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EMPLOYMENT	Brookings Institution Fellow, Governance Studies. July 2015 to present.
EDUCATION	Harvard University Ph.D. in Social Policy. May 2015. New York University M.A. Institute of French Studies, high honors. 2004. B.A. in French, magna cum laude. 2003.
DISSERTATION	<i>Paying Taxes: The Origins of Americans' Tax Opinions</i> Committee: Theda Skocpol (chair), Andrea Campbell, Daniel Carpenter.
BOOK	Theda Skocpol and Vanessa Williamson. 2012. <i>The Tea Party and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism</i> . New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS	Katherine Einstein, Kris-Stella Trump, and Vanessa Williamson. 2016. "The Polarizing Effect of the Stimulus: Partisanship and Voter Responsiveness to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act." <i>Presidential Studies Quarterly</i> : 46(2): 264-283. Vanessa Williamson. 2016. "On the Ethics of Crowdsourced Research." <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> 49(1): 77-81. Vanessa Williamson. 2012. "The Tea Party." <i>The Oxford Companion to American Politics</i> . New York, NY: Oxford University Press. Vanessa Williamson, Theda Skocpol, and John Coggin. 2011. "The Tea Party and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism." <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 9(1): pp. 25-44. Theda Skocpol and Vanessa Williamson. 2010. "Obama and the Transformation of U.S. Public Policy: The Struggle for Health Care Reform." <i>ASU Law Journal</i> 42(Winter): pp. 1203-1331.
SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS	"Americans Love Paying Taxes." <i>The Atlantic</i> . April 15, 2015. "Brother can you spare a tax cut?" Review of <i>Rich People's Movements</i> by Isaac Martin. <i>Democracy Journal</i> . Spring 2014. "Is the Tea Party healthy for democracy?" <i>Sacramento Bee</i> . June 3, 2012. "Veiled threat to the land of the free." Review of <i>The Submerged State</i> , by Suzanne Mettler. <i>Times Higher Education</i> . January 24, 2012. Theda Skocpol and Vanessa Williamson. "Whose Tea Party is it?" <i>New York Times</i> . December 26, 2011.
WORKING	"Tracing the Origins of Public Misperceptions of Progressivity: The Surprising Influence

PAPERS	<p>of the Taxpaying Process.” <i>Under review.</i></p> <p>“Reconsidering Popular Overestimates of Foreign Aid and Government Waste.” <i>Under review.</i></p> <p>“Deservingness and the 47%: Perceptions of the Taxpaying Population and Opposition to Welfare Spending.”</p> <p>“Black Lives Matter and Mayoral Attitudes Towards Police Reform.” With Katherine Levine Einstein and Kris-Stella Trump.</p> <p>“State Earned Income Tax Credits: Does Polarization Matter for the Passage of Compromise Policies?” 2015. With Alexander Hertel Fernandez.</p> <p>“Since the Revolt: The History of Tax Ballot Measures since 1975.”</p> <p>"Investment or Austerity in the United States."</p>
AWARDS AND HONORS	<p>The Washington Center for Equitable Growth, one year grant, 2014-2015.</p> <p>Blue Mountain Center, summer residency, June-July 2014.</p> <p>Center for American Political Studies, Program on the American Republic Fellowship, Fall 2013.</p> <p>Institute for Global Law and Policy, Program on the Study of Capitalism Research Fellowship, Fall 2013.</p> <p>Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation Fellowship, 2012-2013 (declined).</p> <p>Scholars Strategy Network Graduate Fellow, 2012-2013.</p> <p>Multidisciplinary Program Grant in Inequality and Social Policy, 2012.</p> <p>Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Spring 2012.</p> <p>Tobin Project Democracy and Markets Fellowship, 2012.</p> <p>National Science Foundation IGERT Inequality and Social Policy Fellowship, 2011.</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Johns Hopkins University</p> <p>“Making of Social Movements.” Fall 2015.</p> <p>San Quentin State Prison, Patten College</p> <p>“Introduction to American Government.” Fall 2013.</p> <p>Harvard University (Teaching Fellow)</p> <p>“Sophomore Tutorial in Government.” Spring 2012.</p> <p>“Foundations of Comparative Politics.” Fall 2012.</p>
SELECTED PRESENTATIONS	<p>“Democracy and Its Discontents,” Central European University, October 2015.</p> <p>APSA 2013. MPSA 2016, 2013, 2012. SSHA 2012. Policy History 2014.</p> <p>Columbia University, Graduate School of Journalism, October 2012.</p> <p>Berlin Colloquium, Europäische Akademie Berlin. May 2012.</p>

Columbia University, Institute for Social and Economic Research, March 2012.

Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Institute of Politics, October 2011.

Allegheny College, Center for Political Participation, September 2011.

House of Representatives Committee on Veterans Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, July 2008.

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

California Community Foundation, 2009.

Author, *Supporting Our Troops, Veterans, and their Families: Future Opportunities for Philanthropy*, an analysis of over \$250 million in grant making.

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

Research and Policy Director, 2006-2009.

Led DC office, with primary responsibility for legislative agenda. Author of seven reports on issues facing new veterans, including traumatic brain injury, unemployment and homelessness.

Field Director, 2005-2006.

Wrote successful proposals for over \$1 million in grants. Built a base of members for media, events, and advocacy. Organized multiple online legislative campaigns.