

# Sarah Andrea Fulton

## EDUCATION

University of California, Davis  
Ph.D. in Political Science, 2006

University of California, Berkeley  
B.A. in Political Science with High Honors, 1995

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Texas A&M University  
Associate Professor in Political Science, 2015 to present  
Affiliated Faculty in Women and Gender Studies, 2009 to present  
Assistant Professor in Political Science, 2007 to 2015  
Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Science, 2006 to 2007

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Women in Politics, Congressional Elections, Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Quantitative Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

- Fulton, Sarah A. and Kostanca Dhima. 2020. "The Gendered Politics of Congressional Elections." Forthcoming – *Political Behavior*. Winner of the Betty Nesvold Award, Best Paper on Women in Politics Presented at the Western Political Science Conference.
- Ondercin, Heather L., and Sarah A. Fulton. 2019. "Bargain Shopping: How Candidate Sex Lowers the Cost of Voting." *Politics and Gender*. 1-27.
- Fulton, Sarah A. and Sarah A. Gershon. 2018. "Too Liberal to Win? Race and Voter Perceptions of Candidate Ideology." *American Politics Research* 46(5): 909-39.
- Fulton, Sarah A. 2014. "When Gender Matters: Macro-Dynamics and Micro-Mechanisms." *Political Behavior* 36: 605-630. Winner of the Sophonisba Breckinridge Award, Best Paper Presented on Women in Politics at the Midwest Political Science Conference.
- Fulton, Sarah A. and Heather L. Ondercin. 2013. "Does Sex Encourage Commitment? The Impact of Candidate Choices on the Time-to-Decision." *Political Behavior* 35: 665-86.
- Fulton, Sarah A. 2012. "Running Backwards and in High Heels: The Gendered Quality Gap and Incumbent Electoral Success." *Political Research Quarterly* 65(2): 303-14. Winner of the *Political Research Quarterly's* Best Published Article Award.
- Koch, Michael T., and Sarah A. Fulton. 2011. "In the Defense of Women: Gender, Representation and National Security Policy." *Journal of Politics* 73(1): 1-16.
- Stone, Walter J., Sarah A. Fulton, Cherie D. Maestas and L. Sandy Maisel. 2010. "Incumbency Reconsidered: Prospects, Strategic Retirement and Incumbent Quality in U.S. House Elections." *Journal of Politics* 72 (1): 178-190. Winner of the Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Best Paper Presented at the Western Political Science Conference.

Fulton, Sarah A., Cherie D. Maestas, L. Sandy Maisel and Walter J. Stone. 2006. "The Sense of a Woman: Gender, Ambition and the Decision to Run for Congress." *Political Research Quarterly* 59 (2): 235-48. Winner of the Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Best Paper Presented at the Western Political Science Conference.

Maestas, Cherie D., Sarah A. Fulton, L. Sandy Maisel and Walter J. Stone. 2006. "When to Risk It? Institutions, Ambitions and the Decision to Run for the U.S. House." *American Political Science Review* 100 (2): 195-208.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

The Betty Nesvold Award 2020, Best Paper on Women in Politics Presented at the Western Political Science Conference -- "The Gendered Politics of Congressional Elections." Forthcoming – *Political Behavior* (with Kostanca Dhima)

Curriculum Development Grant 2020, Center for Teaching Excellence at Texas A&M University

The *Political Research Quarterly's* Best Published Article Award, 2012 – "Running Backwards and in High Heels: The Gendered Quality Gap and Incumbent Electoral Success." *Political Research Quarterly* 65(2): 303-14.

Sophonisba Breckinridge Award, Best Paper on Women in Politics Presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association's Annual Conference – "When Gender Matters: Partisanship, Ideological Proximity and Valence." (Published in *Political Behavior* as "When Gender Matters: Macro-Dynamics and Micro-Mechanisms.")

Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics Award, Iowa State University, 2011

Engaged Teaching and Learning Curriculum Development Grant Award, Texas A&M University, 2008-2009

Teaching Enhancement Award, Center for Teaching Excellence at Texas A&M University, 2008

Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Best Paper Presented at the 2006 Western Political Science Conference – "Judging Amy: The Impact of Gender on Assessments of Political Quality"

Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Best Paper Presented at the 2004 Western Political Science Conference – "Prospects, Money, Candidate Entry and Vote Share in U.S. House Elections: What's Causing What?" (with W.J. Stone, L.S. Maisel and C.D. Maestas. Published in the *Journal of Politics* as "Incumbency Reconsidered: Prospects, Strategic Entry, and Incumbent Quality in U.S. House Elections")

Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Best Paper Presented at the 2003 Western Political Science Conference – "Becoming a Woman of the House: A Model of Gender and Progressive Ambition." (with W.J. Stone, L.S. Maisel and C.D. Maestas. Published in the *Political Research Quarterly* as "The Sense of a Woman: Gender, Ambition and the Decision to Run for Congress")

Dissertation Enhancement Award, Department of Political Science, University of California at Davis, 2004

Dissertation Research Grant, Institute for Government, University of California at Davis, 2004

Hewitt Graduate Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of California at Davis, 2003

Honors in Major Field Examination, Department of Political Science, University of California at Davis, 2002

Summer Research Fellowship, Office of Graduate Studies, University of California at Davis, 2001

High Honors in Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of California at Berkeley,  
1995

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “The Gendered Politics of Congressional Elections” (with Kostanca Dhima)  
Presented at the Southern Political Science Association and Western Political Science Association,  
2019 (Winner of the Betty Nesvold Award, Best Paper on Women in Politics Presented at the  
Western Political Science Conference)
- “Social Desirability in Gender Egalitarianism: Evidence from a List Experiment” (with Kostanca Dhima)  
Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, January 2019
- “Assessing Women’s Electability in U.S. House Races” (with Kostanca Dhima)  
Presented at the American Political Science Association, August 2017
- “Social Desirability in Gender Egalitarianism: Evidence from a List Experiment” (with Kostanca Dhima)  
Presented at the American Political Science Association, August 2017
- “Too Liberal to Win? Race and Voter Perceptions of Candidate Ideology” (with Sarah Gershon)  
Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, January 2016
- “Candidate Sex and the Costs of Voting: New Implications for Turnout” (with Heather Ondercin)  
Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2015
- “When Gender Matters: Partisanship, Ideological Proximity and Valence.”  
Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association and the Western Political Science Association,  
March/April 2011. (Winner of the Sophonisba Breckinridge Award, Best Paper on Women in  
Politics, Midwest Political Science Association. Published in *Political Behavior* as “When Gender  
Matters: Macro-Dynamics and Micro-Mechanisms”)
- “What Underlies the Gendered Quality Gap? The Role of Perceptions in Shaping the Supply of Female  
Candidates.”  
Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association and the American Political Science  
Association, March/August 2010
- “Targets of Opportunity, Targets of Discrimination, or Both? Broadening the Conventional Perspective  
on Challenger Emergence.”  
Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009.
- “Gender, Representation and Foreign Aid: Women and the Use of Soft Power”  
Presented at the International Studies Association, March 2008 (with M.T. Koch)
- “Is Women’s Representation a Self-Sustaining Process?”  
Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008 (with M. Johansen)
- “Lifting the Veil: Revealing the Hidden Influence of Gender on Congressional Election Outcomes”  
Presented at the American Political Science Association, August 2007 (Winner of the *Political  
Research Quarterly’s* Best Article Award, 2012. Published at the *Political Research Quarterly* as  
“Running Backwards and in High Heels: The Gendered Quality Gap and Incumbent Electoral  
Success”)
- “In the Defense of Women: Gender, Representation and National Security Policy”  
Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association and the Western Political Science  
Association, March/April 2007 (with M.T. Koch. Published in the *Journal of Politics*)

