hosted by Ben Cline (R-VA) and Ranking Member, House Agriculture Committee, Glenn Thompson (R-PA). Lexington, VA. October 13, 2021.

*Affiliate Faculty, W&L Law Justice Society Program 2019-
Faculty Fellow, W&L Community Based Learning 2018-2020*

Faculty Adviser, W&L Institute for Honor 2016-

Affiliate Faculty, W&L Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability.

Associate Editor, *Politics and the Life Sciences* (Cambridge University Journal) 2016-2018.

Interim Department Chair, W&L Politics Department, Fall 2015

Affiliate Faculty, W&L Environmental Studies Program 2015-

Student Faculty Hearing Board 2013-2014
Washington and Lee University

Provost Search Committee 2012-2013
Washington and Lee University

Truman Scholarship Faculty Adviser 2009-2019
Washington and Lee University

Political Review Faculty Adviser 2009-2015
Washington and Lee University

Governing Council Member 2008-2014
Association for Politics and the Life Sciences

Invited Participant (All expenses paid)
First Annual National Science Foundation Politics and Biology Conference
March 7-8, 2008
Institute for Genomic Research, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Institute for Honor Faculty 2008
Washington and Lee University

Fair Vote Research Advisory Committee 2007-2009
Center for Voting and Democracy
Takoma Park, MD

Institute for Honor Faculty 2007
Washington and Lee University

R. E. Lee Faculty Advisor 2007
Washington and Lee University

2004-2005 *Allegheny College Civic Engagement Pre-Doctoral Fellow*
Allegheny College, Meadville PA (Sponsored by Pericles Project and the Woodrow Wilson Institute)

Congress in the Classroom Summer Teaching Faculty 2004
The Dirksen Congressional Center, Pekin, Illinois August 2-5

Graduate Member, Committee to Evaluate the Department Head, UIUC, 2004

Professional Memberships

Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (2000-) Council Member (2008-14)
Midwest Political Science Association (2002-
American Political Science Association (2004-

Law and Courts Section Member (2006-
Science Technology and Environmental Policy Section Member (2006-

Professional Service Politics and the Life Sciences Associate Editor 2015-2018
Biopolicy Editorial Board, Emerald Publishing, Sage Publications. 2013-
Governing Council Memb. 2008-15. *Association for Politics and the Life Sciences*.
PSGSA "Women in Politics" Coordinator, UIUC 2002-2004

Consulting Faculty Consultant and Research Supervisor Spring 2016
Rockbridge County Food Desert Project (Community-Based Research)
W&L Community Academic Research Alliance (CARA)

Textbook Development Focus Group. Pearson Publishing. April 2012.
Honorarium received.

CCPR Lexington Poverty Research Project, Lexington, Virginia (unpaid) Winter/
Spring 2008

Textbook Review. 2007. *American Public Policy*, 8th (2007) Cochran et al.,
Wadsworth, Thomson Publishing. (Reviewer stipend provided)

Textbook Review. 2007. *Judicial Process and Judicial Policymaking*, 4th (2006)
Tarr. Wadsworth, Higher Education Publishing. (Reviewer stipend provided)

Campaign Consultant 2007. *Pat Patterson for Supervisor* (County Board of
Supervisors) Rockbridge County, Virginia (unpaid)

Textbook Review 2006. *Living Democracy* (2006) Shea & Green, Pearson
Publishing. (Reviewer stipend provided)

Research Positions Fair Vote, Research Advisory Committee, Center for Voting and Democracy
2007-2009.
Fellow, Center for Political Participation, Allegheny College 2004-2005
Research Assistant, Professor Wendy Cho Tam, UIUC 1999

Dissertation *Gatekeeping and the Judicial Processing of Scientific Information (Ph.D. 2006)*
Judicial gatekeeping decisions validate science for legal (political) purposes.
Differential treatment by state jurisdictions has created an empirical puzzle
whereby state jurisdictions vary in their validation of scientific information. The
goal of this investigation is to explain the political conditions under which novel
scientific evidence is accepted or rejected. Variance in validation patterns
among state supreme courts is analyzed for the purpose of measuring the role of
legal, attitudinal, institutional, and organizational variables in judicial gatekeeping
decisions. Results demonstrate a relationship between legal standards, judicial
partisanship, third-party reports and judicial gatekeeping decisions.

*Dissertation
Committee* Ira H. Carmen, *Chair*, Professor of Political Science, UIUC
Peter F. Nardulli, Professor of Political Science, UIUC
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