

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., Political Science, The Ohio State University Expected June 2017  
Fields: American Politics (Major), Methodology (Minor)  
Dissertation: *Social Influence on Politics: Development, Selection, and Strengthening*  
Committee: Paul A. Beck (Co-Chair), Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier (Co-Chair), Kathleen M. McGraw, and Michael A. Neblo
- M.A., Political Science, The Ohio State University 2013
- B.A., Government (Honors) and English, The University of Texas at Austin 2010

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Political networks; public opinion and voting behavior; gender and politics; elections; political methodology; political psychology; political parties; interest groups

### EMPLOYMENT

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- The Department of Political Science**, Ohio State University January 2014 – Present  
*Instructor*
- The Department of Political Science**, Ohio State University August 2012 – December 2013  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*
- The Department of Political Science**, Ohio State University September 2011 – August 2012  
*First-Year Fellowship*
- Office of Assessment**, UT-Austin June 2010 – July 2011  
*Research Associate*

### PUBLICATIONS & WORKS UNDER REVIEW

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**Santoro, Lauren Ratliff**, and Paul Allen Beck. 2016. "Social Networks and Vote Choice." Forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks* edited by Jennifer Nicoll Victor, Mark Lubell and Alexander H. Montgomery. *Now available online.*

**Santoro, Lauren Ratliff**, 2016. "Is the 'Dark Side' of Disagreement Born by Women?" Under Review at the *British Journal of Political Science*.

**Ratliff, Lauren.** 2013. "Voter Turnout: A Social Theory of Political Participation by Meredith Rolfe". *Nodes and Edges*, Newsletter of the Political Networks Section of the American Political Science Association. Issue 3, Page 4.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., Dino P. Christenson, and **Lauren Ratliff Santoro.** 2016. "Cutting in Line: The Role of Interest Group Networks in Executive Branch Nominations." In Preparation for Submission.

Cranmer, Skyler, Robert Bond, Eloise Kaizar, David Sivakoff, Elias Assaf and **Lauren Ratliff Santoro.** 2016. "Information Diffusion and the Formation of Political Opinions." In Preparation for Submission.

Neblo, Michael, David Lazer, William Minozzi, Anand Sokhey and **Lauren Ratliff Santoro.** 2016. "Athletic Democracy: Deliberation and Participation Reconciled." In Preparation for Submission.

**Santoro, Lauren Ratliff.** 2016. "Social Influence Over Time: Depicting the Process and Testing the Mechanisms". In Preparation for Submission.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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*William J. Bryan Prize for Best Paper in American Politics* August 2016  
"Social Influence Over Time: Depicting the Process and Testing the Mechanisms" presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Awarded by the Department of Political Science at the Ohio State University

*National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$28,644)* June 2016  
"The Social Roots of Political Decision-Making"

*Decision Sciences Collaborative Research Grant (\$3,000)* May 2015  
The Ohio State University

*Democracy Studies Program Research Grant (\$7,500)* April 2015  
College of Arts and Sciences, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, and the Mortiz College of Law at the Ohio State University

*Dissertation Funding (\$800)* September 2014; May 2015  
Department of Political Science, the Ohio State University

*Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Grant (\$1,200)* April 2014  
Coca-Cola Foundation administered by the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at the Ohio State University

*Winner, Best Poster Award* June 2013

“Are Women Really More Ambivalent? Reanalyzing the Effect of Cross-Cutting Exposure on Ambivalence by Gender.” Poster Presentation at the 2013 Political Networks Conference, Bloomington, IN.

*Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program* June 2012  
Attendance fully funded by the Department of Political Science at the Ohio State University

*Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences Research and Travel Grant* (\$3,000) September 2011  
The Ohio State University

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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### **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**

- 2016: Paper presentation of “Social Influence Over Time: Depicting the Process and Testing the Mechanisms” and panel discussant in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2012: Invited paper presentation of “The Impact of Interest Group Networks in Executive Branch Nominations” in New Orleans, LA with Janet Box-Steffensmeier and Dino Christenson. *Conference cancelled.*

### **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**

- 2016: Paper presentation of “Social Influence Over Time: Depicting the Process and Testing the Mechanisms”.
  - Winner of the *William J. Bryan Prize* for the best paper in American Politics.
- 2015: Paper presentation of “Social Group Selection and Impact on Political Attitudes” and panel discussant.
- 2014: Paper presentation of “Disagreement in Network Context: The Moderating Role of Gender” and panel discussant.
- 2013: Paper presentation of “Cutting in Line: The Role of Interest Group Networks in Executive Branch Nominations” with Janet Box-Steffensmeier and Dino Christenson.

### **Political Networks Conference**

- 2016: Poster presentation of “Social Influence Over Time: Depicting the Process and Testing the Mechanisms.” Poster presentation in St. Louis, MO.
  - Attendance fully funded (NSF Grant).
- 2015: Poster presentation of “Implications of Political Socialization for Network Selection and Influence” in Portland, OR.
  - Attendance fully funded (NSF Grant).
- 2014: Poster presentation “Latino Political Networks and Party Identification” in Montreal, QC with Kristine Kay.
- 2013: Poster presentation of “Are Women Really More Ambivalent? Reanalyzing the Effect of Cross-Cutting Exposure on Ambivalence by Gender” in Bloomington, IN.
  - *Winner, Best Poster Award*
  - Attendance fully funded (NSF Grant).
- 2012: Participant at conference in Boulder, CO.
  - Attendance fully funded by the Department of Political Science at the Ohio State University.

### **Visions in Methodology**

- 2011: Participant.
  - Attendance fully funded. (NSF Grant to the Political Methodology Section of the American Political Science Association).

### **West Coast Experiments Conference**

- 2015: Participant.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*Instructor*, Ohio State University

Introduction to American Politics (on-line)

Spring 2014; Summer 2014; Spring 2015;  
Summer 2015; Spring 2016; Summer 2016

*Teaching Assistant*, Ohio State University

Introduction to American Politics (on-line)

Fall 2013; Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2016

American Political Parties

Spring 2013

City Politics

Fall 2012

*Participant*, iTunes U Faculty Bootcamp (Apple Headquarters in Cupertino, CA)

Spring 2015

*Training*, Ohio State University

University Center for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT)

Participant, “U.OSU.EDU”

Summer 2014

Participant, “Developing Effective Presentation Skills”

Spring 2014

Participant, “Effective Classroom Assessment Practices”

Spring 2014

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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LaTEX; Qualtrics; R; SPSS; STATA; UCINET

## **PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE**

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Reviewer

- *Journal of Politics*
- *Political Analysis*
- *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*

APSA Political Networks Section, *Archivist* (5/2013 – Present)

Memberships

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Pi Sigma Alpha

## **OHIO STATE SERVICE**

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**American Politics Dissertation Workshop (APDW)**, *Student Coordinator*

Sep 2014 – Sep 2015

**Research in American Politics Workshop (RAP)**, *Student Coordinator*

Sep 2012 – Sep 2013

## REFERENCES

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The Ohio State University  
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