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## Brown University

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### Appointments

Associate Professor  
Department of Political Science  
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs  
Brown University Summer 2016–Present

Director  
Alfred A. Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy  
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs  
Brown University Summer 2017–Present

Mary Tefft and John Hazen White Sr. Assistant Professor  
Department of Political Science  
Taubman Center for Public Policy  
Brown University Summer 2009–Spring 2016

Fellow, Center for American Political Studies  
Harvard University Fall 2008–Fall 2009

Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research  
Harvard University Fall 2006–Fall 2008

### Education

Ph.D. University of Michigan, Department of Political Science, December 2005

M.P.P. University of Michigan, Institute of Public Policy Studies, May 1994

B.A. University of Rochester, Department of Political Science, May 1992, *Summa Cum Laude*, winner of the James McGill Prize in Political Science

## Publications

### Books

Susan L. Moffitt. 2014. *Making Policy Public: Participatory Bureaucracy in American Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

David K. Cohen and Susan L. Moffitt. 2009. *The Ordeal of Equality: Did Federal Regulation Fix the Schools?* Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

### Articles, Chapters, and Reports

Paul Manna and Susan L. Moffitt. Forthcoming/Accepted for Publication. Traceable Tasks and Complex Policies: When Politics Matter for Policy Implementation. *Policy Studies Journal*.

Susan L. Moffitt, Matthew J. Lyddon, Michaela Krug O'Neill, Kelly B. Smith, Marie Schenk, Cadence Willse, and David K. Cohen. 2018. *Frontlines Perspectives on Instructional Improvement in the Common Core Era*. Technical Report, Getting Down to Facts II: Current Conditions and Paths Forward for California Schools.

Susan L. Moffitt, Matthew J. Lyddon, Domingo Morel, Michaela Krug O'Neill, Kelly B. Smith, Cadence Willse, and David K. Cohen. 2018. *State Structures for Instructional Support in California*. Technical Report, Getting Down to Facts II: Current Conditions and Paths Forward for California Schools.

Margot I. Jackson and Susan L. Moffitt. 2017. The State of Unequal Educational Opportunity: The Coleman Report 50 Years Later. *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, vol. 674: special issue.

David K. Cohen, Susan L. Moffitt, and Kelly B. Smith. 2017. The Influence of Policy on Practice. In *Shaping Education Policy: Power and Process*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Douglas E. Mitchell, Robert Crowson, and Dorothy Shipps (eds). Taylor and Francis.

Susan L. Moffitt. 2016. The State of Educational Improvement: The Legacy of ESEA Title I. *History of Education Quarterly* 56 (2): 375-381.

Susan L. Moffitt and David K. Cohen. 2015. The State of Title I: Building Capability for Instructional Improvement. *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 1(3): 187-202.

Daniel Carpenter, Jeremy Greene and Susan Moffitt. 2015. The Drug Efficacy Study and its Manifold Legacies. In *FDA in the 21st Century: The Challenges of Regulating Drugs and New Technologies*, Holly Fernandez Lynch and I. Glenn Cohen (eds). New York: Columbia University Press.

Paul Manna and Susan Moffitt. 2014. *New Education Advocacy Organizations in the U.S. States: National Snapshot and a Case Study of Advance Illinois*. New York: Wallace Foundation Report.

## Publications (continued)

Susan L. Moffitt. 2012. The Policy Impact of Public Advice: The Effects of Advisory Committee Transparency on Product Safety. In *Regulatory Breakdown: The Crisis of Confidence in U.S. Regulation*, Cary Coglianese (ed). Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Daniel P. Carpenter, Jacqueline Chattopadhyay, Susan Moffitt and Clayton Nall. 2012. The Complications of Controlling Bureaucratic Timing: FDA Review Deadlines and Postmarket Drug Safety. *American Journal of Political Science* 56 (1): 98-114.

William H. Shrank, Nitesh K. Choudhry, Angela Tong, Jessica Myers, Michael A Fischer, Kellie Swanton, Julie Slezak, Troyen A. Brennan, Joshua N. Liberman, Chris Roebuck, Susan Moffitt, Jerry Avorn, Daniel Carpenter. 2012. Warnings without Guidance: Patient responses to an FDA warning about Ezetimibe. *Medical Care*. 50 (6): 479-484.

David K. Cohen and Susan L. Moffitt. 2011. The Influence of Practice on Policy. In *Shaping Education Policy: Power and Process*, Douglas E. Mitchell, Robert Crowson, and Dorothy Shipp (eds). Taylor and Francis.

