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Professional Experience

Research and Policy Director

September 2016-present

Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston

- All Research Director duties and activities listed below as well as:
- Work closely with center Director to identify center's public policy priorities and opportunities to generate and offer center resources, research, and convening capacities to policy stakeholders
- Contribute to communications strategies related to release and dissemination of research products and publications, including public research-oriented convenings and presentations
- Lead efforts to identify and pursue opportunities to conduct research in partnership with individuals and organizations, both internal and external to UMass Boston

Research Director

September 2007-June 2012; September 2013-August 2016

Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston

- Conduct research on women's public leadership and policy-relevant research on women's economic security issues; conceptualize, develop, and manage projects
- Identify funding opportunities; generate grant proposals for sponsored and commissioned research
- Prepare Institutional Review Board submissions; ensure compliance with human subjects regulations
- Develop and strengthen research-related collaborations with internal and external partners
- Organize research forums on women, politics, and public policy
- Oversee production of reports, policy briefs, and fact sheets, including editing/review process
- Direct the work of research assistants, associates, and other temporary and permanent staff
- Serve as Steering Committee Member for the New England Women's Policy Initiative
- Facilitate selection process for Distinguished Public Service Leaders Fellowship Program
- Assist in the development of the Women's Public Leadership Archive (2015-2016)
- Coordinate release of publications, including dissemination strategy and outreach to stakeholders
- Oversee research-related communications
- Develop "faculty mini-grants" and visiting scholars program
- Provide grant management and oversight

Faculty Member

2014-present

Graduate Certificate Program in Gender, Leadership, and Public Policy, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston

- Co-teach internship course; identify internship opportunities; coordinate internship selection process; provide tailored professional development guidance and mentor students; liaise with supervisors and monitor student progress; develop curriculum and assignments bridging theory and practice

Interim Director

July 2012-August 2013

Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies,
University of Massachusetts Boston

- Managed center budget, including endowment accounts; oversee all administrative tasks
- Focused center's research agenda and pursued research funding
- Supervised permanent and temporary staff
- Served as Graduate Program Director (GPD) for the Certificate Programs in Women in Politics and Public Policy (PWPPP) and Women's Leadership in a Global Perspective (WLGP)
- Hired assistant program director, two faculty members, communications specialist
- Informed and engaged center's External Advisory Board; the Betty Taymor Scholarship Board; and the Polly Logan Board
- Developed and strengthened relationships and partnerships with policymakers, community and organizational leaders, and other organizations and individuals
- Organized and hosted public and educational events, including themed series Leading Women Speaker and Film Series
- Oversaw all media and communications activities
- Completed *Pathways to Political Leadership for Women of Color* research partnership; coordinated and contributed to production of all project deliverables
- Liaised with staff, administration, board, other stakeholders through director hiring process; help transition incoming director

Visiting Scholar

June 2006-August 2007

McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston

In the Program for Women in Politics & Public Policy (PWPPP)

- Taught "Contemporary American Public Policy Issues"
- Taught two-semester internship (Fall and Spring Internship)
- Coordinated professional development seminars
- Participated in program development and strategic planning for PWPPP

In the Master of Science in Public Affairs Program (MSPA)

- Designed and taught weekend workshops entitled "The Public Interest" and "Political Advocacy"
- Served as sole faculty member for "Case Study Seminar"

At the Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy (CWPPP)

- Coordinated new initiative for online series of modules to expand center's educational outreach
- Developed graduate-level online course "Understanding Public Policy"

Lecturer

2002-2013

Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy (*renamed Gender, Leadership, and Public Policy in 2014*),
University of Massachusetts Boston

- Designed and taught graduate-level course "Contemporary American Public Policy Issues"
- Participated in faculty meetings, strategic planning retreats and other program events
- Coordinated panels and presentations on variety of topics, including fiscal policy, budget process, lobbying, women and politics
- Advised and mentored students on graduate/law programs and career development

Selected Authored and Co-Authored Publications

- “Recovery for All? A Snapshot of Women’s Economic Status in New England.” 2016 Research Report. With Ann Bookman and Kristin Smith.
- “Caring for Women: A Profile of the Midwifery Workforce in Massachusetts.” 2011 Research Report. With Dorothy Brewin.
- “Unfinished Business: Building Equality for Women in the Construction Trades.” 2011 Research Report. With Susan Moir and Meryl Thomson.
- “Women in the Down Economy: Impacts of the Recession and the Stimulus in Massachusetts.” 2010 Policy Brief. With Randy Albelda.
- “The Physical Challenges of Early Breastfeeding.” 2006. *Social Science and Medicine* 63: 2727-2738.
- “Nurturing Babies, Protecting Men: The Unequal Dynamics of Women’s Postpartum Caregiving Practices.” In *Child Care and Inequality: Rethinking Carework for Children and Youth*. Edited by Francesca M. Cancian et al. London and New York: Routledge Press, 2002. Jointly authored with Bonnie Fox. p. 51-64.
- “Your Hospital Stay.” In *The Baby Resource Guide of Greater Boston*. Auburn, CA: Hazen Publishing, 1998. p. 263-4.

