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INTERESTS	American politics, political institutions, judicial politics, the presidency, public law, gender politics	
ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	Associate Teaching Professor University of Pittsburgh Program in Law, Criminal Justice and Society	2026-Present
	Assistant Professor Boston University Department of Political Science	2020-2026
	Instructor Boston University Department of Political Science	2018-2020
	Visiting Instructor. Emory University Department of Political Science.	Fall 2017 & Spring 2018
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University <i>Dissertation:</i> “U.S. Attorneys and the President’s Judicial Agenda” <i>Committee:</i> Charles Cameron (chair), Brandice Canes-Wrone, John Kestellec <i>Fields:</i> American Politics, Public Law, Formal and Quantitative Methods <i>Additional Training:</i> McGraw Center Teaching Transcript, 2018	2020
	M.A., Politics, Princeton University	2013
	M.A., Political Science, Ohio State University <i>Adviser:</i> Craig Volden <i>Fields:</i> American Politics, Political Methodology <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	2011
	B.S. Northern Michigan University Political Science and Philosophy <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	2009
PUBLISHED WORK	Jennifer Selin & Lauren Mattioli. 2025. “Independent Justice? U.S. Attorneys as a Case Study of Political Appointments” University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. Tatz, Erin & Bekele, Helen & Mattioli, Lauren & Piston, Spencer. 2024. The limits of criminal justice reform: an analysis of elite rhetoric in four cities. Journal of Public Policy. 1-25. Charles Cameron, John Kestellec and Lauren Mattioli. 2023. “The Logic of Presidential Selection” Chapter 9 of Cameron & Kestellec’s <i>Making the Supreme Court</i> . Oxford University Press. Lauren Mattioli 2023. “Book Review, The Politics of Federal Prosecution by Christina L. Boyd, Michael J. Nelson, Ian Ostrander and Ethan Boldt. <i>Congress & the Presidency</i> Christina Kinane and Lauren Mattioli. 2022. “Serving the Law or Playing Politics? The Strategic Use of U.S. Attorney Appointments” <i>Presidential Studies Quarterly</i> 52 (1): 107-139.	

Brandice Canes-Wrone, Lauren Mattioli, and Sophie Meunier. 2020. "Foreign Direct Investment Screening and Backlash Politics in the United States." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 22 (4): 666-678.

Lauren Mattioli. 2019. "Book Review, The Myth of Coequal Branches by David Siemers." *Political Science Quarterly*. 134(4): 738-739.

Charles Cameron, John Kastellec and Lauren Mattioli. 2019. "Presidential Selection of Supreme Court Nominees: The Characteristics Approach." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 14 (4): 439-474

Christopher F. Karpowitz, Tali Mendelberg, and Lauren Mattioli. 2015. "Gender and Women's Influence in Public Settings." Chapter in *Emerging Trends in the Behavioral and Social Sciences*, ed. Robert A. Scott and Stephen M. Kosslyn, Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons Inc.

Christopher F. Karpowitz, Tali Mendelberg, and Lauren Mattioli. 2015. "How Group Forces Demonstrate the Malleability of Gendered Behavior." *Politics, Groups and Identities* 3(1): 149-177.

Christopher F. Karpowitz, Tali Mendelberg, and Lauren Mattioli. 2015. "Why Women's Numbers Elevate Women's Influence, and When They Do Not: Rules, Norms, and Authority in Political Discussion." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 3(1): 203-208.

Janet Box-Steffensmeier and Lauren Mattioli. 2011. "Visions in Methodology Workshops Continue to Support Women in Political Methodology." *The Political Methodologist* 19(1): 7-8.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The Proliferation of Federal Criminal Law Reevaluated"
Accepted for Special Issue consideration at the Journal of Law and Courts

"Intentional Vacancies" with Ilana Keusch (Princeton University).

2024-2025 American Youth Election Panel with Jennifer Chudy (Wellesley), Maneesh Arora (Wellesley) and Christine Slaughter (Boston University).

