

## TIMOTHY M. LAPIRA, PHD

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### EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, 2008

BA, Political Science, La Salle University, 1998

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Director, American Political Reform & Innovation Lab (APRILab), 2022-present

Professor, James Madison University, 2020-present

Associate Professor, 2014-2020

Assistant Professor, 2010-2014

Assistant Professor, College of Charleston, 2008-2010

Director, School of Public Affairs Leadership Program, American University, 2007-2008

### ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

External Scholar, Sunwater Institute, 2023-present

Editor-in-Chief, *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 2022-present

American Political Science Association Public Service Fellow (US House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress), May-November 2019

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Lawmaking, University of Virginia, 2018-present

Coordinator, JMU Certificate in Government Relations, 2015-2017

Academic Fellow (non-resident), Sunlight Foundation, 2013-2014

Lobbying Researcher, Center for Responsive Politics, 2005-2007

Legislative Assistant, US House of Representatives, 1998-2000

### BOOKS

*Congress Overwhelmed: The Decline in Congressional Capacity and Prospects for Reform*, co-edited with Lee Drutman and Kevin Kosar, 2020. University of Chicago Press.

*Revolving Door Lobbying: Public Service, Private Influence, and the Unequal Representation of Interests*, co-authored with Herschel F. Thomas, 2017. University Press of Kansas.

### ARTICLES

“More than Mere Access: An Experiment on Moneyed Interests, Information Provision, and Legislative Action in Congress,” with Zander Furnas, Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, Lee Drutman, and Kevin Kosar, *Political Research Quarterly*, OnlineFirst, May 13, 2022.

“Partisan Competition and the Decline in Legislative Capacity among Congressional Offices,” with Casey Burgat, Jesse Crosson, and Alexander Furnas, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 46(3): 745-789, August 2021.

- 2022 Best Publication on Effective Lawmaking, Center for Effective Lawmaking

“The Lobbying Disclosure Act at 25: Challenges and Opportunities for Analysis,” with Herschel F. Thomas, *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 9: 257-271, August 2020.

- “The Partisan Ties of Lobbying Firms,” with Alexander Furnas and Michael T. Heaney, *Research & Politics*, September 28, 2019.
- 2018 Best Paper Award, American Political Science Association Political Organizations and Parties division.
  - 2019 Honorable Mention, European Consortium for Political Research, New Perspectives and Emerging Trends in Interest Group Research section.
- “Gender Politics in the Lobbying Profession,” with Kathleen M. Marchetti and Herschel F. Thomas, *Politics & Gender*, preprint published online June 11, 2019.
- “Special Issue: Lobbying Regulation and Reform,” *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 6(3), Guest Editor, with Thomas Holyoke, October 2017.
- “Draining the Swamp, or Cultivating the Wetlands? Towards Evidence-based Lobbying Regulation and Reform,” with Thomas Holyoke, *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 6(3): 195-198.
- “How Many Lobbyists are in Washington? Shadow Lobbying and the Gray Market for Policy Advocacy,” with Herschel F. Thomas, *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 6(3): 199-214.
- Motivated Section 7201 of HR 1, the For the People Act of 2021 to broaden the definition of lobbying activities.
- “Learnable Skills, or Unteachable Instinct? What Can and What Cannot Be Taught in the Lobbying Profession,” *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 4(1): 7-24, March 2015 (with Thomas Holyoke and Heath Brown).
- “Lobbying After 9/11: Policy Regime Emergence and Interest Group Mobilization,” *Policy Studies Journal* 42(2): 226-251, May 2014.
- “The Two Worlds of Lobbying: Washington Lobbyists in the Core and on the Periphery,” *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 3(3): 291-245, October 2014 (with Herschel F. Thomas and Frank R. Baumgartner)
- “Revolving Door Lobbyists and Interest Representation” *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 3(1): 4-29, January 2014 (with Herschel F. Thomas).
- “Analyzing the US Senate in 2003: Similarities, Clusters, and Blocs,” *Political Analysis*, Summer 2009, pp 291-310 (with Aleks Jakulin, Wray Buntine, and Holly Brasher).
- “Drawing Lobbyists to Washington: Government Activity and Interest Group Mobilization,” *Political Research Quarterly*, March 2005: 19-30 (with Beth Leech, Frank Baumgartner, and Nicholas Semanko). Reprinted in *Business and Government*, 2016, eds. David Coen and Wyn Grant, London: Edward Elgar Publishing.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- “How Big a Political Footprint? Interest Groups as Influence Enterprise,” with Herschel F. Thomas. *Interest Group Politics* 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, Eds. Burdett A. Loomis and Anthony Nownes, 2020. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
- “Overwhelmed: An Introduction to Congressional Capacity,” with Lee Drutman and Kevin Kosar. *Congress Overwhelmed*, eds. Timothy M. LaPira, Lee Drutman, and Kevin Kosar, forthcoming 2020.

