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Curriculum Vita in *Brief*, Updated Summer 2024, *Recent Updates in Blue*

Education

University of Massachusetts

Amherst, MA

Ph.D. Political Science

Fall, 2003

Dissertation: "White Noise: Media Use by Right Wing Extremist Groups for Political Purposes."

Committee Chair: Jerome Mileur

Comprehensive Exam Fields: American National Government, American Political Institutions (Pass with Distinction), and Comparative Government

St. Lawrence University

Canton, NY

B.A., Government

Spring, 1991

Teaching Experience

Shippensburg University

Shippensburg, PA

Professor

Fall 2013 – Present

Shippensburg University Student Association "Faculty Member of the Year 2019-2020"

Shippensburg University Student Association "Faculty Member of the Year 2014-2015"

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

Fall 2008- Spring 2013

Shippensburg University Student Association "Faculty Member of the Year 2008-2009"

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Fall, 2003 – Spring 2008

Shippensburg University Student Association "Faculty Member of the Year 2004-2005"

Teaching Responsibilities:

U.S. Government and Politics (PLS 100)

African American Politics (PLS 325)

Applications in Public Affairs (PLS 202)

American Political Thought (PLS 363)

Politics and the Media (PLS 321)

Political Satire in Amer. Politics (PLS 393)

Interest Groups in Society (PLS 322)

Advocacy in Public Admin. (PLS 522)

Polarization in American Pol. (PLS 393)

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on

Campaigns, Elections & Parties (PLS 323)

Government Relations (PLS 534)

Publications: Sole-Authored Books

Dagnes, Alison, Super Mad at Everything All the Time: Modern Media & Our National Anger (New York: Palgrave) 2019.

Dagnes, Alison, A Conservative Walks Into a Bar: The Politics of Political Humor (New York: Palgrave-Macmillan) 2012.

Dagnes, Alison, Politics on Demand: The Effects of 24-Hour News on American Politics (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger) 2010.

Publications: Edited Volumes & Book Chapters

Dagnes, Alison “An Audience in Search of Bad News: The Present & Future of Partisan Media,” in Lawrence Bailey, ed. The Future of the U.S. Party System (Amherst University Press) *Forthcoming*

Dagnes, Alison, “Grievance Media: How Two Sets of ‘News’ Hampers Democracy,” in Eppard, & Giroux, eds. *On Inequality and Freedom*, (New York: Oxford University Press) 2022.

Dagnes, Alison “The evolving format of US Cable News and the Proliferation of Opinion,” in Stephen Cushion, ed. The Rise of 24-hour News: Global Perspectives, 2nd Edition (New York: Peter Lang) 2016.

Dagnes, Alison and Mark Sachleben, eds. Scandal! An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Consequences, Outcomes, Significance of Political Scandals (New York: Bloomsbury) 2013.

Dagnes, Alison, Editor, Sex Scandals in American Politics: A Multidisciplinary Approach (New York: Continuum Press) 2011.

Solicited Publications

Dagnes, Alison for *Real Clear PA*:

- Stop Feeding the Polarization Beast (October 11, 2023)
- Defining the Political Parties in 2023 America (August 2, 2023)
- Lessons from a Gen X Professor (April 21, 2023)
- What’s on the Minds of PA’s College Students? (March 20, 2023)
- Misperceptions of Pennsylvania’s College Students (February 27, 2023)

Dagnes, Alison, The Lorem Ipsum *It Sucks Being a Swinger* (November 14, 2022)

Dagnes, Alison *Lancaster Online* Laughing Matter? Analyzing Humor in the 2022 PA Elections (October 9, 2022)

Dagnes, Alison, *Bucks County Beacon* Doug Mastriano’s Disdain for the Press is a Threat to Democracy (June 23, 2022)

Dagnes, Alison, Smerconish.com “Why Right-Wing Media Wants its Viewers to Live in Another Reality,” (September 7, 2021)

Dagnes, Alison, “The Comedic Stylings of Donald J. Trump” *Mischiefs of Faction*, (Oct 22, 2020)

Dagnes, Alison, “*Spy Magazine*” in Jody Baumgartner, ed. "American Political Humor: Masters of Satire and Impact on U.S. Policy and Culture." (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio) 2019.

Dagnes, Alison, "Humor, Satire, and Politics," in Michael Shally-Jensen, ed., *American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia*. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO). 2015

Dagnes, Alison, "Scandals in Politics," in Michael Shally-Jensen, ed., *American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia*. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO). 2015

New Courses Developed

Political Polarization in American Politics (PLS 393) A critical study of polarization: how it developed, is spread, and its consequences in a democratic society.

Honors PA Midterm Elections 2022 (HON 357) A course that tracked every Pennsylvania county past election performance and provided SUPER Map data to chart the 2022 midterms.

