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**EDUCATION**

PhD, Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas (2014)

*Subfields:* American Politics, Methodology

*Dissertation:* "Implications, Benefits, and Impacts of Direct Democracy"

MEd, Learning, Design, and Technology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2024)

*Concentration*: Training and Development

*Capstone*: “Critical Thinking Skills for Inventory Management”

MA, Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas (2012)

BA, Political Science, University of Oklahoma (2007)

*Subfield:* History

**Credentials**

REMOTE: Maximizing Success for Learners, Arizona State University (2022)

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Microcredentials:

Inspiring Inquiry and Lifelong Learners in Your Online Course (2021)

Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Online Learning Environment (2021)

Promoting Active Learning Online (2021)

Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex (2010)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Associate Professor and Pre-Law Adviser, Meredith College, Department of History, Political Science, and International Studies (2020-present)

Assistant Professor and Pre-Law Adviser, Meredith College, Department of History, Political Science, and International Studies (2014-2020)

Adjunct Instructor, Dallas College, Department of Government (2013-2021)

Instructor and Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (2009-2014)

Research Analyst, Florida State Legislature, Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (2007)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Journal Articles**

Bitzer, J. Michael, Christopher Cooper, Whitney Ross Manzo, and Susan Roberts. “Growing and Distinct: The Unaffiliated Voter as Unmoored Voter.” *Social Science Quarterly* (2022).

[**https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13225**](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13225)

Mitchell, Kristina M.W., and Whitney Ross Manzo. “The Purpose and Perception of Learning Objectives.” *Journal of Political Science Education* 14, no. 4 (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2018.1433542>

Brunell, Thomas L., and Whitney Ross Manzo. "The Voting Rights Act after *Shelby County v. Holder:* A Potential Fix to Revive Section 5." *Transatlantica* 1 (2015). <https://doi.org/10.4000/transatlantica.7429>

Manzo, Whitney Ross. “Teaching Political Theory and Theories.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 48, no. 3 (2015).

Brunell, Thomas L., and Whitney Ross Manzo. "The Impact of *Cox v. Larios* on State Legislative Population Deviations." *Election Law Journal* 13, no. 3 (2014). <https://doi.org/10.1089/elj.2013.0225>

**Book Chapters**

Manzo, Whitney Ross, Cathleen Ostrowski, Julie Schrock, and Cecilia Toole. “Expanding the Reach of Faculty Learning Communities” in *Faculty Development on a Shoestring*, eds. Diane Chapman and Michelle Bartlett. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, forthcoming.

Manzo, Whitney Ross. “Including LGBTQ Politics at a Historically Women’s College” in *Teaching LGBTQ Politics*, eds. Edward Kammerer, R.G. Cravens, and Erin Mayo-Adam. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, forthcoming.

Manzo, Whitney Ross, and Julie Schrock. “The Benefits of Peer Coaching at Every Career Stage” in *Faculty Peer Coaching in Higher Education*, eds. Kristin N. Rainville, David Title, and Cynthia G. Desrochers. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, 2022.

Manzo, Whitney Ross, and David McLennan. “Gender and the Generations: You Haven’t Come a Long Way Yet, Baby” in *Generations in American Politics*, eds. David Schultz and Sally Friedman. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2022.

Manzo, Whitney Ross. “Excel, in More Ways than One” in *Pedagogy Through the Research Process*, eds. Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Hellwege, and Eric D. Loepp. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.

**Other Publications**

“Abortion may not be a game-changer for Democrats in 2024,” with David McLennan. Published in *The Hill*, October 2, 2023.

“Why Generation Z might not be as ‘woke’ as most think,” with David McLennan. Published in *The Hill*, October 11, 2022.

“Not at this age: How old is too old to run for Congress and the White House?” with David McLennan. Published in *The Hill*, June 15, 2022.

“Making North Carolina Elections More Transparent and Accessible,” with Rebecca Kreitzer. Published by SSN, October 5, 2021.

“The coverage of the 2020 campaign is wrong,” with David McLennan. Published in *The Hill*, October 27, 2020.

“Mitch McConnell is terrible but John Roberts is actually the worst.” Published in *The Hill*, February 3, 2020.

“Academic training for Ph.D.s needs to focus more on teaching,” with Kristina M.W. Mitchell. Published at *Inside Higher Ed*, September 11, 2018.

