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EDUCATION

Ph. D., The University of Chicago, March 2000

M. A., The University of Chicago, June 1993

B. A., Villanova University, May 1990

EMPLOYMENT

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of New Hampshire, September 2018 - present

Chair, Department of Political Science, UNH, 2008-11

Fellow, Carsey Institute/School of Public Policy, 2010 - present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of New Hampshire, 2007-2018

Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Politics, Saint Anselm College, 2005-2007

Associate Professor, Department of Politics, Saint Anselm College, 2003-2005

Research Fellow, Center for the Study of New Hampshire Politics and Civic Life,

New Hampshire Institute of Politics, 2001-2007

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, Saint Anselm College, 1999-2003

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Four Faces of the Republican Party and the Fight for the 2016 Presidential Nomination
with Henry Olsen (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, December 2015).

Stormy Weather: The New Hampshire Primary and Presidential Politics
(New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003).

Peer-reviewed journal articles

K. M. Johnson and Scala, D. "The Rural-Urban Continuum and the 2020 U. S. Presidential Election," *The Forum*, forthcoming.

K. M. Johnson and Scala, D. "The Rural-Urban Continuum of Polarization: Understanding the Geography of the 2018 Midterms," *The Forum*, January 2021.

"New Hampshire's 2018 Midterms," *New England Journal of Political Science*, Volume XI, No. 2, Fall 2019.

Scala, D. "Swinging in Place: New Hampshire's Presidential Elections, 1992-2016," *New England Journal of Political Science*, Volume X, No. 1, spring 2018.

Scala, D. and K. M. Johnson. "Political Polarization along the Rural-Urban Continuum? The Geography of the Presidential Vote, 2000-2016," *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, July 2017.

Scala, D. and K. M. Johnson. "Red Rural, Blue Rural: The Geography of Presidential Voting in Rural America." *Geography Teacher*. 13(3): 118-123, August 2016. (N. B. This article was based on our 2015 work (below), and adapted for this pedagogical journal.)

Scala, D., K. M. Johnson and L. Rogers. "Red Rural, Blue Rural? Presidential Voting Patterns in a Changing Rural America," *Political Geography*, Vol. 48, 108-118, September 2015.

Other journal articles

"The Skeptical Faithful: How Trump Gained Momentum among Evangelicals," *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Volume 50, Issue 4, 927-947, December 2020.

Scala, D. "Politics in New Hampshire," *New England Journal of Political Science*. Volume VII, No. 1, 142-148, Spring 2013.

Scala, D. "No Country for Old Men?" *Social Science and Modern Society*, Vol. 45(5), 410-411, September / October 2008.

Scala, D. and A. Smith. "Does the Tail Wag the Dog? Early Presidential Nomination Polling in New Hampshire and the U. S.," *American Review of Politics*, 401-424, Fall and Winter 2007-08.

Scala, D. "Re-reading the Tea Leaves: New Hampshire as a Barometer of Presidential Primary Success," *PS*, April 2003, p. 187-192.

Scala, D. "Mainstream Versus Reform Candidates in The New Hampshire Democratic Primary, 1968-2000." *Historical New Hampshire*, Spring / Summer 2003, p. 26-43.

Dupre, M. and D. Scala. "Border Crossings: The Impact of Migration on the New Hampshire House of Representatives," with Michael E. Dupre, *New England Journal of Public Policy*, Spring / Summer 2003, p. 147-169.

Scala, D. "Henry Sumner Maine's Ancient Law," *Social Science and Modern Society*, May / June 2002, p. 46-54.

Chapters in peer-reviewed books

"The Fuzzy Frontrunner," chapter for Handbook on Primary Elections. Routledge, 2018.

"You've Got Mail: Direct-Mail Strategies in the New Hampshire U. S. Senate Race," with Tegan O'Neill, . Political Communication & Strategy, Consequences of the 2014 Midterm Elections: University of Akron Press, 2017.

"Are Super PACs Arms of Political Parties?" The American Election 2012. Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

"Shifting Granite: New Hampshire's Change from Largely Republican to Largely Democratic Over Two Election Cycles," The Change Election. Ed. David B. Magleby. Temple University Press, 2011. p. 140-171.

Other book chapters

“New Hampshire,” for Presidential Swing States, third edition. Expected publication date, summer 2022.

“New Hampshire,” for Presidential Swing States, second edition. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.

