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EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA Expected May 2028
Dual-Ph.D. in Political Science and Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
Major Field: American Politics

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA Expected December 2025
Dual-M.A. in Political Science and Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
Major Field: American Politics

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV May 2023
B.A. in Political Science and B.A. in Philosophy
Minors: Music, Women and Gender Studies, LGBTQ+ Studies
Summa Cum Laude Honors

Research Interests

- Economic Inequality
- Political Behavior
- Interest Groups
- Labor Politics
- Gender, Sexuality, and Politics
- Race and Politics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Pennsylvania State University Fall 2023 and Spring 2024
Teaching Assistant

- PLSC 1: “American Politics: Principles, Processes, and Powers”
 - Guest Lecture during the *Interest Groups* section titled “Introduction to Labor Unions”

Research

Pennsylvania State University Fall 2024 and Spring 2025
Research Assistant

- Research and facilitation of the *Mood of The Nation Poll* under Dr. Michael Berkman and Dr. Eric Plutzer for the McCourtney Institute for Democracy.

Non-Profit

The Eric Domanico Foundation, South Lyon, MI
Founder; Chief of Staff and Secretary, Public Policy Organizer

November 2020 – September 2023

WV Can't Wait, Morgantown, WV
Community Organizer

February 2022 – November 2022

SCHOLARSHIP

Working Projects

1. Elswick, Ash V. and William W. Franko. "Inequality, Alienation, and Alternative Forms of Political Participation." Presented at APSA 2024.
2. Elswick, Ash V. and Christopher Witko. "Labor Policy Agendas in the U.S. States." Presented at 2024 APSA Comparative Labor Workshop.
3. Banaszak, Lee Ann, Erica Dolphopf, Ash V. Elswick, and Megan Kennedy. "Women's Paths to Leadership in Non-Governmental Organizations."
4. Elswick, Ash V. "Union Membership and Gender Attitudes: Exploring Spousal Influences on Support for Women in the Workforce." Working Master's Thesis.
5. Elswick, Ash V. "Economic Inequality and Advocacy: The Role of Interest Groups as Responders to States with High Poverty Rates."

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Conferences

Presented

1. Elswick, Ash V. and William W. Franko. "Inequality, Alienation, and Alternative Forms of Political Participation." Presented at APSA, September 5th, 2024.

Chaired

1. Panel titled: "Elite Discourse about Inequality and Framing Effects" APSA, September 6th, 2024

Workshop and Webinars

Presented

1. Elswick, Ash V. and Christopher Witko. "Labor Policy Agendas in the U.S. States." Presented at 2024 APSA Comparative Labor Workshop, March 5th, 2024.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Pennsylvania State University
Graduate Assistantship

2023-Present

- Stipend of \$29,450 and tuition waiver.

MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania State University <i>Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS)</i>	2023-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Representative on the Department Diversity Committee (2023-2024)• Executive Officer; Secretary (2024-2025)	
Political Science <i>American Political Science Association</i>	2023-Present
Community <i>Chi Omega (XΩ)</i>	2023-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WVU Theta Chapter Alumnae	

HONORS AND AWARDS

- PSU Liberal Arts External Funding Incentive Award (\$1,000)
- Center for American Political Responsiveness (CAPR) Graduate Scholar Summer Scholarship (\$2,000 for three consecutive summers)
- 2023 ALL IN Student Voting Honor Roll Award Recipient on behalf of West Virginia University
- WVU Outstanding Senior (Top 1% of Senior Class)
- WVU Nolan Burch Leadership Fellow
- WV Health Science Technology Academy Graduate (4-Year Tuition Waiver at WVU)

SKILLS

- Microsoft Office 365 Suite
- Google Suite
- RStudio (Advanced)
- Python (Basic)
- Legal Writing
- Political Organizer Training Recipient (*Training For Change*)

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request