

## Anna Gunderson

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS Assistant Professor of Political Science, **Louisiana State University** 2019 -

EDUCATION **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D. in Political Science 2019

▷ *Dissertation*: “Why Do States Privatize their Prisons? The Unintended Consequences of Inmate Litigation”

– Winner of the 2020 Mooney Prize, the best dissertation in state politics and policy

▷ *Committee*: Tom Clark (Chair), Michael Leo Owens, Zachary Peskowitz

M.A. in Political Science 2018

**Arizona State University**, Phoenix, AZ

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Journalism 2013

PUBLICATIONS **Book**

Gunderson, Anna. Forthcoming, 2022. *Captive Market: Accountability and State Prison Privatization*. Oxford University Press.

### Journal Articles

Gunderson, Anna. “Ideology, Disadvantage, and Federal District Court Inmate Civil Rights Filings: The Troubling Effects of Pro Se Status.” *The Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jels.12290>

Gunderson, Anna. “Who Punishes More? Partisanship, Punitive Policies, and the Puzzle of Democratic Governors.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 2021, 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912920987078>.

▷ Covered in [Reason](#); [Academic Times](#)

**Gunderson, Anna**, Elisha Cohen, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, Tom S. Clark, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens. “Counterevidence of Crime-Reduction Effects from Federal Grants of Military Equipment to Local Police.” *Nature Human Behaviour*, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-020-00995-5>.

▷ Covered in [The Daily Mail](#); [ABC News](#); [Monkey Cage](#); [Washington Post](#); [WWLTV New Orleans](#); [Eurasia Review](#); [NewsTalk ZB](#); [Big Think](#)

Gunderson, Anna. “Why Do States Privatize Their Prisons? The Unintended Consequences of Inmate Litigation.” *Perspectives on Politics*, 2020, 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592720003485>.

▷ Winner of the 2020 Neal Tate Award, the best paper on judicial politics presented at the 2019 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

▷ Winner of the Best Graduate Student Paper, APSA Law and Courts Section 2019

- ▷ Winner of the Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Prize for best graduate student paper and presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting of The Public Choice Society

Gunderson, Anna. "Representation, Incorporation, and Corrections Spending: The Counterbalancing Effect of Black Political Incorporation." *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 2020, 5(3): 573-603. <https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2020.15>.

Cohen, Elisha, **Anna Gunderson**, Kaylyn Jackson, Paul Zachary, Tom S. Clark, Adam N. Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens. "Do Officer-Involved Shootings Reduce Citizen Contact with Government?." *The Journal of Politics*, 2019, 81(3): 1111-1123. <https://doi.org/10.1086/703539>.

BOOK REVIEWS Gunderson, Anna. 2020. Review of *Hands Up, Don't Shoot: Why the Protests in Ferguson and Baltimore Matter, and How They Changed America* by Jennifer E. Cobbina (New York University Press, 2019). *Law and Politics Book Review*, 30(5): 81-85.

WORKING PAPERS "Are Police Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?" *With Tom Clark, Adam Glynn, Michael Leo Owens, Elisha Cohen, and Kaylyn Jackson Schiff. Invited to revise and resubmit at the Journal of Politics.*

"Blue First and Foremost: Female Descriptive Representation, Rape, and the Justice Gap." *With Laura Huber. Invited to revise and resubmit at Perspectives on Politics.*

"Descriptive Representation and Prosecutorial Discretion: Race, Sex, and Carceral Disparities." *Invited to revise and resubmit at American Politics Research.*

"Noncongruent Policymaking by Cities for Citizens with Criminal Records: Representation, Organizing, and "Ban the Box."" *With Michael Leo Owens. Under review at Political Research Quarterly.*

"Prisoner Filing Rates, Judicial Skepticism, and Prison Privatization." *Under review at Journal of Law and Courts.*

"Interest Groups and Social Media Usage: How Do Organizations' Posts Differ Across Facebook and Twitter?" *With Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald. Under review at the British Journal of Political Science.*

"Beyond the Boy's Club: Women's Leadership and Police Behavior." *With Laura Huber.*

"Lobbying Inside (and) Out: Interest Group Behavior on Social Media." *With Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald.*

"Putting A Fresh Face Forward: Does the Gender of a Police Chief Affect Public Perceptions?" *With Laura Huber.*

SELECT WORKS IN PROGRESS "Pursuing Change or Pursuing Credit? Litigation and Credit Claiming on Social Media." *With Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald.*

"Who Deserves Mercy? State Pardons, Commutations, and the Determinants of Clemency."

