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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Politics and Education (with distinction), Columbia University, 2005

M.A., Education, Washington University in St. Louis, 1997

B.A., Political Science, Emory University, 1995

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University (8/14-)

- Secondary Appointments: Department of Political Science and Department of Health Policy

Associate Editor (Politics), *Journal of Health, Politics, Policy, and Law* (8/16-present)

Director of Graduate Studies, MPP Program, Trachtenberg School, George Washington (8/15-8/18)

APSA Congressional Fellow, Senate Finance Committee, United States Congress (11/14-8/15)

Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University (8/10-7/14)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston (9/07-8/10)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar, University of Wisconsin - Madison (9/05-8/07)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Inequality (economic, racial, and political); Policymaking process; Health and social policy; Political parties; American political economy; Policy analysis and research utilization

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Haselswerdt, Jake and Elizabeth Rigby (2020). "What do Advocates Want from Policy Research? Evidence from Elite Surveys." *Evidence & Policy*, 17(3): 385-403.

Wright, Gerald C. and Elizabeth Rigby. (2020). "Income Inequality and State Parties: Who Gets Represented?" *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 20(4):395-415.

Maks-Solomon, Cory and Elizabeth Rigby (2019). "Are Democrats Really the Party of the Poor? Partisanship, Class, and Representation in the U.S. Senate." *Political Research Quarterly*, 73(4):848-865.

Rigby, Elizabeth and Kimberly J. Morgan (2018). "Academic Research and Legislative Advocacy: Information Use in the Campaign against Repeal of the ACA." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, 43(3).

Rigby, Elizabeth and Megan Hatch. (2017). "For Richer or Poorer: The Politics of Redistribution in Bad Economic Times." *Political Research Quarterly*, 70(3):590-603.

Rigby, Elizabeth and Megan Hatch (2016). "Incorporating Economic Policies into a Health in All Policy Agenda." *Health Affairs*, 35(1):2044-2052

Moynihan, Donald, Pam Herd, and Elizabeth Rigby (2016). "Policymaking by Other Means: Do Governments Use Administrative Barriers to Limit Access to Medicaid?" *Administration and Society*, 48(4): 497-524.

Hatch, Megan and Elizabeth Rigby (2015). "Laboratories of (In)equality? Redistributive Policy and Income Inequality in the American States." *Policy Studies Journal*, 43(2): 163-187.

- Awarded 2016 Theodore J. Lowi Award for the best article in *Policy Studies Journal* published in 2015

Rigby, Elizabeth, Jennifer Hayes Clark, and Stacey Pelika (2014). "Party Politics and Enactment of 'ObamaCare': A Policy-Centered Analysis of Minority Party Involvement." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 39(1):57-95.

Rigby, Elizabeth and Gerald C. Wright (2013). "Political Parties and Representation of the Poor in the American States." *American Journal of Political Science*, 57(3):552-565.

- Selected as Best Journal Article Published in 2013, State Politics and Policy Section, APSA

Rigby, Elizabeth and Jake Haselswerdt (2013). "Hybrid Federalism, Partisan Politics, and the Early Implementation of State Health Insurance Exchanges." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 43(3):368-391.

Rigby, Elizabeth (2012). "State Resistance to ObamaCare." *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*, 10(2):5.

Rigby, Elizabeth and Melanie J. Springer. (2011). "Does Electoral Reform Increase (or Decrease) Political Equality?" *Political Research Quarterly*, 64(2):420-434.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2011). "How the National Prevention Council Can Overcome Key Challenges and Improve Americans' Health." *Health Affairs*, 30(11):2149-2156.

Marschall, Melissa, Elizabeth Rigby and Jasmine L. Jenkins. (2011). "Do State Policies Constrain Local Actors? The Impact of English Only Laws on Language Instruction in Public Schools." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 41(4):586-609.

Ryan, Rebecca M., Anna D. Johnson, Elizabeth Rigby and Jeanne Brooks-Gunn. (2011). "The Impact of Child Care Subsidy Use on Child Care Quality." *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 26: 320-331.

Blacksher, Erika, Elizabeth Rigby and Claire Espy (2010). "Public Values, Health Inequality, and Alternative Notions of a 'Fair' Response." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 35(6): 889-920.

Kimbro, Rachel T. and Elizabeth Rigby (2010). "Federal Food Policy and Childhood Obesity: A Solution or Part of the Problem?" *Health Affairs*, 29(3): 1-8.

