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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1995, political science, University of Minnesota.
B.A. 1986, *cum laude* in history, Yale University.

## EMPLOYMENT

Professor of political science, George Washington University 2005-present
Senior fellow, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution, 2002-present
Associate professor of political science (with tenure), George Washington University, 2001-2005
Assistant professor of political science, George Washington University, 1999-2001
Fellow, Governmental Studies, The Brookings Institution, 1997-2002
Research associate, Governmental Studies, The Brookings Institution, 1995-97

## AWARDS/HONORS

Jewell-Loewenberg Award for best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly,* 2004 (2005 APSA)
Richard F. Fenno Jr. Prize for best book published on legislative politics, 2003 (2004 APSA)
University of Minnesota Department of Political Science Distinguished Alumna (2003)
CQ Prize for best paper on legislative politics at 1998 annual meeting of APSA (1999 APSA).
E.E. Schattschneider Award (co-winner 1996) (best dissertation in field of American government).

## GRANTS

Atlantic Philanthropies, 2010 ($25,000): "Reforming Rule 22"
Cabot Family Charitable Trust, 2009 ($25,000): "Improving the Housing Crisis"
Carnegie Corporation, 2003-2005 ($100,000): "Politics of Judicial Selection"
O'Melveny and Myers, 2005 ($10,000): "Politics of Judicial Selection"
National Science Foundation, 1998-99 ($48,320): "Confirmation Politics"
The Dillon Fund, 1997-99 ($200,000): "Circumventing Gridlock."

## FELLOWSHIPS

Robert W. Hartley Fellowship in Governmental Studies, Brookings Institution, 1994-95
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 1993-94
William W. Stout Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 1992-93
Graduate School Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 1990-91

## PUBLICATIONS

**Books:**

Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2009. *Advice and Dissent: The Struggle to Shape the Federal Judiciary*. Brookings Institution Press.

Rhodes, R. W., Sarah A. Binder, and Bert Rockman, eds. 2006. *Handbook of Political Institutions*. Oxford University Press.

Quirk, Paul J. and Sarah A. Binder, eds. 2005. *The Legislative Branch*. Oxford University Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2003. *Stalemate: Causes and Consequences of Legislative Gridlock*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press. Recipient of the 2004 Richard F. Fenno Jr. Prize.

Binder, Sarah. A. 1997. *Minority Rights, Majority Rule: Partisanship and The Development of Congress,* New York: Cambridge University Press.

Binder, Sarah A. and Steven S. Smith. 1997. *Politics or Principle? Filibustering in the United States Senate,* Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.

**Articles:**

Lawrence, Eric D., Sarah A. Binder and Forrest Maltzman. 2011. "The Impact of Party Cues on Citizen Evaluations of Senators." *Congress & the Presidency* 38(1):1-15.

Primo, David M., Sarah A. Binder, and Forrest Maltzman. 2008. "Who Consents? Competing Pivots in Federal Judicial Selection." *American Journal of Political Science* 52 (July): 471-489.

Binder, Sarah A. 2008. "Taking the Measure of Congress: Response to Chiou and Rothenberg." *Political Analysis* 16 (2): 213-225.

Binder, Sarah A., Anthony J. Madonna, and Steven S. Smith. 2007. "Going Nuclear, Senate Style." *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 5 (4, December): 729-40.

Binder, Sarah A. 2007. "Where do Institutions Come From? Exploring the Origins of the Senate Blue Slip." *Studies in American Political Development*, 21 (Spring) 1-15.

Binder, Sarah A. 2006. "Parties and Institutional Choice Revisited." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 31 (November): 513-532.

Binder, Sarah A. 2005. "Ten More Years of Republican Rule?" *Perspectives on Politics* v. 3 (September): 541-3.

Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2004. "The Limits of Senatorial Courtesy." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 24 (February): 5-22.

Binder, Sarah A., Eric D. Lawrence, and Steven S. Smith. 2002. "Tracking the Filibuster, 1917-1996." *American Politics Research* 30 (July): 407-23.

Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2002. "Senatorial Delay in Confirming Federal Judges, 1947-98." *American Journal of Political Science* 46 (January): 190-9.

Binder, Sarah A. 1999. "The Dynamics of Legislative Gridlock, 1947-1996." *American Political Science Review*, 93 (September): 519–33.

Binder, Sarah A., Eric D. Lawrence, and Forrest Maltzman. 1999. "Uncovering the Hidden Effect of Party." *Journal of Politics*, 61 (August): 815-831.