- “Capacity for What? Legislative Capacity Regimes in Congress and the Possibilities for Reform,” with Lee Drutman. *Congress Overwhelmed*, eds. Timothy M. LaPira, Lee Drutman, and Kevin Kosar, forthcoming 2020.
- “The Congressional Capacity Survey: Some Takeaways About Who Staff Are, How They Got There, What They Do, and Where They May Go,” with Lee Drutman, Alexander Furnas, Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, and Kevin Kosar. *Congress Overwhelmed*, eds. Timothy M. LaPira, Lee Drutman, and Kevin Kosar, forthcoming 2020.
- “The Interest Group Top Tier: Lobbying Hierarchy and Inequality in American Politics,” with Matthew Grossmann and Lee Drutman. *Can America Govern Itself?* eds. Frances Lee and Nolan McCarty, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- Featured in Thomas B. Edsall, “The Lobbyists Blocking Nancy Pelosi and Her New Majority,” *New York Times*, January 10, 2019.
- “Leadership and Interest Groups,” *Leadership in American Politics*, eds. Jeffrey Jenkins and Craig Volden, 2017. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas.
- “Lobbying in the Shadows: How Private Interests Hide from Public Scrutiny, and Why That Matters,” *Interest Group Politics* 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2015, eds. Allan J. Cigler, Burdett A. Loomis, and Anthony Nownes. Washington: CQ Press.
- “The Allure of Reform: The Increasing Demand for Health Care Lobbying From Clinton’s Task Force to Obama’s Big [Expletive] Deal,” *Interest Group Politics* 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2012, eds. Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A. Loomis. Washington: CQ Press.

## OTHER WRITING

- “Will House Offices Increase Staff Pay? Hypothetically, Yes. Actually, Maybe Not,” *First Branch Forecast*, April 9, 2022.
- “Do Republicans Trust the Election Results?,” *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. January 12, 2021 (with Alexander C. Furnas).
- “Congressional Brain Drain: Legislative Capacity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” New America Report, September 8, 2020 (with Alexander C. Furnas).
- “2019 Congressional Capacity Survey Final Report,” Democracy Fund, May 27, 2020.
- “Paying Congress’s Interns a Living Wage is a Good Idea. Paying Professional Staff One is Even Better,” *Vox Polyarchy Blog*, December 13, 2018 (with Alexander Furnas).
- “Lobbying is Growing in the US — More Information May Be the Best Regulation,” *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*, October 11, 2017 (with Thomas Holyoke).
- “Trump’s Lobbying Ban Might Actually Make Corruption Worse,” *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. November 23, 2016 (with Herschel F. Thomas).
- “So What if Congressional Staff Levels are Declining?,” *Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group Blog*, June 27, 2016 (with Herschel F. Thomas).
- “The US ‘Homeland Security’ Regime Created More Lobbying, Not the Other Way Around,” *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*, April 28, 2014.

“Erring on the Side of Shady: How Calling Out ‘Lobbyists’ Drove them Underground,” Sunlight Foundation Blog, April 1, 2014.

“A Test of Nancy Pelosi’s Revolving Door Hypothesis,” *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. February 7, 2014 (with Herschel F. Thomas).

“How Much Lobbying is there in Washington? It’s Double What You Think,” *Sunlight Foundation Blog*, November 25, 2013.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“2020 Political Elites Survey,” with Alexander Furnas

- “Differences in U.S. Partisan Elites’ Beliefs About Climate Change Threaten Global Climate Goals,” with Alexander Furnas and Dashun Wang (in progress)
- “The Conditional Nature of Conservative Political Elites’ Distrust in Science,” with Alexander Furnas and Dashun Wang (in progress)
- “The People Think What I Think: False Consensus and Elite Misperception of Public Opinion,” with Alexander Furnas (under review).

“2019 Congressional Capacity Survey,” with Alexander Furnas

- “Legislative Staff Ideology and Information Processing in Congress,” with Alexander Furnas.

“2017 Congressional Capacity Project,” with Lee Drutman, Alexander Furnas, Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, and Kevin Kosar.

“Congress and Its Experts” Data Set, with Jesse Crosson and Alexander Furnas.

“Gender and Lobbying Project,” with Kathleen M. Marchetti and Herschel F. Thomas.

- “Pink-Collar Representation: Women’s Labor Force Participation and Gendered Lobbying Clienteles,” with Kathleen Marchetti and Herschel Thomas (in progress).

