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### Education

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- 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

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- 2018 –      **Assistant Professor of Political Science**  
Graduate Faculty  
Department of Social Sciences and Historical Studies, Texas Woman's University,  
Denton, Tex.

### Research and Teaching Fields

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

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

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- Albert, Zachary, Robert G. Boatright, Lane Cuthbert, Adam Eichen, **Wouter van Erve**, Raymond J. La Raja, Meredith Rolfe. 2024. "Election reform and campaign finance: Did Alaska's top 4 nonpartisan primaries and ranked-choice general elections affect political spending?" *Social Science Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13422>.
- Cuevas-Molina, Ivelisse, Tatishe M. Nteta, Brian Schaffner & **Wouter van Erve**. 2022. "The Conditional Effects of Latino Candidates and Partisanship on Latino Turnout. *American Politics Research*, 50(5), 723-730. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X221090753>.

## Working Papers

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- Boatright, Robert, Raymond J. La Raja, **Wouter van Erve**, Adam Eichen, & Lane Cuthbert. 2024. "Campaign Finance and Party Systems in Nonpartisan Municipal Elections."
- **Van Erve, Wouter**, Raymond J. La Raja, Lane Cuthbert, & Adam Eichen. 2024. "Amplifying Voices: The Effect of Government-Matched Campaign Contributions in New York City on Voter Participation."
- **Van Erve, Wouter**, & Clare Brock. 2023. "Polarized Civics: How Political Rhetoric Affects Support for Civics Education."

## Research Reports

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- Brock, Clare, **Wouter van Erve**. 2020. Working on Democracy: The State of Civics Education in Texas. Delivered to iCivics and the TWU Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.
- 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.

## Other Publications

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- **Van Erve, Wouter** & Clare Brock. 2020. "Texas Two-Steps Behind: The Disappointing State of Civics Education in Texas." *3Streams Blog*.
- 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).
- 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.

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

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| 2023 | Manuscript Completion Grant, Texas Woman's University College of Arts & Sciences, \$5,000. |
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2022	Unite America/Alaskans for Better Elections for “The Effect of Alaska’s New Election System on Campaign Finance.” Co-principal investigator with Robert G. Boatright, Raymond J. La Raja, Meredith Rolfe, & Zachary Albert. (\$16,500)
2021	Jane Nelson Institute for Women’s Leadership for “Texas Civics Teacher Survey.” Co-principal investigator with Dr. Clare Brock. (~\$3,500 plus course releases)
2019	Building Global Perspectives Fellowship, Texas Woman’s University College of Arts & Sciences.

## Teaching

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2018-present	<p><b>Assistant Professor of Political Science</b>, Department of Social Sciences and Historical Studies, Texas Woman’s University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State and Local Politics</li> <li>• U.S. National Government</li> <li>• Texas Government</li> <li>• Gender, Identity, and the Law</li> <li>• Constitutional Law: Government Structure</li> <li>• Constitutional Rights &amp; Criminal Justice</li> <li>• Global Law &amp; Legal Systems</li> <li>• America’s National Parks &amp; Public Lands</li> <li>• From Page to Silver Screen: American Politics in Literature &amp; Film</li> </ul> <p><b>Instructor of Record</b>, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst</p>
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)

## Conference Participation

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### Papers presented:

- Boatright, Robert G., Zachary Albert, Raymond J. La Raja, **Wouter van Erve**, Meredith Rolfe, Lane Cuthbert, & Adam Eichen. 2024. “The Effect of Alaska’s Top 4 / RCV System on Campaign Finance. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Boatright, Robert G., Raymond J. La Raja, **Wouter van Erve**, Adam Eichen, & Lane Cuthbert. 2022. “Campaign Finance and Party Systems in Nonpartisan Municipal Elections. Urban Affairs Association Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.
- **Van Erve, Wouter** & Clare Brock. 2021. “Polarized Civics: How Political Rhetoric Affects Support for Civics Education.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- **Van Erve, Wouter** & Clare Brock. 2021. “Texas Civics Curriculum: A Survey of Teacher Attitudes. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, virtual.

