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Education

- Ph.D. Emory University, Atlanta, GA 2002
Political Science
Dissertation: *Elite Realignment: Ambition and Candidate Emergence in Southern Politics*
Merle Black, chair
- M.A. Emory University, Atlanta, GA 1999
Political Science
- B.A. University of Houston, Houston, TX 1995
Double Major in Political Science and Psychology with Membership in the Honors College
Magna cum laude

Academic Appointments

- Michael Andrew Little Endowed Professor* 2019-present
Instructional Associate Professor
The Honors College
University of Houston, Houston, TX
Courses taught: U.S. Government: Congress, President, and Courts; Politics of Energy and the Environment; Introduction to Civic Engagement; The Human Situation
- Associate Professor* 2013–2019
Assistant Professor (Tenured in 2008) 2004–2013
Visiting Assistant Professor 2002–2004
Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA
Courses taught: U.S. Government and Politics; Freshman Seminar on Political Campaigns; State and Local Government; Political Parties; Congressional Politics; The Presidency; The Politics of Energy; Political Science Research Methods; Public Opinion and Polling; Political Analysis Capstone
- Instructor*
Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, GA 2001–2002
Courses taught: Introduction to American Government
Emory University, Atlanta, GA 2001–2002
Courses taught: Introduction to American Government; The Presidency; Public Opinion
Reinhardt College, Roswell, GA 2000–2001
Courses taught: Introduction to American Government
Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA 2000–2001

Courses taught: Introduction to American Government; Southern Politics and the Civil Rights Movement

Co-Instructor

Emory University, Atlanta, GA 1998
 Course taught: Congressional Politics with Professor Gary McKissick

Teaching Assistant

Emory University, Atlanta, GA 1997
 Course taught: Introduction to American Politics with Professor Alan I. Abramowitz

Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program Tutorial 1997

Administrative Appointments

Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Faculty Affairs 2019-present

The Honors College

University of Houston, Houston, TX

- Develop, support, and oversee Honors College curricular and co-curricular programs including the Human Situation sequence, the Honors College minor programs, service learning, and learning away and abroad programs.
- Oversee faculty affairs including the support of faculty hiring, annual review, and non-tenure track promotion processes.
- Develop additional teaching and research partnerships with disciplinary departments and colleges.
- Oversee data collection, analysis, evaluation, and assessment, and the preparation of internal and external reports and publications, including annual college performance measures, strategic plans, and grant proposals.
- Represent the Honors College on major university councils and committees and in the city of Houston for the purposes of campus and community partner development and College advancement.

Director, Center for Energy and the Future 2015–2019

Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA

- Developed, implemented, and oversaw curricular, advancement, co-curricular, and recruitment efforts for the interdisciplinary center with the mission of engaging students, faculty, researchers, business and political leaders, and members of the community in a fair-minded examination of energy systems of all types and their impacts on our future, whether at the local, national, or global level.

President, Williamsport City Council 2016–2019

Vice President 2012–2016

Finance Committee Chair 2012–2016

Housing Needs Committee Chair 2012–2016

Member 2008–2019

City of Williamsport, Williamsport, PA

- Elected to three four-year terms (2007, 2011, 2015).
- Developed and manage City Council agenda and procedures, including intra-Council relations, to ensure efficient and effective decision-making.

- Represented City Council at meetings and events to develop partnerships and collaborations for furthering the interests of the City and its residents.
- Oversaw the passage and implementation of the City's \$26 million general fund budget and other associated budgets.
- Represented City Council in negotiations with members of the City's executive branch and other city, county, and state stakeholders.

Chair, Department of Political Science 2006–2018
Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA

- Developed and oversaw the department's curriculum, budget, non-curricular activities, faculty hiring and development, and assessment.

Director, Center for the Study of Community and the Economy 2005–2018
Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA

- Conducted applied research and provided quantitative and qualitative data analysis and planning on issues related to community and economic development and public policy.

