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Political Science
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Education

Ph.D., Purdue University, Department of Political Science, August 2020

Dissertation: There is Power in a Plaza: Social Movements, Democracy and Spatial Politics

Committee: S. Laurel Weldon (chair), Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Rachel L. Einwohner, Molly Scudder

Exam Fields: Public Policy; Politics, Groups, and Identities [*area of focus*: Gender]; International Relations

Subfields: Social Movements, Gender and Politics, Urban Politics

Methods: Statistical Analysis [Stata, R]; Ethnographic Methods; Semi-Structured Interviews

B.A., Trinity University, Department of Political Science

Publications

Refereed Journals

Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Amber Lusvardi, Summer Forester, S. Laurel Weldon. “Dimensions of Transnational Feminism: Autonomous Organizing and Agenda-setting in Global Civil Society” *Perspectives on Politics* **Revise and Resubmit**

S. Laurel Weldon, Amber Lusvardi, Summer Forester and **Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson**. 2023. “Feminist waves, global activism, and gender violence regimes: Genealogy and impact of a global wave” *Women’s Studies International Forum* 99 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wsif.2023.102781>

Wright, Jared M., **Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson**, S. Laurel Weldon, Dan Goldwasser, Rachel L. Einwohner, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, and Fernando Tormos-Aponte. 2022. “Drive-By Solidarity: Conceptualizing the Temporal Relationship between #BlackLivesMatter and Anonymous’ #OpKKK” *Contention* 20 (2) <https://doi.org/10.3167/cont.2022.100203>

Forester, Summer, **Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson**, Amber Lusvardi and S. Laurel Weldon. 2022. “New Dimensions of Global Feminist Influence: Tracking Feminist Mobilization Worldwide 1975-2015” *International Studies Quarterly* <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqab093>

Datta, Srijani, Amber Lusvardi, S. Laurel Weldon, Summer Forester, and **Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson**. 2022. “Domestic Workers from Margins to Center: Opportunity and Threat in Pandemic Politics” *Journal for Cultural Research* 26(1)
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14797585.2022.2040336>

Einwohner, Rachel L., **Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson**, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Mangala Subramanian, Fernando Tormos, S. Laurel Weldon, Jared M. Wright, and Kuan-Sheng (Charles) Wu. 2021. “Active Solidarity: Intersectional Solidarity In Action” *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State, & Society* 28(3): 704-729
<https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxz052>

Book Chapters

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin, Fernando Tormos, and S. Laurel Weldon. 2023 “Feminist Organizational Principles” in *Handbook of Feminist Governance* eds. Marian Sawer, Lee Ann Banaszak, Jacqui True, and Johanna Kantola. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin, Amber Lusvardi, and S. Laurel Weldon. 2019. “Transnational Perspectives on Gender and Violence” In *Handbook on Gender & Violence* eds. Laura J. Shepherd. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Background Papers

Hassim, Shirin, and Laurel Weldon with Srijani Dutta, Federica de Sisto, Helia Doutaghi, **Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson**, Amber Lusvardi, and Summer Forester. “Women’s Informal Participation in Political and Public Life and Space: Global Trends and Challenges” Sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 63), UN Women, Expert Group Meeting, New York, New York.

Refereed Public Facing Work

Lusvardi, Amber, and **Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson**. (2023, June 5) “Interrogating gender, interrogating girlhood: U.S. state legislatures and the battle for transgender rights” *Feminist Perspectives* blog series *Disciplined and Resistant Bodies*
<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/interrogating-gender-interrogating-girlhood-u.s.-state-legislatures-and-the-battle-for-transgender-rights>

Non-Refereed Public Facing Work

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin (2022, March 8) “Protesting for Reproductive Rights on International Women’s Day? Here are some lessons from the Women’s March.” *Washington Post* <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/03/08/iwd-womens-march-repro-rights-feminist/>

Awards and Fellowships

APSA Women, Gender, and Politics Section, Small Grant, Spring 2023

APSA Women, Gender, and Politics Section Best Dissertation Award, 2021

Purdue Research Foundation Grant [Dissertation Research Fellowship], June 2019-May 2020
Purdue University

Graduate School Summer Research Grant, June - July 2017
Purdue University

Frederick N. Andrews Fellowship, August 2014 – 2016
College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University

Research Experience

Consultant, Summer 2020

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant: Movements, Markets and Transnational Networks: Feminist Protest and Women's Economic Empowerment

PI Dr. S. Laurel Weldon

Contributions: Maintained, procured, and cleaned twitter data on transnational feminist campaigns, conducted network analysis

Research Assistant, Fall 2017-Summer 2019

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant: Movements, Markets and Transnational Networks: Feminist Protest and Women's Economic Empowerment

PI Dr. S. Laurel Weldon

Contributions: Trained undergraduates to collect data on national women's movements; contributor to women's movement dataset covering 127 countries over 5 decades; lead researcher on Twitter data analysis on transnational women's organizing

