

# JENNIFER DIASCRO

Curriculum Vitae

May 2016

## **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

2015 - Present	Associate Academic Director, University of California, Washington DC (UCDC)
2013 - 2015	Senior Director, Program Operations, American Political Science Association
2011 - 2013	Director, Institutional Programs, American Political Science Association
2002 - 2010	Assistant Professor, Department of Government, American University
2001 - 2002	Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky
2000 - 2001	Supreme Court Fellow, U.S. Sentencing Commission, Washington DC
1995 - 2001	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky

## **EDUCATION**

1995	PhD, Political Science, Ohio State University
1994	MA, Political Science, Ohio State University
1990	BA, Cum Laude, Political Science, University of California, San Diego

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **Associate Academic Director, UCDC**

Under the direction of the Executive Director, advance mission of the University of California in Washington internship program through the development of the academic curriculum for undergraduates students from all nine undergraduate UC campuses. Produce an intellectually rigorous and experientially valuable environment for students by improving and growing course offerings, and recruiting, preparing and supporting visiting UC and DC-based adjunct faculty. Starting July 2016, will provide direct supervision to Program registrar, overseeing student enrollment services at the DC campus. Teach five quarter (or equivalent) courses each academic year.

### **TEACHING**

#### **Courses Taught**

##### University of California, Washington DC

- General Research Seminar: Spring Qtr 2015; Fall Qtr and Sem 2015; Winter Qtr and Spring Sem 2016.
- Four Week Special Topics Module: Spring Sem 2016.

##### University of Kentucky, American University

Undergraduate: Research Design and Methods; Judicial Politics; Women, the Law, and Litigating for Social Change (Family Law and Reproductive Rights); Politics of Mass Communication; the American Jury (Honors course); Constitutional Law; Civil Rights and Liberties; Introduction to American Government; Political Behavior; Writing Workshop.

Graduate: PhD Seminar, Judicial Politics; PhD, Professional Development

### Awards

- Top Ten Arts & Sciences Teacher, College of Arts and Sciences, Graduating Class of 1999-2000, April 2000.
- Finalist, Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching by Non-tenured Faculty, Spring 2000.
- Outstanding Teacher Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Graduating Class of 1998-99, September 1999.
- Finalist, Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching by Non-tenured Faculty, Spring 1999.
- Spencer Award for distinguished teaching by a graduate student in 1993-1994, the Awards Committee of the Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 1994.
- Nominated and finalist for Graduate Associate Teaching Award, The Ohio State University Graduate School, 1994.

### RESEARCH

#### Scholarly Interests

Judicial selection and judicial decision making; media coverage of the Supreme Court and legal issues (including gender discrimination); institutional legitimacy, public opinion and the judiciary; the relationship between the Court and Congress (particularly guardianship of the Constitution); diversity politics (with an emphasis on gender and race); gender, family, and criminal justice policy.

#### Publications

##### Articles

- Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2011. "The Job Market and Placement in Political Science in 2009-10." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44(3): 597-603.
- Diascro, Jennifer Segal and Rorie Spill Solberg. 2009. "George W. Bush's Legacy on the Federal Bench: Policy in the Face of Diversity." *Judicature* 92(6): 289-301.
- Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2008. "The Legacy of Chief Justice Rehnquist: A View from the Small Screen." *Judicature* 92(3): 106-117.
- Segal, Jennifer A. 2001. "The Role of Family Ties Departures in Federal Sentencing." *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 13: 258-267.
- Segal, Jennifer A. 2000b. "Judicial Decision Making and the Impact of Election Year Rhetoric." *Judicature* 84(2): 26-33.
- Segal, Jennifer A. 2000a. "Representative Decision Making on the Federal Bench: Clinton's District Court Appointees." *Political Research Quarterly* 53: 137-150.
- Segal, Jennifer A. 1999. "Diffuse Support for the United States Supreme Court: Reliable Reservoir or Fickle Foundation." *American Review of Politics* 20: 1-24.
- Segal, Jennifer A. 1997. "The Decision Making of Clinton's Nontraditional Judicial Appointees." *Judicature* 80: 279.
- Slotnick, Elliot E. and Jennifer A. Segal. 1994. "The Supreme Court Decided Today' ... Or Did It?" *Judicature* 78: 89-95.

