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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, University at Albany, SUNY
[Department of Political Science](#)

2022 - present

EDUCATION

PhD Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 2022
Ph.D. in Political Science: American Government
Dissertation: Redesigning Women? Candidate Identity and Strategic Presentation on the Campaign Trail
- Committee members: Dr. Jamil Scott (chair), Dr. Michele Swers, Dr. Clyde Wilcox

MA Georgetown University, Washington D.C., 2020
Political Science

BA Centre College, Danville, KY
Bachelor of Arts in Politics, History, May 2016

Additional education:

- Graduate certificate, Engaged and Public Humanities, Georgetown University, 2018

RESEARCH

Book:

- Knoll, Benjamin R. and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2018. [*She Preached the Word: Women's Ordination in Modern America*](#). New York: Oxford University Press.

Journal Articles:

- Bolin, Cammie Jo. Accepted for publication. "Clergywomen, Women's Ordination, and "Women's Issues": Women's Representation of in American Religious Congregations" *Politics and Religion*.
- Vegter, Abigail, Andrew R. Lewis, and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2023. "Which Civil Religion? Partisanship, Christian Nationalism, and the Dimensions of Civil Religion in the United States." *Politics and Religion* 1-15. Doi: 10.1017/S1755048322000402.

Chapters in Edited Volumes (Peer Reviewed):

- Bolin, Cammie Jo and Kelly Rolfes-Haase. 2023. "Women as Religious Leaders: The Gendered Politics of Shutting Down." [*An Epidemic among my People: Religion, Politics, and COVID-19 in the United States*](#), eds. Paul Djupe and Amanda Friesen. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.
- Knoll, Benjamin R. and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2019. "Religious Communication and Persuasion." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion*, eds. Paul Djupe, Mark Rozell, Ted Jelen. New York: Oxford University Press. <https://oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228637-e-995>

Chapters in Edited Volumes (Non-Peer Reviewed):

- Bolin, Cammie Jo, Ted G. Jelen, and Clyde R. Wilcox. 2025. "Catholic Candidates and the Catholic Vote: Analyzing Support for Catholic Running Mates." *Catholics and US Politics After the 2024 Elections*, eds., Marie Gayte, Blandine Chelini-Pont, and Mark J. Rozell. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

- Bolin, Cammie Jo, Clyde R. Wilcox, and Ted G. Jelen. 2022. “Can We Get the Catholic Vote?: The Effects of Catholic Running Mates in Presidential Elections.” *Catholics and US Politics After the 2020 Elections Biden Chases the ‘Swing Vote’*, eds., Marie Gayte, Blandine Chelini-Pont, and Mark J. Rozell. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Book Reviews:

- Bolin, Cammie Jo. 2025. “Clergy Education in America by Larry Golemon.” Review of *Clergy Education in America*, Larry Golemon. *Church History*.

Select Works in Progress:

- Redesigning Women Candidates? Strategizing Identity in American Political Campaigns (book manuscript)
- “Who Counts as Patriotic? A Racial and Gendered Response to Athletes’ Activism,” with Jamil S. Scott (paper)
- “The State of Student-Athletes’ Voting, Civic Engagement, and Leadership,” with Julianna Thomson (paper)
- “Christian Nationalism in Congressional Communication in the Twenty-First Century,” with Alena Smith and Julianna Thomson (paper)
- “Homestyle Homilies: Use of Religious Rhetoric in Congressional E-Newsletters” (paper)

Grants:

- Initiatives for Women Endowed Award, University at Albany (\$800) **Summer 2025**
- WISH/Project SAGES Seed Grant Award, University at Albany (\$25,000) **Spring 2025**
(with Abigail Vegter)
Note: grant terminated in May 2025 due to widespread cuts to NSF funding
- Georgetown Dept. of Government, Summer Research Award (\$5,000) **Summer 2021**
- Georgetown Graduate Student Government, Research Award (\$450) **Fall 2020**
- APSA: Small Grant for Research in Religion and Politics (\$2,000) **Fall 2020**
(with Abigail Vegter and Andrew Lewis)
- Georgetown Dept. of Government, Collaborative Research Grant (\$6,500) **Summer 2020**

Awards:

- Martin Edelman Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, University at Albany **2025**

Invited Talks:

