

# Amber Lusvardi

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## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2022-present

### Purdue University

Independent Instructor, Department of Political Science 2019–2022

Research Assistant, Feminist Mobilization and Economic Empowerment Project 2017–2020

Grant Funding: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, PI: S. Laurel Weldon

Field work: Mexico and Chile

### Millikin University

Instructor, Department of History and Political Science 2016–2021

Lecturer, Department of History and Political Science 2014–2016

Adjunct, Department of History and Political Science 2012–2014

### Eastern Illinois University

Instructor, Department of Political Science 2008–2010

## EDUCATION

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### Purdue University

Ph.D., Political Science 2022

Dissertation: The End of the Child Bride: Social Movements, Strategic Actions, and State Level Policymaking on Underage Marriage

Committee: Rosalee A. Clawson (Chair), Eric N. Waltenburg, Jennifer Hoewe, S. Laurel Weldon (Simon Fraser University)

Fields: American Politics, Public Policy

### Eastern Illinois University

M.A., Political Science 2007

Master's thesis: Off the Welfare Rolls and Back into Poverty: A Look at 11 Years of Illinois Welfare Reform

Advisor: Melinda Mueller

B.A., Journalism 2003

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *JOURNAL ARTICLES*

Hoewe, Jennifer, Janel Jett, **Amber Lusvardi**, and Eric Wiemer. 2022. "Selection, Trust, and the Effects of Cable News Consumption." *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*.

Forester, Summer, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, **Amber Lusvardi**, and S. Laurel Weldon. 2022. "New Dimensions of Global Feminist Influence: Tracking Feminist Mobilization Worldwide, 1975-2015." *International Studies Quarterly* 66(1)  
*Equal authorship*

Datta, Srijani, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Summer Forester, **Amber Lusvardi**, and S. Laurel Weldon. 2022. "Domestic Workers from Margin to Center: Pandemic Politics, Protest, and Policy." *Journal of Cultural Research* 26(1): 39-64  
*Equal authorship*

### *BOOK CHAPTERS*

**Lusvardi, Amber** and Terri Towner. 2020. "[Twitter Engagement with C-SPAN Videos: A Wink and a Nod to Non-Verbal Cues.](#)" In *President Trump's First Term: The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research*, ed. Robert X. Browning. Purdue University Press.

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin, **Amber Lusvardi**, and S. Laurel Weldon. 2019. "[Transnational Opportunities for Activism against Gender Violence.](#)" In *Handbook on Gender and Violence*, ed. Laura Shepherd. Edward Elgar Publishers.

### *UNDER REVIEW*

Weldon, S. Laurel, **Amber Lusvardi**, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, and Summer Forester. 2022. "Feminist Waves, Global Activism, and Gender Regimes: The Genealogy and Impact of a Global Wave." *Women's Studies International Forum*.

### *BACKGROUND PAPERS*

Weldon, S. Laurel, Shireen Hassim, Srijani Datta, Frederica de Sisto, Helia Doutaghi, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, **Amber Lusvardi**, and Summer Forester. 2020. "[Women's Informal Participation in Political and Public Life and Space: Global Trends and Challenges.](#)" UN Women. Expert Group Meeting. Sixty-Fifth Session on the Commission on the Status of Women.

## **POPULAR PRESS**

**Lusvardi, Amber.** 2021. “Behind the Gaetz Scandal, There’s a Bigger Issue: Most States have Loopholes that Let Men Exploit Teenage Girls.” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*. (Top ten most read post of 2021)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin, **Amber Lusvardi**, S. Laurel Weldon, and Summer Forester. 2022. “Dimensions of Transnational Feminism: Autonomous Organizing and Agenda-setting in Global Civil Society.”

Weldon, Laurel, Summer Forester, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, and **Amber Lusvardi**. 2022. “‘Feminism for the 99%?’ Feminist Mobilization and Economic Empowerment in a Neo-Liberal World.”

