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- POSITIONS**     **Arizona State University**, Tempe, Arizona
- School of Politics and Global Studies.
    - Associate Professor, 2024-present.
    - Assistant Professor, 2019-2024.
- DEGREES**     **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2019  
*Major*: American Politics; *Minor*: Methodology  
Dissertation: “Multi-client Lobbying in the American States.”  
Committee co-chairs: Richard Hall and Ken Kollman
- University of Georgia**, Athens, Georgia  
                  M.A., Political Science and International Affairs, 2014
- University of South Carolina**, Columbia, South Carolina  
                  B.A., History and Political Science, 2012  
                  Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*
- PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**
- Strickland, James and Naimisha Chakravadhanula. “Why Hospitals Hire Tobacco Lobbyists: Conflicts of Interest Among Lobbyists’ Clients.” *Journal of Public Policy* (now online; issue number not assigned).
- Strickland, James and Dallin Overstreet. “Rent Control for Homeowners? Acquisition-Value Assessments and Housing Costs.” *Public Finance Review* (now online; issue number not assigned).
- Strickland, James and Nathan Tarr. 2023. “Diversity for Access? Ethnic and Racial Diversity Among American Lobbyists.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 8(2): 267-88.
- Strickland, James. 2023. “Incremental Lobby Reform: Elite Interests and Governance Policies.” *Journal of Policy History* 35(3): 333-53.

**PEER-  
REVIEWED  
ARTICLES  
(cont.)**

Strickland, James and Jesse Crosson. 2023. "K Street on Main: Legislative Turnover and Multi-client Lobbying." *Political Science Research and Methods* 11(4): 746-62.

Strickland, James. 2023. "The Contingent Value of Connections: Legislative Turnover and Revolving-Door Lobbyists." *Business and Politics* 25(2): 152-72.

- Best Article Award, State Politics (section), Amer. Poli. Sci. Assn.
- Runner-up, David P. Baron Best Article Award, *Bus. and Politics*.

Strickland, James and Katelyn Stauffer. 2022. "Legislative Diversity and the Rise of Women Lobbyists." *Political Research Quarterly* 75(3): 531 - 46.

Strickland, James. 2022. "Lobbying at Constitutional Conventions: Venues for the People." *Interest Groups and Advocacy* 11(4): 517 - 44.

Strickland, James. 2022. "Legislature Size and Interest Mobilization: The Effects of Institutional Change." *American Politics Research* 50(4): 511 - 24.

Strickland, James. 2021. "A Quiet Revolution in State Lobbying: Government Growth and Interest Populations." *Political Research Quarterly* 74(4): 1181 - 96.

Strickland, James. 2020. "Bifurcated Lobbying in America: Group Benefits and Lobbyist Selection." *Interest Groups and Advocacy* 9(2): 131 - 58.

Strickland, James. 2020. "The Declining Value of Revolving-Door Lobbyists: Evidence from the American States." *American Journal of Political Science* 64(1): 67 - 81.

Strickland, James. 2019. "America's Crowded Statehouses: Measuring and Explaining Lobbying in the U.S. States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 19(3): 351 - 74.

Strickland, James. 2019. "A Paradox of Political Reform: Shadow Interests in the U.S. States." *American Politics Research* 47(4): 887 - 914.

**BOOK  
CHAPTERS**

Strickland, James and Jordin Tafoya (under contract). "Lobbying Transparency and the Regulation of Revolving Doors." In *The Oxford Handbook of Lobbying and its Regulation*, eds. Raj Chari, Michele Crepaz, Emilia Korkea-aho, Wiebke Marie Junk. Oxford University Press.

**BOOK  
CHAPTERS  
(cont.)**

Strickland, James (under contract). "Lobbying in Subnational and Local Politics." In *The Oxford Handbook of Lobbying and its Regulation*, eds. Raj Chari, Michele Crepaz, Emilia Korkea-aho, Wiebke Marie Junk. Oxford University Press.

Strickland, James. 2021. "Nudging Lobbyists to Register with Online Registration and Grace Periods." In *Nudging Public Policy: Examining the Benefits and Limitations of Paternalistic Public Policies*, eds. Rosemarie Fike, Stefanie Haeffele, and Arielle John. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

Strickland, James and Logan Woods. 2017. "Parties and Interest Groups in Michigan." In *Michigan Government, Politics, and Policy*, eds. John S. Klemanski and David A. Dulio. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Heaney, Michael T. and James Strickland. 2016. "A Networks Approach to Interest Group Politics." In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*, eds. Jennifer N. Victor, Mark N. Lubell, and Alexander H. Montgomery. New York: Oxford University Press.

