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Education

Harvard University

Ph.D., American Government, 2014

Dissertation: *"The Rational Non-Candidate: A Theory of (Uneven) Candidate Deterrence"*

Committee: J. Hochschild (chair), C. Gay, J. Mansbridge, K. Schlozman

Georgetown University

Ph.D. Candidate, American Government, 2004-2006

Minor Field: Race, Gender & Public Policy

Harvard College

B.A., Magna cum laude, June 2001

Major: Social Studies/Women's Studies

Peer-Reviewed Books

Shames, S.; Bernhard, R.; Holman, M., and Teele, D., eds. 2020. *Good Reasons to Run: Women and Political Candidacy*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple Univ. Press.

Atchison, A. and Shames, S. 2019. *Survive and Resist: The Definitive Guide to Dystopian Fiction*. NYC: Columbia Univ. Press.

Och, M. and Shames, S., editors. 2018. *The Right Women: Republican Activists, Party Members, and Legislators*. Colorado: Praeger/ABC-Clio Press.

Shames, S. 2017. *Out of the Running: Why Millennials Reject Political Careers and Why It Matters*. New York: NYU Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Bernhard, R.; Shames, S.; and Teele, D. 2021. "To Emerge? Breadwinning, Motherhood, and Women's Decisions to Run for Office," *American Political Science Review* 115(2); 379-394.

Shames, S.; Frankel, L.; and Farjood, N. 2017. "Romance, Sexual Attraction, and Women's Political Ambition: Initial Findings from Two Experiments." *Sexuality & Culture* 21(4); 1177-96.

Shames, S. 2017. "Intersectionality and Political Ambition," *Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics*. (N.P.; Available online at <http://politics.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228637-e-241>)

Shames, S. and Wise, T. 2017. "Gender, Diversity, and Methods in Political Science; A Theory of Selection and Survival Biases." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50(3); 811-823.

Shames, S. 2015. "American Women of Color and Rational Non-Candidacy: When Silent Citizenship Makes Politics Look Like Old White Men Shouting." *Citizenship Studies* 19(5); 553-569.

Shames, S. 2014. "Making the Political Personal." *Politics & Gender Journal* 10(2); 287-292.

Mansbridge, J. and Shames, S. 2008. "Toward a Theory of Backlash: Dynamic Resistance and the Central Role of Power." *Politics & Gender Journal* 4(4): 623-634. (Translated and reprinted in a special issue of *Recherches Feministes*, May 2012.)

Williams, J. and Shames, S. 2004. "Mother's Dreams: Abortion & the High Price of Motherhood." *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 6 (4): 818-843

Shames, S. 2003. "The Un-Candidates: Gender & Outsider Signals in Women's Political Ads." *Women & Politics Journal* 25 (1/2): 115-146.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Burns, N.; Schlozman, K.; Jardina, A.; Shames, S.; and Verba, S.: 2017. "What Happened to the Gender Gap in Participation?," in Banaszak and McCammon, *100 Years of the Nineteenth Amendment*. NY: Oxford University Press.

Schlozman, K.; Verba, S.; Brady, H.; and Shames, S. 2012. "What, if Anything, is to be Done?" In Schlozman, Verba, and Brady, *The Un-Heavenly Chorus: Unequal Political Voice in America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Shames, S.; Kuo, D.; and Levine, K. 2011. "Culture War?: A Closer Look at the Role of Religion, Denomination, and Religiosity in U.S. Public Opinion on Multiple Sexualities." In Rayside, D. and Wilcox, C., eds. *Faith, Politics, and Sexual Diversity in Canada and the U.S.* Toronto: U. of BC Press.

Shames, S. 2010. "The Status of Women in Leadership in Political Science." In K. O'Connor, ed. *Gender and Women's Leadership: A Reference Handbook*. Washington, DC: Sage Press

Sapiro, V. and Shames, S. 2009. "The Gender Basis of Public Opinion." In Norrander, B. and Wilcox, C., eds. *Understanding Public Opinion, 3rd Edition*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Shames, S. 2009. "At the Intersection of Inequalities." In King, G; Schlozman, K., and Nie, N., eds. *The Future of Political Science: 100 Perspectives*. New York: Routledge Taylor Frances Press.

Goss, K. and Shames, S. 2008. "Pathways to Child Care Policy." In Gelb, J and Palley, M.L., eds. *Women and Politics Around the World*. ABC-CLIO Press.

