

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Politics Fairfield University	2021-present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Politics Fairfield University	2018-2021
Part-Time Lecturer, Political Science Tufts University	2017-2018
Adjunct Instructor, Political Science Salve Regina University	2016-2017

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science Brown University	2016
M.A. in Political Science Brown University	2012
B.A. in Government and History Cornell University <i>magna cum laude</i> with Distinction in All Subjects	2009

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## SCHOLARLY ARTICLES/PEER-REVIEWED CHAPTERS

- “From American Civil Religion to Civil Religion of the Big Lie in Trump’s America”  
Invited chapter for *Modern American Politics and the State of the Parties* (Amherst  
College Press) (Forthcoming Fall 2022)
- “Occupy Wall Street’s Civil Religion of the Nones: A Theology of Consensus,” *New  
Political Science*, Vol. 42, No. 1 (2020): 70-86
- “Onward Townsend Soldiers: Moral Politics and Civil Religion in the Townsend  
Crusade,” *American Political Thought*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (Spring 2017): 228-255
- “Civil Religion and the Bush Doctrine of Preemptive War: Revisiting the Civil  
Religion Hypothesis During the War on Terror,” *Journal of Religion and Society*,  
Vol. 18 (2016): 1-26
- “Television Newsmagazine Coverage of Child Sexual Abuse: 1990-2005,”  
coauthored with Yael Shavit, Zachary Reiss-Davis, and Ross E. Cheit. *Journal of  
Mass Communication and Journalism*, Vol. 4 No. 5 (2014): 1-9

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## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Civil Religion in the Era of the Green New Deal,” with Matthew E. Hodgetts
- “Two (New) Kinds of Two Kinds: Hyperpolarization, Distrust, and Civil Religions in America”

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “[Election Day a National Holiday](#),” *The Providence Journal* Nov. 2018
- “[Least and Most Politically Engaged States: Ask the Experts](#),” *WalletHub* Oct. 2018
- “[A Nation Without a Soul? A Response to Sarah L. Houser’s ‘Accountability Nationalism’](#),” *Starting Points: A Project of the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy* May 2017
- “[The Year of the Party-Crashers](#),” *The Pavlovic Today* June 2016
- “[The Rise of the Nones in America](#),” *The Providence Journal* May 2015

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## PRESENTED PAPERS AND PANEL PARTICIPATION

- Paper, “Civil Religion in the Era of the Green New Deal” (with Matthew E. Hodgetts, Case Western Reserve University), The Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting March 2022
- Paper, “From American Civil Religion to Civil Religion of the Big Lie in Trump’s America,” The Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting Nov. 2021
- Panelist, “Jerry Mileur Panel on the Future of Political Parties,” The Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting Nov. 2021
- Paper, “Forgotten Conservatives: The Liberty League and the Origins of Modern American Conservatism,” The Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting Nov. 2020
- Panelist, “Jerry Mileur Panel on the Future of Political Parties,” The Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting Nov. 2020
- Paper, “Forgotten Conservatives: The Liberty League and the Origins of Modern American Conservatism,” The Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting Nov. 2019
- Panelist, “Jerry Mileur Panel on the Future of Political Parties,” The Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting Nov. 2019
- Paper, “Civil Religion and Social Movements in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America,” The New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting April 2019
- Paper, “A Theology of Consensus: Occupy Wall Street’s Civil Religion of the Nones,” The Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting Nov. 2018
- Paper, “We’re All in this Together: How the ‘Spiritual but not Religious’ Left Can Join the Fight to Stop Climate Change,” with Matthew Hodgetts, The New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting April 2018

Paper, "The Rise of the Nones: Is the United States Finally Losing its Religious Exceptionalism?" New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 2017
Poster, "Old-Time (Civil) Religion: Recasting the Townsend Movement," The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Sept. 2015
Paper, "Truth, Justice, and the American Way: Re-defining the American Civil Religion," The New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 2015
Paper, "Onward Townsend Soldiers: The Civil Religion and Moral Politics of the Townsend Movement," The Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Jan. 2015
Paper, "Breaking the Covenant: The Civil Theology of the American Liberty League," The New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 2014
Paper, "Constitutional Fetishism and Political Success in the United States: Why the Liberty League's Public Appeals Failed and the Tea Party's Succeeded," The New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 2013
Paper, "Civil Religion and the Bush Doctrine of Preemptive War: Revisiting the Civil Religion Hypothesis During the War on Terror," The Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 2012

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#### TEACHING AND CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

<b>Fairfield University</b>	2018-present
"Introduction to American Politics" (WAC)	
"Introduction to Political Ideas that Shaped the World"	
"U.S. Congress" (WID)	
"The Politics of Race, Class, and Gender" (MSJR)	
"Utopian Politics" (WAC)	
"American Political Thought"	
"Modern Political Ideologies"	
"Art and Activism: Reflect, Reframe, Reform" (with Prof. Jo Yarrington) (ID, WAC, MSJ2)	

