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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Yale University, May 2006

Dissertation Title: The Education – Participation Nexus: Rethinking Conventional Wisdom with Randomized and Natural Experiments (Committee: Donald Green (chair), Alan Gerber, and Khalilah Brown-Dean)

M.Phil., Political Science, Yale University, May 2004

M.A., Political Science, Yale University, May 2003

B.A., Government (High Honors), Dartmouth College, *magna cum laude*, 2001

Professional Experience

United States Military Academy, West Point

Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, 2017 - present

Associate Professor of American Politics, 2012 - present

Director of the American Politics Program, 2013-2015

Assistant Professor of American Politics, 2006 - 2012

The Washington Center

Faculty Leader for Campaign 2008 Seminar Series, Summer 2008

Western Connecticut State University

Adjunct Instructor in Political Science, Fall 2006

Yale University

Instructor in Political Science, Summer 2006

Publications

The Army We Need: The Role of Landpower in an Uncertain Strategic Environment. Edited by Charlie D. Lewis, Rachel M. Sondheimer, and Jeffrey D. Peterson. Carlisle, PA: Strategic Studies Institute, 2015.

Morrow, John and Rachel Sondheimer, “National Security Advisor.” In *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, 3rd Edition, edited by Domonic A. Bearfield and Melvin J. Dubnick. CRC Press, 2015.

Scher, Adam and Rachel Sondheimer, “Institutions and American Foreign Policy: Politics Along the Water’s Edge.” In *Thinking Beyond Boundaries: Transnational Challenges to U.S.*

Foreign Policy, edited by Hugh Liebert, John Griswold, and Isaiah Wilson III. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014.

Sondheimer, Rachel Milstein, Kevin Toner, and Isaiah Wilson III. "Cadet Perceptions of Military and Civilian Ideology." *Armed Forces and Society* 39, no 1 (January 2013): 124 - 134.

Wilson, Isaiah III, Ed Cox, Kent Park, and Rachel Milstein Sondheimer. "Kids these Days: Civil-Military Relations and Professionalism Across Generations." In *Civil-Military Relations in Perspective*, edited by Stephen J. Cimbala. Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishing, 2012.

Sondheimer, Rachel Milstein. "Downstream Benefits of Randomized Experiments." In *Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Political Science*, edited by James N. Druckman, Donald P. Green, James H. Kuklinski and Arthur Lupia, 494-507. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Book was named the Robert E. Lane Co-Winner for the best book in political psychology published in 2011 (awarded by the Political Psychology Section of the American Political Science Association) and was given the Best Book Award for best book published in 2011 that either uses or is about experimental research methods in the study of politics (awarded by the Experimental Research Section of the American Political Science Association).

Wilson, Isaiah III, Ed Cox, Kent Park, and Rachel M. Sondheimer. "Not Your Grandparents' Army: Growing Military Professionalism Across Generations." *Military Review* (September 2011): 34-42.

Sondheimer, Rachel Milstein and Donald Green. "Using Experiments to Estimate the Effects of Education on Voter Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 54, no. 1 (January 2010): 174-189.

Sondheimer, Rachel Milstein, Isaiah Wilson III, Thomas Greco, Kevin Toner, and Cameron West. "Ideological Perceptions and Civil-Military Relations." In *Attitudes Aren't Free: Thinking Deeply about Diversity in the US Armed Forces*, edited by James E. Parco and David A. Levy, 423-436. Maxwell Air Force Base, AL: Air University Press, 2010.

Sondheimer, Rachel M. "Education." In *Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Arab States Today*, edited by Sebastian Maisel and John A. Shoup. Vol. 1, 140-142. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2009.

Green, Donald P. and Rachel M. Sondheimer. "Field Experimentation." In *Encyclopedia of Educational Psychology*, edited by Neil J. Salkind. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, 2008.

Institutional and Department Service at the United States Military Academy

Admissions Committee, 2009-2010, 2014 through 2017

Middle States Commission on Higher Education Reaccreditation Group

Co-Lead, Working Group on Student Experience, 2017 through present

Working Group on Student Services, 2007-2008

Academic Scheduling Committee, 2015 through present

Academic Freedom Committee, 2013 through 2017

USMA Graduate Merit Scholarship Mentor Program, 2007 through present

Director of the American Politics Program, 2013-2015

Social Sciences Personnel Selection Committee, 2013-2015

Faculty Search Committees

Chair, Grand Strategy Program Executive Director Search, 2015
American Politics Title 10 and Adjunct Searches, various
Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis Title 10 Searches, 2009, 2013, and 2014
Member, Review and Analysis of Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy for the
DoD Comprehensive Review Working Group, 2010
Thesis and Honors Program Coordinator, American Politics, 2009-2012
Historical Perspectives Committee, 2007 through 2010
Center for the Study of the Presidency, Faculty Advisor, 2007-2010
Undergraduate Journal of Social Sciences, Faculty Advisor, 2009-2011
Summer Leaders Seminar, Social Sciences Workshop, 2007-2008