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- **Van Erve, Wouter** & Clare Brock. 2020. “A Lone Star State of Mind: Civics Education and Texas Teachers.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, virtual.
  - Tarsi, Melinda R. & **Wouter van Erve**. 2020. “Close to Home: Understanding Budget Preferences in Participatory Local Governance.” Annual Meeting of the of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
  - Tarsi, Melinda R. & **Wouter van Erve**. 2019. “Close to Home: Understanding Budget Preferences in Participatory Local Governance.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, Texas.
  - **Van Erve, Wouter**. 2016. “The More the Merrier? The Paradox of Citizen Involvement in Local Politics.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.
  - **Van Erve, Wouter**. 2015. “Trade-offs Between Participatory Democracy and Representation.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
  - **Van Erve, Wouter** & Raymond J. La Raja. 2014. “Trade-offs Between Participatory Democracy and Representation: A Study of New England Town Meeting.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
  - Linken, A.E. & **Wouter van Erve**. 2012. “What a Difference a Case Makes, or: What Goes into a Strong Supreme Court Majority.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

### Invited Lectures

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2024	“From <i>Roe</i> to <i>Dobbs</i> — and the way forward.” Texas Woman’s University Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner Program, Dallas, Texas.
2022	“From <i>Roe</i> to <i>Dobbs</i> —and the way forward.” Texas Woman’s University Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner Program, Dallas, Texas.
2019	“Comparative Law: U.S./Canada vs. Europe.” Comparative Politics class with Dr. Jon Olsen, Texas Woman’s University, Denton, Texas.
2016	“Local Government: High Costs, Low Turnout,” Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.
2014	“Politics in Law: Voting Rights Then and Now.” UMass Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts.

### Research Positions

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

- Community Policing Project
- 2015-2016     **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 Catalist.
- 2012-2014     **Research Assistant**  
 Professors Brian Schaffner, Ray La Raja, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst  
 Collected, formatted and analyzed data collected using Catalist on donors and their political contributions for *Campaign Finance and Political Polarization: When Purists Prevail*.
- 2010            **Research Assistant**  
 Professor Shannon Mariotti, Department of Political Science, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.  
 Assisted with literature research for *Thoreau's Democratic Withdrawal: Alienation, Participation and Modernity*.
- 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

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

### Professional Activities and Service

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- 2024–present   Faculty Senate Representative
- 2024–present   Member, Empowerment Committee, TWU College of Arts & Sciences.
- 2024            Moderator, Constitution Day Panel on Gerrymandering, Texas Woman's University.
- 2024            Speaker, Presidential Debate Watch Event, TWU Student Life.
- 2024            Reviewer for textbook by Abernathy, Scott. *American Government: 5e*. SagePub.
- 2023–present   Faculty Sponsor for Barristers' Club.
- 2023–2024     Search Committee Member for Political Science Tenure-Track Position, TWU Department of Social Sciences and Historical Studies.
- 2023            Panelist, "Advocacy Moment: Unpacking Gov. Abbott's DFPS Directive." Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, Texas Woman's University.
- 2023            Invitee, Downtown Plan Update Strategy Meeting, City of Denton, Texas.

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2023	Invited Participant, Strategic Workshop for Northeast Denton Small Area Plan, City of Denton, Texas.
2022–present	Co-lead, BuildWell Committee, Health and Wellbeing Initiative, Texas Woman’s University.
2022–present	Marketing and Social Media Committee, Member, TWU Department of Social Sciences and Historical Studies.
2022–2024	Member, Curriculum Committee, Texas Woman’s University.
2022–2023	Bylaws Committee, Member, TWU Department of Social Sciences and Historical Studies.
2022	Panel Chair, “Local Politics.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
2022	Discussant, “Local Politics.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
2022	Panelist, “Advocacy Moment: Unpacking <i>Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health</i> .” Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, Texas Woman’s University.
2022	Moderator, Constitution Day Panel, Texas Woman’s University.
2021–present	Member, Constitution Day Committee, Texas Woman’s University.
2021–present	Member, Interdisciplinary Minors Advisory Board, TWU College of Arts & Sciences.
2021–present	Member, Stronger Denton
2021–2024	Member, Library Advisory Committee, Texas Woman’s University.
2021–2023	Graduate Certificate Standing Committee, Member, TWU Department of Social Sciences and Historical Studies.
2021–2022	Faculty Sponsor, Texas Rising student organization
2021–2022	Events Committee, Member, TWU Department of Social Sciences and Historical Studies.
2021–2022	Member, BuildWell Committee, Health and Wellbeing Initiative, Texas Woman’s University.
2020–2021	Member, Curriculum Committee, Texas Woman’s University
2020–2021	Member, Diversity and Inclusion Curriculum Development Committee, TWU College of Arts & Sciences.
2020	Discussant, “Effective Administration of Public Programs.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR.
2019–present	Co-Chair, Public Affairs Forum Committee, TWU College of Arts & Sciences.
2019–2020	Search Committee for History Tenure-Track Position, TWU Department of Social Sciences and Historical Studies.
2019–2020	Member, Redbud Awards Committee, Texas Woman’s University.
2019	Co-Organizer, Impeachment Panel, Texas Woman’s University.
2018–2019	Volunteer, Finals Feast, Student Life, Texas Woman’s University.

