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## EDUCATION

Doctorate, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California, 2008.

Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Southern California, 2002.

Bachelor of Arts with University Honors, Political Science, University of Montevallo, *Magna Cum Laude*, 1999.

## Current Position and Key Achievements

Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science. Midwestern State University

- Led 4 successful search committees
- Increased course offerings
- Redesigned Global Studies Major and created Political Science, BS degree
- Redesigned recruitment and advising materials
- Led teams of undergraduate researchers, including having students present at major professional conferences
- Founded the Model United Nations program on campus
- Led departmental assessment
- Created high-profile events to connect department with campus and community
- Shepherded creation of new internship scholarship and promoted student internships
- Fundraising plan development (in progress) for new scholarships and events

Program Coordinator, Women's and Gender Studies, Midwestern State University

- Founder of interdisciplinary Women's and Gender Studies program
- Created new courses for minor and facilitated inclusion of Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in the MSU core curriculum. Course now taught every semester.
- Worked with multiple departments to develop or re-imagine courses for inclusion in the minor.

## Professional Experience

### Midwestern State University

Chair, Department of Political Science. Midwestern State University, 2019-present

Interim Chair, Department of Political Science. Midwestern State University, 2018-2019

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Midwestern State University, 2016-present.

Program Coordinator, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Midwestern State University, 2015-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Midwestern State University, 2011-2016.

### Previous Experience

Ohio University: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2010-2011

The University of Houston: Postdoctoral Fellow, Women's Studies Program, 2008-2010

Event-planning, teaching, and research. Worked closely with program advisory board, comprised of community members and donors.

The University of Southern California:

Instructor, Writing Program, 2002-2006

Taught the first-year writing course, required of all students.

Program Coordinator and Writing Instructor, Writing Program, 2003-2006

Coordinated a group of writing instructors affiliated with a General Education course, served as liaison between the Writing Program and general education course, and sat on the Writing Program advisory committee

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California, 1999-2002, 2007

## TEACHING

### Teaching Interests

Law and Society, Constitutional Law, Feminist Theory, International Law, Human Rights, American Government, Introduction of Political Science, and Women's and Gender Studies

### Teaching Experience

#### Midwestern State University

POLS 1333: American and Texas Government I  
(and Honors Program Section)

POLS 1433: American and Texas Government II  
(and Honors Program Section)

POLS 2523: Foundations of Government and  
Politics

POLS 1333: Law and Politics

POLS 4233: American Constitutional Law

POLS 4243: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

POLS 4543/POLS 5523: Feminist Political  
Theory.

POLS 4933: Special Topics in Political Science  
(courses: Law and Gender; Gender, Culture, and  
Law)

POLS 4983: Model United Nations

POLS 6043: Graduate Seminar in Human Rights

POLS 6063: Graduate Seminar in Public Law

WGST 2503: Introduction to Women's and  
Gender Studies

WGST 2503: Honors Introduction to Women's  
and Gender Studies

#### Additional Teaching Experience

**Ohio University:** POLS 301: The Politics of Law; POLS 401: Constitutional Law; POLS 404: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; POLS 490c: Women's Human Rights; POLS 490m: Cultural Diversity and the Law

**The University of Houston:** WOST 2350: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies; POLS 4396: Gender and Human Rights; WOST 9301: Graduate Seminar in Feminist Theory and Methodology

**The University of Southern California:** POSC 441m: Cultural Diversity and the Law; WRIT 140: Writing and Critical Reasoning

## RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

### Research Interests

Law and Society, Political Theory, Feminist Theory, and Human Rights

### Publications

Roni Kay O'Dell and **Linda Veazey**. "Is Amnesty International Still a Grassroots, Member-led Organization? An Assessment of its Democratic Viability." *The Journal of Human Rights Practice* (forthcoming in print, advance online publication Dec. 1, 2022).

**Linda Veazey.** *A Woman's Right to Culture: Toward Gendered Cultural Rights.* Quid Pro Books, December 2015.

**Linda Veazey.** "Teaching American Government in the Lone Star State." *The Western: Newsletter of the Western Political Science Association.* 6(1): 10-16, 2014.

**Linda Veazey.** "When Ignorance of the Law May Be the Defense: Immigrants and Knowledge of US Law," *Judicature* 92(5): 202-206, 2009.