Wilcox, C.; Brewer, P.; Lake, C., and Shames, S. 2007. "If I Bend This Far I Will Break?': Public Opinion on Same-Sex Marriage." In Wilcox, C. and Rimmerman, C., eds. *The Politics of Same-Sex Marriage*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

Academic Presentations / Conferences

"What Has Happened to the Gender Gap in Political Participation?," with Nancy Burns, Ashley Jardina, Sara Morrell, and Kay Schlozman. To be presented at the annual meeting of the American Pol. Sci. Assn. (virtual), October 2021.

"Which Women Run? Breadwinning and Income in Elite Women's Candidacy Decisions," with R. Bernhard and D. Teele. Paper presented at the American Politics Workshop, Columbia University, NY. April 2018.

"Gender Differences in Political Ambition among Elite Young People of Color." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Pol. Science Assn. San Francisco, CA. September 2015.

"Barriers and Solutions to Increasing Women's Political Power." Paper presented for The Women Effect Symposium, Sponsored by SSN (Scholars Strategy Network) and the Rockefeller and Wyss Foundations. Cambridge, MA, Feb. 2015.

"Redefining the Stonewall: When and Why the Gay Rights Movement Adopted Marriage Equality as its Top Priority," with D. Manella (thesis advisee). Paper presented at the New England Pol. Science Assn's annual meeting, Woodstock, VT. April 2014.

"Sex Scandals as Windows of Opportunity for Women Candidates?" with D. Wittmer. Prepared for presentation at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting. New Orleans, LA. August/September 2012 (note: event cancelled).

“Backlash & the Faultlines of Masculinity” Paper delivered at Berea College, Kentucky, as part of the Women's Studies Department's weekly “Peanut Butter and Gender” speaker series. 2008.

“Raising Money, Raising Hackles: Polarization of the Abortion Debate through Fundraising Techniques” Conference paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association's annual meeting, January. Atlanta, GA. 2006.

“The Gender Consciousness of Conservative Women.” Co-authored with Clyde Wilcox and Carin Larson Robinson. Conference paper, presented at American Political Science Association's annual meeting, August. Washington DC. 2005.

“Mobilizing Backlash: Interest Groups' Response to Supreme Court Decisions” Conference paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association's annual meeting, March. Palmer House Hilton: Chicago, IL. 2005.

Advocacy/Reports/Non-Profit Research (selected)

“Is South Jersey Getting its Fair Share of Public Goods?,” Research Report for the Walter Rand Institute, 2015

“Clearing the Primary Hurdle for Republican Women,” Research Report for Political Parity/Hunt Alternatives, 2015

“Benchmarking Women's Leadership,” Research Report for The White House Project, 2009

“Women, News, and Political Participation,” Research Report for the Shorenstein Center, Harvard University, 2007

“Women and Politics Worldwide,” Research Report for the Salzburg Global Seminar, 2004

“Ending Discrimination against Family Caregivers,” co-authored with Joan Williams and Raja Kudchadkar, Research Report for the Work/Life Law Center, 2003

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Rutgers Research Council, internal university grant to promote faculty research, for 2021-22

Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence, Rutgers-Camden, 2018

Chancellor's Award for Research Creativity, Rutgers-Camden, 2018

“Best Club Adviser,” for Political Science (undergraduate) Society, Rutgers Camden, 2018

Digital Teaching Fellow Training, Rutgers-Camden Office of Information Technology, 2016

Research Fellowship, RAND Institute, Rutgers-Camden, research on South Jersey, 2015

Dissertation Fellowship, Ash Center for Democratic Governance, Harvard Kennedy School, 2012-13

Research Grant for Data Collection, Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard, 2010

Research Grant for Data Collection, Taubman Center for Local Governance, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 2010

Hoopers Prize in Social Science, Undergraduate Senior Thesis: “Women's Political Advertising,” 2001, Harvard College

Teaching

Assistant & Associate Professor, Rutgers University-Camden (NJ), 2014-Present: “Public Opinion & Voting Behavior,” “Honors Sem.: Social Movements,” “Research Design,” “Quantitative Methods,” “The American Presidency,” “The 2016 Elections,” “Dystopian Government,” “Introduction to American Politics,” “Politics of Minority Groups,” “Political Methodology,” “Women & U.S. Politics,” “Intro to Politics IOI”

