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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Graduate School for Public and International Affairs, June, 1999. University of Pittsburgh.
Dissertation: Explaining Cross-National Variation in Government Policies on Violence Against Women: Women Movements and Political Institutions in Democratic Policymaking. Advisor: Iris Marion Young; Committee: Susan B. Hansen, Bert A. Rockman, Lisa D. Brush, William N. Dunn.

International Summer School, University of Oslo, Norway (1995).

Courses on Social and Economic Policy. Independent Research on Women and Representation.

M.A. Political Science (1992) University of British Columbia, Canada.

Thesis: The Shah Bano Controversy: Gender versus Minority Rights in India.

B.A. Political Science (1991), Simon Fraser University, Canada.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Book:

Protest, Policy and the Problem of Violence Against Women: A Cross-National Comparison (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2002). (Excerpted in *Readings in Comparative Politics*, eds. Mark Kesselman and Joel Krieger, New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2006: 330-335).

Articles in Refereed Journals:

“Difference and Social Structure: Iris Young’s Critical Social Theory of Gender” *Constellations* 14 (2) 2007.

“The Structure of Intersectionality: A Comparative Politics of Gender.” *Politics and Gender*. Symposium on the Comparative Politics of Gender. Vol 2 (2) 2006.

“Women’s Movements, Identity Politics and Policy Impact: A Study of Policies on Violence Against Women in the 50 U.S. States” *Political Research Quarterly*. 58 (1), (March 2006).

“Inclusion, Solidarity and Social Movements: The Global Movement on Gender Violence” *Perspectives on Politics* 4(1) (March 2006): 55-74.

“The Dimensions and Policy Impact of Feminist Civil Society: Democratic Policymaking on Violence Against Women in the Fifty U.S. States” *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 6(1) 2004: 1-28.

“From Living Wages to Family Wages? Making Ends Meet” (With Harry Targ) *New Political Science*, 26 (1) March 2004. 71-98.

“Beyond Bodies: Institutional Sources of Representation for Women.” *Journal of Politics* 64 (4) (November 2002): 1153-1174.

Book Chapters:

“The Concept of Intersectionality” Gender and Concepts, Amy G. Mazur and Gary Goertz, eds. (forthcoming, Cambridge University Press)

“Inclusion and Understanding: A Collective Feminist Methodology for International Relations” in *Feminist Methodologies for International Relations*, eds. Brooke Ackerly, Maria Stern, and Jacqui True (Cambridge University Press 2006)

“The Dimensions and Policy Impact of Feminist Civil Society: Democratic Policymaking on Violence Against Women in the Fifty U.S. States” in *Gender and Civil Society* ed. Howell and Mulligan) (Routledge, 2005)). (Reprint of IFJP article)

“The Political Representation of Women: The Impact of a Critical Mass.” In *Stand! Contending Ideas and Issues: Comparative Politics*. Ed. Rebecca Davis. (Houghton Mifflin, 1999).

Research Reports:

The Texas M/WBE Contracting Program: A Model for Pittsburgh? 2000. One Economy Research Project. Pittsburgh, Pa.: University Center for Social and Urban Research. University of Pittsburgh.

African American and Women Board Members of Economic Development Boards in the Pittsburgh Region. 1999. Pittsburgh, Pa: University Center for Social and Urban Research. University of Pittsburgh (with Ralph Bangs).

“The Status of Women in the Pittsburgh Region: Economy, Politics and Violence”. 1999. in *The State of the Region*. Ed. Ralph Bangs. Pittsburgh, Pa: University Center for Social and Urban Research. University of Pittsburgh. (with Susan B. Hansen and Audrey Murrell).

Economic Benchmarks: Indices for the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. 1998. Pittsburgh, Pa: University Center for Social and Urban Research. University of Pittsburgh (with Ralph Bangs).

Basic Living Costs and Living Wages for Working Age Adults and Families in the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. 1997. Pittsburgh, Pa: University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR). University of Pittsburgh (with Ralph Bangs and Cheryl Z. Kerchis).