Applications in Public Affairs (PLS 202) A skills class incorporating academic and vocational aptitudes for Political Science majors and minors.

African American Politics (PLS 325) An exploration of the political, historical, and cultural impacts of race and discrimination in America.

Advocacy in Public Administration (PLS 522) An examination of how citizens and advocacy groups lobby for public policy at the state and national level.

Political Satire in American Politics (PLS 393) A critical study of political humor, this course examines satire's effects and consequences in a democratic society.

Professional Presentations

Dagnes, Alison & Classic Stage Company (NYC), "Assassins and the Politics of American Anger," (January 5, 2022)

Dagnes, Alison, "The Logical Result: How Right-Wing Media and GOP Politicians Have Amplified American Polarization to the Point of Violence," Groupe de Recherche en Communication Politicque (April 16, 2021)

Dagnes, Alison, AAUW & Midtown Scholar Live with Alison Dagnes: Super Mad (10/1/2020)

Dagnes, Alison "The Chaos of Our Political Media," TedX Harrisburg (October 19, 2019)

Professional Papers Presented (Recent)

Dagnes, Alison, "Thinking Outside the Fox: The Radicalization of Right-Wing Media," Southern Political Science Association Conference New Orleans, LA (January 2024)

Dagnes, Alison, “Crazy Like a Fox: The Escalation of Conspiracy theory in Right-Wing Media” [Northeast Political Science Association Conference](#) (November 2023)

Dagnes, Alison, “The Trusted Brokers Should Not Be Trusted: The Consequences of Right-Wing Media Today,” [Southern Political Science Association Conference](#) St. Pete (January 2023)

Dagnes, Alison “Good for Business: The Impact of Right-Wing Media’s Denial of Fact,” [Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Boston (November 2022).

Dagnes, Alison, “An Audience in Search of Bad News,” [Western Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Portland, OR (March 2022)

Dagnes, Alison, “Flash Flood: Updating the ‘Feeding Frenzy’ for Modern Times,” [Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), San Juan, Puerto Rico (January 2020).

Dagnes, Alison “Super Mad at Everything All the Time,” [Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference](#) Austin, TX (January 2019).

Dagnes, Alison, “Seething Rage and Separate Truths: Modern Political Media and American Frustration,” [Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Montreal (Nov. 2018).

Dagnes, Alison, “Everyone Hates the Media but They Still Use It,” [Midwest Political Science Assoc. Conference](#) Chicago, (April 2018).

Academic Colloquia and Conference Panel Participation (Recent)

Chair & Discussant, “The Jerry Mileur Roundtable on U.S. Political Parties,” [Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Boston (November 2024).

Chair & Discussant, “Campaign Strategies & Their Effectiveness,” [Southern Political Science Association Conference](#) St. Pete (January 2023)

Chair & Discussant “Separation of Powers: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,” [Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Boston (November 2022).

Panelist, “The Jerry Mileur Roundtable on U.S. Political Parties,” [Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), Boston (November 2022).

Chair & Panelist, “Authors Meets Critics: *At War with Government*,” [Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference](#) (November 2021)

Chair & Panelist, “The Jerry Mileur Roundtable on U.S. Political Parties,” [Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), *Online: Taped for Distribution* (November 2020).

Panelist, “U.S. Presidential Election Roundtable,” University of Tasmania (September 2020)

Chair & Discussant, “New Findings in Entertainment Media, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico (January 2020).

Chair & Panelist, “Author Meets Critics: Dannagal Young’s “Irony & Outrage,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia (November 2019).

Chair & Panelist, “The Jerry Mileur Roundtable on U.S. Political Parties,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia (November 2019).

Chair & Discussant, “Race and the Media,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia (Nov. 2019).

Panelist, “Emotional Breakdown: The Psychology of Partisanship,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia (Nov. 2019).

Discussant, “No Going Back? Donald Trump and U.S. Politics,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal (Nov. 2018).

Chair and Discussant, “Political Values & Cultural Texts,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal (Nov. 2018).

Panelist, “The Jerry Mileur Roundtable on U.S. Political Parties,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal (Nov. 2018).

Panelist, “The Parties Respond: The 2018 Midterms,” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal (Nov. 2018).

Panelist, “Montreal Conference on U.S. Elections,” University of Quebec, Montreal, Nov. 2018.

Discussant, “Coverage of Clinton & Trump During the 2016 Campaign,” Midwest Political Science Assoc. Conference Chicago, (April 2018).

