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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs

Assistant Professor of Instruction	January 2026 – present
Director of Undergraduate Student Success and Enrichment	August 2026 – present
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Instruction	August 2025 – December 2025

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

Program Evaluator	September 2023 – September 2025
Office of Strategy and Innovation	

Academic Affiliate	November 2022 – September 2023
Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Planning, Performance, and Evaluation	

Georgetown University, McCourt School of Public Policy

Research Fellow	May 2022 – September 2023
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EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Fixed-Term Graduate Faculty	April 2025 – present
Research Affiliate	November 2024 – November 2025

EDUCATION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Public Policy	2023
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West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Master of Public Administration	2018
Bachelor of Science, Cell & Molecular Biology, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2017

BOOK PROJECT

1). **Kane, Kellen A.**, Tracee Saunders, and Candis Watts Smith. “Unplanning Parenthood: The Politics of Pendulum Swings, Policy Precarity, and Contraception Deserts” (in progress).

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

5). **Kane, Kellen A.** 2026. “The Changing Landscape of PrEP Deserts in the United States”. *Health Economics, Policy, and Law*.

4). Saunders, Tracee M., **Kellen A. Kane**, and Candis Watts Smith. 2026. “Implementing Title X: policy design, administration, and geographic access to care”. *Health Affairs Scholar*.

- 3). Smith, Candis Watts. Rebecca J. Kreitzer, **Kellen A. Kane**, and Tracee Saunders. 2022. “Contraception Deserts: The Effects of Title X Rule Changes on Planned Parenthood”. *Politics & Gender*.
- 2). Kreitzer, Rebecca J., Candis Watts Smith, **Kellen A. Kane**, and Tracee Saunders. 2021. “Affordable but Inaccessible?: Contraception Deserts in the US States”. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*.
- 1). Kreitzer, Rebecca J., **Kellen A. Kane**, and Christopher Z. Mooney. 2019. “The Evolution of Morality Policy Debate: Moralization and Demoralization”. *The Forum*.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

- 1). **Kane, Kellen A.**, Rebecca J. Kreitzer, and Emily U. Schilling. 2019. “Whose Opinion Matters? The Role of Elite Actors and Interest Groups in Setting the Abortion Agenda”. In *Interest Group Politics*, 10th ed. Burdett Loomis and Anthony Nownes (editors). Rowan and Littlefield.

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

- 1). Kreitzer, Rebecca J., Candis Watts Smith, **Kellen A. Kane**, and Tracee Saunders. 2022. “Prevalent but not inevitable: mapping contraception deserts across the American states”. *Contraception*.
 - Awarded the Society for Family Planning’s 2022 Outstanding Researcher award

WORKING PAPERS

- 3). “The Effect of Conversion Therapy Bans on Youth Mental Health and Suicidality” (with Brennan Mange).
- 2). “Credits Where They Are Due? Health Effects of Expanded State EITCs for LGBTQ+ Individuals”.
- 1). “Queer-ying State Legislatures: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring Queer-Friendly State Legislative Districts”.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

**denotes undergraduate student coauthor*

- 3). “The evolution and influence of pro-life interest group model legislation”
- 2). “The Effects of ACA Rating Area Restructuring on Rural Insurance Markets: Evidence from Texas” (with Lillian R. Hudgins*)
- 1). “The Effects of Queer-Inclusive Sex Education Curricular Requirements on High School Student Outcomes” (with Brennan Mange).

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

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| ICMA@UT, The University of Texas at Austin | February 2026 |
| “Public Health & Health Policy Panel” – panelist with Texas State Senator Molly Cook and Vanessa Saria (Cardea Services) | |
| Penn State University, Department of Political Science | April 2025 |
| “Strategic Planning, Research, and Evaluation in the Federal Context” | |
| The University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School of Public Affairs | December 2024 |
| “Public Personnel Management, Research, and Evaluation in the Federal Context” | |

Penn State University, Department of Political Science
“Public Personnel Management, Research, and Evaluation in the Federal Context”

November 2024

Vanderbilt University, LGBT Policy Lab
“Credits Where They Are Due? Health Effects of Expanded State EITCs for LGBTQ+ Individuals”

May 2022

Elon University, Department of Political Science & Policy Studies
“Excluded by Design: How State Variation in Social Policy Shapes Health”

March 2022

GOVERNMENT REPORTS AND BRIEFS

2). “The Effect of Telework and Remote Work on Key FEVS Outcomes”

1). “Report on the Use of the Federal Employee Paid Parental Leave Benefit”. Available for public consumption on [OPM.gov](https://www.opm.gov)

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND AGENCY BRIEFINGS

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management
“Evaluating the effect of conversion therapy bans on LGBTQ+ youth mental health and suicidality outcomes” – with Brennan Mange

