

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2003      WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, Political Science  
Fields: American Politics, Formal Theory and Methodology
- M.A. 1999      WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, Political Science
- B.A. 1997      UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, Highest Honors in  
Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor of Political Science with tenure, George Mason University (Aug. 2015 – Present)
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, George Mason University (2012 – 2015)
- American Political Science Association, Congressional Fellowship (2004 – 2005)
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2003 – 2012)

## BOOKS

**Jennifer Nicoll Victor**, Alexander H. Montgomery, and Mark Lubell, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*, Oxford University Press. *Under Contract*. [Expected publication in 2016.]

Ringe, Nils and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2013. *Bridging the Information Gap: Legislative Member Organizations in the United States and European Union*, with Christopher J. Carman. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.  
<http://bridgingtheinformationgap.wordpress.com>

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLISHED ARTICLES

**Victor, Jennifer Nicoll** and Gina Yanitell Reinhardt. *Forthcoming*. “Competing for the Platform: How Organized Interests Affect Party Positioning in the United States.” *Party Politics*.

**Victor, Jennifer Nicoll** and Gregory Koger. 2016. “Financing Friends: How Lobbyists Create a Web of Relationships among Members of Congress.” *Interest Groups & Advocacy*. On-line first 24 May 2016. doi:10.1057/iga.2016.5

Ringe, Nils, **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**, and Justin H. Gross. 2013. "Keeping Your Friends Close and Your Enemies Closer? Information Networks in Legislative Politics." *British Journal of Political Science*, 43(3): 601-628.

**Victor, Jennifer Nicoll**. 2011. "Legislating versus Campaigning: The Legislative Behavior of Higher Office Seekers." *American Politics Research*, 39(1): 3-31.

**Victor, Jennifer Nicoll** and Nils Ringe. 2009. "The Social Utility of Informal Institutions: Caucuses as Networks in the 110<sup>th</sup> U.S. House of Representatives." *American Politics Research*, 37(5): 742-66.

Koger, Gregory and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2009. "Polarized Agents: Campaign Contributions by Lobbyists." *PS: Politics & Political Science*, 42(3): 485-488.

**Victor, Jennifer Nicoll**. 2007. "Strategic Lobbying: Demonstrating how Legislative Context Affects Interest Groups' Lobbying Tactics" *American Politics Research*, 35(6): 826-845.

Bottom, William P., Gary J. Miller, Cheryl L. Eavey, and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2000. "The Institutional Effect on Majority Rule Instability: Bicameralism in Spatial Policy Decisions." *The American Journal of Political Science*. 44(3): 523-540.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Ringe, Nils, Jennifer Nicoll Victor, and Wendy Tam Cho. *Forthcoming*. "Legislative Networks," in *Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*, Jennifer Nicoll Victor, Alexander H. Montgomery, and Mark Lubell, eds. Oxford University Press.

Van Thomme, Jack, Ringe, Nils, and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2015. "Explaining Reelection: Expertise, Influence, and Intergroups." In Kaeding, Michael and Niko Switek (eds.): *Die Europawahl 2014*. Wiesbaden (Germany): Springer VS.

**Victor, Jennifer Nicoll**. 2012. "Gridlock Lobbying: Breaking, Creating, and Maintaining Legislative Stalemate." In *Interest Group Politics*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed, Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A. Loomis, eds. Washington, DC: CQ Press. Reprinted in *Principles and Practice of American Politics: Classic and Contemporary Readings*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., Samuel Kernell and Steven S. Smith, eds., Washington, DC: CQ Press (2015).

Epstein, Lee, Jeffrey A. Segal, and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. 2002. "Dynamic Agenda Setting on the U.S. Supreme Court: An Empirical Assessment." *Harvard Journal on Legislation*, 39(2).

## **UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS**

Reinhardt, Gina Yanitell and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. "A Dynamic Theory of Political Parties: Party Positioning and the Success of Organized Interests." *Working Paper*

**Victor, Jennifer Nicoll**, Stephen Haptonstahl, and Nils Ringe. “Multiplex and Longitudinal Legislative Networks and the Potential for Caucuses to Alleviate Partisan Polarization” *Working Paper*.

