

Michelle Irving

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2019 – 2024 **PhD, Political Science; certificate in Women & Gender Studies, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey**
Major: Women in Politics, Subfields: American, Methods
Committee: Kira Sanbonmatsu and Katie McCabe (co-Chairs), Stacey Greene, Kelly Dittmar
Thesis: *“Born to Run: Motherhood Appeals, Race and Partisanship in Congressional Campaigns.”*
- 2017 – 2019. **MA, Political Science, Memorial University of Newfoundland**
2019 Fellow of the School of Graduate Studies
Thesis Advisor: Amanda Bittner
Thesis: *“How do party leaders present themselves on social media? The race for premiership in Western Canadian Elections 2011 – 2017.”*
- 2006 – 2010. **BA, Communications and English Literature, Simon Fraser University**

Certifications

2021. Advanced quantitative method courses in the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research: Multilevel Models, Data Visualization, Data Science and Text Analysis, Race, Ethnicity and Quantitative Methodology. June 21 – August 13, 2021.
2021. Advanced qualitative method courses in the IQMR Summer Program in Qualitative and Multi-Method Social Research: Natural Experiments, Multi-Method Research, Computer Assisted Text Analysis and Social Media as Data.
2021. Improving Classroom Skills Workshop certification from Rutgers School of Graduate Studies TA Project. Courses completed: Teaching a Summer Course,

preparing your Diversity Statement, Translating Teaching Skills for Careers Beyond the Academy. Sept 2020 – Dec 2021.

2020. International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Summer Academy courses: Groups & Political Identities, Information Processing, Media Effects, Sexism and Gender Stereotypes, Emotions, Trust, Authoritarianism and Political Conflict. – Invited participant, July 11 – 13.
2020. Duke Summer Institute of Computational Social Science (SICSS) – Invited participant, June 14 – 26.

Research Contributions

Refereed Contributions

2023. **Irving, Michelle.** “Supreme Court Nominees: The Political Implications of Maternal Rhetoric.” [In *The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research*](#). Vol. 9. Eds. Robert X. Browning. West Lafayette: Purdue University Press.
2019. **Irving, Michelle.** “Campaigns as Gendered Institutions: A Case Study across B.C. Premier and California Gubernatorial Campaigns,” *Mapping Politics* 9(1).

Forthcoming Contributions

2026. **Irving, Michelle.** “Critical Junctures: Tammy Duckworth” In *Junctures in Women’s Leadership*. Eds. Julie Des Jardins New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
2025. **Irving, Michelle & Amanda Bittner.** *Parents in Parliament: Moms are More Active on Twitter, but Dads Give More Personal Details.* – forthcoming special issue in *Journal of European Public Policy*.

Working Papers

2023. Irving, Michelle. *Baby Slump: The Political Consequences for Pregnancy Candidates.* – **anticipated submission Spring 2025.**

Other Refereed Contributions

Op-Eds

2019. **Irving, Michelle.** “Women Politicians Must Still Bend to Gender Stereotypes” *Policy Options* – *invited contribution for [Policy Options](#) special issue on gender, media and politics published in March 2019.*

Conference Papers

2025. **Irving, Michelle.** "Born to Run: Voter Perceptions of Candidate, Race, Partisanship and Motherhood Appeals." – *Accepted, WPSA*. Seattle. April 18 – 21.
2024. **Irving, Michelle.** "Moms on a Mission: How candidate race/ethnicity and motherhood appeal strategies affect voter perceptions in Congressional campaigns." – *Accepted, Women in Legislative Studies*. University of Wisconsin. Madison. Sept 19 – 21.
2024. **Irving, Michelle.** "Moms on a Mission: How candidate race/ethnicity and motherhood appeal strategies affect voter perceptions in Congressional campaigns." – *Accepted, APSA*. Philadelphia. Sept 5 – 8.
2024. **Irving, Michelle.** "Moms in the House: The Raced-Gendered Experience of Mothers Running for Political Office." – *Accepted, European Conference on Politics and Gender*. Ghent University, Belgium. July 8 – 10.
2024. **Irving, Michelle.** "Moms in the House: The Raced-Gendered Experience of Mothers Running for Political Office." – *Accepted, Gender and Political Psychology Conference*. Brandeis University, Boston. May 29 – 31.
2024. **Irving, Michelle.** "Mominees Dilemma: Balancing Maternal Identity, Race, and Gender in a Congressional Campaign." – *Accepted, European Consortium for Political Science workshop on Gender, Parenthood and Political Representation*. Leuphana University, Lüneberg. March 25 – 28.
2024. **Irving, Michelle.** "Mominees Dilemma: Balancing Maternal Identity, Race, and Gender in a Congressional Campaign." – *Accepted, Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Conference*, Simon Fraser University. March 28 – 30.
2024. **Irving, Michelle.** "Mominees Dilemma: Balancing Maternal Identity, Race, and Gender in a Congressional Campaign." – *Presented at the, Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Conference*, New Orleans. January 10 – 14.
2023. **Irving, Michelle.** "Mominees Dilemma: Balancing Maternal Identity, Race, and Gender in a Congressional Campaign." – *Presented at the Women in Legislative Studies Conference*, Brown University. October 26 – 27.
2022. **Irving, Michelle.** "Supreme Court Mominees: Political Implications of motherhood rhetoric " – *Presented at the Center for C-Span Scholarship & Engagement Conference*, Purdue University. Oct 24 – 25.
2021. **Irving, Michelle.** "Baby Bump: The Political Consequences for Pregnant Candidates." – *Presented at Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference. Virtual*, April 22 – 24.