“The 2012 Presidential Election.” American Presidential Campaigns and Elections, 1788-2012. Eds. William G. Shade and Ballard C. Campbell. Sharpe Online Reference, 2013.

“Mama Grizzly Nearly Trapped: New Hampshire’s Republican Senate Primary,” Key States, High Stakes: Sarah Palin, the Tea Party, and the 2010 Elections. Ed. Charles S. Bullock, III. Rowman & Littlefield, 2012. p. 13-24.

“Bass vs. Kuster in New Hampshire’s Second Congressional District: Riding the Wave to a Comeback,” with Andrew E. Smith, Cases in Congressional Campaigns: Riding the Wave. Eds. Randall E. Adkins and David A. Dulio. Routledge, 2012. p. 139-159.

“New Hampshire: The Swing State Swings Right,” Pendulum Swing. Ed. Larry J. Sabato. Longman Publishing, 2011. p. 329-334.

“Campaigning Against the Uncontrollable: Sununu vs. Shaheen in New Hampshire’s Senate Race,” with Andrew E. Smith, Cases in Congressional Campaigns: Incumbents Playing Defense in 2008. Eds. Randall E. Adkins and David A. Dulio. Routledge, 2009.

“The Election of 2008,” American Presidential Campaigns and Elections: A History and Guide, updated version. M. E. Sharpe, electronic Online Reference Database, fall 2009.

“The Election of 1984,” American Presidential Campaigns and Elections: A History and Guide, Volume Three, p. 959-977. M. E. Sharpe, 2003.

“Evolution of Nominating Conventions and Primary Elections,” American Presidential Campaigns and Elections: A History and Guide, Volume Three, p. 32-39. M. E. Sharpe, 2003.

Additional publications

“Trump and Evangelicals: Cult of Personality or Marriage of Convenience?,” 3Streams blog, March 11, 2021.

“Biden’s Victory Due to Increased Support Along the Entire Rural-Urban Continuum,” with Kenneth M. Johnson. Carsey School of Public Policy, National Issue Brief # 153, November 2020.

“Voting and Attitudes Along the Red Rural–Blue Urban Continuum,” with Kenneth M. Johnson, Carsey School of Public Policy, National Issue Brief # 152, October 2020.

“Can Bernie Sanders break out beyond his base in New Hampshire?” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, February 10, 2020.

“New Hampshire’s Changing Electorate,” with Kenneth M. Johnson and Andrew E. Smith. Carsey School of Public Policy, Regional Issue Brief # 60, December 2019. A “data snapshot” based on this brief was published in February 2020.

“Data Snapshot: ‘Trump Towns’ Swung Democratic in New Hampshire Midterms,” Carsey School of Public Policy, January 2019.

“Beyond Urban Versus Rural: Understanding American Political Geography in 2016,” with Kenneth M. Johnson. Carsey School of Public Policy, National Issue Brief #124, Summer 2017. (This was adapted from our 2017 article for *ANNALS*, see above.)

“Race for the Senate 2016: Key issues in New Hampshire,” Brookings Institution, November 2, 2016. “FixGov” blog.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2016/11/02/race-for-the-senate-2016-new-hampshire/>

“First in the Nation: New Hampshire’s Changing Electorate,” with Kenneth Johnson and Andrew Smith, Carsey Institute, National Issue Brief # 96, Winter 2016.

“Red Rural, Blue Rural,” with Kenneth Johnson, Carsey Institute, National Fact Sheet # 30, Summer 2015. (This was adapted from our 2015 *Political Geography* article, see above.)

Research note on New Hampshire’s 2010 redistricting, for “Redistricting New England,” The Mosakowski Institute, Clark University, 2013.

“Toward a Typology of Super PACs,” Proceedings of Ethics and Reform Symposium, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University, 2012.

“Changes in New Hampshire’s Republican Party,” Carsey Institute, New England Issue Brief No. 30, Fall 2011.

“Many New Voters Make the Granite State One to Watch in November,” with Kenneth Johnson and Andrew Smith, Carsey Institute, Issue Brief No. 9, Fall 2008.

“The 2000 Presidential Election Crisis,” The Encyclopedia of Disasters, Accidents, and Crises in American History. Facts on File, 2007.

“The 1995-96 Federal Government Shutdown,” Disasters, Accidents, and Crises in American History: A Reference Guide to the Nation’s Most Catastrophic Events. Facts on File, 2007.

