

# Kelly B. Smith

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## Appointments

Postdoctoral Research Associate in International and Public Affairs  
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University

July 2017-July 2018

## Education

### Brown University, Providence, RI

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2017.

**Dissertation:** “Policy into Practice: Explaining the Diffusion of Policy Content and Implementation across the U.S. States” Committee: Susan Moffitt (chair), Wendy J. Schiller, Kenneth Wong, Paul Manna (College of William and Mary)

My dissertation changes the study of diffusion by arguing that bureaucrats participate in policy learning and, thus, are crucial to the diffusion process. Bureaucrats can learn from other states’ policy adoption and implementation to affect policymaking within their state. With an original twenty-year, fifty state dataset, I find that out-of state implementation affects whether states adopt a diffusing policy and out-of-state adoption affects the implementation of similar policies across states.

Exam Fields: American Politics (Pass with Distinction) and Political Theory

A.M., Political Science, 2014.

### Providence College, Providence, RI

B.A., Political Science, *Summa cum laude*, 2012.

Undergraduate Thesis: “Single-Sex Education: The National Debate and the Future of Education Policy” under advisor Dr. Richard Battistoni with support from the Aime J. and Gertrude B. Forand Scholarship.

## Research in Progress

David K. Cohen, Susan L. Moffitt, and Kelly B. Smith. The Influence of Practice on Policy. *In Shaping Education Policy: Power and Process*, Douglas E. Mitchell, Robert Crowson, and Dorothy Shipps (eds.). Taylor and Francis. *Forthcoming*.

Kelly B. Smith. "Laboratories of Bureaucracy: How Bureaucrats Shape Policy Diffusion Across the U.S. States." *Under Review*.

Kelly B. Smith and Susan L. Moffitt. "The Politics of Bad News." *Paper in Preparation for Presentation*.

## **Teaching Experience**

Instructor, Brown University, Department of Political Science Rhode Island Government and Politics	Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant, Brown University, Department of Political Science Education, Inequality, and American Democracy (Dr. Susan Moffitt)	Fall 2016
Assistant Instructor, Brown University, Department of Political Science Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods	Fall 2015
Co-Head Teaching Assistant, Brown University, Department of Political Science American Presidency (Dr. Wendy Schiller)	Spring 2015
Teaching Assistant, Brown University, Department of Political Science Introduction to the American Political Process (Dr. Wendy Schiller)	Fall 2014
Teaching Assistant, Brown University, Department of Political Science Introduction to the American Political Process (Dr. Wendy Schiller)	Spring 2014
Teaching Assistant, Brown University, Department of Political Science Introduction to International Relations (Dr. Jordan Branch)	Fall 2013

## **Teaching Certificates**

Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate I: Teaching Seminar Program, Brown University	2014
Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate II: Course Design, Brown University	2015

## **Research Experience**

Research Assistant for a project entitled "Under Construction: The Rise, Spread, And Consequences of the Common Core State Standards Initiative in the U.S. Educational Sector," a project funded by the Spencer Foundation and William T. Grant Foundation, Susan L. Moffitt (Co-PI)	2016-2017
Research Assistant for a project entitled "Cultivating and Supporting Excellent Principals: Considerations for State Leadership and Policy," a contract funded by the Wallace Foundation, Paul Manna (PI)	2014-2015
Research Assistant for a project entitled "The New Education Advocacy in the U.S. States: National Snapshot and a Case Study of Advance Illinois,"	2013

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a contract funded by the Wallace Foundation, Paul Manna (PI)

Research Assistant for Susan Moffitt

2012-2016

Research Intern for Karyl Bowman at the American Enterprise Institute

Summer 2011

Research Assistant for Dr. Mark S. Hyde

2009-2012

### **Conference Presentations and Papers**

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Annual Meeting: 2017  
“Politics, Practice, and Policy Adoption: How Implementation Affects Adoption”

American Political Science Association Meeting, Annual Meeting: 2016  
“Beyond Policy Adoption: How Implementation Expands the Scope of Diffusion”

New England Political Science Association Meeting, Annual Meeting: 2016  
“Beyond Policy Adoption: How Implementation Expands the Scope of Diffusion”

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Annual Meeting: 2016  
“Beyond Policy Adoption: How Implementation Expands the Scope of Diffusion”

Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Annual Meeting: 2016  
“Beyond Policy Adoption: How Implementation Expands the Scope of Diffusion”

Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Annual Meeting: 2014  
“Divided Loyalties: The Role of Catholic Education in Shaping Political Preferences”

New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2014  
“Divided Loyalties: The Role of Catholic Education in Shaping Political Preferences”

New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2012  
“Perceptions of Men and Women Candidates: Physical Attractiveness and Subject Self Esteem” with Dr. Mark S. Hyde

### **Awards, Grants, and Fellowships**

American Political Science Association Travel Grant to the APSA Annual Meeting, 2017  
American Political Science Association

P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Teaching Excellence for the American 2016  
Presidency (Spring 2015) in Brown University’s Political Science Department

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Prestage Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association	2016
Brown University Conference Travel Grants	2014, 2016
Belfer Family Graduate Fellowship in Public Policy, Brown University	2015-2016
Methods Grant to Attend ICPSR Workshop	2014
Mary Tefft and John Hazen White Sr. Graduate Fellowship, Brown University	2012-2013

### **Additional Training**

Introduction to Hierarchical Linear Modeling, ICPSR Workshop, Amherst, MA.	2014
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### **Invited Talks/Lectures**

Invited Guest Lecturer, “Policy Diffusion and Universal Pre-k Policy,” Policy Implementation in Education, Department of Education, Brown University	October 2016
Guest Lecturer, “Eisenhower’s Role in Federalizing Education,” The American Presidency, Department of Political Science, Brown University	Spring 2015
Guest Lecturer, “Public Opinion and the Supreme Court,” Introduction to the American Political Process, Department of Political Science, Brown University	Fall 2014

### **Service**

Graduate Student Coordinator, Graduate American Politics Workshop	2015-2016
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### **Membership in Professional Associations**

Southern Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

### **References**

**Susan L. Moffitt**, Director of the A. Alfred Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University. 59 Charlesfield Street, Box 1977, Providence, RI 02912. 401-863-9335. [Susan\\_Moffitt@brown.edu](mailto:Susan_Moffitt@brown.edu).

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**Paul Manna**, Associate Professor, Department of Government, College of William & Mary. College of William and Mary P.O Box 8795 Williamsburg, VA 23187. 757-221-3024. [pmanna@wm.edu](mailto:pmanna@wm.edu).