Binder, Sarah, Forrest Maltzman, and Lee Sigelman. 1998. "Senators' Home-State Reputations: Why Do Constituents Love a Bill Cohen So Much More Than an Al D'Amato?" *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 23 (November): 545-560.

Binder, Sarah A. and Steven S. Smith. 1998. "Political Goals and Procedural Choice in the Senate." *Journal of Politics*, 60 (May): 398-416.

Binder, Sarah A. 1996. "The Partisan Basis of Procedural Choice: Allocating Parliamentary Rights in the House, 1789-1990." *American Political Science Review,* 90 (March): 8-20.

Maltzman, Forrest, Lee Sigelman, and Sarah Binder. 1996. "Leaving Office Feet First: Death in Congress." *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

Binder, Sarah A. 1995. "Partisanship and Procedural Choice: Institutional Change in the Early Congress, 1789-1823." *Journal of Politics* 57 (November): 1093-1117.

**Book chapters:**

Binder, Sarah A. 2011. "The Senate and the Executive: Nomination Politics," in Burdett A. Loomis, ed., *The U.S. Senate: From Deliberation to Dysfunction.* CQ Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2011. "Legislative Productivity and Gridlock." In Eric Schickler and Frances E. Lee, *The Oxford Handbook on Congress*. Oxford University Press.

Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2008. "The Politics of Advice and Consent: Putting Federal Judges on the Bench," in Lawrence Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer, Eds., *Congress Reconsidered,* 9th edition, CQ Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2008. "Consequences for the Courts: Polarized Politics and the Judicial Branch." In David Brady and Pietro Nivola, Eds., *Red and Blue Nation? Volume 2: Consequences and Correction of America's Polarized Politics*. Brookings and Hoover Institution Presses.

Binder, Sarah A. 2006. "Can Congress Serve the General Welfare?" In *Promoting the General Welfare: Government Performance*, Editors Eric Patashnik and Alan Gerber. Brookings Institution Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2005. "Elections, Parties, and Governance." In *The Legislative Branch,* eds. Paul Quirk and Sarah Binder. Oxford University Press.

Binder, Sarah A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2005. "Congress and the Politics of Judicial Appointment," In *Congress Reconsidered*, 8th edition, Congressional Quarterly Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2003. "Sticky Rules: Procedural Change in the 20th Century Congress." In *Congress Responds to the Twentieth Century*, In Sunil Ahuja and Robert Dewhirst, eds., Ohio State University Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2003. "The Senate: Can it Deliberate? Does it Act?" In *Workways of Governance*, Roger D. Davidson, ed. Brookings Institution Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2001. "The Senate as a Black Hole? Lessons Learned from the Judicial Appointments Experience." In *Innocent Until Nominated: The Breakdown of the Presidential Appointments Process*, Calvin MacKenzie, ed., Brookings Institution Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2001. "Can the Parties Govern?" In Jeffrey Cohen, Richard Fleisher, and Paul Kantor, eds., *American Political Parties: Decline or Resurgence?* Congressional Quarterly Press.

Binder, Sarah A. 2001. "Congress, the Executive, and the Production of Public Policy: United We Govern?" In C. Lawrence Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer, eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 7th edition. Congressional Quarterly Press.

Binder, Sarah A. and Steven S. Smith. 1995. "Acquired Procedural Tendencies and Congressional Reform." In James A. Thurber and Roger H. Davidson., eds., *Remaking Congress*: *Change and Stability in the 1990s*. Congressional Quarterly Press.

**Non-refereed publications:**

Sarah A. Binder. 2011. "Through the Looking Glass, Darkly: What Has Become of the Senate?" *The Forum*, December.

Sarah Binder and Thomas Mann. 2011. "Constraints on Leadership." The Brookings Institution.

Russell Wheeler and Sarah A. Binder. 2011. "Do Judicial Emergencies Matter? Nomination and Confirmation Delay during the 111th Congress." The Brookings Institution.

Sarah A. Binder and Forrest Maltzman. 2009. "Advice and consent during the Bush years: The politics of confirming federal judges." *Judicature* V. 92, N. 6 (May-June): 320-9.

Sarah A. Binder, Thomas E. Mann, Norman Ornstein, and Molly Reynolds. 2009. "Assessing the 110th Congress, Anticipating the 111th." Brookings Institution.

Sarah A. Binder, Thomas E. Mann, and Molly Reynolds. 2008. "One Year Later: Is Congress Still the Broken Branch?: A Report on the 110th Congress." Brookings Institution.

Thomas E. Mann, Sarah A. Binder, and Molly Reynolds. 2007. "Is the Broken Branch on the Mend? An Early Report on the 110th Congress." Brookings Institution.