“The Anti-Clinton Women of 2018,” with David McLennan. Published at *RealClearPolitics*, August 8, 2018.

“Democratic wave coming? It might be more of a trickle,” with David McLennan. Published in *The Charlotte Observer*, February 13, 2018.

“Political polarization hitting new heights,” with David McLennan. Published in *The Herald-Sun*, November 4, 2017.

“One party is ‘racist,’ the other ‘losers?’ Ut-oh,” with David McLennan. Published in *The Charlotte Observer*, April 10, 2017.

“The GOP Can’t Dump Trump.” Published in *US News & World Report,* August 19, 2016.

“Why Millennials Love Bernie Sanders.” Published in *USA Today*, February 20, 2016.

“The Real Hillary Clinton Problem,” with David McLennan. Published in *The Washington Times*, May 4, 2015.

**WORKING PAPERS**

**Research Under Review**

Manzo, Whitney Ross, and David McLennan. “The Impact of Women on Budget Priorities of North Carolina Counties.”

Mitchell, Kristina M.W. and Whitney Ross Manzo. “Social Media Analysis Projects in College Courses.”

**Research in Progress**

Manzo, Whitney Ross, and David McLennan. “Gender Balance Laws for Appointed Boards and Commissions: How Do They Stack Up?”

Manzo, Whitney Ross. “A Comparison of the Discussion and Problem-Based Approaches in Public Policy Courses.”

**GRANTS AND FUNDING**

Meredith College Burris Sabbatical Fund, $275 (2022)

Meredith College Faculty Development Grant, $1500 (2022)

Scholars Strategy Network, $500 (2021)

Meredith College Kolsch Endowment for Undergraduate Research, $3500 (2020)

Meredith College Faculty Development Grant, $720 (2019)

Meredith College Faculty Development Grant, $1800 (2018)

Summer Undergraduate Research Partnership with the Wake Young Women’s Leadership Academy funded by the Jessie Ball DuPont fund, $3500 (2017)

Meredith College Faculty Development Grant, $900 (2017)

Southern Political Science Association Travel Grant, $500 (2017)

Summer Undergraduate Research Partnership with the Wake Young Women’s Leadership Academy funded by the Jessie Ball DuPont fund, $1500 (2016)

Meredith College Faculty Development Grant, $1600 (2016)

University of Texas at Dallas Department of Political Science Scholarship to attend the Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis at the University of Essex, $3500 (2010)

**INVITED TALKS**

“Deciding to Run,” for the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership, June 10, 2023.

“Feminist Public Policy,” for WomenNC, September 25, 2022.

“The Supreme Court in 2022,” for the League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham, and Chatham Counties, March 31, 2022.

“For the Living and Not the Dead: The Constitution, Then and Now,” for the League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham, and Chatham Counties, April 20, 2021.

“Issues in the Study of Gender and Politics,” at Tulane University, March 25, 2021.

“The Status of Women’s Political Participation in North Carolina,” for the NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement, August 18, 2020.

“The Electoral College and Voting,” at North Carolina State University, February 17, 2020.

“Global Communication: Technology and Terrorism,” at Texas Tech University, November 13, 2017.

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

**Papers Presented**

“No Labels: Movement, Party, or Distraction?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Asheville, NC March 22-23, 2024.

“Examining Polarization in North Carolina.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 11-13, 2024.

“Perceptions of Polarization in North Carolina.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Wilmington, NC March 24-25, 2023.

“Social Media Analysis Projects in College Courses.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 7-10, 2022.

“Halfway There: The Impacts of Gender Balance Laws on Women in Appointed Office.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Rock Hill, SC February 25-26, 2022.

“The Rise of the Unaffiliated Voter in North Carolina.” Presented at the State of the Parties: 2020 and Beyond virtual conference, Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, November 4, 2021.

“The Impact of Women on Budget Priorities of Counties in North Carolina.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, virtual February 26, 2021.

“Gender and the Generations: You Haven’t Come a Long Way Yet, Baby.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Raleigh, NC February 21, 2020.

“The Civil Rights of Using Teaching Evaluations in Employment Decisions.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico January 9-11, 2020.

“Another Double-Bind: Running for Office as a Republican Woman Post-Trump.” Presented at the Biannual Meeting of the European Conference on Politics and Gender, Amsterdam, The Netherlands July 2-5, 2019.