2020. **Irving, Michelle.** “Baby Bump: The Political Consequences for Pregnant Candidates.” – *Presented at the Gender and Political Psychology Network Conference. Virtual, Oct 9.*
2019. Bittner, Amanda and **Michelle Irving.** “[Protective moms vs carefree dads? How do MPs portray their family lives on social media?](#)” - *Presented at the Canadian Political Science Association annual conference, Vancouver, BC, June 4 – 6 – Data collection, literature review and methods co-author.*
- Irving, Michelle.** “[Measuring Candidate Self-Presentation in 2011 – 2017 Western Canadian Provincial Elections](#)” – *Presented at the Canadian Political Science Association annual conference, Vancouver, BC, June 4 – 6.*
- Irving, Michelle.** “Measuring Candidate Self-Presentation in 2011 – 2017 Western Canadian Provincial Elections” – *Presented at the Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy Graduate Student Conference, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, January 17 – 18.*
2018. Chezenko, Griffyn G., Brooke Steinhaur and **Michelle Irving.** “Gauging Women’s Presence on Newfoundland and Labrador Municipal Councils” – [Presented at the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association \(APPSA\) Conference](#), St John’s NL, October 12 - 14 – **Data collection, data analysis author and literature review co-author.**
- Irving, Michelle.** “Measuring Candidate Self-Presentation in 2015 Alberta Provincial Election” – [Presented at the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association \(APPSA\) Conference](#), St John’s NL, October 12 – 14.

Professional Activities

Politics & Gender

July 2022 – Sept 2023

Cambridge University Press & Rutgers University
Graduate Editorial Assistant

2022. Provide support to the *Politics & Gender* editorial team. Responsibilities include running politics & gender social media account, triaging manuscripts and increasing reviewer network.

Center for American Women and Politics

January 2020 – July 2022

Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University

Graduate Research Assistant

2022. Provide research support for Dr. Kelly Dittmar on the upcoming 2022

Congressional midterm elections.

2021. Provide research support for Dr. Kelly Dittmar on State Case Study Project looking at Women's Representation across Gender/Race/Partisanship at the state level. Focusing on media analysis of women's representation in Oklahoma and Nevada. Background and data gathering for interviews with key actors in each state.
2020. Research Assistant for [Measuring Success: Women in 2020 Legislative Elections](#) report. Focusing on state legislative races, provided background on candidates and completed data collection on state primary and general elections races for media distribution and published on CAWP website and database.

Research Assistant for Dr. Lisa Miller

May – September 2020

Department of Political Science, Rutgers University

- Survey design in Qualtrics on constitutional meaning of terms, historical media analysis on changing usage of constitutional terms

Research Assistant for Dr. Amanda Bittner

Sept. 2017 – June 2019

Department of Political Science, Memorial University

- Research support for publications on parenthood self-presentation in politics, perceptions of women candidates for book project

Communications Strategist, The City of Calgary

Oct 2011 – July 2017

Calgary AB, Canada

- Managed communications for a number of local departments over six years including: The Mayor's Office and City Clerk, City Parks, and Real Estate. Co-led communications strategy for the 2013 Municipal Election, a Provincial Celebration of Life for a former Premier (including coordination with the Canadian Prime Minister's Office), and led media strategy for large City real estate acquisitions.

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

2023. The Inaugural Ruth B. Mandel Dissertation Research Awards. Valued at \$2,000.
- The Carrie Chapman Catt Center Prize for Research on Women and Politics. Valued at \$2,000.
2022. Rutgers University Fellowship. Valued at \$25,000.
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Research Grant. SSHRC to support research until 2024. Valued at \$40,000 CAD.