- “Panel: Religious Pluralism in America,” Yale Religious Pluralism Conference, Yale University, April 25, 2025.
- “Women’s Religious Leadership and ‘Women’s Issues’ Activism,” Women and Religious Leadership Symposium, Smith College, March 7, 2025.
- “She Preached the Word, Clergywomen Discussion,” with David J. Howlett’s Smith College class on “Ordaining Women in America,” over Zoom, December 12, 2023.
- “Conversations on women’s leadership,” with the Polish Delegation of political, civil, and business leaders in the International Leadership’s Open World exchange program, March 15, 2023.
- “A Conversation with Cammie Jo Bolin,” with David J. Howlett’s Smith College class on “Ordaining Women in America,” over Zoom due to COVID-19, May 11, 2021.
- “A Book Discussion with Benjamin R. Knoll and Cammie Jo Bolin: Authors of *She Preached the Word*,” public book discussion at Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, October 8, 2018.

Conference Presentations:

- “Homestyle Homilies? Use of Religious Rhetoric in Congressional E-Newsletters,” paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 5, 2024.
- “Single Moms and Family Photos: How Candidate Family Arrangements Affect Constituent Attitudes,” paper presented at New Research in Gender and Political Psychology Conference, Waltham, MA, May 31, 2024.
- “Homestyle Homilies? Use of Religious Rhetoric in Congressional E-Newsletters,” paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 5, 2024.

- "Homestyle Homilies? Use of Religious Rhetoric in Congressional E-Newsletters," paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 12, 2024.
- "How Might Religion Matter in the 2024 U.S. Elections?" A Roundtable Discussion at SPSA 2024 conference, New Orleans, LA, January 12, 2024.
- "Single Moms and Family Photos: How Family Arrangements Affect Constituent Attitudes," paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 15, 2023.
- "Who Counts as Patriotic," with Jamil S. Scott, paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL, January 14, 2023.
- "Casual Dress and Outsider Experience: The Effects of Women's Campaign Ads." Accepted at American Political Science Association Conference, could not attend due to family emergency, September 17, 2022.
- "Redesigning Women? Women Congressional Candidates and Campaign Advertising Strategy." Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2021, virtual format due to COVID-19, April 17, 2021.
- "Redesigning Women? Women Candidates and Video Advertisements." paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference 2021, virtual format due to COVID-19, January 7, 2021.
- "Women Candidates and Political Advertising: Is 2018 the Year of the 'Badass' Woman Candidate?" paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference, virtual format due to COVID-19, September 10, 2020.
- "Women Candidates and Political Advertising: Is 2018 the Year of the 'Badass' Woman Candidate?" paper accepted at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2020, cancelled due to COVID-19.
- "Women Candidates and Political Advertising: Is 2018 the Year of the 'Badass' Woman Candidate?" paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Juan, PR, January 9-11, 2020.
- "Clergywomen and Women's Issues: The Substantive Representation of Women in American Congregations," paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference, Austin, TX, January 17-19, 2019.
- "Clergy Women and Female Leadership: Effect on Religious Behavior," poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 6-9, 2017.
- "Explaining Gender Empowerment Through Descriptive Clerical Representation," with Benjamin R. Knoll, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 6-9, 2017.
- "The Effect of Clergywomen and Female Leadership on Religious Behavior and Attitudes," with Benjamin R. Knoll, paper presented at the 2016 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion conference, Atlanta, Georgia, October 27-30, 2016.
- "Split Ticket Voting in Kentucky," with Matthew Baker and Grant Blevins, paper presented at the Kentucky Political Science Association Conference, Somerset, Kentucky, Spring 2015.

TEACHING

University at Albany (undergraduate):

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| - RPOS 337: Campaigns and Elections in U.S. | Fall 2024, 2022 |
| - RPOS 101: American Politics (Introduction) | Spring 2025,
2024, 2023 |
| - RPOS 204: Identities, Boundaries, and Mobilization | Spring 2023 |
| - RPOS 204: Religion and Politics | Fall 2025, 2023 |
| - RPOS 438Z: Political Behavior | Fall 2024 |

University at Albany (graduate):

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| - RPOS 539: Seminar on Campaigns and Elections | Spring 2025,
Fall 2023 |
| - RPOS 599: Seminar on Political Identity | Fall 2025,
Spring 2024 |

Advising:

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| - Dissertation Committee Member, Farzin Shargh, UAlbany | 2023-present |
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- Political Science Honors Thesis Advisor, UAlbany **Fall 2024**
- MA Thesis Advisor (American Politics), UAlbany **Fall 2023**

