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Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Marquette University (August 2017-)
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Marquette University (2010-2017, started 2011)
Postdoctoral Associate, Center for the Study of American Politics, Yale University (2010-11)
Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Yale University (2010-11)

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2010
M.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006
M.A. Public Policy, University of Maryland-College Park, 2002
B.A. Allegheny College, 2000

Book

Condon, Meghan R., and Amber Wichowsky. 2020. *The Economic Other: Inequality in the American Political Imagination*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Examines how social comparisons change perceptions of status and political attitudes, the contextual and psychological factors that affect the types of social comparisons we make, and the implications for the politics of inequality. (University of Chicago Press, June 2020).

Refereed Journal Articles

- Condon, Meghan, and Amber Wichowsky, 2020. "Inequality in the Social Mind: Social Comparison and Support for Redistribution" *Journal of Politics* 82(1): 149-161.
- Wichowsky, Amber. 2019 "Civic Life in the Divided Metropolis: Social Capital, Collective Action and Residential Income Segregation" *Urban Affairs Review* 55(1): 257-287.
- Shah, Paru, and Amber Wichowsky. 2019. "Foreclosure's Fallout: Economic Adversity and Voter Turnout." *Political Behavior* 41(4): 1099-1115.
- Weiss, Jessica Chen, and Amber Wichowsky. 2018. "External Influence on Exchange Rates: US Pressure and the Chinese RMB." *Review of International Political Economy* 25(5): 596-623.
- Condon, Meghan, and Amber Wichowsky. 2018. "Developing Citizen Scientists: Effects of an Inquiry-based Science Curriculum on STEM and Civic Engagement" *Elementary School Journal* 119(2): 196-222.
- Condon, Meghan, Alexandra Filindra, and Amber Wichowsky. 2016. "Immigrant Inclusion in the Safety Net: A Framework for Analysis and Effects on Educational Attainment." *Policy Studies Journal*. 44(4): 424-448. Received honorable mention (runner-up) for the 2015 APSA Migration and Citizenship Best Paper Award. Additional pieces summarizing findings published on the London School of Economics (LSE) US Centre blog and in the *Washington Post's* Monkey Cage.
- Condon, Meghan, and Amber Wichowsky. 2015. "Same Blueprint, Different Bricks: Reexamining the Sources of the Gender Gap in Political Ideology." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 3(1): 4-20. [also published as a chapter in *Gender and Political Psychology*, Zoe Oxley (ed.), Routledge, hardback published November 2015].
- Dowling, Conor, and Amber Wichowsky. 2015. "Attacks Without Consequence: Candidates, Parties, Groups, and the Changing Face of Negative Advertising," *American Journal of Political Science*. 59(1): 19-36.

- Burden, Barry C., and Amber Wichowsky. 2014. "Economic Discontent as a Mobilizer: Unemployment and Voter Turnout." *Journal of Politics* 76(4): 887-898.
- Dowling, Conor, and Amber Wichowsky. 2013. "Does it Matter Who's Behind the Curtain? Anonymity in Political Advertising and the Effects of Campaign Finance Disclosure." *American Politics Research* 41(6): 965-996.
- Wichowsky, Amber. 2012. "District Complexity and the Personal Vote." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 37(4): 437-464.
- Wichowsky, Amber. 2012. "Competition, Party Dollars and Income Bias in Voter Turnout, 1980-2008." *Journal of Politics* 74(2): 446-459.
- Wichowsky, Amber, and Sarah Niebler. 2010. "Narrow Victories and Hard Games: Revisiting the Primary Divisiveness Hypothesis." *American Politics Research* 38: 1052-1071.
- Wichowsky, Amber, and Donald P. Moynihan. 2008. "Measuring How Administration Shapes Citizenship: A Policy Feedback Perspective on Performance Management." *Public Administration Review* 68(5): 907-919. [Awarded the 2009 Joseph Wholey Scholarship Performance Award by the American Society of Public Administration]
- Soss, Joe, Meghan Condon, Matthew Holleque, and Amber Wichowsky. 2006. "The Illusion of Technique: How Method-Driven Research Leads Welfare Scholarship Astray." *Social Science Quarterly*. 87(4): 798-807.

