

WARD 2 CITY COUNCIL APPLICATION  
CITY OF NORMAN

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ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT, EXPERIENCE OR EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION YOU FEEL IS RELEVANT:

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EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD 2: FEEL FREE TO ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF NEEDED.

I served on City Council representing Ward 2 from 2016-2018, only leaving to run for a statewide office. I follow local politics and am involved in my community. As such, I can easily slide into take this seat. I am ready to serve again

Aleisha Karjala (Signature) | 9/1/20 (Date)

Note: The City of Norman Charter requires applicants be registered voters in the City of Norman for six months and reside in Ward 2. All information submitted on this application is subject to the Open Records Act.

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## **Academic Experience**

Professor of Political Science, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, 2007 – present

Political Science Courses Developed/Taught: Government of the U.S., Contemporary Political Thought, Comparative Government, Political Behavior, Public Policy, Women in Politics, Campaigns and Elections, Democracy and Revolution, Morality and Politics, American Foreign Policy, Introduction to Political Theory, State and Local Government, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Presidency and Congress, Mass Media and American Politics, Interest Groups and Political Parties, American Hegemony, Political Inequality, Politics and Race: White Backlash?

Interdisciplinary Courses Developed/Taught: Political and Economic Systems and Theories, American Civilization I and II

Independent Study Course Developed/Taught: What Will I do with my Degree?

Instructor, College of Liberal Studies, University of Oklahoma, 2008-2012

Courses Taught: Introduction to Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies, Research Methods

Instructor, College for Independent and Distance Learning, University of Oklahoma, 2007 – 2011

Courses Taught or Facilitated: American Federal Government, Urban Government and Politics

## **Education**

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma, 2007.

Dissertation: *People, Process, Policy and Political Trust*

Chair: Dr. Gary Copeland

B.A., University of Oklahoma, 2001. Major: Political Science. Minor: English.

## **Political Experience**

Candidate, State Senate, District 16, 2018

Norman City Council, Ward 2, 2016-2018

Committees: Oversight, Finance, Community, Transportation, and Planning, Stormwater, and Stormwater Citizen's Committee

## **University Service**

*The Subject*, Led an After-Show “Talk Back” about Sexual Assault, 2016  
Committee Member, Honors Senior Seminar, *Cognitive Psychology Applied to Neoclassical Economics: An Analysis of the Rational Consumer*, Barry McCoy, Spring 2009  
Committee Member, Honors Senior Seminar, *A Business Plan and Proposal for Liveinspiredphotography*, Autumn Fosburg, Spring 2012  
Secretary, Faculty Association, 2008-2009  
Chair, Superior Teaching and Scholarship Award Committee, 2007-2008  
Member, Symposia Committee 2007-2014  
Member, Curriculum Committee, 2009-2012  
Member, Faculty Association Ad Hoc Grievance Committee, 2012-present  
Member, Academic Integrity Committee, 2013-2014  
Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2013-2015, 2018-2020  
Faculty Advisor, Student Government Association, 2009-present  
Faculty Advisor, Sigma Psi Omega, 2014-present  
Member, Tenure Track Search Committee – Economics  
Member, Tenure Track Search Committee – Psychology  
Member, Tenure Track Search Committee – Interdisciplinary Studies

## **Community Service**

Board of Directors, Oklahoma Single Parent Scholarship Program, Secretary  
Board of Directors, Jazz in June, Secretary  
Steering Committee, League of Women Voters, Norman  
Vice Chair, City of Norman Library Board, 2011-2016  
President, Norman High Boys Soccer Booster Club, 2009-2010  
Volunteer at the Norman Animal Welfare Center, ongoing

## **Professional Activities**

“ISIS.” Talk to Chickasha Kiwanis, 2016.  
“Previewing the 2016 Presidential Election.” Talk to the Chickasha Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, 2015.  
“Election 2014.” Talk to the Chickasha Kiwanis Club about the midterm elections, 2014.  
“Best Practices in Teaching American Federal Government.” Workshop facilitated at the American Political Science Association’s Teaching and Learning Conference, Philadelphia, 2014.

- I facilitated a workshop where faculty members tried to determine if there are any best practices in the ubiquitous American government course that most political scientists teach.

“Small Departments, Big Workloads.” Roundtable presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, 2012.