Susan L. Moffitt. 2010. Promoting Agency Reputation through Public Advice: Advisory Committee Use in the FDA. *Journal of Politics* (72) 3: 880-893.

Daniel P. Carpenter, Susan L. Moffitt, Colin D. Moore, Ryan T. Ryanbrandt, Michael M. Ting, Ian Yohai, Evan James Zucker. 2010. Early Entrant Protection in Approval Regulation: Theory and Evidence from FDA Drug Review. *The Journal of Law, Economics and Organization* 26 (3): 515-545.

David K. Cohen, Susan L. Moffitt and Simona Goldin. 2007. Policy and Practice: The Dilemma. *American Journal of Education* 113 (4): 515-548.

David K. Cohen, Susan L. Moffitt, and Simona Goldin. 2007. Policy and Practice. In *The State of Education Policy Research*, Susan Fuhrman, David K. Cohen and Fritz Mosher (eds). Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Heather C. Hill, David K. Cohen, and Susan Moffitt. 2003. Instruction, Poverty and Performance. In *Hard Work for Good Schools*, Gary Orfield and Elizabeth DeBray (eds). Century Foundation.

David K. Cohen and Susan L. Moffitt. 2001. Title I: Politics, Poverty and Knowledge. In *The Future of the Federal Role in Elementary and Secondary Education*, Jack Jennings (ed). Washington, DC: Center on Education Policy.

## Selected Works in Progress

Susan Moffitt and Marie Schenk. Forthcoming. Pharmaceutical Regulation. In *Who Wins, Who Loses: The Distribution of Regulatory Impacts in the United States*, Cary Coglianese (ed). Penn Program on Regulation, 2019 publication expected.

### **Selected Works in Progress (continued)**

Paul Testa, Susan L. Moffitt, and Marie Schenk, “Public Preferences for New Information on Opioids.” Paper prepared for presentation.

Susan L. Moffitt, David K. Cohen, Michaela Krug O’Neill, and Cadence Willse, “Subnational Capacity and the Struggle to Make Federalism Work: Instructional Improvement in the Common Core Era.” Paper in preparation for presentation.

Susan L. Moffitt, Cadence Willse, and Marie Schenk, “The Transformation of Policy Ideas to Avoid Populist Policy Backlash: Common Educational Standards in the American States.” Paper in preparation for presentation.

Daniel P. Carpenter, Jeremy Greene, Susan Moffitt and Jonathan Warsh, “Therapeutic and Economic Consequences of Federal Drug Regulation: An Empirical Analysis of the Drug Efficacy Study Implementation.” Article in preparation for submission.

### **Grants and Contracts**

Stanford University

Governance Section Leader, “Getting Down to Facts II” study of California Schools: \$40,000 contract for 2017-2018.

Spencer Foundation and William T. Grant Foundation

Co-PI, “Under Construction: The Rise, Spread, and Consequences of the Common Core State Standards Initiative in the U.S. Educational Sector,” with Brian Rowan (project director), David K. Cohen, and Sean Reardon: \$4.9 million grant (for all portions of the study)

Brown University

Watson Institute Faculty Collaboration Grant for “Women in Politics and Policy Initiative,” with Emily Oster, Jayanti Owens, and Wendy Schiller: \$10,000 grant for 2016-2017

Brown University

Seed Award: \$50,000 grant for 2016-2017

Brown University

Watson Institute Faculty Collaboration Grant for “The Legacy and Enduring Challenge of *Equality of Educational Opportunity*: The Coleman Report 50 Years Later,” with Margot Jackson: \$5000 grant for 2015-2016

Wallace Foundation

Paul Manna (PI) College of William & Mary, “Cultivating and Supporting Excellent School Principals: Considerations for State Leadership and Policy”: \$113,600 research contract for 2015

Wallace Foundation

Paul Manna (PI) College of William & Mary, “New Education Advocates”: \$85,000 research contract for 2013

## **Grants and Contracts (continued)**

Brown University

Salomon Faculty Research Grant: \$15,000 for 2011-2012

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, 2003-2004

## **Fellowships and Awards**

Early Career Research Achievement Award, Brown University, 2017

Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2014-2015

Fellow (in residence), Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Research Lab, Harvard University, 2014-2015, *declined when accepted Radcliffe Fellowship for 2014-2015*

Winner of the Public Policy Section “Best Paper Presented at the 2010 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting” award for “The Politics of Bad News: Policy and Practice in K-12 Education” (with David K. Cohen, University of Michigan)

National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2011-2012

Fellow, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2008-2009

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, Harvard University, 2006-2008