Applied Research

Research Reports

Community Needs Assessment of Lycoming (and Clinton Counties)

For the Lycoming County United Way and First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (2005, \$6,600); for the Lycoming County United Way (2009, \$3,700), (2012, \$5,125); adding project partner STEP, Inc. (2015, \$9,900); and adding project partners the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania and the River Valley Health and Dental Center as project sponsors (2018, \$15,000)

Marcellus Natural Gas Development's Effect on Housing in Pennsylvania: An Update

For the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (2015, \$42,000) with Bonita Kolb

Perceptions of the Lycoming County United Way

For the Lycoming County United Way (2013, \$4,800) with Bonita Kolb

Assessing the Housing Needs of Marcellus Related Hotel Guests in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

For Delta Development and the County of Lycoming (2012, \$5,000) with Bonita Kolb

Marcellus Natural Gas Development's Effect on Housing in Pennsylvania

For the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (2011, \$18,800) with Bonita Kolb

Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation Drop Out Survey Project

For the Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation (2009, \$9,250) with Bonita Kolb

Lycoming/Clinton Bi-County Office of Aging Senior Center Planning Project

For the Lycoming/Clinton Bi-County Office of Aging (2007, \$11,700) with Bonita Kolb

Williamsport Parks Master Planning Project

For the City of Williamsport with SEDA Council of Governments (2006, \$20,000) and Bonita Kolb

Commissioned Surveys

Conservation, Values, Attitudes and Behaviors

Commissioned Survey for Brandn Green, Ph.D., Director of Bucknell University's Place Studies Program, (2015, \$17,500)

Central Pennsylvania Places and Industry

Commissioned Survey for Amanda Wooden, Ph.D., Director of Bucknell University's Environmental Studies Program, (2014, \$4,600)

Williamsport Crosscutters Market Research Survey

Commissioned Survey for the Williamsport Crosscutters minor league baseball team (2010, \$3,000)

Other Projects

Housing Summit: "Tackling Marcellus' Effects on Housing in Pennsylvania Together", April 3, 2012, with Bonita Kolb

YWCA Communications Project (2012, \$1,800) with Bonita Kolb

STEP, Inc. Employee Evaluation Project (2010, \$3,800) with Bonita Kolb

KIG/KIZ Research Projects for Client Businesses, Various, with Bonita Kolb

KIG Grant Workshop Series (2009) with Bonita Kolb

Book Chapter

With Bonita Kolb. 2016. "Sustainable Housing in Rural Communities Affected by Shale Gas Development." In *Shale Gas and the Future of Energy: Law and Policy for Sustainability*. eds. John C. Dernbach & James R. May. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Refereed Publications

With Bonita Kolb. 2012. "Water and Sewer Infrastructure Challenges as a Barrier to Housing Development in the Marcellus Shale Region." *Environmental Practice*. 14(4): 1-10.

2011. "Polling on a Budget: Implementing Telephone Surveys in Introductory and Advanced American Politics Courses." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 44(1): 123-127.

With Alison Gregory. 2010. "Problem Based Learning in Introductory American Politics Classes." *Journal of Political Science Education*. 6(3): 274-296.

With Alan I. Abramowitz and Kyle L. Saunders. 2005. "A New Kind of Balancing Act: Ticket-Splitting in the 1996 and 2000 Elections." *Political Research Quarterly*. 58 (1): 69-78.

Other Publications

Review of *The Presidency in the Era of 24-Hour News* by Jeffrey E. Cohen. (2009) *White House Studies*, 9 (4).

Conference Presentations

With Sally Connolly, Marsha Kowal, and Sarah Gnospelius. "A Federal Approach to Honors: Lessons learned at the University of Houston." To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Council on Honors Education, November 2022, Denver, Colorado.

"Assessing Honors Student Engagement with NSSE Data." Presented at the Biennial Honors Education at Research Universities Conference, June 2022, Houston, Texas.

