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APPOINTMENTS **Loyola University Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
  
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2023 -  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2017 - 2023

EDUCATION **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Chapel Hill, NC  
  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2017  
  
M.A., Political Science, 2014  
  
**Creighton University**, Omaha, NE  
  
B.A., Political Science, Spanish & Hispanic Studies, 2012 (*summa cum laude*)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES Treul, Sarah A., and Eric R. Hansen. 2023. "Primary Barriers to Working Class Representation." *Political Research Quarterly* 76(3): 1516-28.

Hansen, Eric R. 2022. "White Constituents and Congressional Voting." *American Politics Research* 50(4): 564-82.

Hansen, Eric R., and Joshua Jansa. 2021. "Complexity, Resources, and Text Borrowing in State Legislatures." *Journal of Public Policy* 41(4): 752-775.

Saraceno, Joseph, Eric R. Hansen, and Sarah A. Treul. 2021. "Reevaluating the Substantive Representation of LGB Americans: A Multiverse Analysis." *Journal of Politics* 83(4): 1837-43.

Hansen, Eric R., and Sarah A. Treul. 2021. "Inexperienced or Anti-Establishment? Voter Preferences for Outsider Congressional Candidates." *Research & Politics* 8(3): 1-7. Available at <https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680211034958>

Hansen, Eric R., and Andrew Tyner. 2021. "Educational Attainment and Social Norms of Voting." *Political Behavior* 43(2): 711-35.

Hansen, Eric R., and Christopher J. Clark. 2020. "Diversity in Party Leadership in State Legislatures." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 20(1): 81-107.

Hansen, Eric R., Nicholas Carnes, and Virginia Gray. 2019. "What Happens When Insurers Make the Insurance Laws? State Legislative Agendas and

- the Occupational Makeup of Government.” *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 19(2): 155-79.
- Jansa, Joshua, Eric R. Hansen, and Virginia Gray. 2019. “Copy and Paste Lawmaking: Legislative Professionalism and Policy Reinvention in the States.” *American Politics Research* 47(4): 739-67.
- Carnes, Nicholas, and Eric R. Hansen. 2016. “Does Paying Politicians More Promote Economic Diversity in Legislatures?” *American Political Science Review* 110(4): 699-716.
- Hansen, Eric R., and Sarah A. Treul. 2015. “The Symbolic and Substantive Representation of LGB Americans in the U.S. House of Representatives.” *Journal of Politics* 77(4): 955-67.
- EDITED VOLUMES Hansen, Eric R., and Richard C. Witmer. 2021. “Growing Age and Education Gaps? The Evolution of Partisan Vote Choice among Religious Voters in the U.S., 2008-2018.” *Journal of Religion & Society*. Special issue on “Religion and the New Politics,” eds. Ronald A. Simkins and Zachary B. Smith. Supplement 23: 168-84.
- Hansen, Eric R. 2020. “LGBTQ Representation” in *Voting and Political Representation in America: Issues and Trends*, ed. Mark P. Jones. ABC-CLIO.
- DATA SETS Carnes, Nicholas and Eric R. Hansen. 2022. The State Legislators Dataset, Version 1.5 [computer file]. Durham, NC: Duke University. Available online from [www.duke.edu/~nwc8/stateleg.html](http://www.duke.edu/~nwc8/stateleg.html).
- OTHER WRITINGS “Why We Should Be Paying More Attention to Lawmakers’ Occupational Backgrounds.” LSE USAPP Blog, February 21, 2019.
- “How Government Priorities Are Shaped by the Professional Backgrounds of Legislators.” *SSN Key Findings*, February 2018.
- “Why Paying Legislators Higher Salaries Will Not Draw More Blue-Collar Workers into Office.” *SSN Key Findings*, February 2016.
- WORKING PAPERS “U.S. Voter Turnout and Mass Higher Education: Evidence from the States, 1980-2020.” *Under review*.
- “Job Talk: Candidate Sex and Presentation of Prior Experience in Televised Ads” (with Connor Mautner). *Under review*.
- “Are Descriptive Representatives More Successful Passing Group-Relevant Legislation? The Case of Native American State Legislators” (with Elise Blasingame and Richard Witmer)
- “Prior Experience and State Legislative Effectiveness” (with Sarah Treul)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION *American Political Science Association*  
Presenter: 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2016  
Discussant/Chair: 2022, 2019, 2018