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS (SINCE 2016)**

“Considering Elite Behavior in Party Dynamics,” chair/presenter, American Political Science Association annual conference, September 18, 2022.

“Get the Job: Preparing for the Academic Job Market,” presenter, American Political Science Association annual conference, September 16, 2022.

“Behavioral lobbying and public opinion,” chair/presenter, European Consortium for Political Research, Innsbruck, Austria, August 23, 2022.

“Agents in the Politics Industry,” panel discussant, American Political Science Association annual conference online, September 11, 2020.

“Workshop: American Politics and the 2020 Election,” China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, China, May 26-28, 2020.<sup>†</sup>

- Guest Lecture, *Congress Overwhelmed*
- Address to the Faculty, “Foreshadowing the 2020 US Election”

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<sup>†</sup> Postponed due to pandemic travel precautions.

- “Webinar: The Revolving Door in the EU & the US,” European Consortium for Political Research Standing Group on Interest Groups, May 13, 2020.
- “Sexual Harassment among Congressional Staff: A List Experiment,” Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, IL.<sup>†</sup>
- “Reforming Congress? Ethics, Accountability, and Leadership in the Contemporary Congress,” Travers Conference, University of California – Berkeley, CA, March 13, 2020.<sup>†</sup>
- “Moneyed Interests, Information, and Policy Action in Congress: An Experiment,” American Political Science Association annual conference, Washington, DC, August 29, 2019.
- “2019 Congressional Capacity Survey - Embedded Experiments,” Political Institutions and Elite Behavior 6: Experimental Approaches Mini Conference at Midwest Political Science Association, April 4, 2019.
- “Workshop: The Relationship Between Political Institutions and the Lobbying Industry,” Jean Monnet Center ACTORE, University of Antwerp, March 5-6, 2019.
- Guest Lecture, “The Interest Group as a ‘Lobbying Enterprise’”
  - Master Class, “Revolving Door Lobbying”
- “Ideological Sabotage, Party Competition, and the Decline in Legislative Capacity in the US House,” Georgetown University American Politics Seminar, November 16, 2018.
- “‘US Congressman [sic] as Enterprise’ Revisited: Ideological Sabotage, Party Competition, and the Decline in Legislative Capacity,” presented at the American Political Science Association annual conference, Boston MA, September 2, 2018.
- “The Partisan Ties of Lobbying Firms,” presented at the European Consortium for Political Research general conference, Hamburg, Germany, August 24, 2018.
- “Revolving Door Lobbyists and Effective Lawmaking,” presented at the Conference on Effective Lawmaking, Vanderbilt University, June 2018.
- “Does Congress Have the Expertise to Govern?,” presented at Public Affairs Roundtable, “Does the Government Have the Expertise to Govern?” at JMU Washington Center, April 2018.
- “State of Congressional Capacity Conference,” co-organized with Lee Drutman at New America, March 2018.
- Revolving Door Lobbying* invited book presentations:
- University of Oklahoma (non-presenting author), September 2016
  - Rutgers University, October 2016
  - University of Texas at Austin, December 2016
  - National Press Club Book Fair, November 2017
  - University of Antwerp, March 2019
- “Gender and Lobbying,” invited presentation to Women in Government Relations, Washington, DC, October 5, 2017.
- “The Partisan Ties of Lobbying Firms,” presented at the American Political Science Association annual conference, San Francisco, CA, September 1, 2017.

- “Miscalculating Miss Sloane: Gender Politics in the Government Relations Profession,” presented at the American Political Science Association annual conference, San Francisco, CA, September 1, 2017.
- “Congressional Capacity,” invited participant to the Senator Carl Levin Center at Wayne State University Law School’s Scholars Roundtable on Congressional Oversight, Detroit, MI, June 8-9, 2017.
- “Gender and Lobbying,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, IL, April 7, 2017
- “The Future of Money in Politics,” hosted talk by former White House Counsel Bob Bauer at JMU Washington Center, December 2016
- “The Interest Group Top Tier: More Groups, More Concentrated Clout,” presented at Princeton University / Social Science Research Council conference on Anxieties of Democracy, October 2016
- “Policy Agendas, Legislative Priorities, and the Revolving Door Advocacy Strategy,” presented at the European Consortium for Political Research general conference, Prague, Czech Republic, September 9, 2016.
- “Congressional Analytic Capacity, Party Polarization, and the Political Economy of Revolving Door Lobbying,” presented at the American Political Science Association annual conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 3, 2016.
- “The Financial Value of Partisan Networks: How Lobbying Firms Leverage their Network Positions,” poster presentation at the Political Networks Conference, June 2016
- “Lobbying Regulation and Reform,” panel chair/organizer at Southern Political Science Association annual conference, San Juan, PR, January 8, 2016.