Morin, Alexander, **Jennifer Nicoll Victor** and Brian Alexander. “Ambition Pays: Specialization, Campaigns, and PAC Donations.” *Working Paper*.

Allen, Kristen Coopie, Ian Palmer Cook, Zachary Auter, and **Jennifer Nicoll Victor**. “Second Street Gangs: Ad Hoc Policy Commissions in the Senate.” *Working Paper*.

“(Self)-Organizing the Legislature: Committees, Intergroups, and Community Structures in the European Parliament,” with Nils Ringe. *Working Paper*.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

- Introduction to American Politics
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods
- Congress/Legislative Process
- Interest Group Politics

### COURSES TAUGHT AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL

- American Field Seminar
- Legislative Process: U.S. Congress
- Interest Group Politics
- Introduction to Inferential Statistics
- Research Methods

## RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Can Caucuses Alleviate Congressional Polarization?,” with Stephen Haptonstahl and Nils Ringe. Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7-9, 2016; Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 8-10, 2016; Political Networks Annual Conference and Workshops, St. Louis, Missouri, June 23-25, 2016.

“(Self)-Organizing the Legislature: Committees, LMOs, and Community Structures in EP and US Congress,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Sept. 2-5, 2015.

“Financing Friends: Legislators, Lobbyists, and the Pervasive Influence of Campaign Finance,” with Gregory Koger. Paper delivered on a panel at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Workshops & Conference on Political Networks. Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. June 17-20, 2015.

“Legislative Member Organizations in a Comparative Perspective: Exploring the Bridging Nature of LMO Ties in Three Parliaments,” with Nils Ringe. Paper delivered on a panel at the meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC. Aug. 28-31, 2014.

- “(Self)-Organizing the Legislature: Committees, Intergroups, and Community Structures in the European Parliament,” with Nils Ringe. Invited paper presentation at “Political Networks in a Transatlantic Perspective Workshop.” July 14-15, 2014, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- “(Self)-Organizing a Legislature: How lawmakers' institutions reveal policy preferences and priorities”, with Nils Ringe. Political Networks Conference, McGill University, Montreal, Ontario, Canada. May 29-May 31, 2014
- “Jane of all Trades, Master of None: The Representational Trade-off of Female Members of Congress.” Presented at the Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2-5, 2014.
- “Coordinating the Congress: Explaining Caucus Persistence in the United States House,” with Nils Ringe. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 29-September 1, 2013.
- “Multiplex Legislative Networks and the Power of Caucuses to Alleviate Partisan Polarization,” with Stephen Haptonstahl and Nile Ringe. Presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Political Networks Conference, Bloomington, Illinois (Indiana University), June 27-29, 2013; paper delivered on a panel at the meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC. Aug. 28-31, 2014.
- “Solving Congressional Partisan Polarization one Caucus at a Time,” with Nils Ringe (University of Wisconsin, Madison). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, Ill, April 10-14, 2013.
- “Competing for the Platform: The Politics of Interest Group Influence on Political Party Platforms,” with Gina Yannitell Reinhardt (Texas A&M University). Presented at the 2013 Southern Political Science Association Meetings in Orlando, Florida, January 3-6, 2013 & Meetings of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2012 (conference canceled due to hurricane)
- “Second Street Gangs: Ad Hoc Policy Commissions in the Senate,” with Kristen Coopie Allen, Ian Palmer Cook, and Zachary Auter (University of Pittsburgh). Presented at the 2013 Southern Political Science Association Meetings in Orlando, Florida, January 3-6, 2013 & Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL April 10-14, 2013 & 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Political Networks Conference, Bloomington, Illinois (Indiana University), June 27-29, 2013.
- “Bridging the Information Gap: Legislative Member Organizations in the US & EU.” Presented with Nils Ringe at the 2012 Political Networks Conference in Boulder, Colorado, June 13-16, 2012.
- “The Friendly Legislator: How Social Connections Affect Legislative Voting in the European Parliament.” Presented with Nils Ringe at the 2012 Meetings of the Midwest Political

Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012 & 2012 Meetings of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2012 (conference canceled due to hurricane)

“Networking the House: Caucuses in the U.S. House of Representatives.” Presented at the Political Networks Conference, Duke University (May 19-22, 2010), the Political Networks Conference, University of Michigan (June 17-19, 2011), and the American Political Science Assoc. Meetings, Seattle, WA (September 1-4, 2011).