*Democracy in the American States*  
Presenter: 2023

*Midwest Political Science Association*  
Presenter: 2023, 2022, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011  
Discussant/Chair: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019

*Southern Political Science Association*  
Presenter: 2020, 2018, 2016  
Discussant/Chair: 2020, 2018

*State Politics & Policy Conference*  
Presenter: 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014  
Discussant/Chair: 2022

*Western Political Science Association*  
Discussant: 2021

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Are Descriptive Representatives More Successful Passing Group-Relevant Legislation? The Case of Native American State Legislators.” Creighton University, Dept. of Political Science, November 6, 2023.

“Higher Educational Attainment and Voter Turnout in the 50 States, 1980-2020.” University of Notre Dame, Dept. of Political Science, April 21, 2023.

“Primary Barriers to Working Class Representation.” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dept. of Political Science, American Politics Research Group. March 25, 2022.

“Reducing Barriers to Political Participation.” Harvard Kennedy School of Government, “Inequality, Democracy, and America’s Future” APSA pre-conference. August 29, 2018.

“Copy and Paste Lawmaking: Legislative Professionalism and Policy Reinvention in the States.” Creighton University, Dept. of Political Science, April 17, 2018.

“Voting? Why Bother?” Creighton University Honors Program, Consideration Public Conversation series. April 16, 2018.

GRANTS,  
AWARDS, AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

Small Grant for “Prior Experience and State Legislative Effectiveness” (with Sarah Treul), Center for Effective Lawmaking (2023)

APSA Diversity and Inclusion Advancing Research Grant for Indigenous Politics (with Richard Witmer), American Political Science Association (2022)

Summer Research Stipend for “Ballot Access Laws and Working Class Candidates,” Loyola University Chicago (2022)

Summer Research Stipend for “Reassessing Voter Preferences for Working Class Candidates,” Loyola University Chicago (2020)

Summer Research Stipend for “Leadership Diversity in State Legislatures,” Loyola University Chicago (2018)

Thomas Carsey Travel Grant, APSA State Politics & Policy Section (2017)

SSN Graduate Fellowship, Scholars’ Strategy Network (2016)

Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Fellowship for “Constituency Diversity and Representation in American State Legislatures,” UNC Department of Political Science, UNC (2015)

Earle Wallace Award for Graduate Student Teaching, UNC Department of Political Science (2015)

Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation (2013)

Faculty Award for Achievement in Political Science, Creighton University Department of Political Science (2012)

Presidential Scholarship, Creighton University (2008-2012)

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference  
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (2018)

TEACHING

*Undergraduate Courses Taught*

American Politics  
Inside the Beltway (travel class to DC)  
Interest Group Politics  
Legislative Process  
Political Numbers (quantitative methods)  
Political Science Internship  
Politics and the Press  
Research Seminar in Descriptive Representation  
State Politics  
The U.S. Experience (Honors)

*Graduate Courses Taught*

American Political Institutions  
Class & Inequality in U.S. Politics

ADVISING

*Ph.D. Dissertation Committees*

Raluca Pavel

*Undergraduate Research Mentorship*

Roisin O'Carroll, Kaitlen Cerney, Mary Polupan, Braden Perry, Grayson Alexander

SERVICE

*Loyola University Chicago*

Member, Loyola University Public Engagement Working Group (2024- )  
Graduate Program Director, Dept. of Political Science (2023- )  
Chicago Internship Program Director, Dept. of Political Science (2022-2023)  
Staff Team, Loyola 360 Retreat (2023)  
Webmaster, Dept. of Political Science (2020-2023)  
Faculty Advisor, Loyolathon (2019-2023)  
Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha—Zeta Mu Chapter (2018-2022)

*Discipline*

Inclusion & Diversity Committee, APSA State Politics & Policy Section (2019-2022)  
Section Co-Head, State and Intergovernmental Politics, MPSA 2022

Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Economics & Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *PLOS One*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research & Methods*, *Representation*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Journal*