

# Amy D. Meli

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## Education

University of Maryland  
College Park, MD  
Ph.D., Political Science, expected 2024  
Fields: American Politics, Methods  
GPA: 4.0  
Dissertation: Mobilized Interests: How Interest Groups Influence Group Member Perceptions of Politics  
Committee: Kristina Miler (chair), Antoine Banks, Michael Hanmer, David Karol, Arie Kruglanski

The George Washington University  
Washington, DC  
M.A., Political Management, 2002

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Blacksburg, VA  
B.A., Political Science and Communication Studies, 1998  
*Summa cum laude*

## Peer Reviewed Publications

“Party People? Measuring Interest Group Affiliation with Political Parties.” *Interest Groups and Advocacy*. September 19, 2023. <https://link-springer-com.proxy-um.researchport.umd.edu/article/10.1057/s41309-023-00193-4>

“Who is to Blame? Partisans’ Use of Blame Spreading in Reaction to Unfair and Dishonest Behavior.” *American Politics Research*. December 7, 2023. <https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/G4BN8Y46WPPIR5GSYHQH/full>

## Working Papers

“Guardians of Democracy? Big Business and Campaign Contributions After January 6” with Florian Gawehns. *Revise and Resubmit*.

“Take Action Now! How Interest Group Type Influences Member Mobilization Strategies”

“Firm Partisanship: How Internal Stakeholders Influence Party Proximity Among Politically Active Companies”

## Presentations

“Firm Partisanship: How Internal Stakeholders Influence Party Proximity Among Politically Active Companies” Midwest Political Science Association. April 2024 (forthcoming)

“Take Action Now! How Interest Group Type Influences Member Mobilization Strategies” Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference, March 2024 (forthcoming)

“Take Action Now! How Interest Group Type Influences Member Mobilization Strategies” Junior Americanist Workshop Series. September 2023

“Take Action Now! How Interest Group Type Influences Member Mobilization Strategies” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2023

“Take Action Now! How Interest Group Type Influences Member Mobilization Strategies” University of Maryland American Politics Workshop, April 2023

“Principled Pragmatism: Access-Oriented Interest Groups and Campaign Contributions after January 6” with Florian Gawehns, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2023

“Party People? Measuring Interest Group Affiliation with Political Parties,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2022

“Who is to Blame? Partisans’ Use of Blame Spreading in Reaction to Unfair and Dishonest Behavior,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April 2022

“Who is to Blame? Partisans’ Use of Blame Spreading in Reaction to Unfair and Dishonest Behavior.” University of Maryland American Politics Workshop. September 24, 2021

#### Other Publications

Florian Gawehns and Amy Meli. “Are U.S. companies punishing Republicans for Jan. 6? Here’s what our research finds.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*. January 5, 2022

Meli, Amy. “Action Planning in Academic Literature.” Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement. University of Maryland. 2022

Meli, Amy. *Lobbying for Good*. Foundation for Public Affairs. Washington, DC. 2021

Meli, Amy and Grefe, Edward. “Public Affairs and Information Science/Systems.” In *The SAGE Handbook of International Corporate and Public Affairs*, eds. Harris, Phil and Fleischer, Craig S. Sage Publications, Inc., Thousand Oaks, CA, 165-183. 2017

#### Grants and Awards

James F. Hoobler Award, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, Spring 2024

Roger H. Davidson Award in American Politics, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, Spring 2024 (with Florian Gawehns)

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, Fall 2023

Dean's Research Initiative Doctoral Dissertation Grant, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, Spring 2023

Virginia Gray Graduate Research Grant, Political Organizations and Parties Section, American Political Science Association, Fall 2022

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, Fall 2022

Summer Research Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Maryland, Summer 2022

Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award for Excellence in American Politics, 2021

Dean's Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Maryland, 2019-2022

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2019-2022

Phi Beta Kappa, 1998

**Research Experience**

Research Assistant, Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement, supervised by Michael Hanmer, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2023, Spring 2024

**Teaching Experience**

Instructor of Record, The University of Maryland, College Park, MD

- Seminar in American Politics: Grassroots Engagement for Political Change, Fall 2023
- American Government, Fall 2021

Adjunct Lecturer, The George Washington University, Graduate School of - Political Management, Washington, DC

- Instructor of Record, Grassroots Engagement, Fall 2016 - 2020
- Lecturer, Grassroots Workshop, Seminar on Leadership Development, Spring 2021
- Lecturer, Management of Successful Political Change, Visiting Scholars Program, Summer 2017 - 2019
- Lecturer, Grassroots Workshop (joint program with Universidad Navarra), Spring 2017 - 2021
- Lecturer, Issues Management Workshop (joint program with Universidad Navarra), Spring 2017 - 2019

Teaching Assistant, The University of Maryland, College Park, MD

- Racial and Ethnic Politics in the Obama Era, Fall 2019
- American Government, Spring 2020 and Fall 2020

**Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association, National Capital Area Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

**Relevant Work Experience**

Senior Director, Public Affairs Council and Executive Director, Foundation for Public Affairs, Washington, DC, January 2022 - present

Vice President, Grassroots Consulting, Aristotle International, Washington, DC,  
2002 - 2021

Legislative Assistant, Representative Richard Burr (R-NC), U.S. House of  
Representatives, 2000 - 2002

Legislative Clerk, Committee on Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives, 1998  
- 2000

**Professional Service**

Board of Directors, PLEN, 2022 - present