Binder, Sarah A. 2006. "Can Congress Legislate for the Future?" John Brademas Center for the Study of Congress. Research Brief #3.

Binder, Sarah A. 2005. "Elections and Congress's Governing Capacity." *Extensions*. Fall 2005.

Binder, Sarah A. and Bill Frenzel. 2002. "The Business of Congress After September 11." *Brookings Policy Dialogue*, No. 1.

Binder, Sarah A. 2001. "The Senate as a Black Hole: Lessons Learned from the Judicial Appointment Experience." *The Brookings Review*, 19 (Spring):37-40.

Binder, Sarah A. 2000. "Going Nowhere: A Gridlocked Congress?" *The Brookings Review*, 18 (Winter): 16-19.

Binder, Sarah A. 1996. "The Disappearing Political Center: Congress and the Incredible Shrinking Middle." *The Brookings Review,* 14 (Fall): 36-39.

Binder, Sarah A. and Thomas E. Mann. 1995. "Slaying the Dinosaur: The Case for Reforming the Senate Filibuster." *The Brookings Review.* 13 (Summer): 32-36.

Binder, Sarah A., 1995. "Minority Rights." In *The Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*, eds. Donald Bacon, Roger H. Davidson, and Morten Keller (New York: Simon and Schuster).

**Book reviews:**

*Filibuster: Obstruction and Lawmaking in the U.S. Senate*, by Gregory J. Wawro and Eric Schickler. *The Review of Politics*. 2006.

*The Invention of the United States Senate*, by Daniel and Stephen Wirls. *Political Science Quarterly*. 2005.

*America's Congress*, by David Mayhew, *American Political Science Review*, 95 (June, 2001): 480.

*Turning the Legislative Thumbscrew,* by Douglas Dion, *American Political Science Review* 93 (June, 1999): 450.

*Senators On the Campaign Trail: The Politics of Representation*, by Richard F. Fenno, Jr. *Political Science Quarterly* 112 (Spring, 1997): 145-146.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

Congress and Financial Crisis: Explaining Congressional Intervention in the Economy.

Congress and the Federal Reserve.

"Playing the Gender Card: Ideology, Gender and Vote Choice." With Jake Haselswerdt and Forrest Maltzman. Under revision.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Vote Margins and Support for the U.S. Congress." With Eric Lawrence and Forrest Maltzman. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2011.

"De-Central Bank: The Politics of Selecting the Federal Reserve Banks in 1914." With Mark Spindel. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2010.

"Playing the Gender Card: Ideology, Gender and Vote Choice." With Jake Haselswerdt and Forrest Maltzman. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April

2010.

"The Senate and the Executive: Nomination Politics." Presented at the Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas, March 2010.

"The Impact of Party Cues on Citizen Evaluations of Senators." With Eric Lawrence and Forrest Maltzman. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008.

"Congress, the Courts, and Polarization." Paper presented at the Hoover-Brookings conference on polarization. January 2007, Stanford University.

"Can Congress Serve the General Welfare?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2006.

"Congressional Construction of the Federal Bench." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2006.

"Half-empty or Half-full? Do Vacant Judgeships Matter?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2005.

"Origins of the Senate Blue Slip: The Politics of Creating Senate Norms." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004.

"Blue Slips Sink Ships: Institutionalizing Senatorial Courtesy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003.

"Consequences of Legislative Gridlock." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, Sept. 2002.

"Parties and Institutional Choices Revisited." Presented at the Conference on Congress and History, Columbia University, June 2002.

"The Limits of Senatorial Courtesy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2002. With Forrest Maltzman.

"Parties and Institutional Choices Revisited." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2001.

"Does It Deliberate? The Case of the U.S. Senate." Presented at the Workshop on Legislative Workways, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C. July 2000.

"Holding Up the Senate: The Politics of Senate Confirmation." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2000. With Forrest Maltzman.

"The Dynamics of Legislative Gridlock, 1947-1996." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1998.

"Conditions of Effective Governance: The Case of the Senate." Presented at the Workways of Governance Colloquium, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. October 1997.

"Explaining Senate Change: The Rise in Filibustering, 1917-1996." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1997. With Eric Lawrence and Steven S. Smith.

"Revisiting the Senate Filibuster: Political Goals and Procedural Choice in the Senate." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1996. With Steven S. Smith.

"The Partisan Basis of Procedural Choice: Allocating Parliamentary Rights in the House, 1789-1991." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 1995.

"Partisanship and Procedural Choice: Institutional Change in the Early Congress, 1789-1823." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1995, Chicago, IL.

"Acquired Procedural Tendencies and Congressional Reform." Presented at the Conference on Congressional Change, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University, October 1994. With Steven S. Smith.