“Bumps on the Road to Gender Parity: Why Are So Few Women in Powerful Appointed Offices?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX January 17-19, 2019.

“Trolls vs. Telephones: A Comparison of CATI and Online Survey Methods.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX January 17-19, 2019.

“Gender Balance Laws for Boards and Commissions: How Do They Stack Up?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA August 30-September 2, 2018.

“Understanding the Pipeline for Women: A Study of Women and Appointed Office.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 5-8, 2018.

“Polarization in a 2016 Swing State: How Mean Are We?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 4-6, 2018.

“Does Higher Education Assessment Contribute to the ‘Leaky Pipeline?’” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA August 31-September 3, 2017.

“State Legislatures and Public Universities: Higher Education Coordination as a Principal-Agent Problem.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA August 31-September 3, 2017.

“The Purpose and Perception of Learning Objectives in Higher Education.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 6-9, 2017.

“Political Polarization and Knowledge: Whether Polling Method Makes a Difference.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Rock Hill, SC March 3-4, 2017.

“Perceptions about Public Safety and Women Police Officers in North Carolina, 2016.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Association, Raleigh, NC February 2-4, 2017.

“The ‘Law and Order Candidate:’ Perceptions of Law Enforcement by Trump Voters.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 12-14, 2017.

“The Impact of Women on Budget Priorities of Counties in North Carolina.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 12-14, 2017.

“The Meredith Poll: Challenges and Opportunities for Teaching and Research.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 7-10, 2016.

“Does Their Difference Make a Difference? The Impact of Women on Counties in North Carolina.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Raleigh, NC February 26, 2016.

“The Effect of Ballot Measures on Public Perception of Minority Groups.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. August 28-31, 2014.

"A Game Theoretic Approach to Judicial Decision-making: Do Elected Judges Care More About Reelection than Protection of Minority Rights and Interests?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL August 29-September 1, 2013.

“Do Referendums Increase Citizen Engagement and Efficacy? Evidence from the 2011 UK Alternative Vote Referendum.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 12-15, 2012.

**Interactive Session Facilitator**

“Assisting First Generation Students with the Transition to College.” Annual Meeting of the Professional and Organizational Development Network, Pittsburgh, PA, November 16-18, 2023.

“Collaborating about Collaboration: Multidisciplinary Strategies for Enhancing Student Learning.” Lilly Conference on Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning, Bethesda, MD June 1-4, 2017.

**Roundtable Panelist or Discussant**

“Political and Public Policy Aftermath of the Dobbs Decision.” Panelist, Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, March 22-23, 2024.

“Teaching Gender, Sex, and Sexuality in Political Science.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 11-13, 2024.

“Undergraduate Research: American Politics and Public Opinion.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, March 24-25, 2023.

“Civic Education in the Classroom.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 7-10, 2022.

“Education and Criminal Justice.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, February 25-26, 2022.

“North Carolina and the 2020 Elections.” Panelist, Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, virtual February 26, 2021.

“Gender and Emotions.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico January 9-11, 2020.

“Wuthering Heights? Putting More Women in Power.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 4-7, 2019.

“Gender on Tour: Europe!” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 4-7, 2019.

“Gender and Learning about Politics.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX January 17-19, 2019.

“Gender, Candidate Ambition, and Training.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA August 30-September 2, 2018.

“Gender Bias and Electoral Politics.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 5-8, 2018.

“Leading the Republican Congressional Majority, 1980-1995: Robert H. Michel.” Panelist, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA August 31-September 3, 2017.

“Career: What to Expect as a Faculty Member at a Liberal Arts College.” Panelist, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 6-9, 2017.

“Gender and the 2016 Election.” Panelist, Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Rock Hill, SC March 3-4, 2017.

“Parties and Polarization in the American States.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA January 12-14, 2017.

“Preparing for the Academic Job Market: CVs, Cover Letters, and Conferences.” Panelist, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 7-10, 2016.

“Teaching Political Theory and Theories.” Discussant, APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Washington, D.C. January 16-18, 2015.

**Posters**

“Implementing a Peer Coaching Faculty Learning Community (FLC): Lessons Learned.” Annual Meeting of the Professional and Organizational Development Network, Seattle, WA, November 17-20, 2022.

