

Dr. Kaitlin Senk

CONTACT INFORMATION	University of Bath Room 2.16 1WN Bath BA2 7AY	1-516-849-1188 ks2855@bath.ac.uk
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative politics, women's representation, voting behavior, polarization, quantitative and computational research methods.	
EMPLOYMENT	Lecturer University of Bath, Bath, United Kingdom	2024 -
	Research Fellow on the TWICEASGOOD Project University of Exeter, Exeter, United Kingdom	2022-2024
EDUCATION	Rice University , Houston, TX Ph.D., Political Science, May 2022 Committee: <i>Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Diana Z. O'Brien, Jonathan Homola</i> M.A., Political Science, May 2018 State University of New York at Geneseo , Geneseo, NY B.A., Political Science and English (Double Major), May 2015 <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	
PUBLICATIONS	Senk, Kaitlin , Jessica Edry, and Nicholas Coulombe. "Women's Legislative Representation and Human Rights Treaty Ratification." <i>Politics & Gender</i> . DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X2400014X Senk, Kaitlin . 2022. "When Do Women Represent Women's Rights: Exploring Seniority and Political Security." <i>Politics, Groups, and Identities</i> 11(5): 1077-97. DOI: 10.1080/21565503.2022.2080081 Adams, James, David Bracken, Noam Gidron, Will Horne, Diana Z. O'Brien and Kaitlin Senk . 2022 "Can't We All Just Get Along? How Women MPs Ameliorate Affective Polarization in Western Publics." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 117(1): 318-324. DOI:10.1017/S0003055422000491 – Selected by APSA's Public Scholarship Program and featured in <i>Political Science Now</i> – Winner of the 2023 CSES GESIS Klingemann Prize Senk, Kaitlin . 2021. "Are Women Less Effective at Passing Bills? Exploring the Direct and Indirect Effects of Gender." <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> 46(3): 791-816. DOI: 10.1111/lsq.12303 – Rice University Department of Political Science William P. Hobby Award – Also appears in Let the Women Speak: Special Issue for International Women's Day 2022 and beyond	

Schwindt-Bayer, Leslie A. and **Kaitlin Senk**. 2020. “The Challenges of Gender Representation in Latin America.” *Latin American Research Review* 55(2): 391-396. DOI: [10.25222/larr.889](https://doi.org/10.25222/larr.889)

BOOK REVIEWS

Senk, Kaitlin. 2020. Book Review of *All Roads Lead to Power: The Appointed and Elected Paths to Public Office*, Kaitlin N. Sidorsky. *Public Administration*.

WORKING PAPERS

Pascu-Lindner, Andra and **Kaitlin Senk**. “Where are all the Women Prime Ministers? Voter Evaluations of Women Leaders.” *Invited to Revise and Resubmit*

Adams, James, David Bracken, Noam Gidron, Will Horne, Seonghui Lee, Diana Z. O’Brien, Philip Santoso, **Kaitlin Senk** and Randolph T. Stevenson. “Gender Inclusivity Shifts Parties’ Images Leftward: Observational and Experimental Evidence.” *Under Review*

Tirado Castro, Alejandro and **Kaitlin Senk**. “Polarized Hearts and Minds: Gender Differences in Affective Polarization and Political Violence.”

Senk, Kaitlin, Julia van Zijl, Susan Banducci, and Sofia Collignon. “Is it more costly to be visible or viable? Violence Against Women Candidates in Subnational Elections.”

OTHER WRITING

Senk, Kaitlin and Hilde Coffé. “[Unraveling \(Financial\) Barriers Faced by Women in Politics](#)”. Centenary Action. November 2024.

Senk, Kaitlin and Hilde Coffé. “[Unraveling \(Financial\) Barriers Faced by Women in Politics](#)”. 50:50 Parliament. October 2024.

Senk, Kaitlin and Hilde Coffé. “[Unraveling \(Financial\) Barriers Faced by Women in Politics](#)”. Report prepared for roundtable event. October 2024.