Book Chapters

- Burden, Barry C., and Amber Wichowsky. 2010. "Local and National Forces in Congressional Elections" in *The Oxford Handbook of American Elections and Political Behavior*, ed. Jan E. Leighley. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 453-470.

Other Publications

- Wichowsky, Amber. 2012. "What's the fuss about 'dark money'?" *Marquette Magazine*. 30(4): 27-29.
- Shafer, Byron E., and Amber Wichowsky. 2009. "Institutional Structure and Democratic Values: A Research Note on a Natural Experiment." *The Forum* 7(2).
- Shafer, Byron E., and Amber Wichowsky. 2008. "The Nomination and the Election: Clearing Away Underbrush." *The Forum* 6(4).

Book Reviews

- Wichowsky, Amber. 2019. Review of *Taking Aim at Attack Advertising: Understanding the Impact of Negative Campaigning in U.S. Senate Races* by Kim L. Fridkin and Patrick J. Kenney. *Perspectives on Politics* 17(4): 1199-1201.
- Wichowsky, Amber. 2018. Review of *Putting Inequality In Context: Class, Public Opinion, and Representation in the United States* by Christopher Ellis. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 82(4): 786-790.
- Wichowsky, Amber. 2010. Review of *Congressional Representation and Constituents: The Case for Increasing the U.S. House of Representatives* by Brian Frederick. *Election Law Journal*, 9(3): 231-233.
- Wichowsky, Amber. 2010. Review of *Voting the Gender Gap* edited by Lois Duke Whitaker. *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, 31(1): 96-98.

Working Papers

- "The Size and Structure of the Gender Gap in Economic Evaluations," with Meghan Condon (under review)

- “Anxious MTurkers: High Levels of Economic Anxiety Among Contingent Survey Workers,” with Meghan Condon (under review)
- “The PARC Initiative: a multi-anchor approach to community engagement and development,” with Patrick Kennelly, Jacqueline Schram, Dan Bergen, Erin Wissler, Luke Knapp, Rana Altenberg, and Jennifer Byrne (under review)
- “The Promise of E-Gov? City Hall’s Responsiveness to Neighborhood Interests,” with Paru Shah and Amanda Heideman, and Branden Dupont (under review)
- “Addressing racial and class inequalities through creative placemaking: does the promise fit the reality?” with Jennifer Gaul-Stout and Jill Birren
- “The Effects of Increased Campaign Finance Disclosure” with Conor Dowling
- “The Political Implications of Childhood Inequality” with Meghan Condon
- “Leveraging University-Nonprofit Relationships to Test the Impact of Community Engagement Efforts”

Grants

- 2020 APSA Research Partnerships on Critical Issues, with Jill Birren, Shion Guha, and Phil Rocco (\$20,000)
- 2019 Way Klinger Sabbatical Fellowship, Marquette University (\$10,000)
Mellon Fund Grant (\$5,000), with Aleksandra Snowden, Shion Guha, Satish Puri, and Walter MacDonald
- 2018 Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (sub-grantee, \$25,737)
- 2017 Mellon Fund Grant (\$5,000), with Aleksandra Snowden, Shion Guha, Satish Puri, and Walter MacDonald
Strategic Innovation Fund grant, Marquette University, with Krassi Hristova (PI), Jill Birren and Patrick McNamara (\$150,000)
- 2015 Strategic Innovation Fund grant, Marquette University (\$186,200)
Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University (\$5,500)
- 2014 American Political Science Association Small Research Grant (\$330)
Way Klinger Young Scholar Award, Marquette University (\$32,000)
Congressional Research Grant, Dirksen Congressional Center (\$3,492)
Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, Special Competition for Young Investigators, National Science Foundation (estimated cost of survey \$35,000)
- 2013 Jump Start Grant winner, Forward Thinking Poster Session/Colloquy, Marquette University (\$2,000)
- 2011 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University (\$5,500)
Regular Research Grant, Marquette University (\$3,300)