“Trolls vs. Telephones: Trying to Understand the True Level of Polarization Through a Comparison of CATI and Online Survey Methods.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research, Denver, CO, May 15-18, 2018.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Pauline Davis Perry Award for research, publication, and/or artistic achievement, Meredith College (2022-2023)

Oral Parks Memorial Best Paper Award, North Carolina Political Science Association (2022)

North Carolina Council for Women & Youth Involvement Woman Leader (2020)

Meredith College Honors Program Faculty Appreciation Award (2017)

Ida H. Friday Faculty Award, given to the most promising early-career faculty member, Meredith College (2016)

Visiting Scholar, Duke University Graduate School (2015-2016)

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND MEDIA COVERAGE**

Creator (with Rebecca Kreitzer), <https://learnaboutvotingnc.com/>

Regular contributor, Old North State Politics <http://www.oldnorthstatepolitics.com/>

Regular contributor, Capital Tonight on Spectrum News, Charlotte Talks on WFAE, The State of Things on WUNC, The Morning News on News Talk 770

Alternate, Town of Knightdale Board of Adjustment

Quoted and/or interviewed at NPR, CNN, *US News & World Report*, 538.com, *The News & Observer*, AP, CBS17, ABC11, *The Assembly*, *Asheville Citizen Times, CQ Researcher, Al Jazeera, Clarin, The Forward, Christian Science Monitor*

“Civil Discourse.” Segment produced for the Academic Minute, November 2, 2016.

“The Wage Gap Compared: Wake County, NC, Travis County, TX, and Suffolk County, MA,” with David McLennan. Report for the Wake County Task Force on Employment and Wage Issues for Women, August 2016.

"Texas' Voter ID Law: Accusations Face the Facts." Keynote address, Collin County Republican Club, March 20, 2014.

**SERVICE**

**Departmental/College Service**

Assistant Director of the Meredith College Poll (2015-present)

Program Coordinator, Meredith College Accelerated Law Degree Programs (2017-present)

Coach, Meredith College Moot Court team (2017-present)

Treasurer and Charter Member, Phi Kappa Phi (2023-present)

Meredith College Committees: Faculty Council (2019-2022), QEP Development Committee (2019-2020), Academic Council (2016-2019), Institutional Review Board (2017-2019), Faculty Development and Instructional Technology (2015-2016, 2022-2025), College Writing (2015-2016)

Civil Communication Task Force (2016-2020)

School of Arts and Humanities Committees: Joyner Hall Renovation Committee (2016-2017)

History and Political Science Department Committees: Alice B. Keith Scholarship Committee (2016, 2018)

Faculty Adviser: Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society (2015-present), Pre-Law Club (2022-present), MC Democrats (2016-present), College Republicans (2016-present)

**Service to the Profession**

Southern Political Science Association Executive Council, 2023-2026

Southern Political Science Association Program Committee, 2024-2025

North Carolina Political Science Association President 2018-2019, President-Elect 2017-2018, Vice President 2016-2017, Treasurer 2021-present

North Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting Program Chair 2018

Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisers Secretary 2019-2021

Referee for *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research,* and *International Political Science Review*

**COURSES TAUGHT**

**At Meredith College**

American Political Systems

American Public Policy

Civil Liberties

Civil Rights Law

Comparative Public Policy (as part of the UK Study Abroad program)

Gerrymandering in North Carolina

International Law

Law and Society

Moot Court

Political Ideas Seminar

The Politics of Food

Research Design and Methods

Senior Research in Political Science

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

We Shall Overcome: Songs and Politics of Social Change (Honors Colloquium with Dr. Jim Waddelow)

**At the University of Texas at Dallas**

American Political Institutions

Civil Liberties

Civil Rights Law and Society

**At Dallas College (Formerly Dallas County Community College District)**

Federal Government

Texas Government

Introduction to Political Science

**REFERENCES**

Dr. Julie Schrock, Professor of Education and Director of Faculty Development at Meredith College: [schrockj@meredith.edu](mailto:schrockj@meredith.edu), (919) 760-2024

Dr. Kristina Mitchell, Instructor of Political Science at San Jose State University: [Kristina.mitchell@sjsu.edu](mailto:Kristina.mitchell@sjsu.edu), (408) 924-5550

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