SERVICE

University service, committees:

- Teaching Observation Committee, Dept. of Political Science, UAlbany **2025-present**
- Rockefeller College Representative on University Senate, UAlbany **2024-present**
- University Planning and Policy Council (UPPC) Member, UAlbany **2024-present**
- Voter Registration Ambassador, UAlbany **2024**
- Search Committee Member, Department Chair, Dept. of Political Science, UAlbany **2024**
- Search Committee Member, American Politics, UAlbany **2022**

Professional service:

- Elected member of APSA's Religion & Politics Executive Committee **2023-2025**
- Weber Award selection committee chair: Best APSA paper on religion and politics **2025, 2024**
- Weber Award selection committee member: Best APSA paper on religion and politics **2023**
- Discussant/Chair, Southern Political Science Association conference **2024, 2023**
- Discussant/Chair, Midwest Political Science Association conference **2024, 2023**
- Discussant/Chair, Pi Sigma Alpha undergraduate conference **2020**
- Reviewer: American Political Science Review, Commonwealth Review of Political Science; Journal of Church and State; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Politics and Religion

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public Presentations:

- Rockefeller College Lunch & Learn. 2024. "Biden Leaves the Race: What are the Implications?" July 26th. Panelists: Cammie Jo Bolin, Sally Friedman, Julie Novkov, Timothy Weaver, Justin Zimmerman.
- Rockefeller College Lunch & Learn. 2024. "US Elections 101." September 25. Panelists: Cammie Jo Bolin, Justin Zimmerman.

Blog Posts:

- Bolin, Cammie Jo, and Benjamin R. Knoll. 2018. "Here's one way to increase women's representation in politics: ordain more women as pastors and priests." Religion in Public. July 2. <https://religioninpublic.blog/2018/07/02/heres-one-way-to-increase-womens-representation-in-politics-ordain-more-women-as-pastors-and-priests/>.
- Knoll, Benjamin R., and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2018. "Ten things to know about women's ordination in the United States." Oxford University Press blog. June 13. <https://blog.oup.com/2018/06/womens-ordination-united-states/>.
- Knoll, Benjamin R., and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2018. "Can more lay leadership roles for women compensate for male-only clergy? A qualified 'yes.'" Religion in Public. June 20. <https://religioninpublic.blog/2018/06/20/can-more-lay-leadership-roles-for-women-compensate-for-male-only-clergy-a-qualified-yes/>.
- Knoll, Benjamin R., and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2018. "Do American Catholics favor women's ordination? Perhaps not as many as surveys suggest." June 18. <https://religioninpublic.blog/2018/06/18/do-american-catholics-favor-womens-ordination-perhaps-not-as-many-as-surveys-suggest/>.
- Knoll, Benjamin R., and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2018. "Research suggests that support for women's ordination may be lower than it appears, especially among women." Religion in Public. June 15. <https://religioninpublic.blog/2018/06/15/research-suggests-that-support-for-womens-ordination-is-lower-than-it-appears-especially-among-women/>.
- Knoll, Benjamin R., and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2018. "Who supports women's ordination in America? It's not who you might think." Religion in Public. June 11. <https://religioninpublic.blog/2018/06/11/who-supports-womens-ordination-in-america-its-not-who-you-might-think/>.

Podcast Episodes:

- “She Preached the Word: Interview with Benjamin Knoll and Cammie Jo Bolin.” Potstirrer Podcast: Politics, Religion, History. Hosted by Jaye Pool. September 23, 2018.
<https://potstirrerpodcast.com/2018/09/23/e37/>.
- “254: When a Woman Leads the Church: Women’s Ordination in the USA: Benjamin Knoll & Cammie Jo Bolin.” A Thoughtful Faith Podcast. July 17, 2018. Hosted by Gina Colvin.
<https://www.athoughtfulfaith.org/254-when-a-woman-leads-the-church-womens-ordination-in-the-usa-benjamin-knoll-cammie-jo-bolin/>.
- “492-493: Women’s Ordination and Congregational Leadership: Exploring New Research.” Mormon Matters: An Open Stories Foundation Podcast. Hosted by Dan Wotherspoon. July 5, 2018.
<https://www.mormonmatters.org/podcast-item/492-493-womens-ordination-and-congregational-leadership-exploring-new-research/>.

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