"Judicial Candidate Gender and Campaign Platforms." *With Nichole Bauer, Kate Bratton, Belinda Davis, Elizabeth Lane, Jeong Kim, and Katie Searles.*

TEACHING *Louisiana State University*

- ▷ Introduction to American Government (Honors): Fall 2021

- ▷ Judicial Politics: Fall 2019; Spring 2020; Fall 2021.
- ▷ The Politics of Punishment: Fall 2019; Spring 2020.

*Emory University*

- ▷ The American Legal System (with Tom Clark): Fall 2017.
- ▷ Introduction to Comparative Politics (Teaching Assistant): Fall 2016.

RESEARCH  
GRANTS

**SCALES** (Systematic Content Analysis of Litigation Events) Grant for *Testing the Random Assignment of District Court Judges Using Machine Learning and the SCALES Dataset*, with Neel Sukhatme, Jonathan Nash, Nina Varsava, Corey Yung, and Hannes Schwandt. \$10,000, 2021.

Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant, for *Breaking the Brass Ceiling: Do Female and Non-White Police Executives Change Police Behavior?*, with Laura Huber. \$34,994, 2021.

Manship Summer Research Fellowship, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Louisiana State University. \$5,000, 2021.

American Political Science Association (APSA) Centennial Fund Grant, for *Does Breaking the Brass Ceiling Improve Perceptions of Police? A Survey Experiment on the Effect of Minority and Female Police Executives*, with Laura Huber. \$2,389, 2020.

Manship Summer Research Fellowship, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Louisiana State University. \$5,000, 2020.

Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Research Grant, for *Why Do States Privatize their Prisons?*, Louisiana Board of Regents, 2020-2021. Ranked first among 60 applicants. \$48,000, 2020.

Society for Political Methodology National Science Foundation Grant. \$1,300, 2018.

AWARDS

Mooney Award for the best dissertation in state politics and policy. \$1,000, 2020.

Neal Tate Award for the best paper in Judicial Politics from the Southern Political Science Association. \$500, 2020.

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association. \$500, 2019.

Louisiana State University Faculty Travel Grant. \$750, 2019.

Best Graduate Student Paper from APSA Law and Courts Section. \$200, 2019.

People's Choice Winner of the Three-Minute Thesis Competition. \$250, 2019.

Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Prize for best graduate student paper and presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting of The Public Choice Society. \$1,000, 2019.

Emory University Laney Graduate School Council Travel Grant. \$250, 2018 and 2019.

Thomas Carsey Graduate Education Fellow. \$200, 2017.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, \$300, 2017.

Travel Award, American Political Science Association. \$170, 2016.

MEDIA AND  
POPULAR PRESS

**2021**

[“Carceral Democrats,”](#) guest post on *Inquest* on July 29, 2021

[“Vulnerable Democrats fill prisons to win votes,”](#) quoted in *Academic Times* on February 10, 2021

**2020**

[“The Future of Federal Prison Privatization is Bleak... Or Is It?,”](#) blog post on *3Streams* on December 11, 2020

[“As Federal Programs Continue To Militarize Campus Cops, Some Universities Reconsider,”](#) quoted in *WAMU 88.5* on July 9, 2020

[“A bipartisan coalition of senators want to limit sending military-grade equipment to police,”](#) quoted in *Fortune* on July 1, 2020

[“The Pentagons Hand-Me-Downs Helped Militarize Police. Here’s How,”](#) quoted in *Wired* on June 2, 2020

**2019**

[“Private prisons face an uncertain future as states turn their backs on the industry,”](#) quoted in *Vox* on December 1, 2019