(Older conference presentations available upon request)

## **GRANTS**

National Science Foundation (#1558713), “Workshop: Support for Political Networks Conference and Training Workshops,” PI: Jennifer N. Victor, \$212,471 (2016-2019)  
George Mason University Provost Summer Research Award, \$5,000 (2016)  
University of Pittsburgh Provost’s Central Research Development Fund \$5,000 (July 2010)  
Manner’s Award, University Center for Social and Urban Research, \$10,000 (June 2010)  
Visions in Methodology conference travel grant, University of Iowa, \$400 (March 2010)  
Society for Political Methodology travel grant, \$500 (Yale University) (2009)  
Visions in Methodology conference travel grant, Ohio State University, \$400 (October 2008)  
University of Pittsburgh Third Term Research Stipend, \$4,000 (2007)  
Congressional Research Award, The Dirksen Congressional Center, \$3,500 (2001)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

George Mason University, School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs Teaching Award (2015)  
Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honor society) honorary inductee, GMU chapter (2015)  
“Professor of the Year,” presented by students of IFC/NPHC, University of Pittsburgh (2009)  
APSA Congressional Fellowship (2004-2005)  
Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence, Washington University (2000 - 2001)  
Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University (2001 - 2002)  
Washington University Graduate Student Fellowship (1997 - 2001)  
Washington University Dean's Award Supplement (1997- 2001)  
Highest Honors in Political Science, University of California, San Diego (1997)  
Outstanding Senior, Muir College Alumni Award, University of California, San Diego (1997)  
Phi Beta Kappa (1997)  
DeWitt Higgs Award (1997) (UCSD's outstanding senior in law and public policy)

## **GRADUATE STUDENTS MENTORED**

Chair, *Brian Alexander*, Ph.D. (2015), George Mason University, SPGIA.

Chair, *Matt Snyder*, PhD. Candidate, George Mason University, SPGIA  
Committee Member, *Scott Atherley*, PhD Candidate, George Mason University, SPGIA  
Committee Member, *Tiffany Turner*, PhD Candidate, George Mason University, SPGIA.  
Committee Member, *Andrew Armstrong*, PhD Candidate, George Mason University, SPGIA  
Committee Member, *John Nelson*, PhD Candidate, George Mason University, Computational  
Social Sciences  
Committee Member, *Ayah Ibrahim*, PhD Candidate, George Mason University, SPGIA  
Committee Member, *Mark Brunner*, PhD Candidate, George Mason University, SPGIA  
Committee Member, *Elsa Talat Khwaja*, PhD Candidate, George Mason University, SPGIA  
Chair, *Kristen C. Allen*, Ph.D. (2013), University of Pittsburgh, Political Science. Tenure-track  
position at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, as of August 2013.  
Committee Member, *Hirokazu Kikuchi*, Ph.D. (2012) University of Pittsburgh, Political Science.  
Now a researcher at University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan.  
Committee Member, *Justin H. Gross*. Ph.D (2010) Department of Statistics and Heinz School of  
Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University. Now, Asst. Prof. of Political Science,  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst.  
Committee Member, *Nils Ringe*. Ph.D (2005) Department of Political Science, University of  
Pittsburgh. Now, a tenured Associate Prof. of Political Science, University of  
Wisconsin, Madison.

## INVITED TALKS

Introduction to Inferential Statistics (10-day course), Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi,  
Georgia. Invited instructor on US State Department Grant (PIs: Priscilla Regan and Eric  
McGlinchey), July 25 – August 6, 2016  
St. Louis Area Methods Meeting (SLAMM). Invited presentation at American University, April  
22, 2016.  
“Congressional Gridlock and Legislative Politics” presented to the National Association of  
County Collectors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers. Marriott Wardman Park,  
Washington, DC, February 19, 2016  
“Social Network Analysis and the Study of Politics.” Guest Lecturer (invited), Prof. Alan  
Abramson, George Mason University, Public Administration program, February, 2015.  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. November 7, 2014, American Politics Research  
Workshop, invited talk.  
United States Department of State, European Union Bureau and Bureau of Intelligence and  
Research, July 21, 2014  
United States Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research and The National  
Intelligence Council, July 2, 2014.  
University of Denver, May 20-21, 2014.  
Center for Social Complexity, George Mason University, October 25, 2013.  
American University, January 7, 2013 (National Capital Area Political Science Association).  
University of Virginia, October 5, 2012.