**Amber Lusvardi.** 2022. “Paternalist Advocacy with Feminist Outcomes: Banning Child Marriage in the U.S.”

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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Undergraduate Student/Faculty Collaborate Research Small Grants, UW Oshkosh	2022
CLA Distinguished Dissertation Award Finalist, Purdue University	2022
Graduate Peer-Reviewed Publication Award, Purdue University	2022
Carsey Scholar Travel Award, State Politics and Policy Conference	2022
Ross-Lynn Research Scholar Fellowship, Purdue University	2021
Clare De Cleene Scholarship, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Purdue University	2021
Exceptional Teaching and Instructional Support during Covid-19 Award, Purdue University	2021
Berenice A. Carroll Feminism, Peace, and Social Justice Award, Purdue University	2021
American Political Science Association Travel Award	2021
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association	2019
PROMISE Award, Purdue University	2019, 2021
C-SPAN Archives Research Grant	2018
Advisor of the Year, Millikin University	2017
Forrest W. Howell Scholarship in Public Administration, Eastern Illinois University	2007

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

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**Lusvardi, Amber**, and Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson. 2023. “Exclusionary Politics in the States: Anti-Trans Legislation and the Marginalization of Movement Voices.” Southern Political Science Association Conference. St. Pete Beach, Florida.

**Lusvardi, Amber.** 2022. “Autonomy, Minors, and the Feminist Agenda: Gender Issues in the States.” State Politics and Policy Conference. Tallahassee, Florida.

**Lusvardi, Amber**, and Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson. 2022. "Pandemic Policymaking and the Politics of Exclusion: Anti-Trans Legislation in the U.S. States during the Covid Pandemic." State Politics and Policy Conference. Tallahassee, Florida.

**Lusvardi, Amber**. 2021. "Ending the Child Bride: State Legislative Action on Low-Salience Gender Issues." American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, Washington.

Weldon, S. Laurel, Srijani Datta, **Amber Lusvardi**, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, and Summer Forester. 2021. "Intersectionality and the International Dimensions of Social Reproduction." American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, Washington.

**Lusvardi, Amber**, Janel Jett, and Donald E. Snyder. 2021. "Diverging Narratives: Climate Change Issue Frames by Gender in the United States Congress." Networks 2021: A Joint Conference of Sunbelt and NetSci, Online.

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin, **Amber Lusvardi**, Summer Forester, and S. Laurel Weldon. 2021. "When and How Does Transnational Feminism Promote Gender Justice?" International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference, Online.

**Lusvardi, Amber**. 2021. "'Be the Hero We Need': Social Movements and Paternalistic Frames on Child Marriage." Southern Political Science Association Conference, Online.

**Lusvardi, Amber**, Janel Jett, and Donald E. Snyder. 2021. "Gendered Communication on Climate Change in the U.S. Congress." Southern Political Science Association Conference, Online.

Datta, Srijani, **Amber Lusvardi**, Summer Forester, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, and S. Laurel Weldon. 2021. "Domestic Workers from Margin to Center: Old Solidarities, New Solidarities, and Pandemic Politics in India." Symposium on A Gendered Pandemic, Online.

Datta, Srijani, **Amber Lusvardi**, Summer Forester, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, and S. Laurel Weldon. 2020. "Domestic Workers from Margin to Center: Old Solidarities, New Solidarities, and Pandemic Politics in India." American Political Science Association, Online.

Hoppin, Shari, Susan Sarapin, Eric Wiemer, **Amber Lusvardi**, Pamela Morris, and Diana Zulli. 2020. "Compromising Positions: One Word's Relationship to Congressional Performance and Public Opinion of Congress." International Communication Association Conference, Online.

Weldon, S. Laurel, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, **Amber Lusvardi**, and Summer Forester. 2020. "Transnational Feminist Politics: New Measures and Findings." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Online.

**Lusvardi, Amber**. 2020. "'Altared' States: Group Representation, Women's Interests, and Child Marriage in the 50 U.S. States." Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Hoewe, Jennifer, **Amber Lusvardi**, Eric Wiemer, and Janel Jett. 2020. "The Influence of Fox News: A Lack of Counter-arguing and an Increase in Persuasive Effects." Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Weldon, S. Laurel, Summer Forester, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, and **Amber Lusvardi**. 2019. "Handmaidens or Heroes? Feminist Mobilization as a Force for Economic Equality around the World." European Conference on Politics and Gender, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Towner, Terri, **Amber Lusvardi**, Bruce Bimber, Shelley Boulianne, and Karolina Koc-Michalska. 2019. "Twitter as Presidential Communication: Public Perceptions of Trump's Tweets." International Communication Association, Washington D.C.