Research Grants and Awards

Minerva Research for Defense Education Faculty
FY2015-2016, \$25,000
FY2015, \$4,650
Pew Center on the States Making Voting Work, with Christopher Mann
FY2009, \$44,100
Institute for National Security Studies Research Grant
FY2012, \$4,845
FY2008, \$3,700
Faculty Development and Research Fund, Office of the Dean, USMA
FY2014, \$1,200
FY2013, \$1,608
FY2010, \$1,211
FY2009, \$2,200
FY2008, \$4,348
Artinian Award, Southern Political Science Association
FY2008, \$250

Honors, Fellowships, and Awards

Superior Civilian Service Award, Department of the Army, 2015
Wye Faculty Fellow, Aspen Institute, Summer 2015
Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member, 2014 through present
Commander's Award for Civilian Service, 2010
Yale University Dissertation Fellowship, 2006
Yale University Fellowship, 2001-2006
Yale University Summer Research Fellowship, 2002 and 2003
Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College, 2001
Jeffrey L. Pressman Prize, Government Department, Dartmouth College, 2001
Outstanding Thesis in American Government and Politics

Working Monographs and Papers

Meese, Michael, Suzanne Nielsen, and Rachel Sondheimer, *American National Security*, 7th Edition. Under contract with Johns Hopkins University Press with publication date in 2018.

Forester, Brian, Corbett Baxter, and Rachel Sondheimer. "The Effects of Faculty Ideology on Changes in Student Ideology." Presented by Forester and Baxter at the International Studies Association West Conference in September 2015.

Lewis, Charlie and Rachel Sondheimer. "The Department of Defense Meets the County Clerk and Elections are Never the Same: An Examination of the Federal Voting Assistance Program and the State of Tennessee." Presented by Lewis at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in 2013.

Programs and Reports

Contributing Author. White Paper: Interdisciplinary Perspectives Informing Adaptation to the Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Prepared for the Department of Defense Comprehensive Review Working Group. Provided by the United States Military Academy, 2010.

Mann, Christopher and Rachel M. Sondheimer. "The Role of Local Election Officials in Promoting Growth of Mail Voting." Prepared for the Pew Charitable Trusts, 2009.

Milstein, Rachel and Donald Green. "'I Have a Dream' of Boulder County: Lafayette Program Evaluation," 2005.

Professional Activity

Invited Presentations, Panels, Blogs, and Roundtables

Moderator, "The Institutional Environment and the Evolution of National Security Institutions through the 20th and 21st Centuries." Panel for Senior Conference 52: National Security Reform for a New Era. West Point, NY, April 24-26, 2016.

Panelist, "Educating Tomorrow's Leaders: Challenges and Opportunities at the Service Academies and ROTC Programs." Yale Veterans Summit, "Bridging the Divide: The Way Forward in U.S. Civil-Military Relations," April 10-11, 2015.

Moderator, "What's the Worst that Can Happen: The Politics and Policy of Crisis Management." Keynote panel for the Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) 66. West Point, NY, November 12, 2014.

"Congress's Sexual Assault Proposals are the Latest Development in a Long History of Civilian Intervention in Military Justice," with Brian Forester and Rachel Yon on the London School of Economics and Political Science American Politics and Policy blog (<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog>), December 2013.

"Teaching in the Social Sciences." New Instructor Orientation. United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. August 2013.

"What Public Policy and Political Science Can Say about Possible Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Presentation to representatives of the Department of Defense Comprehensive Review Working Group, Spring 2010.

"Using Experiments to Estimate the Effects of Education on Voter Turnout." ISPS at 40 Conference. New Haven, CT. November, 2008.

Panelist, "A Post-Election Analysis," Luncheon presented by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. Boston, MA. November 2008

Panelist, “The National Political Conventions: A Faculty Perspective from Behind the Scenes.” Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association. Boston, MA. November 2008.

Paper Presentations

American Political Science Association, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, New England Political Science Association, and New York State Political Science Association meetings

Panel Chairs

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society and New York State Political Science Association meetings

Courses Taught

Political Participation, Campaigns and Elections, Politics and the Media, Political Analysis, Public Policy Process, Introduction to American Politics and Advanced Introduction to American Politics, Public Administration and Organization, and Race, Gender, and Sexuality

Community Outreach

Seeger Bartlett Foundation (provides scholarships for 8-week summer camp in Vermont)

Member, Board of Trustees, 2008 through present

Ridgefield Academy

Member, Board of Trustees, 2014 through present

Secretary, Board of Trustees, 2016 through present

Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2016 through present

Member, Advancement Committee, 2013 through 2017

Ridgefield A Better Chance

Member, Board of Trustees, 2016 through present

Dartmouth College Class of 2001

Secretary and Executive Committee, 2016 through present

Landmark Preschool

Co-chair, Community Service Committee, 2013 through present

COLAGE (national network of outreach and support for children of LGBTQ parents)

Member, Board of Trustees, 2010 through 2012

Dartmouth Club of Eastern Fairfield County

Program Coordinator, SAT Tutoring at Harding High School in Bridgeport, CT, 2004-2006

Young Alumni Chair, 2004-2006

Reviewer/Referee

Journals

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Armed Forces and Society, Security Studies, Comparative Political Studies, Political Behavior, Journal of Homosexuality (Special Edition on the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell)

Books and Textbooks

Bianco, William T. and David T. Canon. *American Politics Today* 2nd Edition. New York: Norton, 2011.

SmartBooks and Connect online platform for McGraw-Hill American Politics texts