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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Politics and Education, Columbia University, 2005 (with distinction)

M.A., Education, Washington University in St. Louis, 1997

B.A., Political Science, Emory University, 1995

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University (8/10-present)

Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation Program on Social Inequality (Summer 2010)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston (9/07-8/10)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar, University of Wisconsin - Madison (9/05-8/07)

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Politics of the Policymaking Process; Health and Social Policy; State Politics; Representation; Policy Design; Policy Analysis and Evaluation

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Rigby, Elizabeth and Melanie J. Springer. "Does Electoral Reform Increase (or Decrease) Political Equality?" Forthcoming at *Political Research Quarterly*.

Marschall, Melissa, Elizabeth Rigby and Jasmine L. Jenkins, "Do State Policies Constrain Local Actors? The Impact of English Only Laws on Language Instruction in Public Schools." Forthcoming at *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*.

Blackshear, Erika, Elizabeth Rigby and Claire Espy. "Health Disparities, Public Values, and Alternative Notions of a Fair Distribution in Health." Forthcoming at *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 35(6):

Ryan, Rebecca M., Anna D. Johnson, Elizabeth Rigby and Jeanne Brooks-Gunn. "The Impact of Child Care Subsidy Use on Child Care Quality." Forthcoming at *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*

Kimbro, Rachel T. and Elizabeth Rigby (2010). "Federal Food Policy and Childhood Obesity: A Solution or Part of the Problem?" *Health Affairs*, 29(3): 1-8.

- Selected by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as 2nd Most Influential Research Paper in 2010

Rigby, Elizabeth, Joe Soss, Bridget C. Booske, Angela M. Rohan and Stephanie A. Robert. (2009). "Public Responses to Health Disparities: How Group Cues Structure Support for Government Intervention." *Social Science Quarterly*, 90(5): 1321-1340.

Grogan, Colleen and Elizabeth Rigby. (2009). "Federalism, Partisan Politics, and Shifting Support for State Flexibility: The Case of the U.S. State Children's Health Insurance Program." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 39: 47-69.

Robert, Stephanie, Bridget C. Booske, Elizabeth Rigby, and Angela M. Rohan. (2008). "Public Views on Determinants of Health, Interventions to Improve Health, and Priorities for Government." *Wisconsin Medical Journal*, 107(3), 124-130.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2007). "Same Policy Area, Different Politics: How the Characteristics of Policy Tools Alter the Determinants of Early Childhood Policymaking." *Policy Studies Journal*, 35(4), 653-670.

Rigby, Elizabeth, Rebecca M. Ryan and Jeanne Brooks-Gunn (2007). "Child Care Quality in Different State Policy Contexts." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. 26(4), 887-907.

Rigby, Elizabeth, Kate Tarrant and Michelle Neuman, (2007). "Alternative Policy Designs and the Socio-Political Construction of Child Care." *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood, Special Issue: Child Care Politics*, 8(2), 98-108.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2005). "Linking Research and Policy on Capitol Hill: Insights from Research Brokers." *Evidence and Policy*, 1(2), 25-45.

BOOK REVIEWS

Rigby, Elizabeth, forthcoming. "Accountability in an Intergovernmental Context: Federal Education Policy as a Cautionary Tale." Review of *Collision Course* by Paul Manna and *The Ordeal of Equality* by David Cohen and Susan Moffitt. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

Rigby, Elizabeth (2010). Review of "Rich Democracies, Poor People: How Politics Explain Poverty" by David Brady. *Journal of Children and Poverty*, 16(1):86-87.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Rigby, Elizabeth and Gerald C. Wright. "Political Parties and Representation of the Poor in the American States."

- Earlier version selected as Best Paper on State Politics Presented at 2007 APSA Conference

Pelika, Stacey, Jennifer Clark, and Elizabeth Rigby. "Watching the Sausage Makers: The Policymaking Process and Public Opinion about Health Care Reform."

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Rigby, Elizabeth. "Who Gains (and Who Loses) in Class-Based Political Parties?"

