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### **Education**

**Ph.D. Political Science/Public Policy**, 2005. Kent State University  
**M.A. in Political Science**, 1999. University of Akron  
**M.A. in Economics**, 1996. University of Akron  
**M.S. in Statistics**, 1992. University of Akron  
**M.S. in Applied Math**, 1990. Ohio University  
**B.S. in Industrial Systems Engineering**, 1987. Ohio University

### **Academic Positions**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Northern Iowa,  
2008- present.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Northern Iowa,  
2007-2008.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies, University of Illinois at  
Springfield, 2005-2007.

### **Research interests**

Public policy (policy implementation, policy diffusion and adoption, agenda setting), digital government, telecommunication policy, voting, campaigns and elections, health policy, education policy, methodology(quantitative).

### **Teaching interests**

Political communication, state and local government, research methods and statistics, public policy (policy process, policy analysis, policy evaluation), urban politics, parties and interest groups, American government, campaign finance, elections, political economy, legislative politics, information policy, public administration.

### **Publications**

#### **Books:**

Karen Mossberger, Caroline J. Tolbert and **Ramona S. McNeal**. 2007. *Digital Citizenship: The Internet, Society and Participation*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

**Ramona McNeal**, Kathleen Hale and Lisa J. Dotterweich. *Forthcoming* 2008. "Citizen-Government Interaction and the Internet: Expectations and Accomplishments in Contact, Quality and Trust ." *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*. 5(2):

Caroline Tolbert, Karen Mossberger and **Ramona McNeal**. 2008. "Innovation and Learning: Measuring E-government Performance in the American States 2000-2004." *Public Administration Review*. 68(3): 549-563.

Mary Schmeida and **Ramona McNeal**. 2007. "The Telehealth Divide: Disparities in Searching for Health Information Online." *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*. 18:636-646.

**Ramona McNeal**, Mary Schmeida and Kathleen Hale. 2007. "E-Disclosure Laws and Electronic Campaign Finance Reform: Lessons from the Diffusion of E-Government Policies in the States." *Government Information Quarterly*. 22(2):312-325.

Mary Schmeida, **Ramona McNeal** and Karen Mossberger. 2007. "Policy Determinants Affect Telehealth Implementation." *Telemedicine and e-Health*. 13(2):101-108.

**Ramona S. McNeal**, Caroline J. Tolbert, Karen Mossberger and Lisa J. Dotterweich. 2003. "Innovating in Digital Government in the American States." *Social Science Quarterly* 84(1): 52-70.

Caroline J. Tolbert and **Ramona S. McNeal**. 2003. "Unraveling the Effects of the Internet on Political Participation." *Political Research Quarterly* 56 (2): 175-185.

Caroline J. Tolbert, **Ramona S. McNeal** and Daniel A. Smith. 2003. "Enhancing Civic Engagement: The Effects of Direct Democracy on Political Participation and Knowledge." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 3(1): 21-43.

### Book Chapters:

Mary Schmeida and **Ramona McNeal**. *Forthcoming* 2008. "Demographic Differences in Telehealth Policy Outcomes." *Handbook of Research on Distributed Medical Informatics and E-health*. A. Lazakidou, and K. Siassiakos. Idea Group Publishing.

**Ramona McNeal** and Caroline Tolbert. 2004. "Support for Online Voting in the United States." In *Electronic Voting and Democracy*. Norbert Kersting and Harold Baldersheim, (eds.). Palgrave.

"The Access Divide." 2003. In Karen Mossberger, Caroline J. Tolbert and Mary Stansbury. *Virtual Inequality: Beyond the Digital Divide*. Georgetown Press (Co-authored).

“The Democratic Divide.” 2003. In Karen Mossberger, Caroline J. Tolbert and Mary Stansbury. *Virtual Inequality: Beyond the Digital Divide*. Georgetown Press (Co-authored).

### **Encyclopedia Entries:**

**Ramona McNeal** and Mary Schmeida. 2006. “Electronic Campaign Finance Reform in the American States.” In *Encyclopedia of Digital Government*. Ari-Veikko Anttiroiko and Matti Malkia,(eds.) Idea Group Publishing.

Mary Schmeida and **Ramona McNeal** . 2006. “Telehealth Divide.” In *Encyclopedia of Digital Government*. Ari-Veikko Anttiroiko and Matti Malkia, (eds.) Idea Group Publishing.

Lisa Dotterweich and **Ramona McNeal**. 2005. “Education.” In *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Samuel Best and Benjamin Radcliff, (eds.) Greenwood.

### **Primary Work in Progress:**

“Interstate Cooperation: Interstate Compacts and the Influence of Networks.” Under review. (with K. Hale).

“E-disclosure Laws: Measuring Policy Adoption in the American State, 2003-2007” Under review. (with K. Hale).

“Politics, Institutions and Election Administrative Reform: Implementation of Voter Identification Requirements in the States.” Under review. (with K. Hale).