With William Monroe, Christine LeVeaux-Haley, Irene Guenther, and Alison Leland. "George Floyd Comes Home: Social Media, Listening Sessions, and Where Do We Go from

Here?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, January 2021, Virtual.

“The Complicated Tension between Shale Gas Development, Housing, and Water and Sewer Infrastructure.” Presented at the Second International Symposium on Energy Challenges & Mechanics, August 2014, Aberdeen, Scotland.

“Challenger Emergence and the Drivers of Polarization.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2014, New Orleans, LA.

“Community Impacts of Marcellus Shale.” Presented at the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association Annual Conference, October 2013, Harrisburg, PA.

With Bonita Kolb. “Housing Impacts of Marcellus Shale Development.” Presented at conference entitled, “Marcellus Shale Development and Pennsylvania: What Lessons for Sustainable Energy?” at Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, PA, September 27, 2013

“Look over Your Right Shoulder: Polarization and Primary Challenges to Republican Incumbents in the U.S. House.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013, Chicago, IL.

“Political Polling as Active Learning: Assessing the Use of Telephone Surveys as a Teaching Tool in Introductory and Advanced American Politics Courses.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009, Chicago, IL.

With Alison Gregory. “Problem Based Learning in Introductory American Politics Classes.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009, Chicago, IL.

“Scandal and Religiosity: The Effect of Choking Your Mistress on Religious Voters.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007, Chicago, IL.

“Negative Voting in Presidential Elections.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2006, Chicago, IL.

With Kyle Saunders and Matthew Gunning. “The Politics of Realignment: Wattenberg Revisited.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2005, Chicago, IL.

“The Role of Candidate Emergence in Explaining Republican Success in Southern House Elections.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2004, New Orleans, LA.

“Reapportionment’s Effect on Candidate Emergence in U.S. House Elections.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

- “Beyond Butterflies and Touch Screens: The Effects of Canceling the 2002 Runoff in Florida.”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003,
Chicago, IL.
- “Drawing Yourself a District: Reapportionment Committee Members and Congressional Elections.”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November
2002, Savannah, GA.
- “Democrats in Decline? Elite Realignment in Southern Congressional Elections.” Presented at the
Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2002, Charleston, SC.
- “Determinants of Changing Candidacy Patterns in Southern Congressional Elections.” Presented at
the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 2001, Atlanta,
GA.
- “Southern Congressional Candidates’ Strategic Reaction to Realignment.” Presented at the Annual
Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 2000, Atlanta, GA.
- “Elite Realignment: Candidate Emergence in Southern Politics.” Presented at the Citadel Symposium
on Southern Politics, March 2000, Charleston, SC.
- “Ambitious Politicians and Realignment: Strategic Candidate Emergence in Southern Politics.”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November
1999, Savannah, GA.
- “Supply-Side of Southern Politics: Candidate Quality and Candidate Emergence in House Elections.”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1999,
Chicago, IL.
- With Matthew Gunning. “Changes in Committee Appointments of Freshmen House Members: The
Role of PAC Contributions.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political
Science Association, April 1999, Chicago, IL.
- “If You Want to Win, You have to Play: Explaining Changing Republican Fortunes in Southern
Congressional Elections.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science
Association, October 1998, Atlanta, GA.
- With Alan I. Abramowitz and Kyle L. Saunders. “Voting for Gridlock: Ticket-Splitting, Balancing
and Divided Government.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political
Science Association, August 1998, Boston, MA.
- With Matthew Gunning. “Changing Patterns in Freshmen House Committee Appointments: The
Role of PAC Contributions.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political
Science Association, November 1997, Norfolk, VA.

Professional Service

Member of the Executive Board, Council on Honors Education, 2022-2023.

Conference Chair, Biennial Honors Education at Research Universities Conference (HERU), June 2022, Houston, Texas.

Reviewer, South Africa's Strategic Environmental Assessment for Shale Gas Development. Conducted by the South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), in partnership with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the Council for Geosciences (CGS) under supervision by the national Department of Environmental Affairs.