- “Judging Amy: The Impact of Gender on Assessments of Political Quality”  
Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association and the Western Political Science Association, March/April 2006. (Winner of the Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Best Paper Presented at the Western Political Science Conference)
- “Perception is as Powerful as Reality: The Impact of Anticipated Bias on Women’s Office-Seeking Behavior”  
Presented at the American Political Science Association, September 2005
- “Designing Women: Gender, Political Quality and Professionalism in Explaining Progressive Ambition”  
Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 2005.
- “Money, Entry and Retirement: Reassessing Candidate Investment in U.S. House Elections”  
Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2005 (with W.J. Stone, L.S. Maisel and C.D. Maestas)
- “Gender and Progressive Ambition: Recasting the Calculus of Candidate Emergence”  
Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association, April 2004 (with C.D. Maestas, W.J. Stone and L.S. Maisel)
- “Prospects, Money, Candidate Entry and Vote Share in U.S. House Elections: What’s Causing What?”  
Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 2004 (with W.J. Stone, L.S. Maisel and C.D. Maestas. Winner of the Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Best Paper Presented at the Western Political Science Conference)
- “Becoming a Woman of the House: A Model of Gender and Progressive Ambition”  
Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association and the Western Political Science Association, March/April 2003. (with W.J. Stone, L.S. Maisel and C.D. Maestas. Published in the *Political Research Quarterly* as “The Sense of a Woman: Gender, Ambition and the Decision to Run for Congress”)

## OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Discussant and Chair, Southern Political Science Association, 2019 – Panel on “Gender and Elections”
- Discussant and Chair, Western Political Science Association, 2018 – Panel on “Gender Representation and Legislative Practices”
- Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2017 – Panel on “Perceptions of Female Candidates”
- Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2017 – Panel on “Women and Campaigns”
- Panel Chair, American Political Science Association, 2017 – Panel on “How Do Voters Choose?”
- Discussant, Gender and Political Violence Conference at Arizona State, October 2015
- Discussant and Panel Chair, Western Political Science Association, 2014 – Panel on “Perceptions of Women in Politics”
- Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2012 – Panel on “Comparative Obstacles to the Election of Women”
- Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2012 – Panel on “Constructing Gender and Feminism from the Left and the Right”
- Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2010 – Panel on “Gender and Political Ambition”

Co-Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, 2009 – Panel on “Gender, Candidates and Representation in State and Local Politics”

Co-Discussant and Panel Chair, American Political Science Association, 2007 – Panel on “The Influence of Party Identification on Turnout and Vote Choice”

Panel chair, Western Political Science Association, 2004

Panel chair, Western Political Science Association, 2003

Co-discussant, American Political Science Association, 2001

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Women in Politics, Voting and Participation, Campaigns and Elections, Public Opinion, Quantitative Methods

## COURSES TAUGHT

Fall 2020

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 250 students each = 330 total)
- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 250 students each = 330 total)

Spring 2020

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students each = 300 total)
- POLS 662 Policy, Institutions and Representation (1 section x 6 students = 6 total)

Fall 2019

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students each = 300 total)
- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students each = 300 total)

Spring 2019

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students each = 300 total)
- POLS 660 Diversity in Politics (1 section x 8 students = 8 total)

Fall 2018

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 300 students each = 600 total)

Spring 2018

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 300 students each = 600 total)

Fall 2017

- POLS 623 Gender Politics (6 students total)
- POLS 685 Directed Reading – Gender Politics (1 student)

Summer 2017

- POLS 685 Directed Reading – Gender Politics (1 student)

Spring 2017

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 200 students each = 400 total)

Fall 2016

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 200 students each = 400 total)

Spring 2016

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 200 students each = 400 total)

Fall 2015

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 200 students each = 400 total)

Spring 2015

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 200 students each = 400 total)

Fall 2014

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 200 students each = 400 total)

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Fall 2013

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 200 students each = 400 total)

Fall 2012

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 200 students each = 400 total)

Spring 2012

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 300 students each = 600 total)

Fall 2011

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 300 students each = 600 total)