#### **Working Papers:**

**Linda Veazey** and Roni Kay O'Dell. "Human Rights Democracy and Bureaucracy in Amnesty International's Support for the Decriminalization of Sex Work"

Roni Kay O'Dell and **Linda Veazey.** "Member Policymaking Power in Amnesty International: Comparing National Section Governance Practices."

### **Presentations**

#### **Conference Paper Presentations (selected)**

**Linda Veazey** and Roni Kay O'Dell. "Human Rights Democracy and Bureaucracy in Amnesty International's Support for the Decriminalization of Sex Work: Comparing AIUSA, AI Canada, and AI UK." Co-authored with Roni Kay O'Dell, Seton Hill University. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting and Conference: Washington, DC, May 29-June 2, 2019.

Roni Kay O'Dell and **Linda Veazey.** "Member Policymaking Power in Amnesty International: Comparing National Section Governance Practices." Co-authored with Roni Kay O'Dell, Seton Hill University. Presented to the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. Toronto, Canada. March 27-30, 2019.

**Linda Veazey** and Roni Kay O'Dell. "Amnesty International's Support for the Decriminalization of Sex Work: Democracy and Bureaucracy in Human Rights." Co-authored with Roni Kay O'Dell, Seton Hill University. Presented to the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. June 7-10, 2018.

Roni Kay O'Dell and **Linda Veazey.** "Is Amnesty International Still a Grassroots, Member-led Organization? An Assessment of its Democratic Viability." Co-authored with Roni Kay O'Dell, Seton Hill University. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. San Francisco, California. April 4, 2018.

"The Discrimination and Gender Violence of Countering Sex Trafficking without Decriminalizing Sex Work" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. Baltimore, Maryland. February 23, 2017.

"Marginalized by Design: The Criminalization of Sex Work through the Lens of Gender and Sexuality in Human Rights." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Seattle, Washington, May 28-31, 2015.

"Thinking Critically/Writing Critically: Factors Correlated with Success on Analytical Writing Assignments in American Government Courses." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada. April 4, 2015.

"From Holyfield to Veronica: Women's Human Rights and ICWA in the Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington. April 18, 2014.

#### **Conference Paper Presentations with Student Researchers**

Zetta Cannedy, Cristin Martin, and **Linda Veazey**. "Rural Law: Examining Legal Consciousness in Wichita County, Texas. Proposed to the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico. June 1-4, 2023.

Herbert McCullough and **Linda Veazey**. "Religious Freedom in Canada versus Laicite in France: A Comparative Case Study Analyzing Muslims in Canada and Muslims in France. International Studies Association Annual Meeting and Conference: Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 27-30, 2019.

Herbert McCullough, Natalia Zamora Garcia, and **Linda Veazey**. "The Gendered Knot of Displacement: Gender Violence and Transit State Security Gaps in the Northern Triangle and Syrian Refugee Crises." Co-authored with Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. San Francisco, California. April 7, 2018.

Steve R. Garrison, **Linda Veazey**, Julia Brady, Alexis Gay, Andrea Mendoza Lespron, and Madeline Parker. "The Measurement of Violence against Women: A Case Study Analysis of Empirical Scales." Co-authored with Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. Atlanta, Georgia, March 19, 2016.

### **Conference Poster Presentations**

"Teaching Women's and Gender Studies in Trying Times." Co-authored with Holle Canatella, Lock Haven University. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association. Baltimore, Maryland. November 18, 2017.

### **Presentations (selected)**

"Model United Nations as a High-Impact Signature Experience at Three COPLAC Institutions." Co-presented with Steve Garrison, Sandra Rein (University of Alberta, Augustana), Karsten Mundel (University of Alberta, Augustana), and Scott Turner (University of Montevallo). Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges & Universities. Atlanta, Georgia. January 23-26, 2019.

"Taking Model UN Beyond the Classroom: Model UN as a COPLAC Signature Experience." Co-presented with Steve Garrison. COPLAC Annual Meeting. June 21, 2018.

"Helping Make a Eureka Moment Possible: Promoting Student Learning in the Liberal Arts Environment by Enhancing Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (EURECA)". Co-presented with Dr. Marcy Brown Marsden, Dr. Martin Camacho, Dr. Pablo Garcia-Fuentes, Dr. Janise McIntyre, and Dr. James Johnson. Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Cedar City, Utah. June 29, 2016.

