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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Government, Harvard University, 1998

B.A., Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1992, Summa Cum Laude

EMPLOYMENT

Professor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2010 - present

Senior Scholar, Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics,
Rutgers University, 2006 – present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2006 – 2010

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2004 – 2006

Visiting Professor, Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics,
Rutgers University, 2002 – 2003

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 1998 – 2004

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American politics, gender, race/ethnicity, parties, elections, public opinion, state politics, and money and politics

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Dittmar, Kelly, Kira Sanbonmatsu, and Susan J. Carroll. 2018. *A Seat at the Table: Congresswomen's Perspectives on Why Their Presence Matters*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Carroll, Susan J., and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2013. *More Women Can Run: Gender and Pathways to the State Legislatures*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2006. *Where Women Run: Gender and Party in the American States*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

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Peer Reviewed Articles

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<https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2021.2008992>

Gothreau, Claire, and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2023. "Women and Unequal Voice in Governors' Races: A Study of Campaign Contributions." *Politics, Groups and Identities*. 11 (1): 158-168. Research note. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2021.1932531>

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Editor Reviewed Articles

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Sanbonmatsu, Kira, Kelly Dittmar, and Paru Shah. 2025. "Whither Politics & Gender Research? Reflections on US Election 2024." Co-editor, "Critical Perspectives" section. *Politics & Gender*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X25100044>

Dittmar, Kelly, Catherine Wineinger, and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2022. "Studying Legislatures at the Intersection of Gender and Race: The View from the 114th Congress." *P.S.: Political Science and Politics*. 55(2): 277-279. [DOI: 10.1017/S1049096521001608](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096521001608)

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Book Chapters

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Rogers, Kathleen, and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2022. "The Persistence of Gender in Campaigns and Elections." In *Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology*. Eds. Danny Osborne and Chris Sibley. Cambridge University Press.

- Sanbonmatsu, Kira, and Maria Wilson. 2022. "Women's Election to Office in the Fifty States: Changes and Challenges." In *Gender and Elections: Shaping the Future of American Politics*. Fifth edition. Eds. Susan J. Carroll, Richard L. Fox, and Kelly Dittmar. Cambridge University Press.
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- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2020. "Women in State Legislatures: New York in Comparative Perspective." *Suffrage and Its Limits: The New York Story*. Eds. Kathleen M. Dowley, Susan Ingalls Lewis, and Meg Devlin O'Sullivan. SUNY Press. 67-78.
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- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2018. "Introduction." In *The Right Women: Republican Party Activists, Candidates, and Legislators*, Eds. Malliga Och and Shauna L. Shames. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.
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- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2016. "Officeholding in the Fifty States: The Pathways Women of Color Take to Statewide Elective Executive Office." In *Distinct Identities: Minority Women in U.S. Politics*, Eds. Nadia E. Brown and Sarah Allen Gershon. New York: Routledge Press. 171-186.
- Carroll, Susan J., and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2012. "Entering the Mayor's Office: Women's Decisions to Run for Municipal Office." In *Women and Executive Office: Pathways and Performance*, Ed. Melody Rose. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. 115-136.
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- Dolan, Kathleen, and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2011. "Candidate Gender and Experimental Political Science." In *The Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Political Science*, Eds. Jamie N. Druckman, Donald P. Green, James H. Kuklinski and Arthur Lupia. Cambridge University Press. 289-298.

Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2010. "Organizing American Politics, Organizing Gender." In *Oxford Handbook of American Elections and Political Behavior*, Ed. Jan E. Leighley. Oxford University Press. 415-432.

Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2008. "Representation by Gender and Parties." In *Political Women and American Democracy*, Eds. Christina Wolbrecht, Karen Beckwith, and Lisa Baldez. Cambridge University Press. 96-109.