Basic Living Costs: Technical Report. 1997. Pittsburgh, Pa: University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR). University of Pittsburgh (with Ralph Bangs and Cheryl Z. Kerchis).

Skills Shortages. 1991. (Vancouver: Regional Economic Services Branch (British Columbia/Yukon Territory Branch), Employment and Immigration Canada, Government of Canada).

Book reviews:

Review of *Global Feminism: Transnational Women's Activism, Organizing, and Human Rights*, ed. Myra Marx Ferree and Aili Mari Tripp *Politics and Gender* (2007 forthcoming).

Review Essay. *Fringe Parties and Pro-Family Politics in Canada* (Review of Chris Mackenzie's 2005 book). *Mobilization* (2006).

Review Essay: *The Difference Women Make* (Review of Michele Swers' 2002 book) *Contemporary Sociology* (Fall, 2004): 1-3

Review of *Voice, Trust and Memory: The Failings of Liberal Representation* (by Melissa Williams) in *Constellations* 8.2 (June, 2000)

Review Essay: *Women's Lives and Public Policy* (Turshen and Holcomb, eds.) and *Women and Public Policy* (Conway, Ahern and Steuernagel), *Women and Politics*. (1997) 18 (2): 108-111.

Encyclopedia Entries

"Domestic Violence," *Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History*. Oxford University Press.

Articles Under Review at Refereed Journals:

"Citizens, Victims, Deviants: Restructuring Government Policies on Violence Against Women in Canada" submitted to *Politics and Gender*

Conference Papers and Other Presentations:

2007. Roundtable Participant: Iris Young's Legacy for Feminist Theory. APSA, Chicago, Illinois.

2007. The Concept of Intersectionality. Panel: Gender and Concepts. APSA Chicago, Illinois.

2007. States and Sex Equality: When and Why do Governments Promote Women's Rights? Theoretical Framework, Theories and Models. Panel: A Comparative Politics of Gender. APSA Chicago, Illinois (with Mala Htun)

2007. States and Sex Equality: Why do governments promote women's rights? Preliminary Findings. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April. (with Mala Htun)

2007. Participant: Tribute to Iris Marion Young. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

2007. Discussant, Panel Title: Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, February, Chicago.

2006. Chair and Participant: Tribute to Iris Marion Young. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.

2006. Chair, Panel Title: Doing Intersectionality Research: Conceptual and Practical Issues. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.

2006. Discussant, Panel Title: Violence Against Women in Eastern Europe, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.

2006. Intersectionality and the Welfare State. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.

2006 Women, Representation and Civil Society: Women's Organizations, the Press and Public Policy in Chicago and Boston. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago (with Maura Bahu).

2006. The Political Representation of Labor: Unions, Parties and Policy in the 50 U.S. States. (with Patrick Jessee). Presented to the Public Policy and Political Theory Workshop, department of Political Science, Feb. 17, 2006.

2005. Rethinking Intersectionality: Problems and Prospects for Welfare State Research. APSA, Washington DC. (Also presented to Public Policy and Political Theory Workshop, Purdue))

2005. Women, Representation and Civil Society. Women's Organizations and Press Coverage in Chicago. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois (with Maura Bahu) (Also presented to Purdue U. Political Science Department Colloquium).

2005. Civil Society, the Advocacy State, and Marginalized Groups: A Structural Approach to Group Representation. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois.

2004. "Inclusion, Solidarity and Transnational Social Movements: The Global Movement on Gender Violence" American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

2004. "Social and Global Representation." Research Workshop on Transformation of Democratic Representation, Center for Democracy and the Third Sector, Georgetown University.

2004. "Citizens, Victims, Deviants: Restructuring Government Policies on Violence Against Women in Canada" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (Also presented in Department of Political Science Colloquium Series).

2004. Roundtable Participant: The U.S. Women's Movement: Second Wave and Beyond. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

2004. "The Importance of Being Heard: Method, Pragmatism and Inclusion for Feminist International Relations." International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada.

2003. Presenter: Panel in Memory of F. Lee Wilson, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.

2003. Discussant, Panel Title: Comparative Perspectives on Women and Political Representation, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.

