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Education

- 2018 **Ph.D., Political Science**
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Mass.
Fields: American Politics, Public Law (Distinction)
Dissertation: The Paradox of Town Meeting: The Influence of Forms of Local Government on Citizen Representation.
Committee: Raymond J. La Raja (chair), Brian F. Schaffner, Matthew Streb (Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University)
- 2010 **Master's Degree (LL.M.), American Law**
University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2009 **Master's Degree (LL.M.), Dutch Criminal Law** (Juris Doctor equivalent)
Tilburg University Law School, Tilburg, The Netherlands
- 2008 **International Exchange** (coursework in Political Science, Literature, French)
Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.
- 2007 **Bachelor's Degree (LL.B.), Dutch Law**
Tilburg University Law School, Tilburg, The Netherlands

Academic Positions

- 2018 – **Assistant Professor of Government**
Department of History & Government, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Tex.

Research and Teaching Fields

- American Politics; Public Law; Legal Studies; State and Local Government; Urban Politics; Representation; Elections; Voting Behavior; Turnout; Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; Judicial Politics.

Publications

- La Raja, Raymond, **Wouter van Erve**. 2017. "Large Town Council Has Many Problems." *Amherst Bulletin*. 20 April.
- La Raja, Raymond, **Wouter van Erve**. 2015. "Don't Romanticize Town Meeting in Amherst". *Amherst Bulletin*. 5 June.
- La Raja, Raymond, **Wouter van Erve**. 2014. "How representative, really, is Amherst Town Meeting?". *Daily Hampshire Gazette*. 9 June. [http://www.gazettenet.com/Archives/2014/06/larajaGUEST-hg-061014.\(09/14/2016\)](http://www.gazettenet.com/Archives/2014/06/larajaGUEST-hg-061014.(09/14/2016)).
- Schaffner, Brian, **Wouter van Erve**, & Raymond La Raja. 2014. "How Ferguson Exposes the Racial Bias in Local Elections." *Monkey Cage*. 15 August. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2014/08/15/how-ferguson-exposes-the-racial-bias-in-local-elections/>. (08/23/2016).
- Linken, Allen, **Wouter van Erve**. 2012. "What a Difference a Case Makes Or: What Goes into a Strong Supreme Court Majority." *Experimental & Empirical Studies eJournal* 13.33: n. pag. Web.
- Bruggeman, W., Fijnaut, C.J.C.F., Sievers, L., Spapens, A.C.M., & **Erve, W. van**. 2008. *The role of the police worldwide in the containment of the illegal production, the illegal trade and the illegal possession of small arms and light weapons*. Zoetermeer: Korps Landelijke Politiediensten.

Working Papers

- Close to Home: Understanding Budget Preferences in Participatory Local Governance (with Melinda R. Tarsi, Bridgewater State University) — Manuscript in preparation.
- A Crowded House: The Influence of Large Candidate Rosters on Voter Behavior — Manuscript in preparation.
- Candidate Emergence in Local Races: How do Institutions Affect Who Runs? — Manuscript in preparation.
- Amplifying Voices: The Effect of Government-Matched Campaign Contribution Programs on Voter Participation in Local Races (with Ray La Raja) — Manuscript in preparation.

Conference Participation

- Close to Home: Understanding Budget Preferences in Participatory Local Governance (with Melinda R. Tarsi, Bridgewater State University). Paper accepted for presentation by the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin. January 2019.
- The More the Merrier? The Paradox of Citizen Involvement in Local Politics. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia. September 2016.
- Trade-offs Between Participatory Democracy and Representation. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans. January 2015.
- Trade-offs Between Participatory Democracy and Representation: A Study of New England Town Meeting. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago. April 2014.
- What a Difference a Case Makes, or: What Goes into a Strong Supreme Court Majority. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago. April 2012.

Invited Lectures

2016	Smith College: “Local Government: High Costs, Low Turnout”
2014	UMass Amherst: “Politics in Law: Voting Rights Then and Now”

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2017	Course Development Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, UMass Amherst (\$3,000).
2016	Dissertation Research Grant, Graduate School, UMass Amherst (\$999).
2015	Summer Language and Training Grant, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (\$2,500).
2015	Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$250).
2015	Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (\$300)
2014	Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (\$400)
2013	GRIP Research Assistantship Grant, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (\$2,500).
2013	GRIP Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (\$393).
2009	Study Abroad Merit Scholarship, VSBFonds Foundation, The Netherlands (€7,000)
2006	Student Leadership Grant, Tilburg University Law School, The Netherlands (€2,700)

Research Positions

2017	Research Assistant Professor Paul Musgrave, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst. Assisted with preparing/editing articles for submission to peer reviewed journals.
2015-2016	Research Assistant Professor Lauren McCarthy, Legal Studies, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst

2015-2016	Community Policing Project Research Assistant Professors Brian Schaffner, Jesse Rhodes, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst DEMOS Research Project, tasked with collecting, formatting and analyzing voting data using Catalyst.
2012-2014	Research Assistant Professors Brian Schaffner, Ray La Raja, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst Collected, formatted and analyzed data collected using Catalyst on donors and their political contributions for <i>Campaign Finance and Political Polarization: When Purists Prevail</i> .
2010	Research Assistant Professor Shannon Mariotti, Department of Political Science, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex. Assisted with literature research for <i>Thoreau's Democratic Withdrawal: Alienation, Participation and Modernity</i> .
2006-2009	Research Assistant Professor Cyrille Fijnaut, Tilburg University Law School, Tilburg, The Netherlands. Assisted with criminology research into the policing of organized crime in The Netherlands and Europe.

Other Professional Experience

2010-2011	Assistant Prosecutor/Paralegal Public Prosecution Service, Den Bosch, The Netherlands.
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Teaching

	Assistant Professor of Government , Department of History & Government, Texas Woman's University
2019	State and Local Politics (GOV 5903)
2018-2019	Constitutional Law: Government Structure (GOV 4073)
2018-2019	Law for Women (GOV 3393)
	Instructor of Record , Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst
2015-2017	• Introduction to Constitutional Law (Political Science 162)
2016-2017	• Law in Film and TV (online, Political Science/Legal Studies 297-TV)
2016	• Law in Film and TV (in person, Legal Studies 297-TV)
	Teaching Assistant , Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst
2017	• American Foreign Policy (Political Science 255)
2016	• Junior Year Writing (Political Science 377/Legal Studies 450)
2014-2015	• Introduction to Legal Studies (Legal Studies 250)
2011-2013	• Introduction to American Politics (Political Science 101)
2012	• American Politics Through Film (Political Science 201)

Professional Activities and Service

2018–	Torchbearer for Dept. of History & Government, State Employee Charitable Campaign, Texas Woman's University
2014-2018	Graduate Assistant, Interdisciplinary Studies Institute, UMass Amherst.
2013-2015	Graduate Student Orientation Coordinator, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst.
2012-2015	Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst.
2011-2013	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwestern Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Northeast Political Science Association.

Methods and Languages

- **Languages:** English (native), Dutch (native), French (fluent), German (elementary)
- **Methods:** Quantitative data analysis; network analysis (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, June 2015); qualitative research design and data analysis; interviewing (UMass Institute for Social Science Research, July 2015); proficient in STATA, R, and LaTeX.