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- ACADEMIC POSITIONS** Assistant Professor, School of Education and Social Policy and (by courtesy) Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2015-present.
Faculty Associate, Institute for Policy Research, 2015-present.
Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Law and Public Affairs Program, Princeton University, 2017-18.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2011-15.
Senior Research Associate, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, 2011-15.
Visiting Research Scholar, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL, 2013-14.
- EDUCATION** Ph.D. Political Science, Columbia University, New York, 2012
Dissertation Title: *Public Regulation through Private Litigation: The Regulatory Power of Private Lawsuits and the American Bureaucracy*
Committee: Ira Katznelson, Robert Lieberman, Dorian Warren, David Brinkley, Susan Strum
Winner, Leonard D. White Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association
B.A. (Highest Distinction), University of California, Berkeley, 2001.
- RESEARCH INTERESTS** American Politics; Racial Inequality; Education, Employment, and Housing Civil Rights Policy; Environmental Policy; Public-Private Governance; Policy History; Law and Society; American Political Development.
- BOOK** Mulroy, Quinn. Forthcoming. *Agents of Litigation: How the American Bureaucracy Mobilizes Private Lawsuits to Make Policy Work*. Oxford University Press (in Series on Studies in Post-War American Political Development).
- JOURNAL ARTICLES & CHAPTERS** Cowhy, Jennifer, Quinn Mulroy, and Tabitha Bonilla. "Conceptualizing Parents as Policy Agents in Special Education," *Educational Researcher*. In press.
McCambly, Heather and Quinn Mulroy. "Constructing a "Quality" Education Crisis: (E)quality Politics and Racialization Beyond Target Beneficiaries." *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Special Issue: Critical Approaches to Education Policy Research*. (2023)

Nuamah, Sally and Quinn Mulroy. "I am a Child!': Public Perceptions of Black Girls and their Punitive Consequences," *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, v. 8, no. 2 (2023): 182-201.

Mulroy, Quinn and Shana Gadarian. "Off to the Courts? Or the Agency? Public Attitudes on Legal and Bureaucratic Approaches to Policy Implementation," *Laws, Special Issue: Intersection between Law, Politics and Public Policy*, v. 7 (2018): 1-18.

Mulroy, Quinn. "Approaches to Enforcing the Rights Revolution: Private Civil Rights Litigation and the American Bureaucracy," in *The Rights Revolution Revisited: Perspectives on the Role of Private Enforcement of Civil Rights in the U.S.*, ed. Lynda Dodd, Cambridge University Press (2018): 27-45.

Katznelson, Ira and Quinn Mulroy. "Was the South Pivotal? Situated Partisanship and Policy Coalitions during the New Deal and Fair Deal," *Journal of Politics*, v. 74, no. 2 (2012): 604-620.

Bimes, Terri and Quinn Mulroy. "The Rise and Decline of Presidential Populism," *Studies in American Political Development*, v. 18, no. 2 (2004): 136-159.

UNDER
REVIEW

Mulroy, Quinn and Heather McCambly. "The Development of (E)quality Politics in Higher Education Policy, 1968-1999." Revise and Resubmit. [Link to paper here](#).

Received the David Brian Robertson Award, American Political Science Association, Politics and History Section

McCambly, Heather, Quinn Mulroy, and Andrew Stein. "Racialized Reactivity: How Metrics-Formation Contributed to a Racialized Organizational Order in Medical Education." Under review. [Link to paper here](#).

Mulroy, Quinn. "Leveraging Private Legal Power: The Development of Private Litigation Mobilization Strategies at the EEOC, 1964-2001." Revise and Resubmit.

Received the Best Conference Paper Award, American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section

WORKING
PAPERS

"When the Second Dimension Comes First: Culture-First Forces and the Politics of Social Provision," (with Thomas Ogorzalek).

"The Politics of Intra-District School Resource Allocations," (with Claire Mackevicius, Thomas Ogorzalek, Andrew Stein, and Jen Cowhy).

AWARDS &
FELLOWSHIPS

David Brian Robertson Award, Best Conference Paper in Politics and History, American Political Science Association, 2022 (awarded to the best paper on politics & history presented at 2021 American Political Science Association conference).

Outstanding Professor Award, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2018.

Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Law and Public Affairs Program, Princeton University, 2017-18.

Visiting Position, Centre de Sociologie des Organisations, Sciences Po, Paris, France, November 2016-January 2017.

Visiting Research Scholar, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL, 2013-14.

Leonard D. White Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association, 2012 (awarded to the best dissertation defended in field of public administration).

Best Conference Paper Award, American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section, 2012 (awarded to the best paper on law & courts presented at any international, national, or regional political science conference).

National Fellowship in Politics and History, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2010-11 (Mentor: Daniel Carpenter), \$20,000.