“Henry Sumner Maine,” Encyclopedia of Law and Society: American and Global Perspectives. Sage Publications, 2007.

Book reviews

“The Politics of Resentment,” by Katherine J. Cramer, for *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 79, No. 2, April 2017.

“The Presidential Expectations Gap,” by Waterman, Silva & Jenkins-Smith, for *Party Politics*, Vol. 23, No. 4, July 2016.

“The Virtue of Civility,” by Edward Shils, for the *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, Volume XIII, 2001.

“Taxing America,” by Julian Zelizer, for the *Journal of Policy History*, Vol. 13, No. 4, 2001.

Grants

UNH Faculty Development Grant, 2015

UNH Faculty Development Grant, 2008

Recent presentations at academic conferences and invited talks

New England Political Science Association (with J. Mitchell Scacchi), April 2022

State of the Parties: 2020 and Beyond Virtual Conference, November 2021

Academy of Political Science, New York City, February 2020

Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2019

Southern Political Science Association, January 2019

American Political Science Association, August 2018

The 2018 Midterm Elections, University of Montreal, June 2018.

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018

“The Fuzzy Frontrunner,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017.

“Is Rural Red and Urban Blue? Voting and Political Attitudes along the Urban-Rural Continuum,” with Kenneth M. Johnson, at “The New Rural-Urban Interface” conference, University of Pennsylvania, September 2016.

Invited talk on presidential primaries, The Ohio State University, April 2016.

"The Four Faces of the Republican Party and the 2016 Primaries," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016.

Invited talk on presidential primaries, Clark University, February 2016.

Invited talk on presidential primaries, Brigham Young University, February 2016.

"Everything in Moderation: Moderates and Liberals in the Republican Presidential Primary Electorate," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2015.

"You've Got Mail: Direct-Mail Strategies in the New Hampshire U. S. Senate Race," with Tegan O'Neill, The American Election 2014 conference, New Hampshire Institute of Politics, Saint Anselm College, March 2015.

"Party-Allied Groups in the 2014 U. S. Senate Primaries: A First Cut," Northeast Political Science Association, November 2014.

"With Friends Like These: Independent Expenditures in Congressional Primaries," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014.

"The Changing Role of Hill Committees in the Age of Super PACs," State of the Parties: 2012 and Beyond Conference, University of Akron, November 2013.

"Are Super PACs Arms of Political Parties? A Study of Coordination." Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013. (N. B. This is a revised version of my presentation at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, below.)

"Are Super PACs Arms of Political Parties? A Study of Coordination." The American Election 2012 conference, New Hampshire Institute of Politics, Saint Anselm College, March 2013.

"Toward a Typology of Super PACs." Northeast Political Science Association, November 2012.

"New Hampshire's Redistricting," New England Political Science Association, April 2012.

"Toward a Typology of Super PACs," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2012.

"Brothers in Moderation: What 2008 Told Us About 2012." International Conference of the Raoul-Dandurand Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies, University of Quebec, "Election Day in the U.S.: Setting the Scene for November," March 2012.

"Surfing at High Tide: How National Congressional Campaign Committees Respond to Possible Wave Elections," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2011.

"When Factions Decide: What 2008 Tells Us about 2012," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2011.

"Case Studies in the 2010 Congressional Elections," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2011.

"Last-Minute Bets: How National Congressional Campaign Committees Respond to Possible Wave Elections," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.

"Momentum, Halt!", Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.

Roundtable on "The Change Election," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009.

"Bet or Get Out: A Study of Campaign Ad-buy Strategies in the New Hampshire Primary," with Andrew Smith, American Political Science Association, August 2008.

"The Virtual Campaign: How Presidential Candidates Use E-mail to Attract and Retain Supporters," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008.

"Does the Tail Wag the Dog? Early Presidential Nomination Polling in New Hampshire and the U. S.," American Political Science Association, September 2007.