**BOOK  
PROJECT**

Strickland, James. *Paying to Play: The Emergence of Gatekeeper Lobbyists* (three chapters completed as of November 17, 2024; under review).

**WORKING  
PAPERS**

Strickland, James. "Occupational Persistence among Lobbyists: Implications for Influence and Reform" (revise and resubmit).

Strickland, James and Ken Kollman. "Constitutional Change and Interest Group Mobilization: Insight from the Progressive Era" (complete draft available).

Strickland, James. "Who Killed the Equal Rights Amendment? Parsing Group Mobilization and Influence" (draft in progress).

**BOOK  
REVIEWS**

Strickland, James. 2023. "*Stealth Lobbying: Interest Group Influence and Health Care Reform*. By Amy McKay. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. 2022. 230p. \$99.99 cloth." *Perspectives on Politics* 21(2): 730 - 31.

Strickland, James. 2018/2019. "*Selfish Libertarians and Socialist Conservatives? The Foundations of the Libertarian-Conservative Debate*. By Nathan W. Schlueter and Nikolai G. Wenzel. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2017. Pp. xii, 215. \$24.95 paperback." *Independent Review* 23(3): 451 - 54.

## GRANTS

Application title: "Spoils of Incumbency: Effective Lawmakers as Lobbyists." Submitted to Center for Effective Lawmaking, Sept. 2024: funded (\$2,000).

Application title: "Historic Lobby, PACs, and Campaign Finance Database." Submitted to Institute for Humane Studies, July 2024: funded (\$8,000).

Application title: "Lobbyists as Gatekeepers." Submitted to School of Politics and Global Studies Democracy Lab, Nov. 2023: funded (\$3,000).

## AWARDS

### External

William Anderson Prize. American Political Science Assn. 2020.

Humane Studies Fellow. Institute for Humane Studies, 2013-2019.

Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Prize. Public Choice Society. 2018.

Visiting Dissertation Fellowship. George Mason University, 2017-2018.

Fellowship. James Madison Memorial Foundation. 2012 (declined).

### Internal - Arizona State University

Fellowship, Ctr. for Constitutional Design (law school). 2022-2023.

Michael Mitchell Outstanding Teaching Award. 2021.

### Internal - University of Michigan

Gerald R. Ford Fellowship. 2018-2019.

Matthew K. Smith Award. 2018.

Samuel Eldersveld Prize, with Jesse Crosson. 2017.

Roy Pierce Award, with Ken Kollman. 2016.

## TEACHING

### **Arizona State University - in person: 507 total students.**

- POS 110: "Introduction to American Gov't;" fall 2020, 2021 (324).
- POS 216: "State and Local Gov't;" fall 2019, 2020; spring 2023 (79).
- POS 333: "Interest Groups;" spring 2022 (50).
- POS 503: "American Politics;" spring 2024 (5).
- POS 598: "American National Institutions;" fall 2021 (3).
- POS 603: "Polimetrics I;" spring 2020; fall 2022, 2023, 2024 (46).

### **Arizona State University - online: 1,190 total students.**

- POS 110: "Introduction to American Gov't;" fall 2022, 2023, 2024; summer 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024; spring 2023, 2024 (909).
- POS 110: "Power and Politics in U.S. Government" (Universal Learner Course); fall 2024 (281); summer 2024; spring 2025.

**SPECIAL  
PROJECT**

**Lead Content Developer** - Universal Learning Course “Power and Politics in U.S. Government” (fall 2022 - spring 2024).

*Served as intermediary between Learning Enterprise and team of faculty in academic unit, and as leader of faculty team, to develop a massive open online course (i.e., MOOC) for Study Hall: a collection of online courses designed to broaden access to baccalaureate degree programs at Arizona State University. This role involved vetting open-access resources, determining content of lectures, and designing assessments.*

**MENTOR-  
SHIP**

Arizona State University - undergraduate

Co-Director, Robert Armknecht honors thesis; 2022-2023.

Co-Director, Armando Montero honors thesis; 2022-2023.

Co-Director, Dheeti Deliwali honors thesis; 2023.

Member, Amelia Barton honors thesis; 2022-2023.

Member, Justin Schwager honors thesis; 2022.

Member, Bryce Jones honors thesis; 2020-2021.

Mentor, Junior Scholars Program; spring 2020, 2022, 2024; fall 2022.

Faculty Advisor, Sola Ministries at ASU (Lutheran); 2019-2023.

Arizona State University - graduate

Member, Anastasia Brown dissertation committee; 2023-present.

Co-Director, Aleisha Ball M.A. thesis; 2023-2024.

Member, Brigid Fitzgerald M.A. thesis committee; 2023-2024.