Lindt Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2010-11, \$24,000 (University-wide competitive fellowship for 'exceptional students to complete dissertation write-up').

Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2009-11.

Walter Dean Burnham Award, American Political Science Association, 2012 (awarded annually for the best dissertation in the field of politics and history). Nomination.

Bancroft Dissertation Award, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2012 (awarded to outstanding dissertations in American history, diplomacy, or international affairs). Nomination.

Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University. Faculty Fellowship: 2004-06, 2007-08, 2009-10. Curtis Fellowship: 2008-09. Helen Lehman Bottenweiser Scholarship and Fellowship: 2006-07.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Spencer Foundation Large Grant. PI (with Co-PI Heather McCambly). "Understanding *(E)Quality* Politics in Higher Education and Workplace Policy: Untangling Embedded Racism and Limits on Opportunity." Project timeline: 1/1/2024-12/31/2026. *Finalist*: \$375,000.

Daniel I. Linzer Grant for Innovation in Diversity and Equity, Office of the Provost, Northwestern University. Co-PI with Claudia Hasse and Regina Logan. "Connections: Increasing Diversity and Inclusion in Northwestern's Graduate Education." Project timeline: May 2020-May 2023. Funded at \$13,466.

Race and Justice Collaborative Seed Grant, Office of the Provost, Northwestern University. PI. Project timeline: May 2023-Aug 2024. Funded at \$5,000.

Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts Grant, Office of the Provost, Northwestern University. 2023. Funded at \$5,000.

Dean Venture Research Grant Award, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University. 2022. Funded at \$40,000.

Covid-19 Research Recovery Grant Award, Office of the Provost, Northwestern University, 2022. Project timeline: 9/1/2022-8/31/2023. Funded at \$50,000.

Undergraduate Research Assistance Program Grant, Northwestern University, 2018-20.

Summer Research Assistant Funding Award, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, 2016-19.

Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration (SEED) Grant, Guaranteed Income Study Research Grant. Co-PI with Thomas Ogorzalek and Meredith Sadin. "Individual Benefits, Community Changes: The Socioeconomic and Political Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers in Stockton, CA." Project period: 2018-20. *Finalist*: \$1,000,000 (for disbursement) and \$500,000 (for research funds)

Research Grant for Cooperative Congressional Election Survey, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. Co-PI with Shana Gadarian. Project period: 2014-15. Funded at \$1,200.

Appleby-Mosher Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2012-15. Funded at \$1,200, \$1,000, \$600, and \$1,300 respectively.

Social Policy Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy. PI. "Private Litigation, Public Policy Enforcement: The Regulatory Power of Private Litigation and American Bureaucracy." Project period: 2009-11. Funded at \$5,000.

INVITED
TALKS &
WORKSHOPS

Featured speaker, "The Rise of (*E*)*Quality* Politics: The Political Development of Higher Education Policy at FIPSE, 1969-1999." Pre-conference workshop on "Regulation and Administration in American Life: Legal Historical Perspectives" at the 2021 Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Tulane University. New Orleans, LA. November 2021.

Featured speaker with Thomas Ogorzalek, "When the Second Dimension Comes First: Race, Populism, and Social Provisions in the U.S. and France." Toronto Political Development Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada, October 2019.

Featured speaker with Heather McCambly, "Fighting for (*E*)*Quality*." American Political Development and Social Policy Workshop on "Beyond the Margins of the Welfare State" at the Department of Political Science, Northwestern University. Evanston, IL, May 2019.

Featured speaker, “Enforcing Rights Protections: The Mobilization of Private Legal Power by the American Bureaucracy.” Institute for Policy Research Colloquium, Northwestern University. Evanston, IL, February 2018.

Featured speaker, “The Development of Citizen Suit Mobilization Strategies at the EPA, 1970-1993.” Workshop on “Regulating Climate Change: Governance and Legal Mobilization” at the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law. Oñati, Spain, July 2017.

Featured speaker, “The Development of Litigation Intermediation Strategies at the EEOC, 1964-2001.” Workshop on “Legal Intermediaries in the Shadows of Formal Legal Institutions” at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Colloquium. Lyon, France, June 2017.

Featured speaker, “Continuity and Change, Causes and Consequences.” Roundtable on “What Now? The 2016 U.S. Election and Its Implications,” Centre de Sociologie des Organisations, Sciences Po. Paris, France, December 2016.

Featured speaker, Workshop on 2016 Elections hosted by Paris City Council Members, Paris, France, December 2016.

Featured speaker, Workshop on 2016 Elections hosted by Paris Administrative Officials, Paris, France, December 2016.

Featured speaker, “A Missed Opportunity: The Failure of Fair Housing Legal Mobilization Strategies at HUD.” Symposium on “Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide” at the Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA, October 2015.