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#### TEACHING AWARDS

P. Terrence Hoppman Award for Excellence in Teaching: Given by the Graduate Affairs Committee, based upon student evaluations and instructor recommendations. Awarded for "Introduction to the American Political Process" (POLS 0010, SP 2013).	May 2014
Teaching and Advising Award: Given by the Brown University Undergraduate Council of Students (UUCS) for having "made a substantial impact in the lives of undergraduates."	May 2013

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## GRANTS AND FUNDING

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Innovation Mini-Grant (\$500.00) for implementing COVID-era innovations	Sept. 2021
Program Grant for Faculty Research (\$1,375.00), Fairfield University Humanities Institute for research trip to the Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, DE	Oct. 2019
Today's Vote on Campus project grant (\$1,150.00), Campus Compact and the Edward M. Kennedy Institute to support the Fairfield University Senate Experience (FUSE) simulation	April 2019

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## INTERACTIVE PEDAGOGY

<i>Plugged into Politics</i> podcast, co-hosted with Dr. Gayle Alberda (Politics), as COVID-19 supplement for classes	Spring 2020
"Voting Rights, Race, and the Jim Crow South" exercise completed for Fairfield University's "Civic Education Through the Promise of Democracy" funded by the Davis Foundation	Spring 2020
Fairfield University Senate Experience (FUSE) simulation, funded (SP 2019 only) by Campus Compact and the Edward M. Kennedy Institute	Spring 2019, 2020, 2021
"Animation scripts for <i>By the People</i> , Third Edition (Oxford University Press)," co-written with Dr. Ryan Emenaker (College of the Redwoods)	Aug. 2016

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## INVITED LECTURES AND TALKS

"In God We Trust? Civil Religion in Uncivil Times," Quick Center Open MINDS Institute, Fairfield University	Oct. 2021
"Religion, Secularism, and Politics," Roundtable Discussion organized with the Egan Chapel, Fairfield University	Feb. 2020
"Listen Up! Bringing Podcasts into the Classroom," Faculty Development & Evaluation Committee (FDEC) event at Fairfield University	Dec. 2019
"Branded Trump: Thoughts on How Trump Took Over the GOP," panel with Ian Shapiro. For the American Marketing Association, Southern CT Chapter	Oct. 2019
" <a href="#">Rediscovering Civil Religion in America</a> ," TEDx Tufts	March 2019
"In Trump We Trust?" Roundtable Discussion, the Pell Center for International Affairs and Public Policy, Salve Regina University	April 2017
"Onward Townsend Soldiers: Moral Politics and Civil Religion in the Townsend Crusade," Committee for the Study of Religion at the Graduate Center, City University of New York	Dec. 2015

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## POLITICS DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Politics Search Committee Member	Fall 2021
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Academic Advisor, College Democrats (Fairfield University)	2019-present
Syllabus development to meet Fairfield University <i>Magis Core</i> requirements, including: Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC), Writing in the Discipline (WID), and Racial Social Justice (SJ2-R) designations	2019-present
Organizer and panelist, Department of Politics “Let’s Talk Politics” events	2018-present

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**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Faculty Salary Committee (Handbook Committee)	2021-present
WAC/WID Subcommittee	2021-present
Director, Pre-Law Advising Program	2020-present
College of Arts and Sciences Task Force on Professional Advancement During COVID Times	2020-2021
Participant, Critical Conversations Working Group	2019-2020

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Chair, “American Political Thought in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century” panel, New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 2022
Chair and Discussant, “Early American Political Thought” panel, Northeast Political Science Association	Nov. 2021
Treasurer, New York Association for Pre-Law Advising and Pedagogy (NYAPLAP)	2021-present
Panelist, “Author Meets Critics: <i>Polarized Families, Polarized Parties</i> , by Gwendoline Alphonso (Fairfield University), Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Nov. 2018
Chair and Discussant, “Race and Constitutionalism in American Political History” panel, New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 2018
Reviewer, <i>American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institution, and Culture</i> (journal); <i>Politics and Religion</i> (journal); <i>Polity</i> (journal); and Oxford University Press	2017-present
Chair, “Politics and History: Where has Civil Religion Gone?” panel, The New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 2011

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**ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association (APSA); New England Political Science Association (NEPSA); Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA); Western Political Science Association (WPSA); Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA)

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**REFERENCES**

David L. Downie, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, Fairfield University, 203.254.4000 (ext. 3504), ddownie@fairfield.edu	Dept. Chair
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James A. Morone, Professor, John Hazen White Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Brown University, 401.863.1573, james_morone@brown.edu	Diss. Chair
Debbie Schildkraut, Professor, Department of Political Science, Tufts University, 617.627.3492, deborah.schildkraut@tufts.edu	Dept. Chair
Wendy J. Schiller, Professor and Department Chair, Department of Political Science and Public Policy, Brown University, 401.863.1569, wendy_schiller@brown.edu	Mentor

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