"U.S. Attorneys and the President's Judicial Agenda" Book Project.

RECENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

"Intentional Vacancies"

- 2025 American Political Science Association Meeting
- 2025 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting

"Complementary Appointments"

- 2024 Political Economy of Public Law Conference (University of Florida)
- 2024 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting
- 2024 Revitalizing American Institutions Conference (Hoover Institute, Stanford University)
- 2024 American Political Science Association Meeting

"The President's Judicial Agenda"

- 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting

"Politicization, Prosecution, and the President's Appointment Power"

- 2022 American Political Science Association Meeting

"Serving the Law or Playing Politics? The Strategic Use of U.S. Attorney Appointments"

- 2021 Virtual Executive Politics Seminar
- 2021 University of California, Berkeley American Politics Workshop

“The Proliferation of Federal Criminal Law Re-Evaluated”

- 2019 Southern Political Science Association

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Boston University

PO 111 Introduction to American Politics:

- Spring 2019
- Fall 2019
- Summer 2020
- Summer 2021
- Fall 2021
- Fall 2022
- Fall 2023
- Fall 2024
- Spring 2026

PO 301 Presidential Leadership:

- Fall 2018
- Spring 2020
- Fall 2020
- Fall 2022
- Fall 2023
- Fall 2024
- Fall 2025

PO 303 It's a Free Country- Civil Liberties in the United States:

- Spring 2020
- Spring 2021
- Fall 2021
- Spring 2023
- Fall 2025

PO 505 Controversies in American Justice:

- Fall 2018
- Fall 2019
- Fall 2020
- Spring 2022

PO 516 Women in Politics:

- Spring 2019
- Spring 2021
- Spring 2023

Emory University

POLS 208 Research Design:

- Fall 2017
- Spring 2018

RECENT SELECTED MEDIA AND OUTREACH

Print and Online Media

- New York Times
 - July 23, 2025 “Prosecutor Fired by Trump Officials Defiantly Says She Is Set to Take Job” by Jonah E. Bromwich and Tracey Tully
- Law360 Legal News
 - December 10, 2025 “Wanted: Temporary US Attorney, No Experience Needed” by Phillip Bantz
 - December 4, 2025 “Appeal Of US Atty Invalidations May Be ‘Devastating’ To DOJ” by Phillip Bantz
 - August 8, 2025 “Why DOJ’s US Attorney Moves Are Reaching Critical Point” by Phillip Bantz
- The Gothamist
 - December 4, 2025 “NY AG James argues Albany US attorney investigating her is illegitimate” by Jimmy Vielkind

- Design Museum Magazine. 2022. “Designing the Courts: A Conversation with Lauren Mattioli, Department of Political Science, Boston University, Interviewed By Cyd Harrell, User Researcher” URL: <https://codesigncollaborative.org/designing-the-courts/>

Invited Talks and Public Events

- Bowdoin College- April 18, 2025, John C. Donovan Lecture.
- Boston University Initiative on Cities
 - October 15, 2025. “Urban Growth and Citizenship Machines” Invited Panelist.
 - September 22, 2023 “Democracy, Trump, and the Upcoming Election” Invited Panelist.

SELECTED BOSTON UNIVERSITY SERVICE Social Sciences Representative, BU College of Arts and Sciences Academic Policy Committee. 2022-2025.
 BU HUB Assessment Institute. Summer, 2022
 Co-Coordinator, Research in American Politics Seminar. 2019-2021.
 Member, Social Sciences Curriculum Committee. Fall 2018-2021
 Thesis Adviser to Sarah Zweerink (BA/MA), Isabella Parker (BU Honors College), Cory Willingham (BU Honors College), Manuela Luque (BA/MA), Gabrielle Young (BA/MA), Ilana Keusch (BA/MA), Kohana Bonduarat (BU Honors College)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Section Chair 2025, American Political Science Association- Presidency and Executive Politics
- Reviewer, Journal of Politics, Journal of Law and Courts, American Political Science Review, Congress & the Presidency