Featured speaker, “Public Regulation through Private Litigation: Leveraging Private Legal Power in the American Bureaucracy.” ABF Research Seminar, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL, February 2014.

Featured author, Law and Society Writing Seminar, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL, October 2013.

Manuscript Workshop, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, Fall 2013 (Reviewers: R. Shep Melnick and Charles Epp).

Featured speaker, “The Regulatory Power of Private Litigation: The Case of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.” Bouton Law Lecture, Faculty Colloquium in Public Law, Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. May 2013.

Featured speaker, Moynihan Research Workshop, Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, February 2013.

Featured speaker, “Enforcing Rights Protections: The Regulatory Power of Private Litigation and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.” Legal Studies Research Workshop at the City College of New York. New York, NY, April 2012.

Featured speaker, “The Regulatory Power of Private Litigation: The Case of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.” Research Workshop on American Politics, University of California-Berkeley. Berkeley, CA, March 2012.

Featured speaker, Research Workshop at the Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Syracuse University. November 2011.

Featured speaker, “The Regulatory Power of Private Litigation: The Case of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.” National Fellowship Conference at the Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA, May 2011.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS American Political Science Association Meeting, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2008, 2002.

Association for the Study of Higher Education Meeting, 2023, 2020.

American Educational Research Association Meeting, 2020 (conference canceled)

Association for Education Finance and Policy Meeting, 2023.

University Council for Education Administration Meeting, 2022.

Law and Society Association Meeting, 2022, 2018, 2017, 2013.

Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 2020.

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010.

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016.

Social Science History Association Meeting, 2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Northwestern University, Assistant Professor, SESP, 2016-present
Social Policymaking and Implementation (undergraduate)
Law and Social Policy (undergraduate)
Policy in Times of Political Transformation (undergraduate)
Policymaking and Policy Implementation (graduate)

Syracuse University, Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, 2011-15
Law and Society (undergraduate)
Development of the American State (undergraduate)
Politics of the Executive Branch (undergraduate)
Development of the American Administrative State (graduate)

Northwestern University, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Political Science, 2014
Law and Politics (undergraduate)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Keneshia Grant, "The Great Migration and the Democratic Party," Department of Political Science, Syracuse University. Defended May 2014. Placement: Department of Political Science, Howard University.

Bridget Fahey, "Local Bureaucrats and Climate Change Adaptation," Department of Political Science, Syracuse University. Defended June 2018.

Cora Wigger, "Education Policy and Social Geography," SESP, Northwestern University. Defended May 2022. Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Elon University.

Sheridan Fuller, "Children and Cash Assistance," SESP, Northwestern University. Defended May 2023. Placement: Federal Reserve Board.

Jennifer Cowhy, "Examining the Role of Parents as Policy Actors within Special Education," SESP, Northwestern University. Defense date: May 2023.

Claire Mackevicius, "Stealth Inequities in K-12 Public Schools: Revealing How Fundraising PTAs Entrench Hierarchies and Exploring Pathways Toward Equity," SESP, Northwestern University, Defense date: June 2023.

Phoebe Lin, "Contested Citizenships and Imagined Communities: Race, Gender, Policy, and Public Space," SESP, Northwestern University. Prospectus defended September 2023.

Alisa Reith, "Toward A Political Theory of Learning: The Fight For Police-Free Schools and the June 24, 2020 Chicago Board of Education Meeting," SESP, Northwestern University, Prospectus defended April 2023.

Leah Ouellet, "A Multilevel Analysis of Juvenile Life Without Parole and its Reform," SESP, Northwestern University, Prospectus defense scheduled for Spring 2024.

Julia Turner, SESP, Northwestern University.

Andrew Stein, SESP, Northwestern University, (Chair of Committee)

Ph.D. Guided Literature Review Committees

Sara Thomas, "Challenging U.S. Framing of Adolescent Exchanges of Sexual Selfies," passed 2018.

Heather McCambly, "Grantmaking Organizations, Higher Education, and Racial Change Work," passed 2019.

Cora Wigger, "School Choice and Residential Segregation: A Review of Theory and Evidence," passed 2020.

Angel Bohannon, “Governmental Non-Governmental Interactions Around the Implementation of Standards-Based Accountability Policy,” passed 2020.

Sheridan Fuller, “What Matters in AFDC? Leveraging Economic and Political Lenses on the Intersections of Policy and Race,” passed 2021.

Claire Mackevicius, “Toward an Understanding of Fundraising PTAs Activity at Public K-12 Schools,” passed 2022.

Phoebe Lin, “Theorizing Hidden Bodies: (Im)migrant Women of Color Workers and the State,” Committee Co-Chair, passed 2023.