Spring 2011

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 200 students = 200 total)
- POLS 317/WGST 317 Women in Politics (1 section x 40 students = 40 total)

Spring 2010

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 300 students each = 600 total)

Fall 2009

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students = 300 total)

Summer 2009

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students = 300 total)

Fall 2008

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students = 300 total)
- POLS 375 Campaigns and Elections (1 section x 35 students = 35 total)

Summer 2008

- POLS 675 Graduate Seminar on Women in Politics (1 section x 6 students = 6 total)

Spring 2008

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students = 300 total)

Fall 2007

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students = 300 total)
- POLS 375 Campaigns and Elections (1 section x 35 students = 35 total)

Summer 2007

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students = 300 total)

Spring 2007

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 300 students each = 600 total)

Fall 2006

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (1 section x 300 students = 300 total)
- POLS 375 Campaigns and Elections (1 section x 35 students = 35 total)

Spring 2006

- POLS 206 Introduction to American Politics (2 sections x 300 students each = 600 total)

## GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Temporary Advising Committee Member for Kostanca Dhima, Texas A&M University, 2016 to 2018

Temporary Advising Committee Member for Brooksie Chastant, Texas A&M University, 2016 to 2017

Temporary Advising Committee Member for Mellie Zadeh, Texas A&M University, 2014 to 2016

Temporary Advising Committee Member for Angela Allison, Texas A&M University, 2013 to 2015

Dissertation Committee Member for Angelina Gonzales, University of New Mexico 2012 to 2015

Temporary Advising Committee Member for Blake Windham, Texas A&M University, 2012 to 2014

Temporary Advising Committee Member for Soren Jordan, Texas A&M University, 2011 to 2013

Temporary Advising Committee Member for Carlie Fogleman, Texas A&M University, 2011 to 2013

Temporary Advising Committee Member for Megan Dyer, Texas A&M University, 2009 to 2011

Dissertation Committee Member for Mary Barnes, Texas A&M University, 2008 to 2011

Temporary Advising Committee Member for Jessica Saracino, Texas A&M University, 2008 to 2009

Master's Committee Member for Brandy Bader, Texas A&M University, 2009

## DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Chair, Marion Irish Award Committee for the Southern Political Science Association, 2020

Member, American Political Science Association, Charles Merriam Award Committee, 2020

Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Western Political Science Association, 2018

Section Head for Electoral Campaigns, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016

Chair, Political Research Quarterly's Best Article Award, 2015

Chair, Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Western Political Science Association, 2014

Member, Southern Political Science Association Marian Irish Award Committee, 2012

Section Head for Electoral Campaigns, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2011

Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Quarterly; American Politics Research; British Journal of Political Science; Cambridge University Press; Election Law Journal; Houghton-Mifflin Publishing; International Interactions; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Journal of Theoretical Politics; Journal of Women, Politics and Policy; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Politics & Gender; Politics, Groups and Identities; Presidential Studies Quarterly; Research and Politics; Routledge Press; Social Science Quarterly; Sociological Forum; State Politics and Policy Quarterly; Women & Politics; W.W. Norton & Company Publishing

Reviewer: National Science Foundation

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Sponsor, MOVE Texas 2020 to present

Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, 2019 to present (Kelsey Pormasdoro and William Black)

Affiliated Faculty in Women and Gender Studies, 2008 to present

Women's Faculty Network Liberal Arts Representative, Texas A&M University, 2008 to 2011

Faculty Teaching Academy, Texas A&M University, 2007 to 2008

Faskin Teaching Symposium, Texas A&M University, 2007 to 2008

## DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Faculty Mentor, Texas A&M University, 2020-present

Diversity Committee Member, Texas A&M University, 2020-present

Post-Tenure Review Committee, Texas A&M University, 2020

Dissertation Committee, Reed Stevens, Texas A&M University, 2020

Research Committee, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Review, Texas A&M University, 2020