#### **EXTERNAL GRANTS**

Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant, 2023	\$5,000
Data for Progress, 2020	\$25,000
American Political Science Association Public Service Fellowship, 2019	\$40,000
Democracy Fund, 2019	\$10,500
Center for Effective Lawmaking, 2018	\$2,000
Hewlett Foundation Madison Initiative (with New America), 2017	\$200,000
Iowa State University Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics, 2016	\$1,000
Dirksen Center Congressional Research Grant, 2014	\$3,500
Sunlight Foundation, 2013	\$2,000
American Political Science Association Small Research Grant, 2012-2013	\$2,000
Southern Political Science Association Artinian Award, 2009	\$1,000
American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, 2008	\$3,000
Sunlight Foundation (with Center for Responsive Politics), 2007	\$80,000
National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2005	\$14,802

### **INTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS (POST-PHD)**

JMU Madison Trust Finalist, 2023  
JMU College of Arts and Letters Madison Scholar Award, 2022  
JMU College of Arts and Letters Academic Leave, 2019  
JMU College of Arts and Letters Mini-grant, 2019  
JMU College of Arts and Letters Academic Leave, 2016  
JMU College of Arts and Letters Dean's Office, 2016  
JMU Mr. & Mrs. F. Claiborne Johnston, Jr. Endowment (Political Science), 2013-2014  
JMU College of Arts and Letters Summer Research Grant, 2013  
College of Charleston Major Academic Year Stipend, 2009-2010  
College of Charleston Summer Research Stipend, 2009

### **INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTION (HONORS THESES AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTS)**

Matthew Silver (BA, Political Science '11), Joshua Althouse (MPA '11), Zuleika Lim (BA, Political Science '12), Gwendolyn Murtha (MPA '13), Rachel Wein (BA, Political Science '13), Meredith Gray (BS, Public Policy and Administration '13), Amy Roberts (BS, Public Policy and Administration '13), Ansley Luce (BA, Anthropology/Sociology '13), Carter Black (BA, Political Science '15), Andrea Arnold (BA, Political Science '15), David Scala (BA, Political Science '15), Jake LaTourette (BA, Political Science '14), Christian Myers (BA, Political Science '14), Hannah Aiken (BA, Political Science '15), Renzo Olivari (BA, Political Science '17), Paige Mellerio (BA, Political Science '17), Rachel Calanni (BA, Political Science '17), Scott Jones (BS, Public Policy and Administration '18), Corbin Kenaley (BA, Political Science '18), Elana Turczynski (BA, Political Science '19), Jewel Hurt (BA, Political Science '19), Heidi Deger (BA, Political Science '21), Sharon Belli (PhD Candidate, University of Antwerp), Stephen Robinson (BA, Political Science '21), Abigail Barden (BA, Political Science '24), Holly Briones (BA, History '24), Emma Lewis (BA, Political Science '23), Riley Miller (BA, Communication Studies '23), Laura Reinert (MA, Psychology '23).

### **INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Member, JMU Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Search Committee, Spring 2021  
Member, JMU Political Science Working Group on Racial Justice, Spring 2020-present  
Member, American Politics and Public Policy Search Committee, Spring 2019  
Legislative Branch Working Group, 2016-present  
Chair, American Politics and Public Policy Search Committee, Fall 2016  
Public Affairs Internship Coordinator, Spring 2012-Summer 2015  
Peer Mentor, Center for Faculty Innovation, Fall 2011-Spring 2013  
Faculty Advisor, Virginia 21 Redistricting Competition, Fall 2011  
Learning Partner, Alternative Spring Break, Spring 2011  
School of Public and International Affairs Civic Engagement Committee, 2011-2012  
College of Arts and Letters Faculty Advisory Committee, Fall 2010-Spring 2012

## **DISCIPLINE PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE**

### Professional Association memberships

American Political Science Association

- Political Organizations and Parties
  - Secretary, 2020-present
  - Jack Walker Best Article Award committee chair, 2020
  - Division co-chair, 2019
  - Distinguished career award committee, 2017
- Legislative Studies
- Public Policy
  - Section council, 2017-2020

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

- Interest Group Politics division chair, 2021

National Capitol Area Political Science Association

### **Peer/External Reviewer**

*American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, Business and Politics, Cambridge University Press, CQ Press/Sage, Congress & the Presidency, Critical Policy Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, European Union Politics, Governance, Interest Groups & Advocacy (member, editorial board), Journal of Legislative Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Journal of Public Policy, Legislative Studies Quarterly (member, editorial board), Oxford University Press, Party Politics, Policy Studies Journal, Political Research Quarterly, Public Administration, Social Networks, University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press, W.W. Norton & Company, Yale University Press.*