"The Limits of Partisanship: Extending Minority Rights in the Senate, 1789-1992." Presented at the 1993 meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

"A Partisan Theory of Procedural Change: Creation of Minority Rights in the House of Representatives, 1789-1991." Presented at the 1992 meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

*Legislative Studies Quarterly* (Co-editor, 2010 – present; Editorial board member, 1998-2000)
*Political Research Quarterly* (editorial board member, 2006-present)
*Congress & the Presidency* (editorial board member, 2009-present)
*Journal of Politics* (Editorial board member, 2005-2006)
*American Politics Research* (Editorial board member, 2003-present; Guest co-editor Vol. 34, No. 2)
*American Journal of Political Science* (Editorial board member, 1998-2005)
The Dirksen Center (Board of Directors member, 2006-present)
Legislative Studies Section (APSA): Nominating Committee (1997, 2006-8), CQ paper award committee (1999), Jewell Loewenberg Award Committee (2008), Executive Committee (1999-2001, 2003-4), Fenno award committee (chair, 2005; member, 2009), Section chair (2009-2011)
History and Politics Section (APSA): Mary Parker Follett award committee (chair, 2005)
American Political Science Association: 2004 Program Committee, Hubert H. Humphrey Award committee (2002), E.E. Schattschneider Award committee (2010), Carey McWilliams Award Committee (2012).
Midwest Political Science Association: Program Committee (1998, 2001), Patrick Fett Award Committee (2004), Emerging Scholar award committee (2007), Council Member (2009-present)
National Capitol Area Political Science Association: Council member (1998-2000), Best paper committee (1998, 2000).
Reviewer, *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Annual Review of Politics, Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Congress & the Presidency*, *Electoral Studies*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *Party Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics*, *Women & Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *American Review of Politics*, *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, *Social Science Quarterly, Journal of Legislative Studies*, National Science Foundation, Cambridge

University Press, University of Chicago Press, Brookings Institution Press, Princeton University Press, Smith Richardson Foundation, Routledge Press, Russell Sage Foundation.

Discussant and chair, Midwest Political Science Association and/or the American Political Science Association (1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007); Discussant, Conference on the History of Congress, Stanford University (1999, 2004); Discussant or participant, Congress and History Conference, (2001 Columbia; 2003 MIT; 2005 Washington University, St. Louis; 2006 Yale University; 2007 Princeton University; 2008 GWU; 2009 UVA; 2010 UC Berkeley; 2011 Brown University).

**DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

GWU Political Science Department:

PSC Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2001-present
PSC search committees: political theory (2001-2), open field (2000-1), American politics (1998-present)
PSC American politics comprehensive exam committee (Masters, PhD), (1999-present)
Current or past dissertation committee member for: Jake Haselswerdt (chair), Daniel Green, Morgan Lyon Cotti, Aaron Dusso (chair), Kenneth Halla (chair), Maeve Carey

GWU Columbia School of Arts and Sciences:

UFF – social sciences review panel (2011)
CSAS Student Appeals Committee, 2002-5
CSAS Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell Scholarship Endorsement Committee, 2004-2006

GWU University:

University Writing Task Force, 2002-2004
University Search Committee, GWU Writing Program Director (2003-2004)

Brookings Institution:

Governance Studies Research Fellows selection committee, 1995-2008 (chair, 2003-2008)
Scholar Advisory Committee (2005-2007)

**INVITED SEMINARS**

Columbia University (1997); University of Rochester (1998); UCLA (1998); UNC-Chapel Hill (1999); Duke University (1999); University of Illinois (1999); Harvard University (CAPS-2000, Kennedy School of Government-2001, Department of Government workshop- 2005); University of Iowa (2001); University of Virginia (Miller Center 2002, 2007); University of Pennsylvania (2002); Stanford University (2002); Yale University (ISPS- 2003), University of Minnesota (2003), University of Wisconsin-Madison (2004) Michigan State University (PIPC-2004), University at Albany (2004), Albany Law School (2004), William and Mary (2005), Washington University St. Louis (2005, 2006), Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy (2005), Georgetown University (2005), Stanford University (2006), Temple University (2007), MIT (2008), University of Michigan (2009), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2009), University of Georgia (2010), Texas A&M (2010), John Marshall Law School (2010), Yale (2010), Oxford University (2011), University of Minnesota at Morris (2011), Columbia University (2011).

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Political parties and interest groups (undergraduate and graduate), legislative politics (undergraduate and graduate), introduction to American politics (undergraduate and graduate), other seminars on American politics (undergraduate).