Moderator, "Shale Gas, Strategic Perspectives." Second International Symposium on Energy Challenges & Mechanics, August 2014, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Referee, *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Journal of Politics & Political Behavior*.

Discussant, "Competition and Turnout." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2006, Chicago, IL.

Discussant, "The Politics of Lines: Redistricting in the South." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 2004, New Orleans, LA.

Discussant, "Southern Politics in Comparative Perspective." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. November 2002, Savannah, GA.

Chair, "Political Change." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 1999, Atlanta, GA.

Grants Awarded

Atlantic Sunrise Community Grant in support of the Center for Energy and the Future Speaker Series (2017, \$10,000)

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education Grant (2007–2008, \$2,000)

Awards and Honors

Professional Development Grant, Lycoming College (2003)

Mellon Southern Studies Dissertation Fellowship (1999–2000)

Political Science Departmental Fellowship (1995–1999)

Professional Development

Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy (2021-2022)

College and University Service

Member, Honors College Bylaws Committee (2022)

Chair, Honors College Personnel Committee (2019-present)

Chair, Honors College Faculty Teaching Award Committee (2019-present)

Chair, Honors College Outstanding First Year Students Selection Committee (2020-present)

Member, Associate Deans Group (2019-present)

Member, Council of Chairs (2019-present)

Member, ASPIRE Institute for Energy Sustainability and Energy Security Advisory Board (2020-2021)

Member, Cougar Initiative to Engage (CITE) Advisory Board (2019-2021)

Academic Advisor (2003-2019), Lycoming College

Chair, Admissions, Financial Aid and Retention Committee (2005–2010), Lycoming College

Chair, Details Committee for Revision of General Education Curriculum (2013–2014), Lycoming College

Chair, Energy Institute Task Force (2014–2015), Lycoming College

Co-Chair, Admissions and Financial Aid Working Group for reaccreditation, (2009–2011), Lycoming College

Faculty Advisor, College Republicans (2002–2019), Lycoming College

Faculty Advisor, FLYCO – Lycoming College Fly Fishing Club (2006–2016), Lycoming College

Faculty Advisor, Lambda Chi Alpha (2006–2009), Lycoming College

Faculty Advisor, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity (2006–2009), Lycoming College

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha – Political Science Honor Society (2002–2019), Lycoming College

Faculty Advisor, Political Science Club (2003–2015), Lycoming College

Faculty Parliamentarian (2004–present), Lycoming College

Faculty Representative, Board of Trustees' Enrollment Management Committee (2012–2017), Lycoming College

Library Representative, Department of Political Science, Lycoming College (2002–2011)

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on the Periodic Review Report to Middle States (2014–2016), Lycoming College

Member, Committee on Budget, Salaries and Benefits (2015–2019), Lycoming College

Member, Faculty Executive Council (2004–2005, 2011–2012), Lycoming College

Member, Faculty Library Advisory Committee (2006–2013), Lycoming College

Member, General Committee for Academic Affairs (2006–2018), Lycoming College

Member, Long Range Planning Committee (2009–2012), Lycoming College

Member, Lycoming College Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (2002–2007), Lycoming College

Member, Parking Appeals Committee (2003–2004), Lycoming College

Member, Scholars Council (2008–2018), Lycoming College

Member, Writing Across the Curriculum Committee (2004–2009), Lycoming College

Member, Academic Computing Committee, Lycoming College (2003–2004), Lycoming College

Community Service

Member, Community Natural Gas Task Force (2009–2015), Lycoming County, PA

Author, “The Politics Behind the News.” Column published in *Webb Weekly*, Williamsport, PA (2003–2013)

Director, Williamsport Parking Authority, Williamsport, PA (2004–2007, Treasurer 2006–2007)

Director, Our Neighborhoods...Building Community, Williamsport, PA (2005–2007)