Woodrow Wilson Center, Democracy Project of the Bipartisan Policy Center, October 17, 2012.

Georgetown University, September 21, 2012

University of Wisconsin, Madison (American Politics Workshop), April 19, 2010.

### **REVIEWER & EDITORIAL BOARDS** (most recent review)

<i>American Journal of Political Science</i> (2016)	National Science Foundation (2016)
<i>American Political Science Review</i> , (2016)— Editorial Board Member	Oxford University Press (2015)
<i>American Politics Research</i> (2015)—Editorial Board Member	<i>Perspectives on Politics</i> (2011)
<i>British Journal of Political Science</i> (2016)	<i>PLOS ONE</i> (2016)
<i>Business &amp; Politics</i> (2016)	<i>Policy Studies Journal</i> (2011)
<i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , (2015)	<i>Political Behavior</i> (2010)
<i>European Journal of Political Research</i> (2010)	<i>Political Communication</i> (2014)
<i>European Political Science Review</i> (2016)	<i>Political Research Quarterly</i> (2015)
<i>European Union Politics</i> (2008)	<i>Political Science Quarterly</i> (2014)
<i>Interest Groups &amp; Advocacy</i> (2016)	<i>Political Science Research Methods</i> (2016)
<i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> (2016)	<i>Politics &amp; Gender</i> (2012)
<i>Journal of Politics</i> (2015)	<i>Polity</i> (2016)
<i>Journal of Political Science</i> (2013)	<i>P.S.: Political Science &amp; Politics</i> (2016)— Editorial Board Member
<i>Journal of Public Policy</i> (2016)	<i>Research &amp; Politics</i> (2016)
<i>Journal of Theoretical Politics</i> (2014)	Routledge Press (2013)
<i>Journal of Women, Politics &amp; Policy</i> (2016)	<i>Science</i> (2014)
<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> , (2016)	<i>Social Networks</i> (2012)
<i>Mobilization</i> (2014)	<i>State Politics and Policy Quarterly</i> (2014)
	Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) (2011)

Invited discussant: Legislative Studies Virtual Workshop, February 3, 2016

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

American political institutions: Congress, interest groups, lobbying, political parties, campaign finance.

Methodology: social networks, econometrics, game theory, experiments

### **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

#### **George Mason University service**

Director, Undergraduate Programs, SPGIA, 2015-present.

Appointed Member, Provost's Task Force for a Multidisciplinary Education Platform (appointed) 2014-2015

Coordinator, Undergraduate Research Assistants Program (SPGIA), 2015-present

Coordinator for Workshop for Research in Political Science, 2014-2015

Director of the Bachelor's Degree in Government and International Politics, School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs, GMU, 2014-2015.

PhD Admissions Committee, Public Policy, GMU, 2015  
PhD American Politics Field Examinations Committee, Member, 2014, 2015  
Chair Search Committee (Dean's Appointment), College of Humanities and Social Sciences for the Department of Public and International Affairs, 2013-2014  
PhD American Field Examinations, Committee Chair, GMU 2013-2014.  
Ph.D. Admissions Committee, Department of Public and International Affairs, GMU 2013, 2014.  
Elected member, Faculty Senate, GMU, Admissions Committee, 2014-2016

### **University of Pittsburgh service**

Committee on Undergraduate Education, Dept. of Political Science (2011-2012)  
Department Technology and Alumni Affairs Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2010-2012)  
Chair's Advisory Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2008- 2011)  
Graduate Education Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2006-2007)  
Methods Speaker Series Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2006-2007)  
Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council (2004-2007)  
Search Committee: Junior Faculty in International Relations (2005-2006)  
Search Committee: Senior Faculty in American Politics (2003-2004)