2003. "Oppression, Marginalization, Exploitation: Distinguishing Disadvantage for Public Policy" presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia (Also presented in Department of Political Science Colloquium Series).

2003. "Inclusion, Solidarity and Transnational Social Movements: The Global Movement on Gender Violence" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

2003. Chair: Panel to Honor Virginia Sapiro, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

2003. "The Global Movement Against Gender Violence: Institutions, Identity and Inclusion" International Studies Association, Portland Oregon.

2002. "Bridging the Qualitative-Quantitative Divide: Comments on the RNGS Codebook", Workshop on Developing Quantitative Indicators from Qualitative Data in Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

2002. "Women's Movements, Identity Politics and Policy Impact: A Study of Policies on Violence Against Women the 50 U.S. States" Annual Meeting, Canadian Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2002. Roundtable Participant "New Strategies for Studying Women's Groups", Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association..

2002. "The Potential and Problems of Living Wage Campaigns: Implications for Family Policy" Alliance of Work/Life Professionals' Annual Conference, San Francisco. (with Harry Targ)

2001. "Distinguishing Disadvantaged Groups in Public Policy" Association for Public Policy and Management Conference, Washington, DC.

2001. "Protest, Policy and the Problem of Violence Against Women" Association for Public Policy and Management Conference, Washington, DC. (Also presented in Women's Studies Colloquium Series, Purdue University, 2002).

2001. "The Dimensions and Policy Impact of Feminist Civil Society: Democratic Policymaking on Violence Against Women in the Fifty U.S. States" Presented at the APSA Pre-Session on Women and Politics, San Francisco. (Also presented to Department of Political Science Colloquium Series Purdue University 2002).

2001. Discussant, Panel Title: The Impact of Public Policy on Women, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

2001. Discussant, Panel Title: Social Movements and Public Policy, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

2001. "Women's Movements, Race, and Government Policies on Violence Against Women" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

2000. Participant, Workshop on Democracy and Representation, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Washington DC (Organized by the Research Network on Gender Politics and the State).

2000. "Beyond Bodies: Institutional Sources of Representation for Women" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. (Also presented at the University of Toronto, Department of Political Science.)

1999. "A Cross-National Study of Government Responsiveness to Violence Against Women: The Importance of Feminist Administrative Reforms" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

1999. "Social Movement and Political Institutions' Impact on Government Responsiveness to Violence Against Women: A Cross-National Study" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

1999. Invited Lecture: The Status of Women in the Pittsburgh Region: Economy, Politics and Violence. Executive Women's Council, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.

1998. Invited Lecture: Women, Work and Welfare Reform in the Pittsburgh Region. Women's History Month Speaker, Carlow College. Co-sponsored, Women's Studies and African American Students' Association.

1998. Frontiers of Women and Politics Research. APSA Pre-Seminar Participant (Rapporteur for Public Policy Section) Women and Politics Section, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Ma.

1998. "Feminists, Femocrats and Institutions: A Cross-National Study of Government Response to Violence Against Women." Women's Progress: Perspectives on the Past, Blueprint for the Future, Institute for Women's Policy Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

1997. "Globalization, Cultural Convergence, and Sexual Harassment in Japanese and U.S. Multinational Corporations." International Studies Association, Toronto.

1996. "The Committee Model of the Political Representation of Women." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

1994. "An Alternative Feminist Conceptualization of the State." Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

1994. "The Shah Bano Controversy: Who Speaks for Muslim Women in India?" 26th Annual Congress of the Canadian Asian Studies Association, Calgary.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Protest, Representation and the Advocacy State: Status- Writing in Progress.