##### Books

- Slotnick, Elliot E. and Jennifer A. Segal. 1998. [\*Television News and the Supreme Court: All the News That's Fit to Air?\*](#) Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

### **Books (Edited)**

- Diascro, Jennifer Segal and Gregg Ivers, eds. 2006. [\*Inside the Judicial Process: A Contemporary Reader in Law, Politics and the Courts\*](#), 1/e. Boston, Ma.: Houghton Mifflin Co.

### **Book Chapters**

- Schaffner, Brian and Jennifer Segal Diascro. 2007. "Judicial Elections in the News." In [\*Running for Judge\*](#), ed. Matthew Streb. New York, NY: New York University Press.
- Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2006. "The Jury." In [\*An Encyclopedia of American Civil Rights and Liberties\*](#), ed. Otis H. Stephens and John M. Scheb II. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
- Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2006. "*United States v. Virginia*." In [\*An Encyclopedia of American Civil Rights and Liberties\*](#), ed. Otis H. Stephens and John M. Scheb II. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
- Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2004. "Public Education for Men Only: *United States v. Virginia* (1996)." In [\*Creating Constitutional Change: Clashes over Power and Liberty in the Supreme Court\*](#), ed. Gregg Ivers and Kevin T. McGuire. Charlottesville, Va.: University of Virginia Press.

### **Conference Participation (Selected)**

- Roundtable Presenter: Professional Development: Diagnosing Loss as Method," with Susan Sterett (Virginia Tech), [Western Political Science Association meetings](#), San Diego, March 2016.
- Paper Presentation: "Empathy from the Bench: A New Perspective on Gender and Judicial Decision Making," American Political Science Association meetings, Boston, August 2008.
- Invited Participant, "Authors Meet Readers: Dis-Torting the Law: Politics, Media, and the Litigation Crisis." Western Political Science Association meetings, Oakland, March 2005.
- Paper Presentation, "Staffing the Courts: Who Gets There and What Do They Do When They Are There?" at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 2000.
- Chair/Discussant, "Decision Making on Lower Federal Courts," at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 2000.
- Chair/Discussant, "Judges and Decisions in 50 (or More) Court Systems," at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 1999.
- Paper Presentation, "Representative Decision Making on the Federal Bench," at the American Political Science Association meeting, San Francisco, August 1996.
- Paper Presentation, "Diffuse Support for the United States Supreme Court: Reliable Reservoir or Fickle Foundation?" at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 1995.
- Paper Presentation, "Television News and the Supreme Court: Correlates of Decisional Coverage" (with Elliot E. Slotnick and Lisa Campoli), at the American Political Science Association meeting, New York, September 1-4, 1994.
- Paper Presentation, "'The Supreme Court Decided Today' ... Or Did It?" (with Elliot E. Slotnick), at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 15-17, 1993.
- Paper Presentation, "Television News and the Supreme Court" (with Elliot E. Slotnick), at the American Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, September 3-6, 1992.

### **Awards (selected)**

- Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant, School of Public Affairs, American University, \$5000. April 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009.
- Faculty Research Award FY2007, Dean of Academic Affairs, American University, \$6300. Research Support for "The Legacy of Chief Justice Rehnquist: A View from the Small Screen" February 2006.

- Faculty Research Award FY2004, Dean of Academic Affairs, American University, \$6240. Research Support for “Representation from the Federal Bench: Clinton’s Non-Traditional District Court Appointees.” February 2003.
- Minigrant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Kentucky, \$1000, Research Assistant Support, 1999-2000.
- Minigrant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Kentucky, \$965.50, February 1999, for public talk delivered by Professor Kevin McGuire of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Kentucky, \$4,000, 1996.
- Research Assistant Support, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, \$900, 1996.

### **SERVICE**

#### **Professional (selected)**

- Member, Advisory Board, [APSA Advice Column: Wondering Woman](#), Committee on the Status of Women, American Political Science Association, 2016-present.
- Member, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, [Western Political Science Association](#), 2016-present (3 year term).
- Panel reviewer and grant reviews for the National Science Foundation.
- Manuscript reviews for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Judicature*, *Law and Society Review*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *Women and Politics*, *Congress and the Presidency*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*.
- Book/Text reviews for Oxford University Press, St. Martins/Worth Publishing, Harcourt Brace Publishers, West Publishing, Houghton Mifflin, Roxbury Publishing Co.
- Member, Editorial Board, *The Law and Politics Book Review*, September 1999-September 2002, September 2002-September 2005, September 2005-Present.
- Member, Exploratory Committee, American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section, 2002-03.
- Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section, 1999.

