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Education	University of Texas at Austin <i>PhD</i> , Political Science American Politics, Public Policy Expected May, 2022	Austin, TX
	University of Memphis <i>MA</i> , Political Science American Politics May 2016	Memphis, TN
	University of Colorado, Denver <i>BA</i> , Political Science May 2011	Denver, CO

Research

Dissertation

The City Agenda How does local policymaking change over time, and how is local government impacted by political movements at the national level? My dissertation is at the intersection of race, urban politics, and agenda setting by explaining how local governmental power has evolved over time. Using more than 100 years of city council agendas from Austin, Texas, I find policy agendas evolved to solidify local jurisdiction over land use and other policy areas. Cities are true laboratories of democracy; a century after Progressive reformers won at-large councils to control the economy and racial minorities, the council was again reformed to districts. This time, districts were created to repair the harm done to minorities by the at-large system, guaranteeing representation for Austins African American, Latinx, and working class communities.

Articles

Liu, Amy H., David Leal, Ral L. Madrid, Eric L. McDaniel, Gods'will Osa, Tasha Philpot, Brooke N. Shannon, Zeynep Somer-Topcu, and Chris Wlezien. 2021. "Normalizing Diversity in Merit Review Forms" Forthcoming in *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

Shannon, Brooke N. 2021. "Can Institutional Reform Have A Lasting Impact on the Policy Agenda? Evidence from the 10-1 in Austin, TX." Forthcoming in *Urban Affairs Review*.

Fagan, E.J. and Brooke Shannon. 2020. "Using the Comparative Agendas Project to Examine Interest Group Behavior." *Interest Groups and Advocacy*. (9) Sept 2020, 361-372.

Book Chapters

Shannon, Brooke N., Zachary A. McGee, and Bryan D. Jones. 2018. "Bounded Rationality and Cognitive Limits in Political Decision Making." *Oxford Encyclopedia of Political Decision Making*.

McGee, Zachary A., Brooke N. Shannon, and Bryan D. Jones. 2018. "Bounded Rationality in Political Science." *Routledge Handbook on Bounded Rationality*.

Works in Progress

Shannon, Brooke N. "Progressive State Building at the Local Level" *Working Paper*.

Bird, Christine C., Brooke N. Shannon, and Derek Epp. "Private Litigation and Law Enforcement Accountability." *Working Paper*.

Professional Experience

Project Manager, Policy Agendas Project
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX **2019 - 2021**

Maintain the Comparative Agendas Project website, which hosts datasets on agenda setting from projects in 25 countries. Supervise data collection and coding according to the PAP codebook for 20 datasets on American policy agendas, including bill introductions, hearings, and public laws in the US Congress.

Visiting PhD Student, Researcher
University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark **Spring 2019**
Local government agendas project with Dr. Peter Bjerre Mortensen

Head Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin **Fall 2018**
Introduction to American Government online course. Coordinated projects, exams, and activities on Canvas, managed TA team for 1,000+ student class.

Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin **2016-2018**
Dr. Christopher Wlezien, *The American President, Political Representation*; Dr. Bryan Jones, *The Politics of Voter Suppression*; Dr. Tasha Philpot, *African American Politics*; Dr. Sean Theriault, *Congressional Elections*

Teaching Assistant, University of Memphis **2014-2016**
Dr. Matthias Kaelberer, *International Relations*; Dr. Ebony Meeks, *Constitutional Law*; Dr. Molly Henderson, *American Government (online course)*

High School Teacher, Memphis City Schools **2012-2014**
Tennessee Apprentice Teaching License, certified to teach Spanish for grades 7-12, Spanish for Native Speakers, Government, and Economics

Awards and Fellowships

Graduate School Continuing Fellowship
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX **2021-2022**

Center for the Study of Race and Democracy
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX **2020-2021**

Patricia Witherspoon Award
The Annette Strauss Center for Civic Life
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX **2019-2020**

Academic Conferences

• **Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference, June 2020**
Virtual Conference, hosted by Aarhus University. Aarhus, Denmark

• **Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference, June 2019**
Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Budapest, Hungary

• **Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, January 2019**
Austin, TX

• **Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference, July 2018**
University of Amsterdam. Amsterdam, Netherlands

• **Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference April 2018**
Chicago, IL

**Professional
Service and
Associations**

- 2020-present, Publish or Perish, *Executive Committee member*
- 2020-present, Government Dept. Diversity Task Force, *Appointed Student Member*
- 2019-2021, City of Austin Pedestrian Advisory Council, *Member*
- 2017-present, Blackland Community Development Corporation, *Board Secretary*
- 2019-2020, Graduate Student Organization, *Elected Dept. Officer*
- Political Scientists of Color, *Member*
- Women in Political Science, *Member*
- American Association of University Women, Austin, TX Branch *Member*