Member of the Diversity and Inclusion in Social Movements Group, Spring 2016-Present

PI Dr. S. Laurel Weldon, Co-PIs Dr. Rachel Einwohner, Dr. Valeria Sinclair-Chapman

Description: Interdisciplinary research group identifying different forms of solidarity in social movements and the implications these forms of solidarity have on movement organizing

Contributions: Development of Gezi Park case studies; Co-Lead for empirical work using Twitter data for working paper "Black Lives Matter and Say Her Name: How Intersectional Solidarity Strengthens Movements for Social Justice"

Research Assistant, Fall 2010

Dr. H.J. Yoo, Department of Political Science, Trinity University

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

Lecturer: Gender and Public Policy, Tufts University, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Junior level course on Congress and the policy process

Lecturer: Gender in State and Local Politics, Tufts University, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Junior level special topics course on women and politics, urban politics, and state politics in the United States.

Lecturer: Seminar in Political Representation, Tufts University Spring 2022, Spring 2023
Senior Seminar on Political Representation in the United States

Lecturer: Congress, Bureaucracy, and Public Policy, Tufts University, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023
Junior level course on Congress and the policy process

Independent Instructor: Women, Politics, and Public Policy, Purdue University, Spring 2017
Sophomore level course on women and politics, and women and public policy in American politics from a comparative perspective.

Independent Instructor: Women, Politics, and Public Policy, Purdue University, Fall 2016
Sophomore level course on women and politics, and women and public policy in American politics from a comparative perspective.

Conference Presentations

Lusvardi, Amber, and Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson. 2023. "Exclusionary Politics in the States: Anti-Trans Legislation and the Marginalization of Movement Voices" Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete Beach Fl.

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin and Zach Ferretti. 2022. Poster: "Mayoral Candidate Gender and Campaigning for Spatial Justice" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.

Lusvardi, Amber, and Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson. 2022. "Exclusionary Politics in the States: Anti-Trans Legislation and the Marginalization of Movement Voices" State Politics and Policy Conference, Tallahassee Fl.

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin. 2022. "This is Boston, Not D.C.: The Challenges of Developing Inclusion in the Boston Women's March" Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas and Online.

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin, Amber Lusvardi, S. Laurel Weldon and Summer Forester. 2021 "Dimensions of Transnational Feminism: Autonomous Organizing and Agenda-Setting in Global Civil Society" Midwest Political Science Annual Meeting, Online.

- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin, Amber Lusvardi, S. Laurel Weldon and Summer Forester. 2021
“Dimensions of Transnational Feminism: Autonomous Organizing and Agenda-Setting in
Global Civil Society” Annual Meeting, International Journal of Feminist Politics Annual
Meeting, Online.
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin, Amber Lusvardi, S. Laurel Weldon and Summer Forester. 2020
“Dimensions of Transnational Feminism: Autonomous Organizing and Agenda-Setting in
Global Civil Society” Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Online.
- Weldon, S. Laurel, Amber Lusvardi, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Summer Forester, and Srijani
Datta. 2020. “Domestic Workers from Margin to Center: Pandemic Politics, Protest, and
Policy” Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Online.
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin. 2020. “This is Boston, Not D.C.: The Challenges of Developing
Inclusion in the Boston Women’s March” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science
Association, Chicago IL (*Disrupted due to COVID 19 Pandemic*)
- Weldon, S. Laurel, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Amber Lusvardi, and Summer Forester. 2020
“Transnational Feminist Politics: New Measures and Findings” Annual Meeting,
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL (*Disrupted due to COVID 19
Pandemic*)
- Weldon, S. Laurel, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Jared Wright, Dan Goldwasser, Aviral
Mansingka, Amar Hussein, Rachel L. Einwohner, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, and
Fernando Tormos. 2020. “Black Lives Matter and Say Her Name: How Intersectional
Solidarity Strengthens Movements for Social Justice” Annual Meeting, Southern Political
Science Association Meeting, San Juan Puerto Rico.
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin. 2019. “See You Next Year: Testing the Impacts of Protest Space and
Inclusive Leadership on the Persistence of the Women’s March” Annual Meeting,
American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington D.C.
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin. 2019. “From the Streets to City Hall: Women’s Marches and
Descriptive Representation” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association
Meeting, Chicago IL.
- Weldon, S. Laurel, Summer Forester, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, and Amber Lusvardi. 2019.
“Handmaidens or Heroes?: Feminist Mobilization as a Force for Economic Equality
Around the World” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting,
Chicago IL.
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin. 2018. “Producing Democratic Space in Gezi Park” Northwestern
University Political Theory Workshop, Chicago IL.

- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin. 2018. "From the Streets to City Hall: Women's Marches and Descriptive Representation" Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston MA.
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin. 2018. "Deliberative Democracy in Practice: Producing Democratic Space in Gezi Park" Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Weldon, S. Laurel, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Jared Wright, Dan Goldwasser, Aviral Mansingka, Amar Hussein, Rachel L. Einwohner, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, and Fernando Tormos. 2018. "Black Lives Matter and Say Her Name: How Intersectional Solidarity Strengthens Movements for Social Justice" Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin. 2018. "Gezi Park and the Implications of Democratic Space: Protest as a Pathway to Representation" Annual Meeting, Western Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin and Aaron Hoffman. 2017. "Gendered Rationales and Support for Military Intervention" European Conference on Politics and Gender, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Einwohner, Rachel L., Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Mangala Subramanian, Fernando Tormos, S. Laurel Weldon, Jared M. Wright, and Kuan-Sheng (Charles) Wu. 2017. "Active Solidarity: Strategies for Transnational Political Cooperation in Contexts of Difference, Domination and Distrust" Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL.
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin and Aaron Hoffman. 2017. "Gendered Rationales and Support for Military Intervention" Annual Meeting, International Studies Association Meeting, Baltimore MD.

Works in Progress

- Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Weldon, S. Laurel, Jared Wright, Dan Goldwasser, Rachel Einwohner, Valeria Sinclair Chapman, and Fernando Tormos "Black Lives Matter and Say Her Name: How Intersectional Solidarity Strengthens Movements for Social Justice" in preparation for submission
- Lusvardi, Amber, and Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson "Exclusionary Politics in the States: Anti-Trans Legislation and the Marginalization of Movement Voices"
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin "Gezi Park and the Implications of Democratic Space: Protest as a Pathway to Representation"
- Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin "Producing Democratic Space in Gezi Park"

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin “Building Agonistic Feminism in the Popular: Punk Feminism and the Ovarian Psycho-Cycles”

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin “Claiming Full Membership in the Movement: Say Her Name and Black Lives Matter”

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin and Aaron Hoffman “Gendered Rationales and Support for Military Intervention”

Wright, Jared M., S. Laurel Weldon, Charles Kuan-Sheng Wu, Fernando Tormos, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, and Rachel L. Einwohner. “Pathways to Inclusion? Social Movement Approaches to Building Solidarity in the Context of Diversity”

Invited Lectures

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin, “Streets to City Hall: The Effects of the 2017 Women’s March on Women’s Representation in Local Government” *Women in Politics Discussion Series* The League of Women Voters of Sharon-Staughton, Zoom, March 2021.

Weldon, S. Laurel, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Jared Wright, Dan Goldwasser, Aviral Mansingka, and Amar Hussein. “Black Lives Matter and Say Her Name: How Intersectional Solidarity Strengthens Movements for Social Justice” *Assessing the Ferguson Effect*, Scholars Strategy Network, Ferguson, MO, February 2018

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin. “Gezi Park as an Environmental Justice Movement” *From Social Movements to Institutional Reforms: Societies in Change*, Center on Religion in Chinese Society, Purdue University, May 2016

Service & Assistantships

Service to the Discipline

APSA Committee on the Status of Women in the Discipline, September 2022-August 2025

APSA Women, Gender, and Politics Section Best Dissertation Award Committee, 2022

Discussant: Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2022

Reviewer: American Political Science Review, Women, Politics, and Public Policy

Co-organizer with Dr. S. Laurel Weldon, Dr. Summer Forester, and Amber Lusvardi. October 2019. Feminist Movements, Markets and Empowerment Workshop at Simon Fraser University.

Department Service

- Graduate Representative, 2015 – 2016
Policy Position Search, Political Science, Purdue University
- Sears Lecture Series Assistant, 2015 – 2016
Political Science Department, Purdue University
- Social Science Mechanics Co-ordinator, 2015 – 2016
Political Science Graduate Association, Purdue University
- Treasurer, 2015 – 2016
Political Science Graduate Association, Purdue University

Public Engagement

- Proofing and Lies Podcast episode 25 “Tiramisu Cheesecake, Space, Place, and Protest with Dr. Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson”

Community Service

- Boston Cyclist Union, Member, May 2019 – Present
Contributions: Member of leadership team for JPBikes, Collect survey responses from businesses for Centre Street Campaign, Lead on ethnographic study of Centre Street, facilitate meetings for JPBikes, co-ordinate actions between JPBikes and Boston Cyclist Union (Free Bicycle Repair Clinic, Rides with City Councilors, Centre Street Campaign).
- Bicycle Lafayette, Interim Media Director, January - July 2018
Contributions: Lead public meetings, Contributed to organizational vision on the Cycle of Directors, Co-organized and led community events such as the Children’s Bike Parade and Public Art Ride
- Bicycle Lafayette, Member, 2016-2018
Contributions: Co-developed organization by-lines to reflect intersectional mission, Organized and led events in collaboration with partner organizations such as the Younger Women’s Task Force for Greater Lafayette to promote women in cycling

References Academic

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