Rutgers Institute for Research on Women (IRW) Graduate Fellowship. Valued at \$5,000. – *selected as an alternate.*

Laura Bassi Scholarship. Intended to support manuscript editorial costs. – *Declined.*

2021. Box-Steffensmeier Scholarship for ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. Scholarship for both First & Second four-week session (June 21 – Aug 13, 2021). Valued at \$3,800.

2019. Rutgers University Fellowship. Valued at \$25,000.

Barney Power's Award. Valued at \$500.

Memorial University School of Graduate Studies Fellowship. Valued at \$6,000.

2018. Memorial University School of Graduate Studies Fellowship. Valued at \$6,000.

Mayor Andree P. Boucher Memorial Scholarship – *presented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to a female graduate student with the best research paper on a topic related to women in politics.* Valued at \$4,500.

2005. Alexander Rutherford Scholarship from the Province of Alberta. Valued at \$2,500

Grants

2022. "Supreme Court Mominees: Political Implications of motherhood rhetoric." Funded by the Center for C-Span Scholarship and Engagement Research Grant. Valued at \$2,000.

2020. "Emotional Suitability during a Crisis: Governor's Gender presentation differences on Twitter During Covid-19." funded by the Summer Institute for Computational Social Sciences (SICSS). Valued at \$4,000. Co-applicant with Cole Harvey (University of Oklahoma) and Jonne Kamphorst (European University Institute).

2018. "Men, Masculinity and Mindsets: Understanding Gender & Contemporary Attitudes" funded by Memorial University Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship in the Arts Grant Proposal. Valued at \$7,000. Collaborator. Faculty Applicant: Dr. Amanda Bittner (Memorial University).

2017. “Women in local politics in NL: Past, Present, Future” funded by J R Smallwood grant. Valued at \$5,000. Collaborator. Faculty Applicant: Dr. Amanda Bittner (Memorial University).

Academic Service

2024. Journal Manuscript Reviewer. Canadian Journal of Political Science (CJPS)
Journal Manuscript Reviewer. Politics, Groups and Identities (PGI).
2023. Journal Manuscript Reviewer. *Politics & Gender*.
2022. Guest Editor, Virtual Special Issue “[Pathways to Congress](#)” *Politics & Gender* – Oct.

Search Committee Member, joint Rutgers Political Science-CAWP Eagleton Position
- 2020 – 2021. Student organizer for Department Gender & Politics (GAP) seminar series.
- 2019 – 2021. Student Liaison to Faculty - Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA), Rutgers University.

Conference Planning

2019. Gender & Politics Committee Member: Gauging Women’s Presence in Municipal Politics Conference, Memorial University of Newfoundland – *March 22*.
2018. Academic Co-lead Sub Committee: Changing Political Landscapes Student Conference, Political Science, Memorial University of Newfoundland - *April 10*.

Gender & Politics Lab event lead: APPSA Pre-conference Gender & Politics workshop - Memorial University of Newfoundland - *Oct 12*.

Lab Membership

2019. Gender & Politics, Memorial University of Newfoundland. Sept 2017 – July 2019. Under direction of Dr. Amanda Bittner, collaborate with students on gender & politics projects – including Women in Local Politics in Newfoundland, presented at 2018 APPSA conference.

Teaching Experience

- Sept – Dec 2024 Instructor of Record, ‘Intro to College Writing.’ English Department, Rutgers University (355:101). – *in-person, 1 section*

May – July 2024	Instructor of Record ‘Women and American Politics,’ Summer Session I. Department of Political Science, Rutgers University (790:335) – <i>online, asynchronous</i>
Sept – Dec 2023	Instructor of Record, ‘Intro to College Writing.’ English Department, Rutgers University (355:101). – <i>in-person, 2 sections.</i>
May – July 2023	Instructor of Record ‘Women and American Politics,’ Summer Session I. Department of Political Science, Rutgers University (790:335) – <i>online, asynchronous</i>
Fall – December 2022	Instructor of Record, ‘Women and American Politics,’ Department of Political Science, Rutgers University (790:335) – <i>in-person</i>
July – August 2022	Instructor of Record, ‘The Presidency’, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University (790:306) – <i>online, asynchronous</i>
Sept. 2020 – May 2022	Graduate Teaching Assistant, ‘Law and Politics’, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University (790:106) – <i>online, asynchronous, and in-person formats.</i>