Ph.D. Trial Research Committees

Claire Mackevicius, “Stealth Inequities at Public Schools: Documenting Patterns in Spending by Fundraising PTAs at Illinois Pubic Schools,” passed 2022.

Andrew Stein, “Straight? A?s: Accountability, Abstinence, and Absent Knowledge in Education Reform, 1979-2002,” in progress.

Undergraduate Honor’s Thesis Advising

Owen Elton, SESP Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2022-23.

Hannah Klein, SESP Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2021-22.

Sara Saltzer, SESP Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2018-19.

Meredith Greene, SESP Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2016-17.

Subin Hwang, SESP Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2016-17.

Simon Barnicle, SESP Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2015-16.

Ronald James-Terry Taylor, Political Science Distinction Thesis and Honors Capstone Project, Syracuse University, 2013-15.

Samuel Gass, Honors Capstone Project, Syracuse University, 2011-13.

Shaun Loughlin, Political Science Distinction Thesis, Syracuse University, 2012-13.

Harmen Rockler, Political Science Distinction Thesis and Honors Capstone Project, Syracuse University, 2012-13.

SERVICE TO
SCHOOL

SESP, Northwestern University

HDSP Equity Policy Committee, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2022-present.

Co-Founder and Co-Coordinator, Politics and Policy Lab, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2021-present.

Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, CONNECTIONS Program, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2020-23. Funded by Daniel I. Linzer Grant for Innovation in Diversity and Equity.

HDSP Graduate Admissions Committee, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2021-22, 2016-17.

Equity and Diversity Committee, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2019-21.

Coordinator, Human Development and Social Policy Colloquium, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2016-17, 2019-20.

Urban Politics and Policy Faculty Search Committee, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2018.

Awards Committee, Global Initiative Travel Award, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, Spring 2016.

Awards Committee, Robert J. Menges Award for Graduate Student Professional Development, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, Winter 2016.

Maxwell School, Syracuse University

Convenor, Political Science Research Workshop, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2014-15.

American Politics Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2014-15.

Field Coordinator, American Politics Subfield in PhD Program, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2014-15.

Undergraduate Advisor for Incoming Students, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University, 2014-15.

Advising Committee, Campbell Institute for Public Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2014-15.

Co-Convener and Co-Founder, American Politics Colloquium, with Shana Gadarian, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2012-13.

Field Coordinator, Public Policy Subfield in PhD Program, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2011-13.

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2012-13.

Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2011-12.

GSAS, Columbia University

Research Assistant, American Institutions Project, directed by Ira Katznelson and John Lapinski, Columbia University, 2004-11.

Coordinator, [20th Century American Politics and Society Workshop](#), with Alan Brinkley and Ira Katznelson, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2008-11.

Coordinator, [Urban Research and Policy Workshop](#), with Dorian Warren, Center for Urban Research and Policy, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2008.

Coordinator, [American Society and Politics Workshop](#), with Gregory Wawro, Robert Shapiro, and Michael Ting, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2005-07.

SERVICE TO
UNIVERSITY

Co-Founder and Co-Coordinator, Politics and Policy Lab, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2021-present.

Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, [CONNECTIONS Program](#), School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, 2020-23. Funded by Daniel I. Linzer Grant for Innovation in Diversity and Equity.

Faculty Advisory Board, Legal Studies Program, Northwestern University, 2017-present.

Center for Civic Engagement, Study on Mobilizing Undergraduate Student Voter Turnout, Northwestern University, 2018-20.

Civic Capital and Democratic Institutions Working Group, member, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, 2018-20.

One Book One Northwestern Steering Committee, Northwestern University, 2017-18. Co-organized One Book/SESP talks by K. Tsianina Lomawaima and Jacob Hacker.

University Study Abroad Committee, Northwestern University, 2015-present.

Chair, Barcelona Study Abroad Program Review Committee, University Study Abroad Office, Northwestern University, 2016.

SERVICE TO
PROFESSION

David J. Greenstone Best Book Award Committee, Politics and History Section, American Political Science Association, 2022-23.

Politics and History Section Best Paper Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2019-20.

Reviewer: *Studies in American Political Development*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Journal of Policy History*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*; *Laws*; National Science Foundation.

Panel Discussant/Chair, Policy History Conference 2016; American Political Science Association Conference 2013, 2015 and 2016; HDSP Graduate Student Colloquium at Northwestern University 2016; Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2013 and 2014; Law and Society Association Conference 2013; 20th Century American Politics and Society Workshop at Columbia University 2011.

SKILLS AND
TRAINING

Quantitative and qualitative data management, analysis, programming, and graphing skills (R, STATA, ATLAS.ti, NVivo, Dedoose). Experience with archival analysis, statistical analysis, survey experiments, and interview research methods.