- Selected by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as 2nd Most Influential Research Paper in 2010

Rigby, Elizabeth, Joe Soss, Bridget C. Booske, Angela M. Rohan and Stephanie A. Robert. (2009). "Public Responses to Health Disparities: How Group Cues Structure Support for Government Intervention." *Social Science Quarterly*, 90(5): 1321-1340.

Grogan, Colleen and Elizabeth Rigby. (2009). "Federalism, Partisan Politics, and Shifting Support for State Flexibility: The Case of the U.S. State Children's Health Insurance Program." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 39: 47-69.

Robert, Stephanie, Bridget C. Booske, Elizabeth Rigby, and Angela M. Rohan. (2008). "Public Views on Determinants of Health, Interventions to Improve Health, and Priorities for Government." *Wisconsin Medical Journal*, 107(3), 124-130.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2007). "Same Policy Area, Different Politics: How the Characteristics of Policy Tools Alter the Determinants of Early Childhood Education Policy." *Policy Studies Journal*, 35(4), 653-670.

Rigby, Elizabeth, Rebecca M. Ryan and Jeanne Brooks-Gunn (2007). "Child Care Quality in Different State Policy Contexts." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. 26(4), 887-907.

Rigby, Elizabeth, Kate Tarrant and Michelle Neuman, (2007). "Alternative Policy Designs and the Socio-Political Construction of Child Care." *Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood, Special Issue: Child Care Politics*, 8(2), 98-108.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2005). "Linking Research and Policy on Capitol Hill: Insights from Research Brokers." *Evidence and Policy*, 1(2), 25-45.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Rigby, Elizabeth (2024). "Economic and Political Inequality" (p. 528-550). In Virginia Gray, Russell L. Hanson, and Thad Kousser (Eds.). *Politics in the American States, A Comparative Analysis*, 12th Edition. Sage Press. [Updated from 11th edition published in 2018]

Campbell, Andrea L. and Elizabeth Rigby (2019). "Public Opinion and Public Policy" (p.332-354), "In Adam Berinsky (Ed). *New Directions in Public Opinion*, 3rd Edition. New York: Routledge. [Update from 2nd Edition published in 2016]

Rigby, Elizabeth and Gerald C. Wright (2015). "The Policy Consequences of Polarization: Evidence from the American States" (p. 236-259). In James A. Thurber and Antoine Yoshinaka (Eds), *American Gridlock*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Rigby, Elizabeth and Gerald C. Wright. (2011). "Whose Statehouse Democracy? Policy Responsiveness to Poor vs. Rich Constituents in Poor vs. Rich States," (p. 189-222). In Peter Enns and Chris Wlezien (Eds.). *Who Gets Represented?* New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

BOOK REVIEWS/COMMENTARY

Rigby, Elizabeth (2021). "The COVID-19 Economy, Unemployment Insurance, and Population Health," Invited Commentary: *JAMA Network Open* 4(1):e2035955-e2035955

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2019). "The Symbolic Politics of Poverty: A Review Essay." *Political Science Quarterly*, 134(4):711-717. [Books reviewed: *Poor Representation: Congress and the Politics of Poverty* by Kristina Miler and of *The Presidents and the Poor* by Lawrence McAndrews].

Rigby, Elizabeth (2013). "Economic Policy: An Important (but overlooked) Piece of "Health in All Policies." Invited Discussion Paper, Institute of Medicine (IOM), Washington, DC.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2013). Review of *Voices for Children: Rhetoric and Public Policy* by William T. Gormley. *Social Services Review*, 87(4):831-836.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2012). Review of *Health Care Reform and American Politics* by Lawrence R. Jacobs and Theda Skocpol and of *Remedy and Reaction* by Paul Starr. *Perspectives on Politics*, 10(4):1079-1081.

Rigby, Elizabeth (2011). "Accountability in an Intergovernmental Context: Federal Education Policy as a Cautionary Tale." Review of *Collision Course* by Paul Manna and *The Ordeal of Equality* by David Cohen and Susan Moffitt. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 21: 387-395.