Publications Produced

Fact Sheets and Briefs

- Policy Snapshot: Current State Efforts, Action, and Progress on Key Issues produced for the New England Women’s Policy Conference. (2016)
- The 2016 Election: Women in the Massachusetts Legislature. (2016)
- Gender Wage Gap Matters to Women in Low-Wage Occupations. (2015)
- Latina Political Leadership in Massachusetts. (2014)
- Women’s Municipal Leadership in Massachusetts: Snapshot of Cape Cod. (2014)
- Women’s Political Leadership in Boston. (2013)
- Will Women Gain Seats? (2012)
- Women’s Political Leadership in Massachusetts. (2012)
- Women’s Municipal Leadership in Massachusetts. (2008)
- Call to Action: A Pay Equity Resource Guide. (2008)
- Women’s Health Disparities and Midwifery Care (New England). (2010)
- Women’s Health Disparities and Midwifery Care: State by State Spotlights on Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont. (2010)

Reports

- Recovery for All? A Snapshot of Women’s Economic Status in New England. (2016)
- It’s About Time: Costs and Coverage of Paid Family and Medical Leave in Massachusetts. (2016)
- Profiles in Leadership: Women of Color Elected to Office in Massachusetts. (2015)
- Advancing Women’s Economic Security: A Regional Snapshot of Key Public Policy Issues. (2014)
- Women of Talent: Gender and Government Appointments in Massachusetts, 2002–2007. (2007)
- Parenting from Prison: Family Relationships of Incarcerated Women in Massachusetts. (2008)
- Demographic Analysis of Recovery Act Supported Jobs in Massachusetts, Quarters 1 and 2, 2011. (2013)
- Demographic Analysis of Recovery Act Supported Jobs in Massachusetts, Quarters 1 and 2, 2010. (2010/2012 (revised))
- Facing Up: Managing Diversity in Challenging Times - The Second Annual Report of Commonwealth Compact Benchmark Data. (2010)
- Stepping Up: Managing Diversity in Challenging Times - The First Annual Report of Commonwealth Compact Benchmark Data. (2009)

Additional Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of Sociology
Division of Social and Political Systems, Pine Manor College

2003-5

- Developed and taught three courses per semester plus bi-monthly advising seminar
Courses included:
 - Healthcare Policy
 - Introduction to Community Healthcare
 - Topics in Social Policy
 - Senior Seminar
 - Internship Seminar
 - Power and Privilege
 - Making Morality
 - Social Problems
 - Introduction to Social and Political Systems
- Coordinated student internships and worked with career services office to evaluate sites
- Advised students on career opportunities in political, public policy, and nonprofit fields
- Active in co-curricular campus activities including Women's Studies Program Committee, GLBT Task Force, Diversity Task Force, Mentoring Task Force, Faculty Development Advisory Committee, Scholarship on Teaching and Learning Working Group

Lecturer Positions

- *Capstone Advisor*, MSPA student, University of Massachusetts Boston (Spring 2009)
- *Guest Lecturer*, Women and the Healthcare System, Suffolk University (April 2009)
- *Lecturer*, "The Public Interest" Seminar, University of Massachusetts Boston (Sept. 2008)
- *Lecturer*, "Social Problems," Brandeis University (Summer 2006)
- *Guest Lecturer*, "Qualitative Methods," School of Social Work, Salem State College (Feb. 2006)
- *Guest Lecturer*, "Qualitative Methods," Genetic Counseling Program, Brandeis University (March 2005, October 2005)
- *Instructor*, "Order and Change," Brandeis University (Summer 2004)
- *Lecturer*, "Women in American Politics," Tufts University (Spring 2003)
- *Lecturer*, "Contemporary Issues in Women and Politics," Brandeis University (Spring 2001, Spring 2002, Spring 2003)
- *Instructor*, "Sociology of Body and Health," Brandeis University (Summer 2001)
- *Co-facilitator*, "Patient-Doctor-Society," Tufts University School of Medicine (Fall 2001)