### **Washington University in St. Louis service**

President: Free Union of Graduate Students (2000-2001)  
Graduate Student Representative, Methods Search Committee (1999)  
Graduate Student Representative to the Department Faculty (1998-1999)

### **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Selection Committee for Congressional Fellowship Program, American Political Science Association, February 2016.  
Member, Board of Directors, Center for Responsive Politics, 2015-present  
Chair, Political Networks Section, American Political Science Association, 2015-2016  
Chair-Elect, National Capital Area Political Science Association, 2015-2016  
Study Site Coordinator, Presidential Commission on the Administration of Elections, Polling Process of the Future, 2014  
Section Chair, Midwest Political Science Association, Legislative Institutions Section, 2014-2015  
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Political Networks Section, American Political Science Association, 2014-2015  
APSA Review Committee for *PS: Political Science & Politics* (appointed by APSA Director), 2013-2014  
Board of Directors (elected), National Capital Area Political Science Association, 2013-2015  
Selection Committee for Congressional Fellowship Program, American Political Science Association, February 2013.  
Program Chair, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Political Networks, University of Colorado, Boulder, June 13-16, 2012.  
Communications Chair, Networks in Political Science Section, American Political Science Association (elected) 2011-2015.



Chair, Awards Committee for Fellowships to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Networks in Political Science Training and Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, June 2011.  
Editorial Board Member, *American Politics Research*, 2011-2014  
Midwest Political Science Association, Award Committee for the Patrick J. Fett Award for the best paper on the study of Congress and Presidency, 2011.  
Policy Committee on Governmental Reform, member: Organizing for America 2008.  
Networks in Political Science, Program Committee and Awards Committee for meetings at Harvard University, June 2009; Duke University, May 2010.  
Political Organizations and Parties Section Co-Chair for APSA Meetings in Boston 2008 (2007-2008).  
Political Organizations and Parties Section, APSA, Award Committee, Party Politics Award (2005).  
Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) (2005)  
Volunteer Consultant for United Nations Development Project (New Delhi, India) (November-December 2001)  
Computer laboratory/Statistics Consultant (Social Sciences Computing Facility at Washington University in St. Louis) (1999- 2003)  
Participant at “Liberty and Hierarchy” Conference on political economy. Presented by The Liberty Fund: Park City, Utah. June 1999. Dr. Michael Munger and Dr. Andrew Rutten, primary organizers.  
Research Assistant, Dr. Mathew McCubbins, University of California, San Diego (1996-1997)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MEDIA

Victor, Jennifer. 2016. “What Is a Party Platform, and Why Do Candidates Often Ignore Them?” *The Conversation*. July 27. <http://theconversation.com/what-is-a-party-platform-and-why-do-candidates-often-ignore-them-62595>. (Invited submission)

Co-founder and regular contributor to *Mischiefs of Faction* blog available on Vox.com: <http://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction>. Recent posts include:

“Campaign Money in 2016 has become meaningless.” May 25, 2016. *Mischiefs of Faction* on Vox.com. <http://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2016/5/25/11765538/campaign-money-meaningless>

“The Clockwork Rise of Donald Trump and Reorganization of American Parties.” March 14, 2016. *Mischiefs of Faction* on Vox.com. <http://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2016/3/14/11223982/clockwork-rise-of-donald-trump>

“What to Look for in Tuesday’s New Hampshire Primary.” February 8, 2016. *Mischiefs of Faction* on Vox.com. <http://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2016/2/8/10935016/new-hampshire-primary-2016>

“If Trump and Sanders win in Iowa and New Hampshire, will they be the nominees?” January 29, 2016. *Mischiefs of Faction* on Vox.com. <http://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2016/1/29/10858792/trump-sanders-iowa-new-hampshire>

“A science-backed New Year’s resolution to help fix American Politics.” January 16, 2016. *Mischiefs of Faction* on Vox.com. <http://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2016/1/12/10753612/political-donation-parties>

“Here’s who’s winning the Republican Nomination Contest.” October 30, 2015. *Mischiefs of Faction* on Vox.com. <http://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2016/2/8/10935016/new-hampshire-primary-2016>

Older blog posts available upon request.

References available upon request.