Rackham One Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan, Spring-Summer 2005

Spencer Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Spencer Foundation of Chicago, 2002-2003

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2001-2002

Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2000-2002

Regents Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1996-1998

## **Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

Stanford University: 2019 (scheduled)

Policy Analysis for California/Getting Down to Facts II: 2017, 2018

American Academy of Political and Social Science/AERA Capitol Hill Briefing: 2018

University of Wisconsin: 2018

New York University: 2017

University of Pennsylvania Law School: 2011, 2017

University of Virginia: 2016

## **Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks (continued)**

Harvard University

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study: 2015

Graduate School of Education: 2010

Medical School: 2008

Institute for Quantitative Social Science: 2008, 2007

London School of Economics: 2015

History of Education Society: 2015

Russell Sage Foundation: 2014

Ohio State University Department of Political Science: 2011

American Political Science Association: 2018, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2005, 2002, 2001, 2000

Midwest Political Science Association: 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2001

Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management: 2013, 2012, 2010

Policy History Conference: 2014, 2012

Law & Society: 2013

Consortium for Policy Research in Education: 2005

Southern Political Science Association: 2016, 2001

Center for Education Policy: 2000

## **Courses**

### Undergraduate

POLS 1832Z, Gender and Public Policy

POLS 1770, Education, Inequality and American Democracy

PPAI 1701J, Policy Implementation

POLS 1600, Political Research Methods

### Graduate

PLCY 2160, Management and Implementation in Public and Nonprofit Organizations

PPAI 2000, Institutions and Policymaking

POLS 2580, Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods

POLS 2590, Advanced Quantitative Research Methods

POLS 2210, Governing Federalist Systems

## **Professional Service**

### Profession

Executive Council, Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011 – 2014

Nominations Committee, Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association, 2016-2017

Best Paper on Public Policy Committee, Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association, 2014

## **Professional Service (continued)**

Lowi Policy Studies Journal Best Article Award Committee, Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association, 2012, 2016

Herbert Simon Award Nominating Committee for the Midwest Public Administration Caucus, 2009

Presidential Nominating Committee for the Midwest Public Administration Caucus, 2016, 2009

Referee (books)

Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press, Princeton University Press

Referee (articles)

*American Political Science Review; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory; Journal of Public Policy; Law and Society; Governance; Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis; American Politics Research; Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law; Urban Affairs Review; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Policy Studies Journal; American Educational Research Journal*

Referee (grants)

National Science Foundation, Spencer Foundation

## University

Brown Policy Center Executive Council, 2018-2019

Brown University Library Advisory Board, 2017-2018

Social Science Research Institute Steering Committee, 2017-2018

Brown University Committee on the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, 2016-2017

## Department

Watson Institute Executive Committee, 2018-2019

Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America/Watson Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow Selection Committee, 2017-2019

Department of Political Science, Quantitative Methods Search Committee, 2016-2017  
2015-2016

Department of Political Science Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2016

Watson Institute, MPA Curriculum Committee, 2016-2019

Department (continued)

Watson Institute MPA Steering Committee, 2016-2017

Department of Political Science Seminar Series Co-Organizer 2013-2014, 2010-2011

Department of Political Science Graduate Studies Committee, 2012-2013, 2009-2010

Department of Political Science First-Year Advisor, 2012-2013

Taubman Center for Public Policy Undergraduate Committee, 2015-2016; 2012-2014; 2009-2010

Department of Political Science American Politics Search Committee, 2010-2011

Dissertation Committee Member (former students):

David Blanding (Defended June 2013)

Domingo Morel (Defended May 2014)

Jennifer Cassidy (co-chair, Defended September 2014)

Kaitlin Sidorsky (Defended April 2015)

Michael Dickerson (Defended April 2016)

Kelly B. Smith (Defended April 2017)

Dissertation Committee Member (current students):

Cadence Willse (chair)

Cory Menento

Marie Schenk

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor:

Mili Mitra (Brown University, 2017-2018), winner of the Krieger prize

Erika Byun (Brown University, 2016-2017)

Andrea Cordova (Brown University, 2016-2017)

Hayley Flug (Brown University, 2016-2017), winner of the Philo Sherman Bennett prize for the best thesis discussing principles of free government

Leah Pierson (Brown University, 2015-2016)

Kyle Giddon (Brown University, 2014-2015), winner of the Krieger prize

Carmen Sobczak (Brown University, 2013-2014), winner of the Philo Sherman Bennett prize for the best thesis discussing principles of free government

Alyssa Ratledge (Brown University, 2010-2011)

Marion W. Dixon (University of Michigan, 1999-2000)