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RESEARCH INTERESTS	American institutions; legislative behavior and processes, esp. oversight and investigations in Congress; separation of powers; gender and American politics; federalism	
EDUCATION	<p>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY M.A. (2018), Ph.D., Government (2021, <i>expected</i>) American Politics (major field); Methods (minor field) <i>Dissertation</i>: “Virtue Signaling: Policy Goals, Public Narratives and Investigative Agenda-Setting in Congress.” <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>	
REVISE AND RESUBMIT	Leavitt, Claire. 2020. “Partisan Watchdogs? The Effects of Polarization on a High-Risk Oversight Agenda.” Revise and resubmit to <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> .	
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. 2019. “Public Policy and Political Dysfunction: The Polycscape, Policy Maintenance, and Oversight.” In <i>Can America Govern Itself?</i>, eds. Lee, Frances and Nolan McCarty. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. Avail at: https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108667357.</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. Avail. at: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190228217.013.20.</p>	
WORKING PAPERS	<p>Leavitt, Claire. “Getting Their Act Together: Oversight Agenda-Setting in the House of Representatives and the Facilitation of Policy Goals through Public Narrative.” (Job market paper)</p> <p>Leavitt, Claire. “Opposites Attract Inquiry: Comparing Responsiveness to Congressional Oversight Under Obama vs. Trump.”</p> <p>Leavitt, Claire. “‘I’ll Be the Oversight’: The War Against Congressional Legitimacy in the Trump Era.”</p> <p>Leavitt, Claire. “American Doublethink? Assessing an Institutional Source of Normative Divides in the United States.”</p> <p>Leavitt, Claire. “Testing for the Effects of Female Leadership on Policy and Participatory Outcomes: A Laboratory Experiment.”</p>	

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Congressional Oversight Fellow
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Majority Staff
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- Supported by the [Project on Government Oversight](#), I spent a year as a fully integrated staff member on the Committee, conceiving, researching, planning and executing four major investigations and 12 hearings that targeted federal, state and private actors.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**As Instructor***Department of Government, Cornell University*

- GOVT 1111: Introduction to American Government and Politics Summer 2018, 2020

Cornell Prison Education Program

- PSCI 102: American Government Fall 2017

Department of Political Science, Boston University

- International Politics (pre-college seminar) Summer 2015
Boston University Summer Challenge Program
- PO 141: Introduction to Public Policy Summer 2015
- PO 300: Executive Power and the Modern Presidency Spring 2015
- PO 111: Introduction to American Politics Summer 2014

As Teaching Assistant*Department of Government, Cornell University*

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

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- PHIL 105: Introduction to Ethics Fall 2016

Department of Political Science, Boston University

- PO 841: Quantitative Research Methods (PhD-level seminar) Fall 2013, 2014
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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
- Fournoy 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

PRESENTATIONS

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

- SSRC Anxieties of Democracy Working Group on Institutions (w/ Suzanne Mettler)
Princeton University, 2016

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	
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	Legislative Correspondent/Junior Legislative Assistant U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C.	2008-2009
	Legislative Researcher <i>Congressional Quarterly</i> , Inc. Washington, D.C.	2007-2008
	Congressional Committees Editor Gallery Watch, <i>Roll Call</i> , Inc. Washington, D.C.	2005-2007
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