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2018	Panelist, Constitution Day Panel, Texas Woman's University.
2018	Torchbearer for Dept. of History & Political Science, 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.

### **Student Committees**

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#### **Dissertation**

2024–present Alya Steward, Sociology

#### **Thesis**

2023 Matthew Febre, History

2023 Stephanie Hustoft, History

#### **Prof. Paper**

2024 Cole Clark, History

2023 Cole Bates, History

2023 Roy Wallace, History

2022 Dawna-Diamond Tyson, Political Science

2022 Jennifer Morrow, Political Science

2021 LaToya Hart, Political Science

2021 Matthew Olson, Political Science

2021 Kendall Wagner, History

#### **Certificate**

2022 Cole Bates, Political Science

2021 Molly Hilberg, Political Science

#### **Capstone**

2024 Jianna Covarelli, Political Science

2024 Sarah Stewart, Political Science

2024 Alyssa Vargas, Political Science

2020 Brittany Lundmark, Political Science

### **Additional Training**

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2024 KIND Institute Workshop: Refining Your Manuscript, New Orleans, Louisiana.

2024 KIND Institute Workshop: Research Ethics in a New Era, New Orleans, Louisiana.

2023 APSA Webinar: Incorporating Information Literacy Skills Into Your Syllabus, Virtual.

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2023	UDOIT Instructor Training, Texas Woman’s University.
2022	Departmental Media Training (Workshop by Dr. C. Bejarano), Texas Woman’s University.
2021	Course on Strategies for Success in Online Learning, International Society for Technology in Education, Virtual.
2019	Course on Effective Teaching Practices, Association of College and University Educators (ACUE), facilitated by the TWU Center for Faculty Excellence.
2015	Network Analysis, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan.
2015	Qualitative Research: Interviewing, UMass Institute for Social Science Research.
2013	Stata, UMass Institute for Social Science Research.

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### Media Appearances and Interviews

2024	Betancourt, Juan. “Denton County has the authority to implement voting centers without party consent, but still hasn’t.” <i>Denton Record-Chronicle</i> . September 30, 2024. <a href="https://dentonrc.com/news/denton_county/denton-county-has-the-authority-to-implement-voting-centers-without-party-consent-but-still-hasn/article_5fb2cb48-7f82-11ef-b0e9-f7799aff20f9.html">https://dentonrc.com/news/denton_county/denton-county-has-the-authority-to-implement-voting-centers-without-party-consent-but-still-hasn/article_5fb2cb48-7f82-11ef-b0e9-f7799aff20f9.html</a> .
2021	Richman, Talia. “‘It doesn’t need to become a culture war.’ Texas legislators want to revamp civics education but could face political backlash.” <i>Dallas Morning News</i> . April 12, 2021. <a href="https://www.dallasnews.com/news/education/2021/04/12/it-doesnt-need-to-become-a-culture-war-texas-legislators-want-to-revamp-civics-education-but-could-face-political-backlash/">https://www.dallasnews.com/news/education/2021/04/12/it-doesnt-need-to-become-a-culture-war-texas-legislators-want-to-revamp-civics-education-but-could-face-political-backlash/</a> .

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### Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Southwest Association for Pre-Law Advisors.

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### Methods and Languages

- **Languages:** English (native), Dutch (native), French (fluent), German (elementary), Papiamentu (elementary).
- **Methods:** Quantitative data analysis; network analysis; qualitative research design and data analysis; interviewing; proficient in STATA, R, and LaTeX.