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EDUCATION	<p>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY M.A. (2018), Ph.D., Government (2021, <i>expected</i>) American Politics (major field); course of study in Methods <i>Committee:</i> Suzanne Mettler (chair); David Bateman; Richard Bense; Douglas Kriner</p> <p>Boston University, Boston, MA M.A., Political Science, 2015</p> <p>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI B.A., History, 2005</p>	
BOOK CHAPTERS	<p>Kriner, Douglas and Claire Leavitt. 2021 (expected). "Foreign Policy Oversight in the Obama and Trump Eras." In <i>Peace, War, and Partnership: Congress and the Military since World War II</i>, ed. William Taylor. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press.</p> <p>Mettler, Suzanne and Claire Leavitt. 2018. "Public Policy and Political Dysfunction: The Polyscape, Policy Maintenance, and Oversight." In <i>Can America Govern Itself?</i>, eds. Lee, Frances and Nolan McCarty. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming.</p> <p>Christenson, Dino P., Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Claire Leavitt. 2016. "Judicial Networks." In <i>Oxford Handbook of Political Networks</i>, eds. Victor, Jennifer Nicoll, Alexander H. Montgomery and Mark Lubell. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.</p>	
UNDER REVIEW	Leavitt, Claire. 2018. "Partisan Watchdogs? The Effects of Polarization on a New Oversight Agenda."	
IN PROGRESS	<p>Leavitt, Claire. 2019. "American Doublethink? Assessing an Institutional Source of Normative Divides in the United States."</p> <p>Leavitt, Claire. 2019. "Testing for the Effects of Female Leadership on Policy and Participatory Outcomes: A Laboratory Experiment."</p>	
RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK	<p>Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Majority Staff U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC Project on Government Oversight Congressional Oversight Fellow Jan.-Dec. 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the Project on Government Oversight's (POGO) Congressional Oversight Fellow for the 2019 calendar year, I worked for 12 months on the majority staff of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. As a fully integrated staff member, I worked on four major investigations that involved oversight of federal, state and private actors: the federal response to climate change; the federal response to the 2017 hurricane season in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands; the Michigan government's response to the Flint water contamination crisis; and private industry's longtime denial of the harmful effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on human health. I worked closely with the Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Environment to plan and execute 12 hearings; reviewed thousands of documents from government agencies, state government bureaucracies and private chemical companies; and also drafted all of the opening statements for Subcommittee Chairman Harley Rouda (D-CA) at both sub- and full committee hearings. 	

TEACHING
POSITIONS

Department of Government, Cornell University

- GOVT 1111: Introduction to American Government and Politics
Instructor Summer 2018, 2020
- GOVT 1111: Introduction to American Government and Politics
Head Teaching Assistant (with [Suzanne Mettler](#)) Fall 2016, 2017, 2018
- GOVT 6029: Advanced Regression Analysis (PhD-level seminar)
Teaching Assistant (with [Sergio Garcia-Rios](#)) Spring 2018
- GOVT 1615: Freedom and Justice in the Western Tradition
Teaching Assistant (with [Isaac Kramnick](#)) Summer 2016, 2017
- GOVT 3112: Congress and the Legislative Process
Teaching Assistant (with [David Bateman](#)) Spring 2016, 2017

Department of Political Science, Boston University

- PO 141: Introduction to Public Policy
Instructor Summer 2015
- International Politics (pre-college seminar)
Boston University Summer Challenge Program
Instructor Summer 2015
- PO 300: Special Topics in American Politics
Executive Power and the Modern Presidency
Instructor Spring 2015
- PO 111: Introduction to American Politics
Instructor Summer 2014
- PO 841: Quantitative Research Methods (PhD-level seminar)
Course Assistant; Teaching Fellow (with [Taylor Boas](#)) Fall 2013, 2014

Cornell Prison Education Program

- PSCI 102: American Government
Instructor Fall 2017
- PHIL 105: Introduction to Ethics
Teaching Assistant Fall 2016

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

- SSRC Anxieties of Democracy Working Group on Institutions (w/ [Suzanne Mettler](#))
Princeton University Oct. 2016

CONFERENCE
AND OTHER
PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2018
- Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019

AWARDS AND
RECOGNITIONS

- Congressional Oversight Fellow, Project on Government Oversight (\$108,000) 2019
- Stephen and Margery Russell Distinguished Teaching Award,
Cornell University (\$2,000) April 2018
- Head Teaching Assistant award, Cornell University (\$1,500) Fall 2016, 2017, 2018
- Flournoy Summer Research Fellowship (w/ [Suzanne Mettler](#)),
Cornell University (\$4,500) June 2016
- Sage Fellowship, Department of Government, Cornell University (\$30,000) 2015-2016; 2020
- Senior Teaching Fellow award, Boston University Spring 2015
- Research Fellowship, Amicus Curiae Networks Project (\$12,000) Spring 2014

UNIVERSITY &
DEPARTMENTAL
SERVICE

American Politics graduate representative, Department of Government, Cornell University, 2016-2017
Academic Policy Committee, Boston University, 2014-2015
Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, Boston University, 2013-2014

SOFTWARE AND
PROGRAMMING

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, MATLAB

RELEVANT
RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

- Research assistant for Prof. Suzanne Mettler, Cornell University 2015-present
- Research assistant for Prof. Dino Christensen & the Amicus Curiae Networks Project, Boston University 2013-2015

RELEVANT
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

- Policy and Communications Trainee 2010-2012
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
Directorate for Education
Paris, France
- Legislative Correspondent/Junior Legislative Assistant 2008-2009
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.
- Legislative Researcher and Assistant Documents Editor 2007-2008
Congressional Quarterly, Inc.
Washington, D.C.
- Congressional Committees Editor 2005-2007
Gallery Watch, *Roll Call*, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

REFERENCES

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