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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Purdue University, 2008.
Major: Political Science
Supporting Areas of Emphasis: Public policy, international relations, comparative politics
Dissertation Title: Works and Plays Well with Others? An Analysis of the United States Forest Service and Deliberative Democracy

Master of Arts (MA), Purdue University, 2004.
Major: Political Science
Supporting Areas of Emphasis: public policy, international relations

Bachelor of Arts (BA, AB), Skidmore College, 2002.
Major: Government
Supporting Areas of Emphasis: International Relations

Professional Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Grand Valley State University.
(August 2008 - Present).

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Purdue University. (2004 - 2008).

Research Assistant, Purdue University. (2004 - 2005).

Scholarship

Refereed Journal Articles

Published

Buehler M.J. & Schneider, L. Speak Up! Oral Examinations and Political Science. *Journal of Political Science Education*, 2009. 5(4), 315-331.

Raymond, L. S. & Schneider, L. Personal Moral Norms and Attitudes Toward Endangered Species Policy on Private Land. *Conservation and Society*, 2014. 12(1): 1-15.

Books

Schneider, L. *Introduction to American Government*, 2018. 1st edition. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

Book Chapters

Lioubimtseva, Elena, Erik Nordman, Laura Schneider, and Janet Vail. (forthcoming). "Climate Change Education Solutions Network: empowering communities through place-based public education." *Climate Management Handbook*, Springer.

Works in Progress

Schneider, L. and N. Boyd. "Michigan's Climate Legislation: The Pursuit of a Sustainable Future." *Sustainability*, Revise and Resubmit.

Schneider, L. and R. Campbell. "'Building a First Year Learning Community: The Political Contextualization of Social Problems.'"

Schneider, L. and M. Buehler, "Civic Literacy or Ideological Indoctrination? The Political Weaponization of Civic Education."

Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. September 2024. Schneider, L. and N. Boyd. "Michigan's Climate Legislation: The Pursuit of a Sustainable Future." iPoster.

North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting. March 2024. Columbus, Ohio. "Building a First Year Learning Community: The Political Contextualization of Social Problems." Paper Presentation.

American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference. February 2023. Baltimore, MD. Civic Literacy or Ideological Indoctrination? The Political Weaponization of Civic Education. Paper Presentation.

Western Political Science Association's Annual Meeting. March 2022. Portland, Oregon. "A Renewed Call for Sustainability in the Age of a Pandemic." Paper Presentation.

Climate 2020. Hamburg University (virtual). March 2020.

The Intersection of the Environment and Politics Conference. 2019. Pierce Cedar Creek Institute. "Who Wants to Save That? Legitimizing Policies to Save Non-Charismatic Species." Invited conference speaker.

American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, September 2016. Philadelphia, PA. Poster Session.

Western Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, March 2012. Portland, Oregon. "Reactive Policy and the Perpetuation of the Gender Wage Gap." Paper Presentation.

American Political Science Association's Teaching and Learning Conference, February 2012. Washington, D.C. "Calling All Citizens! Understanding the Value and Need For Substantive Civil Knowledge." Paper Presentation.

Western Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, March 2009. Vancouver, Canada. "Deliberative Success: An Analysis of the United States Forest Service and Deliberative Democracy." Paper Presentation.

American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, September 2007. Chicago, IL. "Speak Up! Oral Examinations and Political Science." Paper Presentation.

American Political Science Association's Teaching and Learning Conference, February 2007. Charlotte, N.C. "Teaching Confidence: Do Political Science Graduate Students have the Necessary Tools?" Paper Presentation.

Western Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, March 2005. Oakland, California. "Where's the Fire? Beliefs, Values, and the Healthy Forests Restoration Act." Paper Presentation.

American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, September 2005. Washington, D.C. "Personal Moral Norms and Attitudes Toward Endangered Species Act." Poster Presentation.

Media

Michigan Public NPR, "What the Vote? Gen Z and Abortion Access." October 17, 2024. Interview

PBS-WGVU Mutually Exclusive, "Unequal Grounds: Advancing Environmental Justice." Season 5, Episode 2. September 18, 2024. Interview.

Awards

Schneider, L (Principal) and Lioubimtseva E. "Understanding the State of Climate Awareness in West Michigan." Laker Extramural Proposal Development Support Grant, \$2,000, funded. (start: July 1, 2019, end September 30, 2019).

Lioubimtseva, E. (Principal), Hollister, R., Vail, J., Nordman, E., Schneider, L., Ma, K., Contract, "Climate Solutions Education Summit", CLAS (GVSU), Grand Valley State University, \$1,500.00, Funded. (start: June 1, 2018, end: June 30, 2019).