Other Publications

Dittmar, Kelly, Kira Sanbonmatsu, and Paru Shah. 2026. *CAWP Research Inventory on Gender & Politics*. Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. <https://cawp.rutgers.edu/research-analysis/gender-and-politics-research-hub>

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Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2025. "5 Fundraising Lessons For '25." *Campaigns & Elections*. Opinion-editorial. <https://campaignsandelections.com/voices/5-fundraising-lessons-for-25/>

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- Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP). 2024. [*Women, Money, & Politics Watch 2024*](#). New Brunswick, NJ: Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University-New Brunswick. A project led by Kira Sanbonmatsu.
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- Sanbonmatsu, Kira, and Claire Gothreau. 2021. [*The Money Race for the State Legislature*](#). A CAWP Women, Money, and Politics report. Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira, and Claire Gothreau. 2021. [*Money Matters in the Fifty States*](#). A CAWP Women, Money, and Politics report. Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira, and Claire Gothreau. 2021. "Women make fewer political donations and risk being ignored by elected officials." [*The Conversation*](#). 13 August.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira, Kathleen Rogers, and Claire Gothreau. 2020. [*The Money Hurdle in the Race for Governor*](#). A CAWP Women, Money, and Politics report. Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Dittmar, Kelly, Catherine Wineinger, and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2020. "Studying Legislatures at the Intersection of Gender and Race: The View from the 114th Congress." *The Legislative Scholar*. [LSS-Newsletter_Fall-2020.pdf \(politicalsciencenow.com\)](#)
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2020. "Waiting on Women of Color Governors." *The Gender Policy Report*. <https://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/waiting-for-women-of-color-governors/>
- van Assendelft, Laura, Page Fortna, Claudine Gay, and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2019. "Would I Do This All Over Again?" *Mid-Career Voices in Political Science*. A Report by the APSA Presidential Task Force on Women's Advancement in the Profession. Washington, DC: American Political Science Association (APSA). <https://preprints.apsanet.org/engage/apsa/article-details/5d24c71d8b4d460019a84d23>
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- Sanbonmatsu, Kira, and Gregory Lyon. 2018. "Money and Women's Races for Governor: A First Look." Gender Watch 2018 Blog. 23 August.
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- Dittmar, Kelly, Kira Sanbonmatsu, Susan J. Carroll, Debbie Walsh, and Catherine Wineinger. 2017. *Representation Matters: Women in the U.S. Congress*. Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
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<https://cawp.rutgers.edu/research-and-scholarship/candidate-recruitment-and-womens-election-state-legislatures>

Book Reviews

Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2010. Review of *The Motherless State: Women's Political Leadership and American Democracy*. By Eileen McDonagh. *Political Psychology*.

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Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2000. Review of *A Room at a Time: How Women Entered Party Politics*. By Jo Freeman. *Vox Pop Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties*. Vol. 19, pp. 1-3.

INVITED TALKS (since 2010)

Villanova University, Albert LePage Center for History in the Public Interest, "The State (and Fate) of American Democracy on the Eve of November's Elections" panel, 2024 (virtual).

"What's Wrong with Democracy" Podcast hosted by Ben Ansell, 2024.

OpenSecrets, "Data & Democracy 2024 Convening," Sedona, AZ, 2024.

The 19th, "Equal Participants in Our Democracy" panel, Washington, DC, 2024.

National Press Foundation, "Women in Politics Journalism Fellowship" panel, Washington, DC, 2024.

Electing Women's Alliance, Washington, DC, 2023.

Leadership Now, New York, NY, 2023.

OpenSecrets Forum, “(E)merging Vision: Fortifying Democracy’s Future,” Flathead Lake Lodge, MT, 2022.

University of Québec – Montreal Summer School, 2021 (virtual).

OpenSecrets, “Gender, Race and Money in Politics: Campaigning as a Woman” webinar, 2021.

Dickinson College, Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues, 2021 (virtual).

U.S. Capitol Historical Society, “Toward a More Perfect Union” panel, 2021 (virtual).