In this book I argue that social movements provide a hitherto unrecognized and untheorized form of democratic representation, a form that is especially critical for marginalized groups like women or African Americans. For such groups, I contend, representation through social movements can be *more* important than representation through political parties, interest groups or through the physical presence of group members (i.e. descriptive or symbolic representation). I support this argument through a series of analyses that focus on women, women of color, and workers in the United States and abroad. I examine processes of representation at a local, state and national level. I conclude with policy recommendations for improving the representation of marginalized groups, informed by an examination of policies aimed at creating equality for marginalized groups in Canada and the U.S.. Specifically, I suggest policies to create an *advocacy state*, that is, a state aimed at furthering the mobilization of marginalized groups both within the state and in civil society

Inequality, Difference and Solidarity: Gender, Race, and Class in Social Policy Formation (Research in Progress)

Contemporary welfare states exhibit a wide variety of approaches to inequality: Some have been quick to adopt a wide range of group-specific policies, while others were not. Is there a relationship between the adoption of these group-based policies and welfare policy development? In this project, I investigate this question through a cross-national study of social policies in OECD countries, combined with case studies of policy development in France, the United States, Canada and the Netherlands. I argue that two distinct types of emancipatory welfare state have emerged: one distinguished by a universal policy style (e.g. France, Sweden, Norway) and one characterized by a group-specific policy style (e.g. Australia, United States). I shall also examine welfare state formation in two “hybrid” cases (Canada, the Netherlands) in order to illuminate strategies for combining universal and group-based policies. I expect to find that a more inclusive process of policymaking (e.g. one in which disadvantaged groups organize and represent themselves, one which emphasizes consensus building) provides a mechanism for successfully combining policy approaches. I also expect that group-based policy styles facilitate the adoption of policies addressing the concerns of those disadvantaged by race/ethnicity, gender and class.

States and Sex Equality: Why Do Governments Promote Women’s Rights? (with Mala Htun) (Funded by NSF- Two year project starting May 2006- Data Gathering in Progress)

Why do governments adopt women’s rights legislation? This project offers a new theoretical framework for exploring how organized religion, women’s mobilization, left parties, and international NGOs shape different types of policy. The framework specifies how historical patterns of policy making, degrees of democracy and levels of development enable or block certain political agents. The objective of the research is to advance knowledge of gender policy formation by testing hypotheses against an original data set. This data set will cover 70 countries representing all world regions, levels of development, and degrees of democracy. Data on nine policy areas and explanatory factors will be gathered from primary and secondary sources for 1975- 2005. The PIs will evaluate models for each issue area using multiple regression and first difference analysis. Based on these results, eight countries will be selected for in-depth research (including field work) and case analysis.

GRANTS:

EXTRAMURAL:

PI. States and Sex Equality: Why Do Governments Promote Women's Rights? National Science Foundation, Political Science Program \$237,000, 2006-2008 (with Mala Htun)

Canadian Studies Faculty Research Grant, "Government Policy on Violence Against Women in Canada." Government of Canada (2002)

INTRAMURAL:

Center Fellow, Center for Behavioral and Social Sciences, Purdue University. Fall 2007.

Summer Research Grant. Purdue Research Foundation. Purdue University (2000)

Faculty Incentive Grants. Purdue University (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004)

AWARDS AND HONORS:

RESEARCH AWARDS:

Award for best article published in *PRQ* (2006) for "Women's Movements, Identity Politics and Policy Impact: A Study of Policies on Violence Against Women in the 50 U.S. States" *Political Research Quarterly*. 58 (1), (March 2006). \$1,000.

"Inclusion, Solidarity and Transnational Social Movements: The Global Movement on Gender Violence"; Recipient of Best Paper Award (APSA Women and Politics Section, 2005); also nominated for Breckenridge Award (for the best paper on women and politics presented to the Midwest Political Science Association) (2003).

"Beyond Bodies," nominated for the Robert H. Durr Award (for the best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem presented at the MPSA) and for the Breckenridge Award (for the best paper on women and politics presented at the MPSA) (2001)

Lawrence Cabot Howard Award for Scholarly Excellence and Commitment to Social Justice (May 1999) University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School for Public and International Affairs.

Christabel Pankhurst/Miss Ella Baker Award for Women and Politics Research. (August 1998) Women and Politics Section, American Political Science Association.

TEACHING AWARDS:

Pi Sigma Alpha (Purdue Chapter) Professor of The Year (2001-2002)

Selected as an "Ideal Leader," Office of the Dean of Students, Purdue University (2001)

RESEARCH AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE:

Consultant. Research Network on Gender Politics and the State. 2002. Boston (August); Turino, Italy (November). Provided Feedback on Research Design and Codebook for the Research Network's efforts to develop a cross-national database on gender politics.