CSCE Dissemination Grant, February 2012

CSCE Dissemination Grant, March 2012

Faculty Excellence Award Nominee, Spring 2019

PEW Teaching Excellence Award Nominee, Fall 2022

CSCE Dissemination Grant, December 2022

CSCE Dissemination Grant, March 2023
CSCE Dissemination Grant, September 2024

Teaching

Scheduled Teaching

PLS 102 – Introduction to American Government

PLS 205 – The Policy Process

PLS/ENS 303 – Introduction to Environmental Policy

PLS/WGS 302 – Women, Politics, and Public Policy

WGS 335 – Women, Health, and the Environment

ENS 201 – Introduction to Environmental Studies

Independent Studies

PLS 490 – Summer 2011, two independent studies with two different students

PLS 499 – Summer 2024, research independent study with a manuscript deadline of October 13, 2024

Master's Thesis Committee 2019-2021. GVSU School of Engineering.

McNair Scholar Mentor 2021

Honor's Thesis Chair, 2021, 2020, 2001

Curricular Development

CLAS Voyage Pilot, PLS 102, 2023

New Course proposal for General Education Issues course, PLS/ENS 303 2012.

New Course proposal, PLS/ENS 207 2009-2010, PLS/ENS 303, 2012.

New Course proposal, PLS/WGS 302, 2009-2011.

Course Change Hybrid/Online, PLS/WGS 302, 2015.

Course Change Hybrid/Online PLS/ENS 303, 2017.

Service

Department Service

Departmental Self-Study Committee member 2012.

Faculty Awards Committee member, 2011-2019.

Faculty Awards Committee Chair, 2018-2019.

Faculty Development and Public Engagement, Committee member. 2022-present.

Faculty Mentor 2022-2023.

Internship Coordinator 2024-present

Majors Fair Faculty Representative, 2020, 2023

Search Committee, Committee member 2021-2022.

State Education Committee, Committee member. 2018-2021; 2023.

Student Awards Committee member 2009-2010, 2014-2023.

Student Awards Committee Chair 2019-2021.

Tutor Coordinator, American Government, 2015-present.

Peer Review of Teaching, committee member, 2022-present.

Pi Sigma Alpha Speaker, 2009.

University Service

Attendee, Orientation, Allies and Advocates. October 30, 2009

CLAS Embarking Experience, Committee member 2024-Present.

CLAS Vision Implementation Team, Committee member 2022.

CLAS Voyage Pilot 2023.

CLAS Voyage Summer Curriculum Committee 2024

Committee Member, Environmental Studies Interdisciplinary Advisory Board. 2009 - Present.

Executive Committee of the Senate Committee Member, 2022-23 academic year.

Faculty Teaching and Learning Community. "Surviving the Climate Crisis." September 2019-April 2020. Facilitator.

First Year Learning Community Advisory Board. Committee member, 2021-present.

Guest Speaker, Women's Commission. October 2009.

Guest Speaker, Women's Commission. October 2010.

Guest Speaker, International Relations Panel September 2014.

Guest Speaker, co-presenter. "Because Everyone Should Have Access...Period!" Center for Women and Gender Equity. October 2020.

Guest Speaker, panel participant. 2020 Presidential Primaries Forum, February 2020.

Guest Speaker, Writing 105, Climate Change and What You Can Do About It 2023.

GVSU Prospective Student/Visitation Day, October 2010, 2012, 2017, 2018, 2023.

New Student Registration and Advising, Summer 2022, 2023.

Student Environmental Coalition, Faculty Advisor, September 2014-2020.

Students for Choice, Faculty Advisor, 2022-present.

Student Scholarship Day, January 2010, 2021.

Student Success Network, Faculty Advisor. 2022-2023.

Teaching Roundtable, co-session chair. Online teaching and learning during a pandemic. November 2020.

Community Service

Citizen's Climate Lobby, Holland Chapter. Invited Talk. November 2019.

Climate Solutions Education Summit, Presenter, June 2019.

Climate Solution Education Planning Committee. May 2018-Present

First LEGO League Coach. August 2019– 2021.

GE Aviation, Invited Talk. “The Intersection of Social Identities.” September 2018.

Hauenstein Center, Panel Discussant. Allendale, MI. October 2016.

Integrated Watershed Commission Workshop. Attendee/participant. Grand Rapids, MI. August 2016.

Michigan High School Second Climate Symposium. Guest Presentation. 2021.

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute. 1st Conference on the Intersection of the Environment and Politics. Speaker, “Who Wants to Save That? Legitimizing Policies to Save Non-Charismatic Species.” February 2019.

Science Olympiad, East Grand Rapids Middle School. Coach. “Green Generation” “Dynamic Planet” “Wind” 2021-present.

Wyndemere Country Club Lecture Series, Invited Talk, “Women, Health, and the Environment.” April 2019.

Professional Service

Reviewer, Journal Article, Journal of Political Science Education.

Reviewer, Textbook, W.W. Norton Publishing.

Reviewer, Textbook, Oxford University Press.

Reviewer, Textbook, Pearson.

Reviewer, Textbook, CQ Press.

Reviewer, Textbook, McGraw Hill.