Teaching Assistantships

- "Issues in Law and Society," Brandeis University (Spring 2000)
- "Introduction to Social Theory," Brandeis University (Spring 1997, Fall 1997, Fall 1998, Fall 1999, Fall 2000, Fall 2001)
- "Order and Change," Brandeis University (Spring 1998)

Selected Funding Awards

- United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health (Region I) (\$5,000 award, 2010)
- Creative Economy Initiatives Fund Award, University of Massachusetts. (\$31,000 award, 2009-10)
- Healey Public Service Grant, University of Massachusetts Boston. (\$5,000 award, 2008-9)
- Research Scholar Award, Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Boston (\$2,500 award, Spring 2007)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (\$22,152 award, 9/2000-12/2002)

- University and departmental fellowships, Brandeis University (1996-7; 1997-8; 1998-9)
- The Louis, Frances and Jeffrey Sachar Fund for Academic Aid, Brandeis University (1998)
- Internal Education Fund, Union College (1992-3)

Selected Research Projects

- “Social Science Research on Women’s Reproductive Experiences: How Time Matters.” Co-PI with Danielle Bessett. (2009-2012)
- “The Massachusetts Midwifery Workforce Profile Project.” Co-PI with Dorothy Brewin. (2009-2011)
- “Evaluation Report: UMass Boston’s Doctoral Program in Health Policy Targeted to Cancer Nursing Care and Health Disparities: An Evaluation of the U-56 Nurse Mentoring Program.” (2008-9).
- “Families and Mood Disorders.” Report prepared for Families for Depression Awareness on individuals with bipolar disorder/depression and family mental health history. (2006)

Professional Activities

- Member, Pay Equity Committee, Mayor Denise Simmons, City of Cambridge (July 2016-present)
- Chair, Search Committee. Early childhood teacher. Early Learning Center. UMass Boston. (June 2016-August 2016)
- Member, UMass Boston Center for Gender, Security and Human Rights Advisory Board (2014-present)
- Member, Steering Committee, Reproductive Empowerment and Decision Making for Young Adults (REaDY Initiative) (May 2009-September 2010)
- Participant, National Issues Forum, “Coping with the Cost of Health Care” (September 2008)
- Organizer for “Sociology of Time” Session at Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (August 2006)
- Reviewer for journals including: *Social Problems*; *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*; *Social Science and Medicine*, *Women’s Studies Quarterly*

Government Experience

Legislative Aide

June 1993-August 1996

Massachusetts State Senate, Lois G. Pines (D-Newton)

- Researched, developed and coordinated legislative initiatives including: protection of mothers and newborns from “drive-through deliveries”; preservation of 911 recordings for domestic violence cases; creation of a \$10 million grant program to provide bullet-resistant vests for police officers; establishment of program to promote gender equity in education and athletics; expansion of the state’s bottle deposit law
- Managed all constituent casework and issue correspondence
- Coordinated intern program: hired, trained and advised over 30 interns
- Acted as liaison for local and federal government officials and organizations
- Tracked and analyzed legislation and budget items
- Met with advocates about legislative and budget priorities
- Engaged in media outreach on several legislative initiatives

Additional Work Experience

- Undergraduate Advising Assistant, Brandeis University (1997-1998)
- Office Manager, National Organization for Women, Massachusetts Chapter (June-August 1997)
- Field Coordinator, Campaign for State Senator Thomas F. Birmingham (D-Chelsea) (1992)

Leadership and Community Service Positions

- Member (elected), Arlington Town Meeting, Precinct 5 (2016-present)
- Co-coordinator, Green Team, Thompson Elementary School, Arlington (2016-present)
- Member, Foundation Board, National Organization for Women, Massachusetts Chapter (2006-7)
- Vice President, Communications, National Organization for Women, Greater Boston Chapter (2003-5)
- Member, Political Action Committee, National Organization for Women, Massachusetts Chapter (2002; 2006)
- Member, Political Action Committee, National Organization for Women, Greater Boston Chapter (2001)
- Member, Board of Directors, Karma Food Co-operative, Toronto, Canada (2000)
- Co-Chair, Violence Against Women Task Force, National Organization for Women, Gr. Boston Chapter (1997-8)
- Chair, Media Committee, Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (1997)

Education

PhD in Sociology, Brandeis University May 2003

Dissertation: "Postpartum Matters: Women's Experiences of Medical Surveillance, Time and Support after Birth"

Areas of concentration: Health and Illness, Qualitative Methods, Social Theory, Gender Studies

MA in Sociology and Women's Studies, Brandeis University May 1998

BA in Political Science, Union College (Schenectady, NY) June 1993