### **Honors/Awards**

David B. Smith Fellowship, Kent State University, 2004. 1 of 2 fellowships, awarded across the university for excellence in research. \$500.00

University Fellow, Kent State University, Spring 2004. Awarded to one doctoral students in each department for one semester off to work on dissertation without teaching or research duties.

Graduate Applause Teaching Award, Kent State University, 2003. Excellence in teaching recipients are nominated by undergraduate students.

Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, University of Akron, 1998.

Omicron Delta Epsilon economic honor society, University of Akron, 1996.

University Scholarship, Ohio University, 1981, 1982.

May Green Scholarship, Ohio University, 1982.

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Visiting Assistant Professor:**

Empirical statistical methods, the policy process, seminar in public policy (graduate level),

political behavior, introduction to political science, American politics (online), state politics, introduction to public administration and political methods (graduate level).

### **Graduate Teaching and Adjunct:**

**Political Methods (statistics)**, Instructor, Department of Political Science, Kent State University, Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Spring 2005.

**American Politics**, Instructor, Department of Political Science, Kent State University, Summer 2003 (web-based), Summer 2004, Summer 2005, Summer 2005 (web-based).

**Public Policy**, Instructor, Department of Political Science, Kent State University, Fall 2004, Spring 2005.

**Political Economy**, Instructor, Department of Political Science, Kent State University, Fall 2002.

**Metropolitan Governance**, Instructor, Department of Political Science, Kent State University, Fall 2004.

**Statistics**, Instructor, Department of Mathematics, University of Akron, Fall 1991, Spring 1992.

**Basic Math**, Instructor, Department of Mathematics, University of Akron. Summer 1991.

**Statistics**, Instructor, Department of Mathematics, Ohio University, Winter 1990, Spring 1990.

**Basic Math**, Instructor, Department of Mathematics, Ohio University, Fall 1989.

**Algebra**, Instructor, Department of Mathematics, Ohio University, Spring 1989.

### **Teaching Assistant:**

**Public Policy Methods I (quantitative statistics), graduate level**, Teaching Assistant. Department of Political Science Kent State University, Fall 2000.

**American Government**, Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Akron. Fall 1997, Spring 1998, Fall 1998, Spring 1999.

**Political Methods**, Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Akron. Fall 1998.

**Micro/Macro Economics**, Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Akron, Spring 1996, Fall 1996.

**Algebra**, Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, University of Akron. Fall 1990, Spring 1991.

### **Research Experience**

Research Assistant, 1999-2001. C. Tolbert. Statistical data analysis on a wide range of projects.

Research Assistant, 2001-2002. C. Tolbert, K. Mossberger and M. Stansbury, Principal Investigators. "Defining the Digital Divide." Research Challenge Grant, Ohio Board of Regents 2001-2002, \$43,000 for 2000 person telephone survey. Assisted in design of survey instrument, coding, and analyzing survey data using statistical software. Created database of all high poverty US census tracts for random sample selection.

Research Assistant, 1999-2000. Computer lab. Provided statistical support for students and faculty research. Maintained and updated Political Science department website. Provided support for information searches online, archival research and downloading surveys.

Research Assistant, 1998. Center of Policy Research, University of Akron. Assisted in conducting a study on changing attitudes toward different groups using NES datasets from 1964-1996.

Research Assistant, 1997. Bliss Institute for Applied Politics, University of Akron. Assisted in conducting a large mail survey of individuals that contribute substantial donations to political candidates.

### **Conference Paper Presentations**

“Interstate Cooperation: Interstate Compacts and the Influence of Networks.” Paper to be presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008 (with K. Hale).

“New Judicial Politics?: Interest Groups in State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008 (with K. Hale and J. Pierceson).

“Politics, Institutions and Election Administrative Reform: Implementation of Voter Identification Requirements in the States.” Paper presented at the Annual Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 10-12, 2008 (with K. Hale).

“Jail for Judges?: Direct Democracy and Judicial Accountability in the States.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 30-September 2, 2007 (with J. Pierceson and K. Hale).

“Legislative Activities on Charter Schools: The Beginning of Policy Change?” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 11-15, 2007 (with L. Dotterweich).

“Conflicts on the Agenda?: Voter Registration and Political Participation” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 11-15, 2007 (with K. Hale).

“A Focus on Trust: Citizen-Government Interaction and the Internet.” Paper presented at the Annual Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 3-7, 2007 (with K. Hale).

“Voting Rights Restoration in the States: Agenda Setting and Policy Change.” Paper presented at the Annual Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 3-7, 2007 (with K. Hale and M. Schmeida).

“Facing Medicaid Budget Shortfall in 2006: How State Context Influences Government Service Cut-Backs.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 31- September 3, 2006 (with K. Hale and M. Schmeida).

“Medicare Prescription Modernization Act: Interpreting State Policy Response.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006 (with K. Hale and M. Schmeida).