Rigby, Elizabeth (2010). Review of "Rich Democracies, Poor People: How Politics Explain Poverty" by David Brady. *Journal of Children and Poverty*, 16(1):86-87.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Haselswerdt, Jake and Elizabeth Rigby (2021). “Advocates (often) Make Good Research Brokers (but sometimes don’t).” *Evidence & Policy Blog*, <https://evidenceandpolicyblog.co.uk/2021/05/26/>

Hatch, Megan and Elizabeth Rigby (2015). “How States Can Fight Growing Economic Inequality.” *Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings*, <http://scholarsstrategynetwork.org>.

Rigby, Elizabeth (2014). “Not all Election Reforms Promote Equality,” *The Boston Globe*, March 4, 2014.

Rigby, Elizabeth and Megan Hatch (2014). “Inequality, and Politics.” In Michael Shally-Jenson (Ed). *Encyclopedia of American Political Culture*. New York: Praeger/Greenwood Press.

Rigby, Elizabeth (2013). “Why we Don’t Need a Second War on Poverty (At Least not Now).” *Huffington Post’s The Road Forward Series*, January 15, 2013.

Rigby, Elizabeth (2012). Do Electoral Reforms Promote Equal Participation?” *Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings*, <http://scholarsstrategynetwork.org>.

Kimbro, Rachel and Elizabeth Rigby. (2010). “Is Federal Food Assistance Part of the Childhood Obesity Problem?” *James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy Health Policy Newsletter*, Houston: Rice University.

Kimbro, Rachel and Elizabeth Rigby. (2010). “School Lunch Programs Help Reverse Childhood Obesity,” *The Houston Chronicle*, B11, Friday March 5, 2010.

Rigby, Elizabeth and Michelle Belco (2009). “Providing Public Goods: Alternative Policy Approaches,” in Kent Tedin (Ed.), *The People and American Government, Volume II*. New York: Pearson Custom Publishing.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2009). “On this of all MLK Days, Commit to Service Projects.” *The Houston Chronicle*, Monday January 19, 2009.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2008). “Why I am Thankful for Big Government.” *The Houston Chronicle*, E1, Sunday November 23, 2008.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2008). “Family Health Policies.” In W. Kirch (Ed.). *Encyclopedic Reference of Public Health*. Dresden: Springer.

Rigby, Elizabeth. (2007).” State Prekindergarten Programs.” In R. New & M. Cochran (Eds). *Early Childhood Education: An International Encyclopedia*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing. [Also wrote entries on: Preschool Programs and the federal Child Care and Development Fund]

Rigby, Elizabeth, Kagan, Sharon L., Ochshorn, Susan, and Fuller, Bruce. (2004). *Infant and Toddler Child Care: Meeting the Needs of Families with Options that Work*. Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures.

Kagan, Sharon. L. and Rigby, Elizabeth. (2003). *Policy Matters: Improving the Readiness of Children for School: Recommendations for State Policy (A Concept Paper Commissioned for the Policy Matters Project)*. Washington, DC: Center for the Study of Social Policy.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

[Under review]. Rigby, Elizabeth and Vernicia Griffie. “Issue Salience and Position-Taking among Democratic Members of Congress: The Case of H.R. 40 and Slavery Reparations.”

[Revised and resubmitted]. Rigby, Elizabeth and Vernicia Griffie. “Democratic Policymakers’ Ambiguous Support for Reparations: Implications for the Policymaking Process.

[In progress] Rigby, Elizabeth. Too Liberal, Too Conservative, or Just Right? Public Evaluation of Parties’ Issues Agendas.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Outstanding Teaching Award, Trachtenberg School (2017)
- Theodore J. Lowi Award for best paper published in Policy Studies Journal in 2015 (2016), for *Laboratories of (In)equality? Redistributive Policy and Income Inequality in the American States* (with Megan Hatch).
- Policy Studies Journal Editors' Choice award for 2015, for *Laboratories of (In)equality? Redistributive Policy and Income Inequality in the American States* (with Megan Hatch).
- Best Journal Article Published in 2013, State Politics and Policy Section, American Political Science Association, for *Political Parties and Representation of the Poor in the American States* (with Jerry Wright)
- Congressional Fellowship, Senate Finance Committee, American Political Science Association (2014-2015)
- Policy Research Scholar Recipient, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy (2011-2012)
- 2nd Most Influential Research Paper Published in 2010, identified by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, for "*Federal Food Policy and Childhood Obesity: A Solution or Part of the Problem?*" (with Rachel Kimbro)
- Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation Program on Social Inequality (Summer 2010)
- Best Paper in State Politics and Policy Presented at 2007 APSA Meeting for "*State Parties, Polarization and Representation of the Poor*" (with Jerry Wright)
- Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar Fellowship (2005-2007)
- Finalist, Politics and Education Association Outstanding Dissertation Award (2006)
- Dissertation awarded distinction, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia (2005)
- Research Scholar Fellowship, Child Care Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (2003-2005)
- Graduate Research Fellowship, National Center for Children and Families (2000-2005)
- Membership in Phi Beta Kappa, National Academic Honor Society (1995)