NEW Pride Agenda, “Virtual Town Hall” panel, 2020 (virtual).

Princeton Library, “Counting the Votes” panel, 2020 (virtual).

Winthrop University, John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy, 2020.

UNC Charlotte, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, 2020.

Hunter College, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute, “2020: Gender, Race, Suffrage, and Citizenship” panel, 2020.

King’s College London, UK, “Workshop on Gender and Politics: Perspectives from the UK and USA,” 2019.

Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, 2019.

Vanderbilt University, Center for Effective Lawmaking, 2019.

Georgetown University, American Government Seminar, 2019.

New York University, American Politics Workshop, 2019.

The Samuel C. Waters Lecture in Political Science, Presbyterian College, 2018.

Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, 2018.

Columbia University, “Columbia Midterm Elections Panel,” Department of Political Science, 2018.

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, “The Journal of Law and Social Policy’s 11th Annual Symposium” panel, 2018.

The Ohio State University, “The New American Electorate Symposium”, panelist, 2017.

SUNY-New Paltz, “Women in Politics: A Conference Commemorating the Centennial of Women Suffrage in New York States” panelist, 2017.

Girls Inc., Philadelphia, PA, 2017.

West Virginia University, Williams Lecture, Department of Political Science, 2016.

Queens College, City University of New York, “Women, Gender, and Politics Conference,” 2016.

Michigan State University, “Class, Race and Ethnicity Workshop,” Department of Political Science, 2016 (virtual).

Indiana University, Center on American Politics, Department of Political Science, 2016.

University of Minnesota, American Politics Proseminar, Department of Political Science, 2016.

University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics, 2015.

University of Pennsylvania, American Politics Workshop, 2015.

Hartwick College Leslie G. Rude Memorial Lecture, 2014.

University of Iowa, Public Policy Center, Women and Politics Symposium, 2014.

Harvard Kennedy School, Women and Public Policy Program Seminar, 2014.

Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, 2014.

Rutgers University, Eagleton Institute of Politics, 2013.

Rutgers University-Camden, Women’s and Gender Studies, 2011.

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, 2010.

Columbia University, SIPA Gender Policy Working Group, “Is 2010 Reshaping the Landscape of American Women and Politics?” 2010.

Columbia University, SIPA Gender Policy Working Group, Panelist, “Women’s Political Representation Around the World.” 2010.

New Latino Movement, New York, NY, 2010.

SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Discipline

Chair, 2025 Victoria Schuck Award Committee, American Political Science Association

Chair, 2025 *Politics & Gender* Best Article Award Committee

Co-Organizer. *Politics & Gender 20th Anniversary Conference*. Rutgers University, May 2025

Chair, American Political Science Association (APSA) Political Organizations and Parties section, Best Paper Award Committee, 2020

Co-organizer, Rutgers Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), June 2020 (virtual)

Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Best Paper in American Politics Award Committee, 2018

Member, American Political Science Association (APSA) Presidential Task Force on Women's Advancement in Political Science, 2016-18

Chair, Marian Irish Award Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2014

Member, American Political Science Association Committee on the Status of Asian-Pacific Americans in the Profession, 2013-15 (Chair, 2014-15)

Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Sophonisba Breckinridge Award Committee, 2013

Member, Jewell-Loewenberg Award committee for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, American Political Science Association's Legislative Studies Section, 2013

Member, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* Best Paper Award Committee, 2011

Chair, Nominations Committee, Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011

Member, Midwest Political Science Association Sophonisba Breckinridge Award Committee, 2011

Member, Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science Selection Committee for the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award, 2011

Member, Best Dissertation Award Committee, Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2010

Member, *Politics & Gender* Editorial Selection Committee, 2010

Chair, Political Parties and Interest Groups Section of the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2009

President, Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2007-2008

Chair, Jack L. Walker Outstanding Article Award Committee, Political Organizations and Parties Section of the American Political Science Association, 2007

Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Conference Committee, 2007

Member, Samuel J. Eldersveld Award Committee, Political Organizations and Parties Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2007

Program Co-Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2007

President-elect, Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2006–07

Executive Council Member, Political Organizations and Parties Section of the American Political Science Association, 2006–08

President, Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science, 2005–06

Chair, Women and Politics Section of the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 2006

Newsletter Editor, Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2002-05

Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Sophonisba Breckinridge Award Committee, 2004

Member, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* Best Paper Award Committee, 2003

Member, Midwest Political Science Association Sophonisba Breckinridge Award Committee, 2002

Chair, Gender and Politics Section of the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2002

Chair, Best Article Award Committee, Women and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, 1999

Member, Mary Lepper Award Committee of the Women's Caucus for Political Science, 1998

University

Rutgers University

University Service

School of Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee, 2021-2023

Rutgers University Libraries Faculty Adviser (Graduate Specialists), 2019-2021

Bloustein Dean Search Committee, 2016-18

SAS Appointments and Promotions Committee, 2011-13

Honors Mentor, 2008-15

Aresty Program, 2013-15

Graduate School New Brunswick Executive Council, 2011-13

Social Sciences Area Committee, 2009-11

Department Service

Personnel Committee, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2016-17, 2021-22, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27

Chair, Joint Political Science-Eagleton Institute of Politics/CAWP Senior Women and Politics
Scholar Search Committee, 2022

Joint Africana Studies and Political Science Search Committee, 2021

Race, Ethnicity and American Politics Search Committee, 2021

Placement Director, 2016-2022

Advisory Committee, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-
20, 2020-21, 2021-22

Graduate Program Committee, 2018-19, 2020-21

Peer Evaluation Committee, 2009-10; 2020

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2019, 2020

Feminist Theory Search Committee, 2019

Race, Ethnicity and American Politics Search Committee, 2016

Gender and Comparative/Feminist IR Search Committee, 2011-12

Democratic Political Institutions Search Committee, 2010-11

Field Chair, Women and Politics, 2009-10, 2014-15

Chair, The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and/or Gender Search Committee, 2008-09

Race and Ethnic Politics Search Committee, 2006

Eagleton Institute of Politics

Chair, Joint Eagleton-Political Science Search Committee, 2016

Center on the American Governor (CAG), Panel of Reviewers, 2012, 2013

Convener, Eagleton Institute Workshop in American Politics (EIWAP), 2010-11, 2011-12

Eagleton Fellowship Selection Committee, 2009

Dissertation Adviser (chair or co-chair)

Dana Brown; Kelly Dittmar; Michelle Irving; Heather B. James; Samantha Koprowski; Anna Mitchell Mahoney; Kathleen Rogers; Aiisha Harden Russell; Brittany Stalsburg; Dana Wittmer

The Ohio State University

University Service

President's Council on Women's Issues, 2005 – 2006

Institutional Review Board, 2004 – 2006

Asian American Studies Committee, 2004 – 2005

Department Service

Governance Committee, 2005

Graduate Studies Committee, 2003 – 2006

Colloquium Committee, 2001 – 2002

APSA Minority Identification Project Representative, 2000 – 2002

Minority Politics Search Committee, 2000 – 2001

Co-founder and organizer, Research in American Politics (RAP) series, 1999 – 2006

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, 1999 – 2001

Minority Affairs and Diversity Committee, 1998 – 1999; 2004 – 2006

Awards Committee, 1998 – 1999

EDITORSHIPS

Book Series

CAWP Series in Gender and American Politics, University of Michigan Press (with Susan J. Carroll)

Editorial Teams

Politics & Gender, Associate Editor, 2022-

Editorial Boards

American Journal of Political Science, 2019-2023

State Politics & Policy Quarterly, 2005-2022

Political Research Quarterly, 2014-2016

Politics, Groups, and Identities, 2012-2018

Politics & Gender, 2005-2010

GRANTS and AWARDS

Gender and Political Psychology (GPP) Mentoring Award, 2018

Co-principal Investigator, “Women Representing in an Era of Polarization,” a grant to the Center for American Women and Politics from the Hunt Alternatives Fund, \$400,000, 2015-17.