TRAINING

**2018**

*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Pedagogy Workshop* (Boston, MA)

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS  
AND WORKSHOPS

**2021**

[SCALES](#) (Systematic Content Analysis of Litigation Events) Open Justice Research Workshop

“Captive Market” at Susquehanna University’s Arlin M. Adams Center for Law & Society Lecture

**2020**

Virtual Workshop on Race, Politics, Policing, and Social Movements hosted by Facebook

**2019**

“Partisan Politics, Social Control, and Corrections Spending: The Counterbalancing Effect of Black Political Incorporation” at *Justice and Injustice: Political Science Perspectives on Crime and Punishment* hosted by Pennsylvania State University

**2017**

“The Politics and the Business of Incarceration: The Case of Prison Privatization” at Emory Public Interest Committee (EPIC) Conference

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

**2021**

“Pursuing Change or Pursuing Credit? Litigation and Credit Claiming on Social Media” (with Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald) at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (online)

“Pursuing Change or Pursuing Credit? Litigation and Credit Claiming on Social Media” (with Kirsten Widner and Maggie Macdonald) at *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (online)

“Descriptive Representation and Prosecutorial Discretion: Race, Sex, and Carceral Disparities” at *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (online)

## 2020

“Beyond the Boy’s Club: Women’s Leadership and Police Behavior” (with Laura Huber) at *Virtual Mini-Conference on the Politics of Crime & Punishment*

“Beyond the Boy’s Club: Gender Integration and Police Behavior” (with Laura Huber) at *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL). *Cancelled due to COVID-19*

“The Effects of Ideology and Disadvantage on Federal District Court Prisoner Petitions” at *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (San Juan, PR)

## 2019

“Who Punishes More? Partisanship, Punitive Policies, and the Puzzle of Democratic Governors” at *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL); *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Washington, D.C.)

“Why Do States Privatize their Prisons? The Unintended Consequences of Inmate Litigation” at *Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society* (Louisville, KY); *Southern Political Science Association Meeting* (Austin, TX)

## 2018

“Does Police Militarization Decrease Crime? Counterevidence from the Federal 1033 Program and Local Police Jurisdictions in the United States” (with Tom Clark, Michael Owens, Adam Glynn, Kaylyn Jackson, and Elisha Cohen) at *New York University School of Law’s Policing Project: The Benefits and Costs of Policing* (New York, NY); *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Boston, MA)

“Why Do States Privatize their Prisons? The Unintended Consequences of Inmate Litigation” at *Annual Meeting of the Society of Political Methodology* (Provo, UT); *State Politics and Policy Conference* (State College, PA); *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL); *Emory University Conference on Institutions and Law Making* (Atlanta, GA); *Southern Political Science Association Meeting* (New Orleans, LA)

“Do Private Prison Companies Benefit from Electoral Victories?” at the *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL)

## 2017

“The Politics and the Business of Incarceration: The Case of Prison Privatization” at *State Politics and Policy Conference* (St. Louis, MO); *Southern Political Science Association Meeting* (New Orleans, LA)

“Policy Pioneers and Social Control” (with Kirsten Widner) at the *Midwest Political Science Association Meeting* (Chicago, IL)

## 2016

“The Political and Economic Determinants of States’ Usage of Private Prisons” at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Philadelphia, PA)

## SKILLS

Statistical software: R, Stata

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

SERVICE

**Referee**, *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Journal of Law and Courts*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Studies Review*; *Politics and Gender*; *Public Administration Review*; *Social Policy & Administration*; *State and Local Government Review*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*; *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (NSF Sponsored Project)*

**Division Chair**, State Politics Section at the 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

**Board of Advisors**, ProQuests Mass Incarceration and Prison Studies Collection

**Member**, LSU Comparative Search Committee, 2020

**Member**, SPSA Neal Tate Award Committee, 2020

**Member**, APSA Law and Courts Section Nominations Committee, 2020

**Member**, Research Committee at Louisiana State University, 2019-2021

**Visiting Fellow** in Assessment for AP U.S. Government and Politics, College Board, 2020

**President**, Political Science Graduate Student Association at Emory University, 2017-2018