- I and two other faculty members lead a presentation which focused on how small political science departments are dealing with declining resources and increasing expectations.

“Special Issues in Teaching Political Science at a Small, Liberal Arts College.” Workshop presented at the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Washington, DC, 2012.

- I specifically designed this workshop to enable faculty members at small, liberal arts colleges to discuss some of the issues that are unique to our experience.

Health Care Reform Forum. University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, 2012.

- I lead a forum for the campus and community to explain the intricacies of the health care reform bill.

Do the Pretty Ones Always Win? USAO Festival of Arts and Ideas with Dr. James Vaughn, 2012.

- Dr. Vaughn and I spoke about the intersection between psychology and politics and how the attractiveness of political candidates absolutely matters.

Participation in the Oklahoma Academy’s Town Hall, 2010-2017

- The Academy brings together a wide range of Oklahomans to deliberate, discuss, and recommend actions for the greater good of Oklahoma and its prosperity. Every year the Town Hall focuses on a different topic and makes recommendations to the state legislature and governor.

## **Publications**

"Review of US Foreign Policy in Action: An Innovative Teaching Text." *Journal of Political Science Education*, 12(3), April 2016.

Reflections on Presenting a Workshop at the TLC, Featured Essay, *Political Science Educator*, Winter/Spring 2015

Gentry, Bobbi, Jessica Aubin, Joshua Su-Ya Wu, Aleisha Karjala, and Fletcher McClellan, 2012. 2012 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference: Core Curriculum/General Education Track Summary. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 45(3): 526-27.

### *Book Reviews*

Obama in Office, by James Thurber, ed. *APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter* 35 (January 2011)

Americans, Congress, and Democratic Responsiveness: Public Evaluations of Congress and Electoral Consequences, by David R. Jones and Monika L McDermott. *APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter* 33 (January 2010)

Political Parties Matter: Realignment and the Return of Partisan Voting, by Jeffrey M. Stonecash. *APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter* 30 (January 2007)

Get Out the Vote! How to Increase Voter Turnout, by Donald P. Green and Alan S. Gerber. *APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter* 28 (January 2005)

No Holds Barred: Negativity in U.S. Senate Campaigns, by Kim Fridkin Kahn and Patrick J. Kenney. *APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter* 27 (January 2004)

Financing the 2000 Election, by David B. Magleby, ed. *APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter* 26 (January 2003)

The Battle for Congress: Consultants, Candidates, and Voters, by James A. Thurber, ed. *APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter* 25 (January 2002)

Congress at the Grassroots: Representational Change in the South, 1970-1998, by Richard F. Fenno, Jr. *APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter* 24 (January 2001)

### **Conference Presentations**

“‘Doing’ Municipal Work in State and Local Government” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Washington, DC, 2015.

“Political Science’s Contribution to Core Curriculum at Liberal Arts Colleges.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Long Beach, CA, 2013.

“Experimental Evidence on Political Trust.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Toronto, 2009 and the Oklahoma Political Science Association Conference, Ada, OK, 2009.

“Presidential Agenda Setting: Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton, and Welfare Reform.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, 2004. With Larycia Hawkins and Courtney Cullison.

“Welfare Reform: Agendas, Oversight and Rhetoric.” Paper presented at the Southwest Political Science Association Conference, San Antonio, 2003. With Larycia Hawkins and Courtney Cullison.

“Reading Race: The Effect of Political Advertising Tone on Candidate Perception and Vote Choice: An Experimental Study.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, 2003. With Stephen Maynard Caliendo and Charlton D. McIlwain.

“Video Style in Open Seat Elections: An Examination of Male – Female Races.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2001. With Kimberly C. Gaddie and Ronald Keith Gaddie.

### **Honors and Awards**

Regents Award for Superior Teaching, 2015

DaVinci Fellow, 2014

Interdisciplinary Faculty Development Fund Grant, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010

Gladys Anderson Emerson Research Grant, 2011, 2009

Ronald M. Peters, Jr. Excellence in Teaching Award, 2007

**Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association  
Teaching Political Science section  
Academy of Political Science  
Oklahoma Academy  
League of Women Voters  
Sierra Club

**References**

Provided upon request