Instructor, Harvard University (MA), 2013: “Women in U.S. Politics” (and TA for various courses)

Instructor, Berea College (KY), 2009-2010: “Introduction to Women's Studies,” “Riding the Waves of Feminism,” “What Can Futuristic Fiction Teach Us about Ourselves, Now?,” “In Their Own Words: Race, Class, Gender, and Appalachia” (2010)

Professional Activities & Service

Media commentator for local NBC & CBS affiliates on politics and elections; op-ed contributor, various news outlets (links available at www.shounashames.com)

President-Elect/President, “Organized Section on Women and Politics Research,” American Political Science Association [APSA] (2016-2019); served also on the Women & Politics Section's Best Book Committee, 2016

Co-chair, “Women & Representation” Working Group, Scholars’ Strategy Network (SSN), 2014-2017
Organizational consultant [pro bono] for national Indivisibles organization, 2017
Invited speaker, Berea College, KY; Harvard College, MA; Northeastern Univ., MA; SUNY-Oswego, NY; League of Women Voters of New Jersey, NJ; NOW Chapter of South Jersey, NJ; Rutgers Alumni Association
Book and manuscript reviewer, *APSR; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Politics & Gender Journal; Social Science Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Women and Public Policy*, Berrett-Koehler Press; Oxford University Press
Mock interviewer, HopeWorks (Youth Job Training Program), Camden, NJ; 2014-2019
Coordinator and driver, Patient Support Network of Philadelphia/S.Jersey (drives low-income patients to medical appointments)
Panel discussant/chair for annual meetings of the American, Midwest, Southern, and Northeast Political Science Associations

University Activities & Service

Faculty Council Elected Representative, Rutgers University-Camden, 2019-2020
Faculty Senator, Rutgers University-Camden, 2014-2017; VP of Faculty Senate (2018-2019)
Co-founder/convener, Women & Gender Studies Faculty Reading Group, Rutgers-Camden, 2015-17
Co-chair, Keynote Subcommittee of the Diversity & Inclusion Campus-wide Committee, 2016-17
Faculty advisor, Political Science Society, Rutgers Camden, 2016-17
Faculty advisor, student LGBTQ+ organization, 2018-19 and again in 2021-22
Departmental “Curriculum Review” committee member, 2015-16
“Digital Politics Certificate Development” committee member, 2015-16
Events committee member, Political Science Dept., 2014-Present

Other Professional Experience

Research Fellow, Political Parity, Hunt Alternatives Foundation (Cambridge, MA)
Rapporteur, Conferences in 2004, 2005, and 2007, Salzburg Global Seminar (Austria)
Executive Assistant to the President (K. Gandy), 2003-4, National Organization for Women, NOW (D.C.)
Board Member, DC and NYC abortion access funds
Research Director, 2001-2003, The White House Project (New York, NY)

Conferences & Datasets Produced

Good Reasons to Run Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017; funded through grants from the Univ. of Pennsylvania’s Fels Institute and the SSN; conference brought together 55 women and politics scholars and nonprofit advocates
Women & Representation Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, May 2016; funded through grant from the Scholars Strategy Network (SSN); conference brought together more than 35 women and politics scholars and nonprofit advocates
“Where Women Win: Closing the Gap in Congress,” Public dataset of congressional candidates 1980-2012, sample size of over 23,000 candidate-district pairs, includes multiple variables on each candidate and congressional district; produced (in conjunction with research assistants) for Political Parity, a program of Swanee Hunt Alternatives Foundation, Cambridge, MA, in 2015. Available online at https://www.politicalparity.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/ClustersFullyMerged_REVISED_7.10.15.csv
“Law and Policy Student Political Ambition Study [LPS-PAS],” Public dataset of a survey (n=763) of the political ambition, opinions, and activities of three samples of law and policy graduate students at three elite campuses; data collected 2012-2014. Available through the Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University [IQSS Dataverse]: <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/> (Search for “Shames Rational Noncandidates Data”)

Skills

Language: Spanish (conversational)
Computer Programs: Stata, SPSS, basic R, Atlas.ti, Microsoft Office suite, PageMaker, Qualtrics, KeySurvey
Course Website Tools: Canvas, Sakai, Blackboard, iSites, Moodle
Amateur Playwright/Producer: “Losing Ground,” performed in NYC, 2003; “The Rules,” performed in Cambridge, MA, 2009