Researcher. 1996-1999. Center for Social and Urban Research. University of Pittsburgh;

Consultant. 1992-1993. Meltzer Research and Consulting; Gardner-Pinfold Consulting Economist; and other firms. Halifax, N.S. Canada.

Project Coordinator. 1991. West Coast Women and Words Society, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Statistical Analyst. 1991. Employment and Immigration Canada, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Planner. 1990. Cornerstone Planning Group Ltd., Vancouver, BC, Canada.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Purdue University (August, 2005- present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Purdue University (August 1999-2005)

Courses taught at Purdue:

Undergraduate:

Introduction to Public Policy (Pol 120)

Women Politics and Policy (222)

Social Groups and Public Policy (491)

Independent Studies:

Policies on Violence Against Women (Pamela Lubin, 2003)

Unions and Political Representation (Patrick Jessee, 2005)

Graduate:

Proseminar in Public Policy (620)

Research Seminar in Comparative Social Policy (622)

Gender, Race, Class and Public Policy (520) (joint grad/undergrad seminar)

Independent Studies (590):

Poverty and Welfare Reform (Paul Schlomer, 1999)

Social Groups and Public Policy (Derek Smith, 2001)

Comparative Social Policy (Nikita Desai, 2002)

Participation in Graduate Committees:

14 Master's Committees (one in Engineering) Chair 7.

9 Ph.D. Committees (one in Communications; One in Sociology) Chair 2.

Adjunct Professor (Spring 1996 and 1997) University of Pittsburgh.

Courses Taught (Undergraduate): Topics in Legal Studies: Social Welfare Policies in Comparative Context.

Advisor, Dean's Scholar Undergraduate Research Projects, Purdue University

- 1) Pamela Lubin (2000-2001) "Policies on Violence Against Women of Color in the Fifty States"
- 2) Alexis Derossette (2001-2002) "The Representation of Feminist Activists and Women's Organizations in the Print Media."
- 3) Allison Legg (2001-2002) "International Activism on Violence Against Women"
- 4) Ashley Eiler (2003-2004) "Policies on Violence Against Women in Indiana"
- 5) Maura Bahu (2003-2004) "Women's Organizations' Efforts to Influence Public Opinion on Policy Issues: A Survey of Women's Organizations in Chicago"
- 6) Ian Harbor (2005-2006). "The Transnational Movement against Racism"

Faculty Advisor, Student Organizations, Purdue University

Epsilon Sigma Alpha (2001-2005)

Dialogue International (2003-2005)

Other Teaching Activities:

Presentation on Feminist Methodology, Faculty-Graduate Student Methods Workshop, Department of Political Science, Summer 2001.

Presentation on Student-Organized Panel, "The Bush Administration: The First 100 days." Pi Sigma Alpha Panel, 2001.

Collaborative research with students: Working with Melissa Buehler (a graduate student) on research on the anti-sweatshop movement; Working with Patrick Jessee and Maura Bahu (undergraduates) on representation.

Teaching Workshops Attended:

- "Making Your Teaching Come Alive," CIS Workshop at Purdue, 2002.
- Departmental Workshop on Teaching Excellence (Presentations by award-winning teachers Clawson and Shimko) Purdue University, 2000.
- Teaching for Diversity Workshop, Keynote Address by Kathleen Blee, University of Pittsburgh, 1998.
- Teaching Workshop on "Chilly Climate," University of Pittsburgh, 1997.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/DISCIPLINARY SERVICE:

Council member, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), (April 2006-present).

APSA Committee on the Status of Women (Sept. 2005-present)

Newsletter Editor, APSA Women and Politics Research Section (Sept. 2005-present)

Chair (2006) and Member (2005), Alice Paul Award Committee for Best Dissertation Proposal in Women and Politics, Women's Caucus, APSA.