**Lusvardi, Amber**, and Terri Towner. 2019. "Nonverbal Cues in Congressional Speeches: A Wink and a Nod to Twitter Engagement." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Jett, Janel, **Amber Lusvardi**, and Eric Wiemer. 2019. "'Believe Survivors' or 'Enough Already': How Elite Discourse Shapes Public Understanding of Focusing Events." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

Weldon, S. Laurel, Summer Forester, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, and **Amber Lusvardi**. 2019. "Handmaidens or Heroes? Feminist Mobilization as a Force for Economic Equality around the World." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

**Lusvardi, Amber**, and Terri Towner. 2018. "Nonverbal Cues in Congressional Speeches: A Wink and a Nod to Twitter Engagement." C-SPAN Research Conference, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Towner, Terri, **Amber Lusvardi**, Bruce Bimber, Shelley Boulianne, and Karolina Koc-Michalska. 2018. "Twitter as Presidential Communication: The Impact of Trump's Tweets." American Political Science Association Political Communication Pre-Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dean, Laura, and **Amber Lusvardi**. 2018. "Performance Learning in Political Science: A New Perspective on Experiential Learning." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

## **COURSES TAUGHT (SELECTED)**

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**Purdue University:** Women, Politics, and Public Policy

**Millikin University:** American Political System, State and Local Government, Campaigns and Elections, Media and Politics, Supreme Court in American Politics, Topics in Public Policy, Gender and Politics, Model Illinois Government

**Eastern Illinois University:** American Government and the Constitution

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Reviewer

European Journal of Women's Studies 2021

### Workshop

Co-organizer, Transnational Feminist Movement Conference, Simon Fraser University 2019

### Chair

Panel: LGBTQ Politics, SPSA 2023

### Discussant

Panel: Race, Place, and Identity in State Politics and Policy, APSA 2021

Panel: Modes of Representation, APSA 2021

Panel: Understanding Gender and Opinions on Elite Behavior, CCSE 2020

Panel: Political Psychology and Gendered Interactions, SPSA 2020

Gender Politics in the U.S. Undergraduate Poster Session, MPSA 2017

### Experiential Learning

Model Illinois Government Executive Committee (faculty) 2021

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### Purdue University

Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor, American Institutions 2021

Mentoring & Recruitment Director, Political Science Graduate Student Association 2018–2020

### Millikin University

Faculty Advisor, Model Illinois Government Club 2014–2020

Gender Studies Minor Committee Chair 2015–2018

Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha 2014–2018

Faculty Advisor, Sigma Lambda Gamma 2013–2018

Humanities Undergraduate Research Fund committee 2016–2017

Faculty Representative, Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee 2015–2017

Search Committee, History and Political Science 2016

Organizer, Constitution Day event 2014–2016

Nyberg study group on Online Learning 2015

### Eastern Illinois University

Faculty Fellow for Lawson Hall Dormitory 2009–2010

Electronic Writing Portfolio Committee 2009–2010

Undergraduate Recruitment Committee  
Political Science Textbook Committee

2009  
2009

## **COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY TALKS**

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“Finding Civil Discourse in a Polarized World.” 2022. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Decatur.  
“The Politics of Child Marriage in the United States.” 2021. Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Purdue University.  
“Child Marriage: An American Dilemma.” 2020. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Decatur.  
“Reflecting on the Election (Panel).” 2020. Purdue University.  
“100 Years of Women’s Suffrage (Panel).” 2019. Millikin University.  
“The Nine: Implications and Possibilities of a New Supreme Court.” 2019. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Decatur.  
“‘Nevertheless, She Persisted:’ How Women Make a Difference in Government.” 2018. American Association of University Women, Decatur Branch.  
“‘Nevertheless, She Persisted:’ How Women Make a Difference in Government.” 2017. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Decatur.  
“Alexander Hamilton: From Immigrant to American Icon.” 2017. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Decatur.  
“American Politics and Leadership: Best Practices and Cautionary Tales.” 2016. Millikin University, Millikin Interdisciplinary Faculty Conference.  
“Election 2016 and the Media.” 2016. Millikin University, Illinois Junior Academy of Science.  
Candidate Academy Panel Participant. 2016. Macon County Chamber of Commerce Academy of Political Leadership.  
“Where Did 1 Million Girls Go? A Discussion on Modern Day Human Trafficking.” 2015. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Ill.  
“60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown v. Board Decision.” 2014. Millikin University.

## **RESEARCH SKILLS**

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### **Software**

STATA, SPSS, R, UCINet, AutoMap, NodeXL, Weka, Nvivo

### **Languages**

English (native), Spanish (intermediate)

### **Methods Training**

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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United Training, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

2022

ADVANCE-Purdue	2021
Online Learning, Purdue University	2020
Certificate, Understanding Diversity and Inclusion, Purdue University	2019
Safe Zone, basic and advanced, Millikin University	2016

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Political Science Association  
European Consortium for Political Research  
International Communication Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association