

Erinn Lauterbach

Contact Information	Email: erinn.lauterbach@villanova.edu Website: www.erinnlauterbach.com	
Academic Appointments	Villanova University Assistant Professor of Political Science	2022-present
	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Lawmaking, University of Virginia & Vanderbilt University.	2022- present
	University of Virginia Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Effective Lawmaking	2020-2022
Non-Academic Positions	Congressman Bruce Braley, U.S. House of Representatives Last position held: <i>Legislative Aide</i>	2010-2012
Education	University of California, Riverside Ph.D., Political Science Committee: Benjamin Bishin (<i>chair</i>), Loren Collingwood, Kevin Esterling, Jennifer Merolla, Melinda Ritchie	2020
	Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Ann Arbor, MI	Summer 2017
	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Syracuse, NY	Summer 2016
	Central College, Pella Iowa B.A., Political Science & Psychology (with honors)	2009
Peer-Reviewed Publications	Lauterbach, Erinn, & Melinda Ritchie. 2025. "Strategies of Control: Members of Congress and Policy Outcomes." <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> : 1-12. Lowande, Kenneth, Melinda Ritchie, & Erinn Lauterbach. 2019. "Descriptive and Substantive Representation in Congress: Evidence from 80,000 Constituent Inquiries." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 63(3): 644-659. - Winner, Best Article Award, the <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , 2019 Newman, Benjamin, Sono Shah, & Erinn Lauterbach. 2018. "Who Sees an Hourglass? Assessing Citizens' Perceptions of Economic Inequality." <i>Research and Politics</i> 5(3): 1-7.	
Select Working Papers	"Effective Lawmaking Behind the Scenes" (with Mary Kroeger, Kelsey Shoub, Craig Volden, & Alan Wiseman). <i>R&R</i> "Policy Specificity and Effective Lawmaking" (with Craig Volden & Alan Wiseman). <i>Under Review</i> "Signals from the Hill: Policy Content Scores as a Measure of Legislative Constraint."	

“A Woman’s Touch: From Descriptive to Policy Representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.”

“Class in Session? Working Class Legislators Don’t Write More or “Better” Social Welfare Bills” (with Benjamin G. Bishin, Thomas Hayes, & Nick Weller). *R&R*

Other Writing “Having the most diverse Congress ever will affect more than just legislation” (with Kenneth Lowande & Melinda Ritchie). *Monkey Cage*. January 9, 2019.

Teaching & Research Interests Congress, the Bureaucracy, and American Political Institutions broadly; gender politics; elite behavior & representation; political behavior; public policy & policymaking

Teaching Experience **Political Science, Villanova University**
PSC 1100: American Government
PSC 2120: U.S. Congress
PSC 3130: Women & Politics in the U.S.
PSC 4175: Topics in American Govt & Politics: The Constitution & Criminal Procedure
PSC 6503: Internship in Politics
PSC 8110: U.S. Congress (Masters Level)

Political Science, University of California, Riverside
Instructor of Record:

POSC 168: Constitutional Law: Criminal Justice
POSC 167: Constitutional Law: Fundamental Freedoms
POSC 186: Regulation: A Political Perspective
POSC 146: Mass Media and Public Opinion

Teaching Assistant

POSC 010: Intro to American Politics
POSC 010W: Intro to American Politics, Writing Intensive
POSC 108: Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity in the U.S.
POSC 114S: Theory and Methodology of Political Science
POSC 148: The Politics of Congressional Elections (face to face & online)
POSC 166: Judicial Politics and Policy Making
PBPL 001: Introduction to Public Policy Analysis

Awards and Fellowships **Best Dissertation Award** 2021
- Carl Albert Dissertation Prize, APSA Legislative Studies Section
Best Article Award
- for best article appearing in the *American Journal of Political Science* 2019

Invited Talks University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Spring 2026
“Representation & Lawmaking in the U.S. House of Representatives”
Central College Fall 2021
“From Descriptive to Policy Representation: Lawmaking in the U.S. House of Representatives.”

Select Conference Participation

“Effective Lawmaking Behind the Scenes” (with Mary Kroeger, Kelsey Shoub, Craig Volden, & Alan Wiseman)
6th Annual Conference on Effective Lawmaking, Charlottesville, VA (June 2024)

“Effective Lawmaking Behind the Scenes” (with Mary Kroeger, Kelsey Shoub, Craig Volden, & Alan Wiseman)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April 2024)

“Legislator Background, Representation, & Policy Content in Congress”
American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA (September 2023)

“Policymaking Across the Separation of Powers” (with Melinda Ritchie).
Women in Legislative Studies Conference, Houston, TX (October 2022)

“Working Class Hero? Legislator Working Class Background & Representation in Congress” (with Benjamin G. Bishin & Thomas Hayes).
American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada (September 2022)

“How Policy Content Influences Effective Lawmaking”
(with Craig Volden & Alan Wiseman).
American Political Science Association, Seattle WA (October 2021)

“Class in Session? The Effect of Legislators’ Economic Background on Policy Content in Congress” (with Benjamin G. Bishin & Thomas Hayes).
American Political Science Association, Seattle WA (October 2021)

“Descriptive to Policy Representation: Lawmaking in the U.S. House of Representatives.”
APSA Women’s Mentoring Workshop, virtual (June 2021)

University & Department Service

CLAS Core Writing Committee, Villanova University 2025-present
- Faculty member, review proposals in the College of liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) that have been submitted by faculty seeking to add new sections of the Core Literature and Writing Seminar.

Gender & Women’s Studies Steering Committee, Villanova University 2024- present
- Faculty member, serving as an ambassador for the Gender & Women’s Studies Program, put on events, including a Student Research Conference, and provide support for student organizations.

- Advocacy and Liaison Subcommittee. Faculty member, organizing policy recommendations or statements issued by the program, liaison between GWS and other campus organizations.

American Politics Search Committee, Villanova University 2024
- Faculty committee member, search for a new tenure-track hire (successful)

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Villanova University 2022 - present
- Faculty committee member (department level), discuss/propose/approve departmental issues related to undergraduate studies.

Professional
Service

Editorial Assistant to the American Behavior Field Editor

2017-2019

- *Journal of Politics*

Conference Discussant

- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Reviewer for the *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Politics & Gender*,
PS: Political Science & Politics, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Race*,
Ethnicity, & Politics, *Perspectives on Politics*

Professional
Membership

Midwest Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Fraternity