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RESEARCH INTERESTS	American institutions; legislative behavior and processes, esp. oversight and investigations in Congress; separation of powers; federalism; gender and American politics	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<p><b>Smith College</b>, Northampton, MA Assistant Professor of Government</p> <p><b>Grinnell College</b>, Grinnell, IA Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science and Policy Studies</p>	<p>2022-</p> <p>2021-2022</p>
EDUCATION	<p><b>Cornell University</b>, Ithaca, NY M.A. (2018), Ph.D., Government (2021) 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; Frances Lee (external reader)</p> <p><b>Boston University</b>, Boston, MA M.A., Political Science, 2015</p> <p><b>University of Michigan</b>, Ann Arbor, MI B.A., History, 2005</p>	
PUBLICATIONS	<p>Kriner, Douglas and Claire Leavitt. 2022. “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&amp;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: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108667357">https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108667357</a>.</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: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190228217.013.20">10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190228217.013.20</a>.</p>	
REVISE AND RESUBMIT	Leavitt, Claire. 2020. “Partisan Watchdogs? The Effects of Polarization on a High-Risk Oversight Agenda.”	
UNDER REVIEW	Leavitt, Claire. 2020. “Unprecedented Obstruction?: Evaluating Presidential Responsiveness to Oversight in the Obama and Trump Administrations.”	
WORKING PAPERS	Leavitt, Claire. “Getting Their Act Together: Oversight Agenda-Setting in the House of Representatives and the Facilitation of Policy Goals through Public Narrative.”	

Leavitt, Claire. “‘I’ll Be the Oversight’: The War Against Congressional Legitimacy in the Trump Era.”

Leavitt, Claire. “Testing for the Effects of Female Leadership on Policy and Participatory Outcomes: A Laboratory Experiment.”

Leavitt, Claire. “‘Take Shelter’: The Effects of Political Violence on Internal Efficacy Among Women—A Survey Experiment.”

Leavitt, Claire. “American Doublethink? Assessing an Institutional Source of Normative Divides in the United States.”

COMMENTARY

“Jan. 6 hearing gives primetime exposure to violent footage and dramatic evidence – the question is, to what end?” *The Conversation* (June 9, 2022)

“How a public hearing is different from an investigation—and what that means for the January 6 committee,” *The Conversation* (June 7, 2022)

FIELDWORK

**Congressional Oversight Fellow** **Jan.-Dec. 2019**  
**Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Majority Staff**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC**

- 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

**Departments of Political Science and Policy Studies, Grinnell College**

- POL 101: Introduction to Political Science Spring 2022, Fall 2021
- PST 220: Foundations of Policy Analysis Spring 2022
- PST 320: Applied Policy Analysis: Health Care Policy in the United States Fall 2021
- PST 420: Advanced Research in Public Policy Spring 2022

**Department of Government, Cornell University**

- GOVT 1111: Introduction to American Government and Politics Summer 2018, 2020-2022

**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

**Prison Education**

*Grinnell Liberal Arts in Prison Program*

- POL 101: Introduction to Political Science Spring 2022

*Cornell Prison Education Program*

- PSCI 102: American Government Fall 2017

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Oversight Fellowship, Levin Center at Wayne State University Law School (\$10,000) 2021-2022
- Congressional Oversight Fellow, Project on Government Oversight (\$108,000) 2019
- Flournoy Summer Research Fellowship (w/ Suzanne Mettler), Cornell University (\$4,500) June 2016

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sage Fellowship, Department of Government, Cornell University (\$30,000)</li> </ul>	2015-2016; 2020
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen and Margery Russell Distinguished Teaching Award, Cornell University (\$2,000)</li> <li>• Head Teaching Assistant award, Cornell University (\$1,500)</li> </ul>	April 2018 Fall 2016, 2017, 2018
PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2018, 2020</li> <li>• Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2014-2015, 2017, 2019-2022</li> <li>• SSRC Anxieties of Democracy Working Group on Institutions (w/ Suzanne Mettler) Princeton University, 2016</li> </ul>	
UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE	<p>Policy Studies Concentration Advisor, Department of Policy Studies, Grinnell College, 2021-2022</p> <p>American Politics graduate representative, Department of Government, Cornell University, 2016-2017</p> <p>Academic Policy Committee, Boston University, 2014-2015</p> <p>Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, Boston University, 2013-2014</p>	
SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING	R, Stata, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, MATLAB	
RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Policy and Communications Trainee Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Directorate for Education Paris, France</p> <p>Legislative Correspondent/Junior Legislative Assistant U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Legislative Researcher <i>Congressional Quarterly</i>, Inc. Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Congressional Committees Editor Gallery Watch, <i>Roll Call</i>, Inc. Washington, D.C.</p>	2010-2012  2008-2009  2007-2008  2005-2007
REFERENCES	<p>Suzanne Mettler John L. Senior Professor of American Institutions Department of Government Cornell University</p> <p>Douglas Kriner Clinton Rossiter Professor of American Institutions Department of Government Cornell University</p> <p>Richard Bensel Gary S. Davis Professor of Government Department of Government Cornell University</p> <p>David Bateman</p>	<p>(315) 412-1910 sbm24@cornell.edu</p> <p>(617) 512-4925 kriner@cornell.edu</p> <p>(607) 255-6763 rfb2@cornell.edu</p>

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