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### EDUCATION

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**Brown University**, Providence, RI (2009-Present)

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science PhD Program. (Expected Degree Completion: May 2014)

Master of Arts in Political Science, 2010

Examination Fields: American Politics (distinction) and Political Theory (distinction).

**University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN (2005-2009). Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Honors Track) and Anthropology (Honors Track). *Magna Cum Laude*. Honor's Thesis: "Public Opinion and the First Lady: Motivating Factors Behind the Preference of Activist and Traditional First Lady."

**University College Dublin**, Dublin, Ireland (Visiting Student Spring 2008). Coursework in Irish Politics and Anthropology.

### RESEARCH

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**Main Interests:** Gender Politics, Bureaucratic Representation, Theories of Gender Representation, Public Opinion, Public Policy, Education Politics, Women Elected Officials and Gender Stereotyping, Methodology.

**Prospectus Project/Future Dissertation:**

"See Jane Get Appointed: Gender, Representation & Power in the American Bureaucracy."  
Dissertation Committee: Wendy J. Schiller (chair); Susan L. Moffitt; Sharon Krause; Jennifer Lawless (American University).

### CURRENT PAPERS/PUBLICATIONS

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"**Senate Delegation Dynamics in an Age of Party Polarization.**" 2011. In collaboration with Wendy J. Schiller. *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*. Vol. 9. Issue 4. Articles.

"**Do Weak Local Institutions Invite Federal Attention? Prospects for Education Reform.**" In collaboration with Domingo Morel. Fieldwork: Central Falls and Providence, Rhode Island (2011). *Forthcoming*.

"**The First Lady and Public Opinion: The Motivating Factors Behind First Lady Preference.**"  
Fieldwork: South Bend, Indiana and Providence, RI (2010-11).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**“The Case of Modern Federalism: The Socio-Political Costs of Education Reform.”** In collaboration with Domingo Morel. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. (March 2011).

**“Do Weak Local Institutions Invite Federal Attention? Prospects for Education Reform.”** In collaboration with Domingo Morel. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington. (September 2011).

## TEACHING

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As a Teaching Assistant at Brown University:

**Politics, Markets, and States** (with Prof. Richard Snyder, 2010). Two sections. Survey of the basic topics, concepts, and theoretical approaches that comprise the field of political economy of development drawing on the cases of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

**Introduction to the American Political Process** (with Prof. Wendy Schiller, 2011). Two sections. An introduction to the political history of the United States, with a survey of all of the topics involved in the American political process. Students are taught about the different paths and roadblocks to democracy and are challenged to debate public policy topics in section.

**The Foundations of Political Analysis** (with Prof. Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, 2011). An introduction to research design and methods for students majoring in political science and other relevant majors such as economics and sociology. Students spend the semester designing their own research project, culminating in a mock-prospectus at the end of the semester.

Invited Workshops and Lectures:

**“Semi-Annual Women in Politics Workshop 2009.”** (University of Notre Dame, 2009). A basic discussion on my survey research with regards to the First Lady, used to promote gender recognition of stereotypes from unelected officials as well as those in office.

## METHODS TRAINING

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**ICPSR**, University of Michigan (Summer 2011). Summer Session 2. Workshops taken: Times Series Analysis, Longitudinal Analysis, and Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE). Lectures taken: Missing Data, Graphics in the Social Sciences, Categorical Analysis.

## OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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Research:

**Research Assistant**, Professor Susan L. Moffitt, Brown University (2010-Present)  
Assist on various research projects. Tasks include: collecting and coding archival data, conducting replications, analyzing time series data, collecting literature, and writing literature reviews.

**Research Assistant**, Professor Wendy J. Schiller, Brown University (2011- Present)

Help to collect and code data on the U.S. Senate during the 109<sup>th</sup> through 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses in order to update results from Professor Schiller's book *Partners and Rivals*.

**Research Assistant**, Professor Alexandra Guisinger, University of Notre Dame (2006-2007)

Analyzed Global Economy Statistics for Asia using LexisNexis, STATA, and other resources for Professor Guisinger's work on capital controls in Asia and Africa.

#### AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**Mary Tefft and John Hazen White Sr. Graduate Fellowship**. Brown University (2009-2010).

**Graduate Teaching Assistantship**. Brown University (2010-2012).

**Graduate Fellowship for Methods Training**. Brown University (2011).

**Research Travel Grant**. Brown University (2010, 2011).

**Research Grant Award for Political Science Honor's Thesis**. University of Notre Dame (2008-2009).

**Lambda Alpha Honors Society**. University of Notre Dame (2009).

**Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society**. University of Notre Dame (2009).

**Dean's Honors List**. University of Notre Dame (2005-2009).

#### PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

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**National Constitution Center**. Philadelphia, PA (May-August 2007).

*National Programs Research Assistant*. Conducted research pertaining to current publications and political events. Also coordinated events and helped with public relations for events that were going on at the Center. Promoted and designed the leaflets, brochures, and wall mural for the museum's first outdoor exhibit: *DARFUR/DARFUR*.

**United States Marshals Service**. Philadelphia, PA (May-August 2008)

*Analytical Intern*. Provided service to the USMS Fugitive Task Force during Operation Falcon 2008 (Operation Falcon is a massive sweep of fugitives in the Greater Philadelphia area). Working on researching and quantifying data on court orders, criminal histories, locations, and arrest record. Learned to work with Government investigative programs such as PCIC, NCIC, LexisNexis, SPSS, JNet, and the main USMS database.

**The Office of Senator Arlen Specter**. Philadelphia, PA (June-August 2009)

*Constituent Relations Intern*. Worked in senior Senator of Pennsylvania's office dealing with constituent affairs and relations. Researched constituent concerns for political events for the Senator.

**University of Notre Dame Marching Band**. South Bend, IN (August 2005-May 2009).

*Operations Research Assistant*. Worked as head assistant for approximately 35 hours every week, managing a team of 6 (under the direction of Donelle Flick and Dr. Kenneth Dye) and coordinating events for a 400-member band.

## LANGUAGES

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Limited working proficiency in Italian.

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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American Political Science Association (APSA); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); National Women's Studies Association (NWSA); Women in Politics, Notre Dame Chapter (WIP); Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA); Lambda Alpha (LA); Notre Dame Gold Alumni Network (NDGA).

## REFERENCES

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Susan Moffitt, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science and Public Policy, Brown University, [Susan\\_Moffitt@brown.edu](mailto:Susan_Moffitt@brown.edu)

Wendy Schiller, Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Brown University, (401) 863-1569, [Wendy\\_Schiller@brown.edu](mailto:Wendy_Schiller@brown.edu)

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