College Readiness Workshop. Co-led with Dr. Kristen Garrison, Department of English. Workshop for Wichita Falls area k-12 librarians regarding skills students need for success in college courses, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. Wichita Falls Independent School District. February 20, 2012.

## **Applied Research**

### **Applied Research Publications**

Instructor's Manual. *Governing Texas*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. WW Norton, 2016.

### **Applied Research (Amnesty International)**

Bylaws Review Committee, Amnesty International, 2017-2020

Member of committee appointed by the Board of Directors to examine the Amnesty International USA bylaws and recommend governance and bylaws reform.

Core Standards Taskforce, Amnesty International USA, 2016-2017.

Member of committee appointed by the Board of Directors to review compliance with global Amnesty International organizational governance and reporting standards.

GoGov: Governance Reform Committee, Chair, Amnesty International USA, 2014.

Chair of an eight-member team appointed by the Board of Directors to examine governance compliance with new international standards set by the organization, as well as recommend necessary changes. This work included analysis of current governance practices, evaluation of compliance with international mechanisms, and producing governance policy proposals.

Chairperson of the Strategic Plan Membership Consultation Taskforce for AIUSA, 2012

Tasked with chairing a committee to develop and administer a consultation with the national membership on the proposed strategic plan for the organization.

Saudi Arabia Country Specialist, Amnesty International USA, 2007-2012.

Serve as a coordinator for country-specific work on Saudi Arabia. Serve as a liaison between London-based research staff and Amnesty International USA work on Saudi Arabia. Monitor the human rights situation in this country, coordinate actions, and work with other Country Specialists on the Middle East Coordination Group.

National Resolutions Committee. Amnesty International USA, Chair, 2009-2011, Committee Member, 2005-2009

Six-person national committee appointed by the Board of Directors to facilitate decision-making on policy initiatives, research and produce policy documents regarding the background and prospective arguments for and against policy initiatives, as well as oversees the debate and voting process at regional and national meetings.

Resolutions Process Review Committee, Amnesty International USA, 2008.

Co-leader of a six-member consultation team, appointed by the Board of Directors, to examine membership decision-making in Amnesty International USA. Engaged in extensive research and consultation with members including analysis of historic documents, surveys, focus groups, and in-depth interviews. Produced a consultation report on the state of member-led governance in the organization and proposals for reform.

## **Academic Talks and Panels**

Keynote panel. REDRaider Talks. President's Gender Equity Council. Texas Tech University, April 17, 2023.

"Human Rights and Amnesty International." University of Montevallo. University of Montevallo, March 2023, January 2013, April 2012.

"Science, Religion, and Education in the Judiciary: The Belief-Action Distinction and Teaching Evolution," Honors Program Lectures. Midwestern State University, Fall 2013.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

The American Political Science Association

The International Studies Association

The Law and Society Association

The National Women's Studies Association

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Research and Development Grant, Midwestern State University, 2023, 2021, 2011-2019

University Research Grant. Midwestern State University, 2017  
 Dissertation Fellowship, USC Department of Political Science, 2006-2007  
 Dissertation Research Fellowship, USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture, 2004-2005  
 Research Fellowship, USC Center for Law, History, and Culture, 2002-2003  
 Patrick Stewart Human Rights Scholarship, Amnesty International USA, 1999

## **SERVICE**

### **Department Service**

Co-Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations Team, 2013-present.

Academic Advisor, 2011-present.

Advisor to thirty political science and international studies undergraduate majors.

Pre-law Advisor, Political Science, 2011-present.

Advisor to Political Science and Global Studies students planning to pursue law school. Advisor for Pre-Law for the PY College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Assist students in choosing law schools and developing their application materials, including personal statements.

Chair, Political Science Search Committee, 2018-present.

### **University Service**

Title IX Investigator, 2019-present

Prothro-Yeager Hall Redesign Committee, 2022-present

Chair, Core Curriculum Committee, Midwestern State University, 2017-2019

College Tenure and Promotion Committee, Midwestern State University, 2017-present.

Secretary, Faculty Senate, Midwestern State University, 2017-2019.

Title IX Review Taskforce, 2018-2019.

Prothro-Yeager College Council, Midwestern State University, 2018-present.

Museum Taskforce, Midwestern State University, 2016-2017.

First-year Taskforce, Midwestern State University, 2015-2017.

Human Subjects Review Board, Midwestern State University, 2013.