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- Consultant, WW Norton Press, Politics of Social and Economic Policy (2017-2020)
- Consultant, Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Project on Evidence-based Policy (Summer 2018)
- *Economic Policy as 'Health in All Policy': Combining Evidence and Arguments to Promote Population Health.* Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Law Research Program, \$84,381, 12/01/13-5/30/15.
- *For Richer or Poorer: The Politics of Redistribution in Bad Economic Times.* Small Grant Award, University of California-Davis Center for Poverty Research, \$22,180, 02/15/13-02/14/14.
- *Anti-Poverty Policy in the South: How Race- and Class-based Political Dynamics Interact to Limit Redistribution.* Young Investigator Development Award, University of Kentucky's Center for Poverty Research, \$7,500, 9/09-9/10.
- *Federal Food Assistance Programs: Part of the Child Obesity Problem or Solution?* (with Rachel Kimbro, Rice University), Southern Rural Development Center's Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics Program (RIDGE), \$35,000, 10/08-12/09.
- *The Big Health Trade-Off* (with Julia Lynch, University of Pennsylvania), Public opinion module selected for inclusion in TESS: Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences, funded by the NS, fielded fall 2008.
- *Health Justice: Public Deliberation Regarding Alternative Distributions of Health* (with Erika Blaksher, Columbia Univ.), Columbia University Health and Society Program, 6/07-8/08, \$10,000
- *Representing the Poor: Where, When, and How are the Interests of the Poor Represented in State Legislatures?* (Co-PI, with Jerry Wright, Indiana Univ.), Russell Sage Foundation, 1/07-6/10, \$145,000.
- *The Politics of Medicaid and Food Stamp Take-up under Different Welfare Policy Models,* University of Wisconsin Health and Society Scholar Program, 1/06-12/06, \$10,600.
- *Understanding State Variation in Child Care Policy,* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Care Bureau Research Scholar Fellowship, 10/03-10/05, \$50,000
- *Public Policy Dissertation Grant,* Columbia Public Policy Consortium, 09/03-05/04, \$5,000.

TEACHING

- *Advocacy and Policy Change (MPP/MPA),* Summer 2020, Fall 2024
- *Politics and Policy Analysis (MPP),* Fall 2010-13 & 2015-24, Spring 2021
- *Politics and Public Policy (PhD),* Fall 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023
- *Perspectives on Public Values (MPP/MPA),* Summer 2019 & 2024, Spring 2020-24
- *Capstone Seminar (MPP),* Spring 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2024
- *Politics and Inequality Seminar (MPA/MPP/PhD),* Summer 2013
- *Research Methods and Applied Statistics (MPA/MPP),* Spring 2011 & 2012
- *Survey of American Institutions and Public Policy (PhD),* University of Houston, Spring 2008

RECENT ADVISING

- Field Advisor, MPP/MPA Politics, Policy, and Administration, Trachtenberg School (2018-present)
- Field Advisor, PhD Social Policy-Poverty and Inequality, Trachtenberg School (2016-present)
- Field Advisor, MPP/MPA Health Policy Concentration, Trachtenberg School (2010-2019)
- Field Advisor, MPP/MPA Social Policy Concentration, Trachtenberg School (2010-2019)

MENTORED RESEARCH

- Vernicia Griffie (PhD student)
- Jared Rose (MPP student)
- Jake Haselswerdt (PhD in political science)
- Megan Hatch (PhD in public policy and public administration)
- Cory Maks-Solomon (PhD in political science)

SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Internal Reviewer, CCAS Program Review of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (2024)
- Facilitator, Faculty Inclusive Teaching Discussion Group (2022-present)
- Chair, Search Committee, Trachtenberg School (2021-2022)
- Faculty Chair, DEI Committee, Trachtenberg School (2021-2022)
- Chair, Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, Trachtenberg School (2019-2020)
- Director of Graduate Studies, MPP Program, Trachtenberg School (2015-2018)
- Faculty Advisor, Diversity and Inclusion Student Committee, Trachtenberg School
- Founding Program Faculty, LBGT graduate certificate program, Columbian College
- Task Force Member, GW Strategic Planning for Policy and Governance Charge, GW (2013-2014)
- Moderator, Strategic Planning Break-out Sessions at the 2013 GW Board of Trustees Retreat
- Panelist, Faculty Panel, GW Board of Trustees Orientation Session (2013-16)
- Participated in Huffington Post/GW collaboration for Inauguration 2013
- Reviewer, UFF and CFF internal grant programs, multiple summers

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Associate Editor (politics), *Journal for Health Politics, Policy, and Law* (2016-)
- Vice-Chair, Translating Population Health Research Committee, Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science (2015-2017)
- Executive Council Member, Public Policy Section of American Political Science Association (2012-2015)
- Co-chair, Protecting the Right to Vote Working Group, Scholar Strategy Network (2014-2015)
- Committee Member, Virginia Gray Best Book in State Politics Award (2014)
- Program Committee (Public Policy Panels), Southern Political Science Association Conference (2013)
- Founding Member, Scholar Strategy Network (<http://scholarsstrategynetwork.org>)
- Chair, Selection Committee for the first annual Christopher Mooney Award for Best Dissertation in State Politics and Policy, American Political Science Association (2010)
- Executive Committee Member, State Politics & Policy Section of Amer. Political Science Assoc. (2009-2011)
- Advisory Committee Member, Project Vote Smart's K-12 Education Initiative (2009-2010)
- Co-Coordinator, Brown Bag Series, Hobby Center for Public Policy, University of Houston (2007-2010)
- Steering Committee Member, Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Federal Child Care Bureau, US Department of Health and Human Services (2005-2007)
- Grant Reviewer: American Association of University Women, National Science Foundation; US Department of Health and Human Services, Child Care Bureau; US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; George Washington University UFF and CFF grant competitions
- Journal Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Policy Studies Journal*; *Political Analysis* (editorial intern 2004), *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Poverty and Public Policy*, *Public Administration Review*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Services Review*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

2024

- Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference

2022

- Midwest Political Science Association Conference

2020

- American Political Science Association Conference
- UNC Charlotte Seminar on Population Health

2019

- Health in All Policy Seminar Series, University of North Carolina—Charlotte

2018

- Politics & Inequality Mini-Conference, Southern Political Science Association
- State Politics and Policy Conference, Penn State University

2017

- American Political Science Association Conference
- Congressional Briefing on Poverty and Child Care, US Senate
- Symposium on Inequality in Era of Trump, University of Tennessee
- Conference on use of Research in Health Policy, NYU/JHPPL

2016

- American Political Science Association Conference
- DC HELD (Health, Education, Labor, and Development) Conference
- Health Affairs Capitol Hill briefing on Culture of Health special issue

2015

- RWJF Public Health Law Research Conference

2014

- Public panel on Voter Suppression and Voting Rights, Harvard University & Scholar Strategy Network
- Conference on Polarization and Gridlock, American University Center on Congressional Studies
- Department of Health Policy, GWU
- Public Health Law Research Conference
- UC-Davis Center on Poverty Research
- National Capital Area Political Science Association, American Politics Workshop

2013

- American Political Science Association Annual Conference
- Association for Public Policy and Administration Annual Conference
- Public Management Research Conference, University of Wisconsin
- Washington University in St. Louis, Meeting on Survey Methodology
- Southern Political Science Association Conference
- University of Utah, Symposium on Money and Politics
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- State Politics and Policy Annual Meeting, University of Iowa
- Dialogue on Diversity, Summit on Health Policy

2012

- Association of Public Policy and Management Annual Research Conference
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Annual Meeting, Princeton, NJ
- American University, Center on Health, Risk, and Society Seminar Series
- State Politics and Policy Annual Research Conference, Rice University
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2011

- Association of Public Policy and Management Annual Research Conference
- National Association of Schools of Public Affairs Annual Meeting
- American Public Health Association Research Meeting
- University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School, Conference on Communicating about Health Disparities
- Association for Policy Analysis and Management Annual Research Conference