Media outreach (selected)

- *New York Times*
- *Washington Post*
- *Wall Street Journal*
- National Public Radio
- New Hampshire, Boston public radio stations
- *USA Today*
- CBS News
- NBC News
- ABC News
- CNN
- MSNBC
- Fox News
- PBS News Hour
- Associated Press
- Reuters
- *Boston Globe*
- *New York Post*
- *Los Angeles Times*
- KCBS radio, San Francisco
- *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*
- *Dallas Morning News*
- *Houston Chronicle*
- *Columbus Dispatch*
- *Christian Science Monitor*
- *The Hill*
- *Time*

- Slate.com
- *Deseret News*
- *Politico*
- *National Journal*
- *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- *New York Observer*
- *New Hampshire Union Leader*
- *Concord Monitor*
- WMUR-TV, New Hampshire
- New England Cable News
- Sirius XM satellite radio
- BBC
- CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Company) television
- *Toronto Star*
- *The Guardian*
- Bloomberg
- World ABC News (Australia)
- *The Economist*
- France 24
- *Irish Times*
- Swedish National Public Radio
- *Reforma* (Mexico)
- *O Globo* (Brazil)
- Voice of America
- NHK Japan Broadcasting

On my primary social media platform, Twitter, I have approximately 4,800 followers.

Service

University

Faculty Fellow, Advancing Academic Leaders, Engagement & Faculty Development, 2021-22

Member of UNH Manchester tenure-track faculty review committee, 2022.

UNH alumni webinar on COVID-19 and the 2020 elections, June 2020.

Chair of COLA ad hoc committee on undergraduate research, 2019.

Past chair and Agenda Committee member, Faculty Senate, 2017-18

Chair, Faculty Senate, 2016-17

Vice chair, Faculty Senate, 2015-16

President, Phi Beta Kappa honor society, Beta of New Hampshire Chapter, 2013-present

Vice President, Phi Beta Kappa honor society, Beta of New Hampshire Chapter, 2009-13

Member, UNH ADVANCE Internal Steering Committee, 2016-2018

Member, STARS Task Force, spring semester 2017

Chair, UNH Professional Standards Committee, 2015-16

Member, Rutman Distinguished Lecture Series committee, 2013-present

Member, Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarly Activity Committee, 2015-16

Grant Proposal Reviewer, Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research, 2012-present

Member, search committee for director of the Carsey School of Public Policy, 2013-14

Member, American Studies faculty, 2015-present

UNH search committee, undergraduate fellowships office, 2011

UNH Pre-Law Advisement Committee, 2010-2018

University Senate committee on promotion and tenure, 2011-13

University Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee, 2012-15

Preparing Future Faculty presentation, spring 2010

Advisory Board, UNH Center for Humanities, 2008-11

Discovery Program, capstone working group, fall 2008

UNH presidential primary working group, 2007-08

Conducted two university events funded by UNH Parents' Association grant, 2008:

“America and the World” panel, April 2008; “Presidential debate watch” panel, October 2008

Department

Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 2019-2020; fall 2020; 2021-22

Department chair, 2008-11

Faculty Senate representative, 2014-2018

Undergraduate advisor, 2008-present

Tenure-track search committee chair, 2017-18

Served on following committees at various times in department: Undergraduate, Graduate, Promotion and Tenure, Scheduling

Organizer of committee that chose undergraduate major to represent the department at the NEW Leadership conference for young women at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, 2013-16.

Profession

I have worked with the following journals and publishers as a peer reviewer of manuscripts: *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion & Parties*, *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, *New England Journal of Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Geography*, *Polity*, *Representation*, *Journal of Rural Studies*, *Urban Studies*, University of Michigan Press, NYU Press, W. W. Norton.

Senior editor, *Social Science and Modern Society*, 2017-2020, including stint as guest editor from September 2020 to December 2020. Previously served on journal's advisory editorial board for several years.

Advisor, University Press of New England / University of New Hampshire Press

Conference section chair, Northeast Political Science Association, 2014-2019

Conference section chair, New England Political Science Association, 2011-12 & 2013-14

Outside reader of senior thesis, Bates College, spring 2013

Guest speaker on the presidential primary for students from various colleges and universities visiting New Hampshire, including University of South Florida, Randolph-Macon College, Siena College.

Outreach

Vice chairman, State of New Hampshire's Presidential Primary Centennial Anniversary Commission, 2015-16.

Longtime advisor to Vote Smart, a non-profit, non-partisan research organization that provides the public with information on candidates running for office in the United States.

Participant in New Hampshire's Speakers' Bureau. Have delivered talks to a number of community groups, including Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (July 2018); Active Retirement Association; RiverWoods retirement community (multiple, latest fall 2020); UNH retired faculty society; Josiah Bartlett Society; Durham Newcomers' Society; Durham Community Breakfast; Temple Israel.