Co-principal Investigator, “Recruitment of Women for Public Office,” a grant to the Center for American Women and Politics from the Barbara Lee Foundation, \$100,000 (plus \$50,000+ in matching funds from other sources), 2007-08.

Department of Political Science and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Special Grant. The Ohio State University. October 2002. \$8,300.

Faculty Research Small Grant. Criminal Justice Research Center. The Ohio State University. July 2002. With Harwood K. McClerking and Thomas E. Nelson. \$5,500.

Summer Faculty Research Fellowship. Criminal Justice Research Center. The Ohio State University. July 2001. With Thomas E. Nelson.

CAWP Research Grant for Junior Faculty. Center for American Women and Politics. May 2001. \$4,000.

Coca Cola Grant for Research on Women and Gender. Department of Women’s Studies. The Ohio State University. June 2000. \$3,500.

University Small Grant. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Ohio State University. March 2000. \$1,000.

Faculty Survey Research Fellowship. Center for Survey Research and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Ohio State University. March 1999. \$6,000.

Seed Grant. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Ohio State University. March 1999 – February 2000. \$10,629.

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS (since 2020)

Sanbonmatsu, Kira, and Yalidy Matos. 2026. “Is MOC a Political Identity? The Determinants of Men of Color Identification Among Black and Latino Men?” Paper prepared for presentation at the American Political Science Association conference, Boston, MA.

Matos, Yalidy, and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2026. “Women of Color, Men of Color, and Coalition-Building Among Latinas/os.” Paper prepared for presentation at the Western Political Science Association conference, San Diego, CA.

Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2025. “Who Doesn’t Give: Race, Gender, and Political Contributions in the 2024 Elections.” Paper prepared for presentation at the American Political Science Association conference, Vancouver, Canada.

Sanbonmatsu, Kira, Stacey Greene, and Yalidy Matos. 2024. “The Political Implications of Identifying as a ‘Woman of Color’”. Paper presented at Western Political Science Association conference, Vancouver, Canada.

Greene, Stacey, Yalidy Matos, and Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2022. “A Path of their Own: WOC Identity Development Among Asian, Black, and Latina American Women.” Paper prepared for presentation at the 5th Annual Conference on Identity and Inequality, Princeton University.

Sanbonmatsu, Kira, and Kathleen Rogers. 2020. “Calculating Race and Gender in Gubernatorial Contests, in Dollars and Cents.” State Politics & Policy Conference. University of California, San Diego (canceled due to COVID-19)

OTHER RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (since 2020)

Discussant. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. “Understanding and Reducing Prejudice and Racism.” September 2025. Vancouver, Canada.

Discussant. Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. “Asian Candidates and Voters in the U.S. and Canada: Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Generation.” March 2024. Vancouver, Canada.

Mentor. Gender and Political Psychology conference, Brandeis University. May 2024. Waltham, MA.

Presenter. University of Iowa Women and Political Parties Conference (invited conference). October 2023.

Chair and Discussant, American Political Science Association annual meeting. “Gendered Pathways to Electoral Power and Leadership” September 2022.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. “Author Meets Critics: Nowhere to Run: Race, Gender, and Immigration in American Elections, Christian Dyogi Phillips.” April 2021 (virtual).

Mentor, Virtual Gender and Political Psychology conference, October 2020 (virtual).

Panelist, “Seeing Election 2020 through Gender and Intersectional Lenses.” American Political Science Association, September 2020 (virtual).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Women’s Caucus for Political Science, Midwest Women’s Caucus for Political Science, American Association of University Women, Scholars Strategy Network