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Education    University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Ph.D., Department of Government and Politics, expected 2011

Dissertation: *Feminism, Religion, and the American Electorate*

Committee: Karen Kaufmann (chair), Michael Hanmer,  
Paul Herrnson and Geoffrey Layman  
(University of Notre Dame)

Primary Field: American Politics

Second Field: Public Policy

M.A. in Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2008

B.A. in Political Science, Christopher Newport University, 2005

Publications    Bell, Melissa. Book Review: The Billion Dollar Fight for Highway Funding. *Journal of Political Science Education* Vol: 5 no 2. Spring 2009.

Bell, Melissa. Book Review: Limits and Loopholes: The Quest for Free Speech, Money and Fair Elections. *Journal of Political Science Education* (forthcoming)

Conference Presentations    “A Feminist by Any Other Name: Feminism and Public Opinion”  
Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2010, Atlanta, GA.

“The Hidden Gatekeepers: Early Money Donors and Congressional Campaigns” Presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, September 2009. Toronto, Canada. (with James Curry and Kimberly Karnes)

“A Thin Line between Love and Hate: Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin and Evangelical Feminism in the 2008 Election” Presented at the University of Maryland American Politics Workshop, Spring 2009

“Hillary vs. Sarah: Evangelical Anti-feminism and the 2008 Election” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2009, New Orleans, LA.

Conference Participant	Discussant, “Contested Populism and the White Working Class.” Papers presented at the American Politics Workshop, The University of Maryland
Journal Referee	<i>American Politics Research</i>
Teaching Experience	<p>The University of Maryland</p> <p>Instructor</p> <p>Maryland Politics, Spring 2010</p> <p>State and Local Politics, Fall 2009</p> <p>Public Policy Internship Program, Summer 2009</p> <p>Capitol Hill Internship Program, Spring 2009</p> <p>Introduction to American Politics, Winter 2009</p> <p>Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2007</p> <p>Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2008</p> <p>Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2008</p> <p>Christopher Newport University</p> <p>Instructor</p> <p>Power and American Politics, Summer 2009</p>
Research Experience	The Campaign Finance Institute, Washington D.C., Summer 2007 Graduate Research Assistant
Awards & Grants	<p>State Legislative Fellowship, Department of Government and Politics, The University of Maryland 2006-2007</p> <p>Graduate Assistant, 2007-2009</p> <p>Goldhaber Travel Grant, The Graduate School, University of Maryland, 2009</p> <p>Female Leader of the Year, Christopher Newport University, 2005</p>
Professional Service & Membership	<p>Member American Political Science Association (2006- Present)</p> <p>Member Southern Political Science Association (2008- Present)</p> <p>American Politics Field Student Representative, Department of Government and Politics, The University of Maryland (2007-2009)</p> <p>Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Government and Politics, The University of Maryland (2009-2010)</p>
Other Experience	<p>Governor’s Fellow</p> <p>Office of Governor Mark R. Warner (VA)</p> <p>June 2005- August 2005</p> <p>Special Assistant to the Secretary of Public Safety</p> <p>Office of Governor Mark R. Warner (VA)</p>

August 2005-January 2006

Governor's Office for Substance Abuse and Prevention/Special Assistant  
to the Secretary of Public Safety  
Office of Governor Timothy M. Kaine (VA)  
January 2006- July 2006

Graduate  
Courses

American Politics

GVPT 770: Seminar in American Political Institutions

GVPT 771: Seminar in American Political Behavior

GVPT 868: State and Local Politics

GVPT 872: Voting and Participation

GVPT 873: Legislatures and Legislation

GVPT 877: The Politics of the Presidency

GVPT 888: Urban Politics

GVPT 888: Religion and Politics

Methodology

GVPT 629: Seminar in Research Design

GVPT 622: Quantitative Methods in Political Science

GVPT 722: Advanced Quantitative Methods in Political Science

GVPT 729A: Advanced Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Additional Courses

GVPT 888: Readings in Campaign Finance Policy

PUAF 888: Foundations of Social Policy

GVPT 888: American Public Policy

GVPT 888: Contemporary Political Theory