Awards

- 2014 Faculty Excellence Award in Advising, Nominee
- 2011 Carl Albert Award for best dissertation in legislative studies, American Political Science Association
- 2010 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for the Study of American Politics, Yale University
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University (declined)
Vilas travel award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2009 Joseph Wholey Award for best publication on performance in public and nonprofit organizations, American Society of Public Administration
APSA travel award, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association
- 2008 National Science Foundation travel support award, annual meeting of the Society for Political Methodology
- 2007 Distinction, Preliminary Examination in American Politics
High Pass, Preliminary Examination in Political Methodology

- 2002 Pi Alpha Alpha
- 2001 Steny and Judy Hoyer Fellowship, University of Maryland
- 2000 Phi Beta Kappa

Invited Talks

- 2020 University of Mississippi
University at Buffalo
- 2019 Chicago Area Behavior Workshop, Northwestern University
University of California, San Diego
- 2018 Harvard Kennedy School, The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation (APSA pre-conference)
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2017 Yale University, Center for the Study of American Politics, Annual Conference
- 2016 Dartmouth College (unable to attend, co-author presented paper)
- 2015 University of Oxford, Rothermere American Institute and Nuffield College
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Northwestern University
Barnard College, Columbia University
Florida State University
- 2014 Wesleyan University
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2012 Marquette University Law School
Loyola University
Yale University, MacMillan Center
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2011 Yale University, American Politics and Public Policy Workshop

Conference Presentations

- 2019 American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2018 Urban Affairs Association, Toronto
American Political Science Association, Boston
Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, Chicago
- 2017 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis
International Society for Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland
American Political Science Association, San Francisco
Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, Denver
- 2016 Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico (co-author presented)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia (co-author presented)
Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, Washington, DC

- 2015 American Political Science Association, San Francisco
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2014 American Political Science Association, Washington, DC
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2013 International Political Economy Society, Claremont Graduate School
American Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2012 American Political Science Association, New Orleans
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2011 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2010 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2009 American Political Science Association, Washington, DC
The Society for Political Methodology, Yale University
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans
- 2008 The Society for Political Methodology, University of Michigan
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2007 Midwest Political Science Association

Teaching

Introduction to American Politics (traditional and online formats)
Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender
Urban Politics
Urban Public Policy (undergraduate and graduate)
Elections, Public Opinion and Participation
Policy and Evaluation (graduate)
Women and Public Policy (graduate)
Independent Field Research in Political Science (undergraduate research methods)
Methods of Inquiry: Science, Politics, People (Marquette core curriculum)

Related Non-Academic Experience

Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget (2002-2005).

Activities and Service

Professional Service	Member, 2017 American Political Science Association Program Committee. Experimental Research Section Program Co-Chair.
Reviewer	<i>American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Behavior, American Politics Research, Party Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Political Psychology, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Public Administration Review, Public Management Review, Public Opinion Quarterly, State Politics & Policy Quarterly, Urban Affairs Review, Cambridge University Press</i>
Grant Reviewer	Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

Member American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Class and Inequality, Experimental Research and Urban Politics organized sections of the APSA

Editorial Board *The Forum*

University Service Faculty Mentor, MU4Gold program, 2020-
Steering Committee, Marquette Forum, 2018-2019
University Strategic Plan Team, Culture of Inclusion, 2018-2019
Contributor, Marquette University Law School Poll
Search Committee, Harry G. John Professor of Urban Studies and
Director, CURTO, 2015-2017
Interim Director, Urban Affairs Interdisciplinary Minor, 2015-2017
Faculty Mentor, Summer Honors Program, 2015
Faculty Advisor, McNair Scholars Program, 2014, 2017, 2018
Faculty Representative, Truman Scholar Program, 2011-2014

Departmental Service Graduate Director, Public Service Master's Program, 2018-2019
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-2019
Programming Committee, 2011-2019
Search Committee, Fall 2013, Fall 2015
Internship Coordinator, 2011-2012, 2017-2018

Occasional source for media coverage of politics, including *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, CNN, Fox News, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, NPR, PBS, WPR, WUWM, WisEye, TMJ-4, WISN-12, WTMJ (620 AM), WMAQ (Chicago), *Toronto Star* and the 4th Street Forum (Milwaukee).