November 2026 (planned)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
“Contraception in the Crosshairs? Federalism, Contraception Deserts, and the Politics of Title X” – with Candis Watts Smith and Tracee Saunders

April 2026

Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference
“Contraception in the Crosshairs? Federalism, Contraception Deserts, and the Politics of Title X” – with Candis Watts Smith and Tracee Saunders

January 2026

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management
“Prevalent but not inevitable: Mapping Contraception Deserts across the American states” – with Candis Watts Smith and Tracee Saunders

November 2025

Office of Management and Budget Spring Evidence Review (cross-agency)
“The Effect of Telework and Remote Work on Key FEVS Outcomes”

May 2024

Future of Work Working Group (OPM internal)
“The Effect of Telework and Remote Work on Key FEVS Outcomes”

April 2024

Human Capital Data Analytics Community of Practice (governmentwide)
“The Effect of Telework and Remote Work on Key FEVS Outcomes”

April 2024

Employee Engagement Community of Practice (governmentwide)
“The Effect of Telework and Remote Work on Key FEVS Outcomes”

March 2024

OPM Research Community of Practice (OPM internal)
“The Effect of Telework and Remote Work on Key FEVS Outcomes”

February 2024

OPM Strategic Planning Review (OPM internal)
“Uptake of the Federal Paid Parental Leave Benefit”

December 2023

- OPM Research Community of Practice (OPM internal) August 2023
 “Uptake of the Federal Paid Parental Leave Benefit”
- Society for Family Planning Annual Meeting December 2022
 “Prevalent but not inevitable: Mapping Contraception Deserts across the American states” – with Candis Watts Smith, Rebecca J. Kreitzer, and Tracee Saunders
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management November 2022
 “Credits Where They Are Due? Health Effects of Expanded State EITCs for LGBTQ+ Individuals”
- State Politics and Policy Conference April 2022
 “Queery-ing State Legislatures: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring Queer-Friendly Districts”
 “Credits Where They Are Due? Health Effects of Expanded State EITCs for LGBTQ+ Individuals”
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference January 2022
 “Queery-ing State Legislatures: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring Queer-Friendly Districts”
 “Burying the Lede: Interest Group Strategy and the Use of Omnibus Model Legislation” – with Rebecca J. Kreitzer and John Cluverius
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting September 2021
 “Queery-ing State Legislatures: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring Queer-Friendly Districts”
 “Burying the Lede: Interest Group Strategy and the Use of Omnibus Model Legislation” – with Rebecca J. Kreitzer and John Cluverius
- State Politics and Policy Spring Speaker Series May 2021
 “Tipping the Model Legislation Equilibrium: The Evolving Content of Interest Group Model Legislation” – with Rebecca J. Kreitzer
- APPAM DC Regional Student Conference April 2020
 “Religious Freedom and the Mobilization of Hate: An analysis of the relationship between Religious Freedom Restoration Acts and the prevalence of hate crimes in the U.S. states” (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- State Politics and Policy Conference March 2020
 “Tipping the Model Legislation Equilibrium: The Evolving Content of Interest Group Model Legislation” – with Rebecca J. Kreitzer (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- State Politics and Policy Conference June 2019
 “Contraception Deserts: The Politics and Policy of Reproductive Healthcare Resources” – with Rebecca J. Kreitzer, Candis Watts Smith, and Tracee Saunders
- APPAM DC Regional Student Conference April 2018
 “Measuring Spatial Accessibility of Primary Care for Transgender & Gender Non-Binary Individuals: An Analysis of Philadelphia, PA” (poster presentation)

RESEARCH FUNDING

External

U.S. Office of Personnel Management (\$52,350)	May 2023 – September 2023
Academic Affiliate	
Principal Investigator – “Impact of DEIA Training on the Federal Workforce”	

The Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law (\$4,800)	2021 - 2022
LGBTQ & Racial Justice Small Grant Program	
Principal Investigator – Health Effects of Expanded EITCs at the Intersections of Race, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity”	

Internal

The University of Texas at Austin, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs (\$3,416.98)	2026
Gary Chapman Undergraduate Research Fellowship	
Principal Investigator – “The evolution and influence of pro-life interest group model legislation”	

The University of Texas at Austin, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs (\$1,651.53)	2026
Gary Chapman Undergraduate Research Fellowship	
Principal Investigator – “The effects of conversion therapy bans on youth mental health and suicidality outcomes”	

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (\$5,000)	2022
Summer Research Fellowship	
Principal Investigator – “Credits Where They Are Due? Health Effects of Expanded State EITCs for LGBTQ+ Individuals”	