Collignon, Sofia, **Kaitlin Senk**, Susan Banducci. “[Do Voters Want More Women MPs?](#)” Centenary Action. September 2023.

GRANTS

ESRC Impact Acceleration Account Open Call: £20,000	2024
with Hilde Coffé	
ESRC Impact Acceleration Account Grant: £3,000	2024
with Hilde Coffé	
Social Sciences Research Institute Travel Grant	2019
American Political Science Association Travel Grant	2019
Social Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Improvement Grant: \$5,000	2019
Doerr Leader Development Innovation Award: \$43,046	2019
with Carly Mayes and Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer	
Social Sciences Research Institute Travel Grant	2018
Awarded 3 times	

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

CSES GESIS Klingemann Prize for best scholarship using CSES data	2023
Rice University’s Career Center Award for Career Development	2022
Prestage-Cook Travel Award	2020
Universidad Católica del Uruguay Winter School Outstanding Poster Award	2018
Awarded at the annual meeting for the Latin American PolMeth Society	
Rice University Department of Political Science William P. Hobby Award	2018

Rice University Dean's Fellowship: **\$10,000** 2016
Rice University Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship 2016-2021

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor

PL52156 - Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations Fall 2024
PL22027 - Comparative Politics Fall 2024
PL12004 - Essential Study Skills in Politics Fall 2024
PL12007 - Solving Puzzles About Politics Spring 2024
PL30875 - Comparative Elections and Voting Spring 2024
PL31012 - Closing Global Gender Gaps Spring 2024
PL51033 - Gender, Political Behavior, and Representation Spring 2024
POLI102 - Political Science Statistics Lab Spring 2021, Fall 2021
POLI339 - Gender and Politics Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant

Stats Helpdesk in Centre for Computational Social Science Spring 2023, Fall 2023
POLI212 - Introduction to Comparative Politics Fall 2017, Spring 2018

NON-ACADEMIC
IMPACT

Serving on the Centenary Action Academic Advisory Group
Media interviews with LBC, Heart Radio, and BBC on the 2024 US General Election
Featured on "Let's Talk Polarization" podcast
Research featured in the *Guardian*

INVITED TALKS

2022: 'Measuring Sexism' *Misogyny In The Modern World: From Politics to Violent Extremism*, Exeter, UK

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2025: MPSA, ECPG Joint Sessions
2024: ECPG
2023: EPSA, PSA Gender and Elections Workshop
2022: APSA
2021: APSA
2020: SPSA, TXCP, APSA
2019: TXCP, APSA
2018: MPSA, TexMeth, PolMeth, APSA, Latin American PolMeth

SERVICE

Section Head: Gender and Politics Section MPSA 2025
Research Seminar Coordinator, Bath PoLIS 2024-
Award Committee: George H. Hallett Award 2024
Discussant: SPSA 2020, MPSA 2025
Political Science Graduate Student Association, Elections Chair, Rice 2020
Graduate Student Association Committee Liaison for the Rice Women's Resource Center, Rice
Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *Cambridge Elements*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Gender and Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Union Politics*, *Government and Opposition*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion*, and *Politics*, *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, *Journal of Politics and Government*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies Review*, *Politics & Gender*, *Southern European Society and Politics*

PROGRAMMING AND SKILLS *Programming:* R, Python, Stata, Qualtrics, Mathematica BUGS/JAGS, LaTeX
Skills: Statistical modelling, text data analysis, survey experiments

AFFILIATIONS American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Society for Political Methodology
Phi Beta Kappa

REFERENCES Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer
Professor Phone: 1-713-348-2699
Department of Political Science E-mail: schwindt@rice.edu
Rice University

Diana Z. O'Brien
Bela Kornitzer Distinguished Professor
Department of Political Science Email: dzobrien@wustl.edu
Washington University in St. Louis

Jonathan Homola
Assistant Professor Email: homola@ucla.edu
Department of Political Science
University of California, Los Angeles