Recruitment Committee, Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science (2005- 2006)

Chair, Distinguished Scholar Award Committee, Women's Caucus, MPSA (2002-2003)

Editorial Board, *Politics and Gender* (2004-2007)

Editorial Board, *Melbourne Journal of Politics* (2007-present)

Article Reviews: *Journal of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Politics and Gender*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Gay and Lesbian Studies*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Signs*, *New Political Science*, *Political Behavior*, *Social Forces*, *Women, Politics and Policy*.

Grant Application Reviews: National Science Foundation

Book Manuscript/Book Proposal Reviews: Oxford University Press, Routledge, Pearson Education and Houghton Mifflin

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Associate Member, Research Network on Gender Politics and the State (RNGS) International Research Network Convened by Amy G. Mazur and Dorothy Stetson (2000-present).

Member, American Political Science Association (1996-present)
(and women's caucus)

Member, Midwest Political Science Association (1999-present)
(and women's caucus)

Member, Institute for Women's Policy Research (1998-present)

Member, Association for Public Policy and Management (1999-present)

Member, International Political Science Association (2004-present)

Member, International Studies Association (1997; 2000; 2001; 2002; 2004; 2007)

Member, American Sociological Association (2004-present)

Participant: Social Movements Reading Group (Political Science and Sociology-Anthropology, Purdue, 2006)

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University Service:

Faculty Senate (2003-2005)
Faculty Senate Education Policy Committee (2003-2005)
Faculty Senate Nominations Committee (2004-2005)
Women's Studies Committee (1999-2005)
Search Committee, University Honors Program (2004)
Women's Studies Program Committee (Spring 2001)

Department of Political Science Service:

Graduate Program Review Committee (2005)
Co-Founder and Co-Convenor (with Leigh Raymond) Political Theory and Public Policy Workshop (2004-present)
Ad Hoc Committee to Improve the Graduate Program (2004-2005)
Head Evaluation Committee, Department of Political Science (2004)
Search Committee, Comparative Politics (2002-2003)
Search Committee, Public Policy (2001-2002)
Graduate Committee (2000-present)
Graduate Admissions Committee (2000-present)
Public Policy Sub-Field Convener (2000-2001; 2002-2003; Fall 2004; Fall 2005)
Public Policy Committee (1999-present)
Teaching Excellence and Standards Committee (1999-2000)
PRF Student Proposals Review Committee (1999)
Foreign Affairs Conference Review Committee (1999)
Graduate Student Research Fund Committee (2000)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Presentations:

"The Power We Wield: How Women's Protest Changes the World." YWCA, Lafayette IN 2006.
"Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act: Historical and International Context."
Organized by Greater Lafayette Democracy for America, Lafayette Municipal Building, 2005.
"Political Representation" Town and Gown Series, Lafayette Renaissance Academy 2005
"Political Representation" WBAA Radio Address, *Behind the News* Series, 2005
"Violence Against Women" WBAA Radio Address, *Behind the News* Series, 2003.
"Living Wage Ordinances" Presentation to North West Central Labor Council. 2003.
"Reflections on Gender and the War on Terrorism," Roundtable Convened by Lafayette Area Peace Coalition and Purdue University Peace Studies Program, 2002.
"Basic Needs and Living Wages" Presentation to North West Central Labor Council. 2001.
"Basic Needs and Living Wages" Presentation to Public Meeting, Community and Family Resource Center, Lafayette, 2001.
Participant, Holocaust Remembrance Conference, 2001.
"Gender Issues in the Election of 2000." Hadassah (Lafayette Chapter). 2000.

Other Community Service:

Community Representative (for Historic Centennial Neighborhood Association (HCNA)),
Centennial Park Planning Committee, 2005-present

Community Representative (HCNA), Friends of the Education Building (Community-School
Coordinating Committee for the New Community School, Lafayette Indiana, 2006-present)
Volunteer, Kerry-Edwards Campaign, Indiana and Ohio, 2004
Volunteer, Tom Roswarski's Mayoral Campaign, Lafayette, IN, 2003
Lafayette Living Wage Campaign Steering Committee, 2002-2003
Historical Centennial Neighborhood Association Member, Lafayette, IN, 2001-present.