Solicited Media Appearances & Interviews **(See Addendum for Specifics)**

NPR IA (**multiple**)

Fox News (**multiple**)

Bloomberg News (**multiple**)

Philadelphia Inquirer

(**multiple**)

The Hill

Business Insider

BBC-TV & Radio

The Caucus (**multiple**)

PolitiFact

Teen Vogue

Sinclair Broad. (**multiple**)

TribLive (**multiple**)

Chicago Tribune

North Jersey Online

Fox 43 (**multiple**)

Daily Beast

Good Housekeeping

Vox

Roll Call

History Channel

Boston Globe

NPR All Things Considered

MSNBC

The New York Times

WITF-FM (**multiple**)

Vanity Fair (**multiple**)

La Prensa Latina

Patheos

Chambersburg Public Opinion

PCN (multiple)
PennLive (multiple)

KUER-NPR Nevada
Carlisle/ Cumberlink

WWL-TV
WGN-TV

Invited Research Lectures & Media Appearances for Sole-Authored Books

Super Mad at Everything All the Time Media Forums, Book Readings, & Discussions

- [Page Turner Reads](#), DeKalb Market, Brooklyn (May, 2019)
- [Kramerbooks and Afterwards](#), Washington, DC (April, 2019)
- [Midtown Scholar Books](#), Harrisburg, PA (April, 2019)
- [WITF's Radio Smart Talk](#), Harrisburg, PA (May, 2019)
- [Ellen Plumb Bookstore](#), Emporia, KA (April, 2019)
- [Progress Pod](#), Chambersburg, PA (May, 2019)
- [The Jewish Forward This Twitter Alternative Was Supposed To Be Nicer, But Bigots Love It Already](#) (July 18, 2019)
- [Fred Tromberg Radio Show: Life, The Law, & Legal Issues](#) (May 29, 2019)
- [Carlisle Sentinel Reclaiming the Square: Protests, rallies increase on the Carlisle Square as political discord rises](#) (Sept. 9, 2019)

Invited Lectures & Public Talks About Politics & Political Media (Recent)

“PAMPAC Asks About Politics,” *Pennsylvania Medical Society* (June 2022)

“Throwing the Party of a Lifetime,” Lehigh Carbon Community College,” (Nov. 2021)

“Political Scandal in an Age of Polarization,” *St. Vincent's College, Pittsburgh* (October 2018)

Annually: *Torch Club of Chambersburg*

Biannually: *Institute for Retired Persons of Chambersburg*

University Service

[University Wide Promotion Committee](#) (2020 – Present), (2014-2016)

[University Wide Tenure Committee](#) (2019-2020)

[Honors Steering Committee](#) (Fall 2003 to Present)

Organized Honors Political Debate Series (2004, 2006), Pizza with a Prof (2012), led “Honors Read” Chaired “Honors 25th Anniversary Party” Committee (Spring 2010) Led Summer Freshman Registration (2011) Summer Orientation Lecture, Orientation Talk (2011) Summer Orientation Activities (2013, 2014, 2015) Awarded “*Outstanding Contributions Award*” 2005

Political Science Department Service

Department Chair (Fall, 2023 – Present)

Chair, Department Professional Affairs Committee (DPAC) (2009 to 2011, 2013-2019, present)
Wrote Department probationary/ review letters and promotion letters.

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society (Spring, 2004 to Present)

Winner: PSA National Best Chapter Award 2011-2012 Academic Year

- Organized Shippensburg Caucus Events at the Martin House (2020, 2016, 2008)
- Organized “Electoral College Roll Call” to predict the winner of the 2012 presidential campaign, hosted by President & Mrs. Ruud at the Martin House.
- Organize Annual Poli Sci Homecoming Tailgate Events (Every Year)
- Organized “Potential Nights” and “Networking Nights” which brought PSA alumni back for five evening seminars to talk about: Graduate School; Resume Building; Internships; Interviewing; Etiquette
- Super Tuesday Super Party, State of the Union Parties, Midterm Midtastick Parties, and Election Night Parties at Blackhorse Tavern/ University Grille (2022, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006, 2005,).
- Planned and guided field trips to Washington to tour Congress, the Newseum, C-SPAN & Fox News, NRCC.

Faculty Advisor, Shippensburg University Political Science Club (Fall 2003 to Spring 2007) and (Fall 2009 – Present) Coordinated Pizza Parties, “Cookout Kickoff” for Department, arranged and guided overnight field trip to Washington, DC, advised students on activities and opportunities, helped organize philanthropic clothing drive. Coordinated mentor program and advising.

Colloquia Organized

Working in Politics Today (November 2022) Produced panel with Ship alumni Tom Dunn and Josh Neyhart to discuss GOP advertising and working on Shapiro campaign (respectively)

The Media & The Midterms: A Look from National and State Perspectives (October 2018)
Brought in Tim Dombro from WETA in Washington and Scott LaMar from WITF for panel.

Professional Organization Membership

Shippensburg University Women’s Consortium
Pennsylvania Political Science Association
Northeast Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Nat’l Capital Area Political Science Assoc.