#### **Department, School, University (Selected)**

- Family and Medical Leave Committee. Member. American University. Fall 2006 – Spring 2009.
- PhD Working Group. Member. School of Public Affairs. American University. Fall 2008.
- PhD Faculty Advisor. Department of Government. American University. 2005 - 2007.
- Graduate Student Recruitment Committee. Member. School of Public Affairs. American University. Spring 2005.
- Senior Search Committee. Department of Government. Member. American University. 2003-2004.
- New Faculty Orientation. Speaker. American University. August 18, 2003.
- Acting Director, Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, Fall 2001.
- Speaker, 2001 Academic Honor Day (for exceptional area high school students), sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, August 2001.
- Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, University of Kentucky Chapter, 2001-02.

- Speaker, President's Reception for High School Seniors, sponsored by Office of the President and Office of Undergraduate Admissions, University of Kentucky. February 12, 2000.
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 1999-2000.
- Political Science Writing Workshop (co-creator and presenter with Professor Greg Hager), University of Kentucky, Fall 1998.
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99.
- Evaluator, Freshman Merit Scholarship Applications, University of Kentucky, February - March, 1998; July 1999, February 2000.
- Evaluator, English Speaking Union Awards Scholarships, University of Kentucky, December, 1997.

## **ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCE**

### **SKILLS AND EXPERTISE**

- **Leadership:** provide strategic vision and goals for the organization and program team that lead to revitalized and new benefits and programs for members. Nurture internal and external relationships that support the mission of the organization.
- **Management:** assist staff in developing priorities and objectives for achieving programmatic and organizational goals that benefit members.
- **Collaboration:** create environment for staff to learn from and contribute to the performance of others in pursuit of organizational goals.
- **Innovation:** create solutions to programmatic and other challenges confronting the association.
- **Team Development:** recruit and mentor staff to meet the needs of organization and individual team members.
- **Program Development:** develop creative programming to meet the needs of stake holders.

### **AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Senior Director, Program Operations**

**September 2013-February 2015**

**Washington, DC**

- **Operations.** Oversee operations of all association programs, including congressional fellows, departmental services, diversity and inclusion, professional development, education and teaching, international, association awards, surveys and research, and residential scholars.
- **Governance.** Advance the goals and objectives of the Executive Director and the Board.
- **Strategic Development.** Focus diversity programs on challenges such as the academic pipeline, recruitment and retention; expand research and teaching resources for graduate students and faculty to support a range of employment and other professional opportunities; broaden mentorship to support the wide range of professional choices and career stages such as nonacademic professionals and end-of-career faculty; increase the association's presence on the Hill and in the media to educate and advocate for political science; build greater capacity for leadership training to prepare departments and faculty for challenges in the higher education landscape.
- **External Relations.** Establish relationships with external stakeholders such as policy makers, association and university leaders, and the media.

- Fund Raising and Development. Raise funds for research and teaching through individual donors and institutional grants and awards.
- Management. Oversee and mentor seven employees; provide support and guidance for their professional development.

### **Director, Institutional Programs**

**January 2011-September 2013**

**Washington, DC**

- Departmental Services Program. Developed benefits and programming for over 700 departmental members (and 1200 departments), including training and professional development resources for department heads, department self-study resources, monthly newsletter, and annual meeting events for faculty, students and department leadership.
- Survey and Research Program. Developed and administered institutional surveys that collect data on political science programs, doctoral student placement, and the job market. Assisted other APSA departments in developing programmatic surveys. Analyzed and published reports based on survey and other data.
- Public Engagement Program. Spearheaded public outreach program that increased visibility of political science in the media and on Capitol Hill. Created of social media outlets to communicate objectives, including a web site, Facebook and Twitter. Wrote press releases, gave media interviews, and held congressional briefings.
- Advocacy and Government Relations: Instrumental in establishing and implementing the advocacy strategy to protect National Science Foundation funding of political science research. Advocated for political science on the Hill, through press releases, built relationships with other associations and organizations, and gave media interviews.
- Diversity Committees. Directed committees on the Status of Women in the Profession and the Status of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender in the Profession in representing their constituency interests in the discipline.
- Management: Oversaw two staff positions, one supporting departmental services and surveys programs, and the other supporting public engagement and advocacy.
- Governance: Advanced the goals of the association through regular communication with the Board and association leadership.
- Grant Writing and Review: Co-PI on NSF proposal for political science dissertation grant program; reviewer for NSF panel.