Rigby, Elizabeth and Gerald C. Wright. "Does Party Polarization Impede Redistribution? Evidence from the American States"

Rigby, Elizabeth, Jennifer Clark, and Stacey Pelika. "Were Republicans Excluded? Evaluating Claims of Extreme Partisanship in the 2009-2010 Health Care Reform Debate"

Lynch, Julia and Elizabeth Rigby, "Who Cares if the Bucket Leaks? Sensitivity to Efficiency Loss among Supporters versus Opponents of Redistribution."

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Rigby, Elizabeth and Gerald C. Wright. (2011). "Whose Statehouse Democracy? Policy Responsiveness to Poor vs. Rich Constituents in Poor vs. Rich States," (p. 189-222). In Peter Enns and Chris Wlezien (Eds.). *Who gets Represented?* New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Rachel Kimbro and Elizabeth Rigby. (2010). "Is Federal Food Assistance Part of the Childhood Obesity Problem?" *James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy Health Policy Newsletter*, Houston: Rice University.

Rachel Kimbro and Elizabeth Rigby. (2010). "School Lunch Programs Help Reverse Childhood Obesity," *The Houston Chronicle*, B11, Friday March 5, 2010.

Rigby, Elizabeth and Michelle Belco (2009). "Providing Public Goods: Alternative Policy Approaches," in Kent Tedin (Ed.), *The People and American Government, Volume II*. New York: Pearson Custom Publishing.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2009). "On this of all MLK Days, Commit to Service Projects." *The Houston Chronicle*, Monday January 19, 2009.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2008). "Why I am Thankful for Big Government." *The Houston Chronicle*, E1, Sunday November 23, 2008.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2008). "Family Health Policies." In W. Kirch (Ed.). *Encyclopedic Reference of Public Health*. Dresden: Springer.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2007). "State Prekindergarten Programs." In R. New & M. Cochran (Eds). *Early Childhood Education: An International Encyclopedia*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing.
[Also wrote entries on: Preschool Programs and the federal Child Care and Development Fund]

Rigby, Elizabeth, Kagan, Sharon L., Ochshorn, Susan, and Fuller, Bruce. (2004). *Infant and Toddler Child Care: Meeting the Needs of Families with Options that Work*. Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures.

Kagan, Sharon. L. and Rigby, Elizabeth. (2003). *Improving the Readiness of Children for School: Recommendations for State Policy (A Concept Paper Commissioned for the Policy Matters Project)*. Washington, DC: Center for the Study of Social Policy.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- *Anti-Poverty Policy in the South: How Race- and Class-based Political Dynamics Interact to Limit Redistribution*. Young Investigator Development Award, University of Kentucky's Center for Poverty Research, 9/09-9/10, \$7,500.
- *Federal Food Assistance Programs: Part of the Child Obesity Problem or Solution?* (with Rachel Kimbro, Rice University), Southern Rural Development Center's Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics Program (RIDGE), \$35,000, 10/08-12/09.
- *The Big Health Trade-Off* (with Julia Lynch, University of Pennsylvania), Public opinion module selected for inclusion in TESS: Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences, funded by the National Science Foundation, fielded fall 2008.
- *Health Justice: Public Deliberation Regarding Alternative Distributions of Health* (with Erika Blaksher, Columbia Univ.), Columbia University Health and Society Program, 6/07-8/08, \$10,000
- *Representing the Poor: Where, When, and How are the Interests of the Poor Represented in State Legislatures?* (with Jerry Wright, Indiana Univ.), Russell Sage Foundation, 1/07-6/10, \$145,000.
- *The Politics of Medicaid and Food Stamp Take-up under Different Welfare Policy Models*, University of Wisconsin Health and Society Scholar Program, 1/06-12/06, \$10,600.
- *Understanding State Variation in Child Care Policy*, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Care Bureau Research Scholar Fellowship, 10/03-10/05, \$50,000
- *Public Policy Dissertation Grant*, Columbia Public Policy Consortium, 09/03-05/04, \$5,000.