### **Professional Service**

Chair and/or Discussant

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association

Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association

Chair, Voting Plenary Session and Governance Sessions,

Annual Meeting of Amnesty International USA

Amnesty International USA Regional Conferences

Textbook and textbook chapter reviews:

American Government: Power and Purpose, 16<sup>th</sup> edition, 18<sup>th</sup> edition. New York: WW Norton.

*Introduction to Global Political Science: Contention and Cooperation*. Oxford University Press

*We the People: An Introduction to American Politics*. 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Edition. New York: WW Norton

AP Reader. American Government Advanced Placement Exam. Educational Testing Service. Salt Lake City, Nevada, 2013, 2014.

## **Human Rights Advocacy and Leadership**

### **Amnesty International**

Faculty Advisor, Amnesty International Campus Group, Midwestern State University, 2016-present.

Bylaws Review Committee, 2017-2021.

Board of Directors, 2011-2016.

Member of the eighteen-member Amnesty International USA Board of Directors and as a member of the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors.

Officer of the Election and Deputy Secretary, Board of Directors, 2015-2016.

Election officer for the 2016 Board of Directors election, in which all members of Amnesty International USA are eligible to vote.

Membership Committee Chair, Board of Directors, 2012-2013.

Chair of the standing committee on membership. Working with Amnesty International USA staff and volunteer leaders to establish the committee which will oversee membership and volunteer leadership activities within the organization.

General Secretary, Board of Directors, 2012.

General Secretary of the eighteen-member Amnesty International USA Board of Directors and elections officer for Board of Directors election.

Nominating Committee, 2013-2014.

Member of the committee to evaluate and recommend candidates for the election of the Board of Directors in AIUSA.

International Council Meeting Delegation, 2009, 2011

Member of an eight-person delegation appointed by the Board of Directors to represent Amnesty International USA at the biannual, international decision-making meeting of Amnesty International in Turkey. Alternate to the delegation for the 2011 meeting in the Netherlands.

Annual General Meeting Planning Committee, 2007-2009

Representative on a seven-person national committee, which plans the national meeting of the members of Amnesty International USA.

Amnesty International Los Angeles Regional Office, Intern, May 2000 – May 2002.

Worked on membership activities, planned events such as International Women's Day speaking events and press conferences, and spoke on behalf of organization.

Amnesty International, 1996-present.

Member of student and local community groups in Alabama and California, in which I have held a variety of local and regional leadership positions.

## **Additional Human Rights Organizations**

Detention Resource Project, Intern, 1999.

Worked with Philadelphia-based organization to find legal services for individuals in INS detention. Through the award of The 1999 Patrick Stewart Human Rights Scholarship, I was able to work with this organization.

ProBar, Intern, 1998.

Worked with Texas-based non-profit law firm. The law firm was a project of the American Bar Association created to give pro bono legal assistance to asylum-seekers in the Texas-Mexico border region. I assisted in research and interviews.

## **Community Service**

### **Public Talks (Selected)**

"Abortion in Texas after SB 8." Wichita County Democratic Party, Wichita Falls, TX. May 2022.

"Understanding Voter Turnout." Wichita County Democratic Party, Wichita Falls, TX. February 15, 2018.

“Sex Work v. Sex Trafficking.” American Association of University Women, Wichita Falls, TX. October 2015.

### **Public Interviews and Articles**

Interview. KFDX. Local Reactions to Oklahoma’s Abortion Bill. April 12, 2022.

Interview with Bret Jaspers. Ronny Jackson, Pete Sessions Win Texas Congressional Runoffs. KERA. July 14, 2020.

Interview. KAUZ on President Trump’s refugee and immigration ban, February 17, 2017.

Interview. University of Montevallo alumni magazine, *Montevallo Today*, for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of undergraduate research at the University of Montevallo. Summer 2017.

What El Salvador’s Total Abortion Ban Means for Women and Girls. Amnesty International USA. February 2, 2016. Amnestyusa.org

### **Volunteer Activities**

League of Women Voters, Wichita Falls, 2022-present

Foster Parent Association, Wichita Falls, 2019-present

Foster Parent, A World for Children, 2019-present

Class Representative, Class of 1999. The University of Montevallo, 2011-present.

Classroom Volunteer. Wichita Falls ISD, 2022-present. Burkburnett ISD, 2014-2017.