AWARDS AND HONORS

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Kenneth Sherrill Prize, American Political Science Association	2022
Thomas Carsey Scholar Award, State Politics and Policy Conference	2022
Hammer Fund Award in Public Policy	2021
American Political Science Association Travel Grant, Sexuality & Politics Section	2021
Nancy W. Stegman Fellowship in Public Policy	2018 – 2019

West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of Public Policy and Administration	2018
Graduate Dean Scholarship	2018
APPAM Equity & Inclusion Fellowship	2017

MENTORED RESEARCH & ADVISING

Graduate

Alexandra Robinson, Doctoral Field Exam Committee Member	2025 – present
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Undergraduate

Samuel Huron (The University of Texas at Austin; Honors Thesis Advisor)	2026 – present
Taran Kumar (The University of Texas at Austin; Faculty Internship Supervisor)	2026
Lillian Hudgins (The University of Texas at Austin; Supervised RA)	2026 – present
Austin Macikanyecz (The University of Texas at Austin; Supervised RA)	2026 – present
Chloe Keist (The University of Texas at Austin; Faculty Internship Supervisor)	2026
Cameron Retcho (The University of Texas at Austin; Faculty Internship Supervisor)	2026
Ethan Sichel (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Supervised RA)	2021 - 2022
Bennett Bunten (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Supervised RA)	2021 - 2022

Annie Ma (The University of Chicago; Supervised RA)	2020
Jennifer Regan (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Supervised RA)	2019
Marlen Gomez (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Supervised RA)	2019

TEACHING

The University of Texas at Austin, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs

Foundations of Public Affairs (undergraduate)	Fall 2026
Introduction to Social Policy (undergraduate)	Fall 2026
Public Affairs Internship (undergraduate)	Fall 2026
Public Management (graduate)	Spring 2026
Introduction to Social Policy (undergraduate)	Spring 2026
Foundations of Public Affairs (undergraduate)	Fall 2025

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Politics of Public Policy (undergraduate; 13 students; online instruction)	Summer 2021
The Politics of Public Policy (undergraduate; 16 students; online instruction)	Summer 2020

Recitation Instructor

Making Public Policy (undergraduate; 25 students; hybrid instruction)	Fall 2020
Making Public Policy (undergraduate; 24 students; hybrid instruction)	Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant

The Politics of Public Policy (undergraduate)	Spring 2021
Research Design for Public Policy (undergraduate)	Spring 2020
Policy Innovation & Analysis (undergraduate)	Fall 2019
Policy Innovation & Analysis (undergraduate)	Spring 2019
Policy Innovation & Analysis (undergraduate)	Fall 2018

Graduate Research Consultant

Sexuality, Gender, and Public Policy (undergraduate)	Spring 2022
Research Design for Public Policy (undergraduate)	Summer 2020

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Texas at Austin, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs

Peer Teaching Evaluation (Dr. Anna Gunderson)	Fall 2026
Peer Teaching Evaluation (Dr. Isabel Laterzo-Tingley)	Fall 2026
Bachelor of Public Affairs Executive Committee	2026 – present
Policy and Career Exploration Panel, Panelist	2025

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Public Policy

Graduate Student Affairs Committee, Student Representative	2020 – 2023
The Policy Research Group, Organizer	2020 – 2022
Social Justice Research Group, Co-founder and Organizer	2018 – 2020

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Pre-Graduate Education Advising Program, Advisor	2021
Graduate and Professional Student Federation, Senator	2020

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Service to Professional Associations

Southern Political Science Association Section Chair, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	2028 (planned)
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Application Reviewer, Equity & Inclusion Fellowship	2025
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Steering Committee, LGBTQ+ Researchers and Practitioners Community	2026 – present
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Application Reviewer, Equity & Inclusion Fellowship	2025

Conference Service

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Panel Chair, “Evaluating Long Run Effects of Public Policies on LGBTQ+ Population Health”	2026
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Panel Organizer, “How Policy Shapes the Development of LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults”	2026
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Conference Panel Reviewer, Social Equity and Race Section	2026
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Discussant, “Upstream Determinants of Health and Healthcare Decision Making, Featuring a Reproductive Health Perspective”	2025
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Panel Organizer, “Designing Inequality through Federalism? The role of policy framing & design for inequalities in access and participation”	2025
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Conference Panel Chair, “Pink Papers: LGBTQ+ Public Policy Perspectives”	2022
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting Conference Panel Chair, “The Role of Political Actors in the Public Policy Process”	2022

Reviewer, Academic Journals

Journal of Women, Politics & Policy (1)
Sexuality Research and Social Policy (4)
Journal of Experimental Political Science (1)
Political Behavior (1)

SERVICE TO THE AGENCY**U.S. Office of Personnel Management**

Co-Chair, Office of Personnel Management Pride Employee Resource Group	2024-2025
Presidential Management Fellows Semi-Finalist Interview	2024