TEACHING

- *Politics and Policy Analysis (MPP)*, George Washington University, Fall 2010 & 2011
- *Research Methods and Applied Statistics (MPA/MPP)*, George Washington University, Spring 2011
- *Fundamentals of Policy Analysis (MPA)*, University of Houston, Spring 2009 & 2010
- *Introduction to Public Policy (BA.)*, University of Houston, Fall 2007 & 2008, Spring 2009 & 2010
- *Survey of American Institutions and Public Policy (PhD)*, University of Houston, Spring 2008
- *Poverty and American Social Policy (MPA)*, New School for Social Research, Spring 2004
- *Child and Family Policy I & II (PhD)*, Columbia University, Fall 2001- Spring 2002 [Teaching Assistant]

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Paper selected as 2nd Most Influential Research Paper in 2010 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation Program on Social Inequality (Summer 2010)
- Best Paper in State Politics Presented at 2007 APSA Meeting for “*State Parties, Polarization and Representation of the Poor*” (with Jerry Wright)
- Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar Fellowship (2005-2007)
- Finalist, Politics and Education Association Outstanding Dissertation Award (2006)
- Dissertation awarded distinction, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia (2005)
- David T. Kearns Fellowship in Politics and Education, Teachers College, Columbia (2004-2005)
- Research Scholar Fellowship, Child Care Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (2003-2005)
- Graduate Research Fellowship, National Center for Children and Families (2000-2005)
- Membership in Phi Beta Kappa, National Academic Honor Society (1995)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Chair, Selection Committee for the first annual Christopher Mooney Award for Best Dissertation in State Politics and Policy, American Political Science Association (2010)
- Executive Committee Member, State Politics and Policy Section of American Political Science Association (2009-present)
- Steering Committee Member, Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Federal Child Care Bureau, US Department of Health and Human Services (2005-2007 & 2010-present)
- Advisory Committee Member, Project Vote Smart’s K-12 Education Initiative (2009-2010)
- Co-Coordinator, Brown Bag Series, Hobby Center for Public Policy, University of Houston (2007-2010)
- Grant Reviewer: National Science Foundation; US Department of Health and Human Services, Child Care Bureau; US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; GEAR Research Program (U of Houston)
- Journal Reviewer: *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Journal of Politics*, *Policy Studies Journal*; *Political Analysis* (editorial intern 2004), *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *Social Science Quarterly*
- Discussant: American Political Science Association (2007, 2008, 2010), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2006, 2009); Midwest Political Science Association (2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010), Southwestern Political Science Association (2010), State Politics and Policy Conference (2007, 2009, 2010); Wisconsin Political Behavior Working Group (2006)

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

- Consultant, CQ Press, Social and Environmental Policy (5/08 & 7/10)
- Data Consultant, Child Care Inc. (6/03-12/03)
- Graduate Research Fellow, National Center for Children and Families, Columbia University (9/00-9/05)
- State-wide Coordinator, Invest in Missouri’s Children Campaign, Citizens for Missouri’s Children (6/99-8/99 and 1/00-8/00)
- First Grade Teacher, St. Louis Public Schools (8/97-1/00)
- Staff Assistant, Project Vote Smart (6/90-6/91 and 6/92-8/92)
- Congressional Page, Office of the Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives (9/89-3/90)

PRESENTATIONS

2010

- Pennsylvania State University, Department of Political Science, American Politics Colloquium
- Texas A&M, Department of Political Science, Project for Equity, Representation and Governance
- University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty Research
- Russell Sage Foundation Seminar on Political Inequality
- University of Wisconsin, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Symposium on Population Health
- Midwest Political Science Association Meeting
- State Politics and Policy Annual Conference

2009

- Emory University, Conference on State Strategies for Reducing Poverty
- RIDGE Meeting, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)
- State Politics and Policy Research Conference

2008

- Cornell University, Conference on Homogeneity and Heterogeneity in Public Opinion
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
- State Politics and Policy Annual Research Conference

2007

- University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Department of Population Health
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar Program Meeting
- Association for Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Research Conference
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
- State Politics and Policy Research Conference

2006

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar Program Meeting
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
- Association for Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Research Conference
- State Politics and Policy Research Conference

2005

- Child Care Bureau Research Consortium Meeting
- Columbia University, Conference on the Politics of Education

2004

- Symposium on the Academy and Public Policy at Columbia University
- Child Care Bureau, US Department of Health and Human Services
- State Politics and Policy Research Conference
- Association for Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Research Conference

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- National Capital Area Political Science Association