“Restoring Voter Rights in the States: The Beginning of Policy Change?” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006 (with K. Hale and M. Schmeida).

“Personal Politics: Explaining State-level Financial Disclosure Laws.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006

(with K. Hale and M. Schmeida).

- “Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 as a Focusing Event: Interpreting State Legislative Response to Federal Regulation.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 5-7, 2006 (with M. Schmeida and K. Hale).
- “Innovation in E-government in the Fifty States 2000-2004.” Paper presented at Fifth Annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Michigan State University, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, May 13-14, 2005 (with C. Tolbert and K. Mossberger).
- “Innovation in E-government in the Fifty States 2000-2004.” Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005 (with C. Tolbert and K. Mossberger).
- “E-government and Public Trust.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005 (with L. Dotterweich).
- “E-Disclosure Laws: Electronic Campaign Finance Reform.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005 (with M. Schmeida).
- “Political Communication and the Internet: Citizens and Grassroots Organizations in a New Digital Democracy.” Paper presented at the Annual Western Political Science Association Meeting, Oakland, CA, March 15-18, 2005 (with K. Fernandez).
- “Electronic Campaign Finance Reform” Paper presented at the Annual Ohio Association of Economist and Political Scientists Meeting, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, OH, October 15-16, 2004. (with M. Schmeida).
- “No Child Left Behind: The Report Card—Why Are Some States Successfully Implementing New Law and Others Not” Paper presented at the Fourth Annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Kent State University, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, April 30-May 2, 2004 (with L. Dotterweich).
- “Diffusion of Telemedicine in the American States” Paper presented at the Fourth Annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Kent State University, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, April 30-May 2, 2004 (with M. Schmeida).
- “Grassroots Political Warriors: Email and Political Mobilization.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004 (with K. Fernandez).
- “State Compliance and the No Child Left Behind Act.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004 (with L. Dotterweich).
- “Mass Media, the Internet and Public Opinion (Iraq War).” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004 (with C. Tolbert).
- “The Impact of Supreme Court Decisions on Congressional Activities.” Paper presented at the Annual Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 7-10, 2004 (with C. Snook).
- “The Internet and Civic Engagement: Political Interest, Discussion and Knowledge.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2003 (with C. Tolbert).
- “Beyond the Digital Divide: Exploring Attitudes about Information Technology, Political Participation and Electronic Government.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the

Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 29-September 1, 2002 (with C. Tolbert and K. Mossberger).

- “Social Diversity and Social Capital: Reconsidering Race, Equality and American ‘Community’.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 29-September 1, 2002 (with C. Tolbert and R. Hero).
- “Exploring Citizen Attitudes about the Internet and Political Participation (Internet Voting).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 25-28, 2002 (with C. Tolbert).
- “The Democratic Divide: Exploring Citizen Attitudes about the Internet and Political Participation” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA, March 21-23, 2002 (with C. Tolbert).
- “Does the Internet Increase Voter Participation in Elections?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001 (with C. Tolbert).

### **Conference Poster Presentations**

- “The Power of the Franchise: Race, Ethnicity and Predictors of Voting Rights Restoration.” Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 31- September 3, 2006 (with K. Hale and M. Schmeida).
- “The No Child Left Behind Act and Public Preferences.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 27-31, 2003 (with L. Dotterweich). (Abstracted with ERIC, # SO35312)
- “Public Opinion and Mandatory Testing and School Vouchers.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2003 (with L. Dotterweich).

### **Conference Service**

- Discussant/Panel Chair: Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science, Chicago, IL 2008.
- Section Chair for the Information Technology and Politics Section: 2008  
Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- Discussant: Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.  
Chicago, IL, 2007.
- Discussant: Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, 2004.
- Discussant: Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Long Beach, CA 2002.

### **Professional Service**

Article Reviewer: *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *European Journal of Communications Research*, *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, *Social Psychology of Education: An International Journal*.

Membership in Professional Organizations:

American Political Science Association (2001-present)  
Midwest Political Science Association (2004-present)  
American Statistical Association (1990-1994)

### **Department Service**

Program Chair of PSGSA: Organized with the Political Science Department Chair a series of eight colloquiums for graduate students, Kent State University, 2002-2003.  
Graduate student representative to Faculty Meetings, Department of Political Science, Kent State University, 2003-2004.  
Graduate student representative to Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Kent State University, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004.  
Political Science Graduate Student Association, Kent State University (1999-2005).

### **University Service**

Orienting New Teaching Assistants Program (ONTAP), Group Leader. Summer 2002.

### **Methodological Skills**

**Statistical Software:** STATA, SAS, SPSS

**Computer Skills:** web authoring software, online information searches

**Quantitative Methods:** Advanced experience, survey research including OLS Regression, Limited Dependent Variables, Two-Stage Models, Nonparametric Statistics.

### **References**

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