Subfield Coordinator for Race, Ethnicity and Gender Politics, Texas A&M University, 2017-2020

Faculty Search Committee for American Politics, Texas A&M University, 2016 to 2017

Ethics and Political Science Program Co-Chair, Texas A&M University, 2015 to 2017

Graduate Committee Member, Texas A&M University, 2015 to 2017

Race, Ethnicity and Gender Politics Ph.D. Field Examination Committee, Texas A&M University, 2015 to present

Head's Advisory Committee Member, Texas A&M University, 2015 to 2016

American Politics Ph.D. Field Examination Committee, Texas A&M University, 2006 to present

Diversity Committee Member, Texas A&M University, 2013 to 2015

Faculty Search Committee for American Politics, Texas A&M University, 2011

Head's Advisory Committee, Texas A&M University, 2007 to 2009

Faculty Search Committee for Race and Ethnic Politics, Texas A&M University, 2008

Woody Jones Award Committee, Texas A&M University, 2007 to 2008

Organizer, Mini-Conference on Congressional Elections, Texas A&M University, 2007

## INVITED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Conference on Politics of Gender, Representation, and Equity, University of Houston, May 7-8, 2020

Keynote Address, Women's Research on Women Symposium, Texas A&M University, March 26, 2020

Women in Politics Research Presentation, Jacksonville University, March 27, 2019.  
American Politics Research Workshop, University of California at Berkeley, November 29, 2017  
Goldwater Conference on Representation, Arizona State University, April 1-2, 2016  
Women's Research on Women Symposium, Texas A&M University, March 30, 2015  
Conference on Women in Politics, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, April 10-11, 2014  
Aggie Women's Leadership Council, Texas A&M University, November 19, 2012  
Department of Psychology, Texas A&M University, September 14, 2012  
Texas Aggie Democrats, Texas A&M University, November 12, 2011  
Center for American Women in Politics, Gender and Political Psychology Conference, Rutgers University, March 3-5, 2011

## POPULAR MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

*The Boston Review*, "What Does it Take to Get Women Elected?" August 4, 2020  
(<http://bostonreview.net/politics-gender-sexuality/jennifer-m-piscopo-what-does-it-take-get-women-elected>)

*The New York Times*, "How Every Member Got to Congress." January 27, 2019  
(<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/01/26/opinion/sunday/paths-to-congress.html>)

*Dallas Morning News*, "Trump and Clinton Need Women, but Can They Get Them?" July 28, 2016  
(<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/democratic-national-convention/2016/07/28/texas-women-say-can-support-nominee>)

Bronson, Po and Ashley Merriman. 2013. *Top Dog: The Science of Winning and Losing*. New York: Hachette Book Group. ([https://books.google.com/books/about/Top\\_Dog.html?id=VkJu23ZCqQC&printsec=frontcover&source=kp\\_read\\_button#v=onepage&q=fulton&f=false](https://books.google.com/books/about/Top_Dog.html?id=VkJu23ZCqQC&printsec=frontcover&source=kp_read_button#v=onepage&q=fulton&f=false))

National Public Radio, "The Science of Being 'Top Dog'" February 25, 2013  
(<https://www.npr.org/2013/02/25/172879971/the-science-of-being-top-dog>)

*Salon*, "Why are Men So Foolish?" February 17, 2013  
([https://www.salon.com/2013/02/17/why\\_are\\_men\\_so\\_foolish/](https://www.salon.com/2013/02/17/why_are_men_so_foolish/))

*The Texas Tribune*, "Ron Paul Faces Long Odds, Large Crowds in Texas" April 11, 2012  
(<https://www.texastribune.org/2012/04/11/ron-paul-faces-unlikely-odds-and-big-crowds/>)

*Foreign Policy*, "Iron Ladies" April 27, 2011 (<https://foreignpolicy.com/2011/04/25/iron-ladies/>)

*USA Today*, "Fact Check: Context of Key Debate Claims" October 16, 2008  
(<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/story?id=5943463&page=1>)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.