Member, Jordan Tafoya M.A. thesis committee; 2023-2024.

Member, Trudy Horsting dissertation committee; 2021-2024.

Member, Trudy Horsting M.A. in passing committee; 2021.

**CONF.  
TALKS**

American Political Science Association: 2016; 2020-2021; 2023-2024.

Congress and History Conference: 2020.

Copenhagen Money in Politics Conference: 2024.

European Consortium for Political Research: 2018.

Midwest Political Science Association: 2016; 2019; 2022-2023.

Policy History Conference: 2023.

Public Choice Society: 2017-2019.

Society for Empirical Legal Studies: 2014; 2019 (poster).

Southern Political Science Association: 2016-2023; 2025.

State Politics and Policy Conference: 2014 (poster); 2022-2024.

**INVITED  
TALKS**

Dept. of Political Science; Florida State U.; Nov. 8, 2024.  
Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy; Nov. 10, 2023 (virtual).  
Melikian Center; Arizona State U.; May 3, 2023 (virtual panel participant).  
Center for the Study of Economic Liberty; Arizona State U.; April 21, 2023.  
National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association; Aug. 23, 2022.  
Dept. of Political Science; Trinity U.; Jan. 12, 2022.  
Dept. of Political Science; U. of Pittsburg; March 19, 2021 (virtual).  
Universitas Halu Oleo; Kendari, Indonesia; Sept. 20, 2020 (virtual).  
School of Politics and Global Studies; Arizona State U.; Jan. 8, 2019.  
Dept. of Economics; George Mason U.; Feb. 22, 2018.

**INTERNAL  
SERVICE**

Arizona State University - School of Politics and Global Studies  
Hiring Committee for Assistant Teaching Professor, 2024.  
Honors Faculty Advisor, 2023-present.  
Advisory (personnel) Committee, 2021-2022; 2024-2025.  
American Politics Exam Committee, 2020-2021; 2022-2023.  
Graduate Committee, 2019-2020; 2024-2025.  
Kopf Conference co-organizer, 2022.  
Undergraduate Committee, 2020-2023.  
Colloquium, Speaker and Workshop Committee, 2019-2020.

**EXTERNAL  
SERVICE**

American Political Science Association  
Conference Panel Chair, 2021.  
Conference Panel Discussant, 2024.

College Board  
Reader (exam grader), Advanced Placement U.S. Government, 2024.  
Visiting Fellowship (exam reviewer), A.P. U.S. Government, 2023.

*Journal of Policy History*  
Associate Editor, 2021-present.

Legislative Studies Section, Amer. Poli. Sci. Association  
Emerging Scholar Award Committee, 2023.

Midwestern Political Science Association  
Conference Panel Chair, 2022.  
Conference Panel Discussant, 2022-2023.

Model Constitutional Convention, Arizona State University  
Faculty Mentor, 2024.

**EXTERNAL  
SERVICE  
(cont.)**

Policy History Conference or Workshop  
Conference co-chair, 2025.  
Workshop Discussant, 2024.  
Conference Panel Discussant, 2022.

State Oversight Academy at Wayne State U. Levin Center  
Board Member, 2023-present.

State Politics and Policy Section, Amer. Poli. Sci. Association  
*State Politics and Policy Quarterly* Best Paper Award Comm., 2024.  
Conference Panel Chair, 2023.  
Conference Panel Discussant, 2023.

Southern Political Science Association  
Conference Panel Chair, 2020-2021; 2023; 2025.  
Conference Panel Discussant, 2020-2021, 2023.  
Section Chair (Parties and Interest Groups), 2022.

**REFEREE  
SERVICE**

*American Journal of Political Science*, 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2024.  
*American Political Science Review*, 2020.  
*American Politics Research*, 2021.  
*British Journal of Political Science*, 2021; 2022.  
Cambridge University Press (book proposal), 2022.  
*European Journal of Political Research*, 2023.  
*Frontiers in Political Science*, 2023.  
*Interest Groups and Advocacy*, 2018; 2019; 2020; 2022; 2023 (2); 2024.  
*Journal of Policy History*, 2021; 2023; 2024 (3).  
*Journal of Politics*, 2024.  
*Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2023, 2024 (3).  
Palgrave Macmillan (book proposal) 2021; (book) 2022.  
*Policy Studies Journal*, 2022; 2023.  
*Political Research Quarterly*, 2020.  
*Political Science Research and Methods*, 2022; 2023.  
*PS: Political Science and Politics*, 2024.  
*Public Choice*, 2021; 2024.  
Sage Publications (two book chapters) 2024.  
*State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 2017, 2024.

## OPINION

Strickland, James and Nathan Tarr. 2023, July 28. “America’s legislatures are getting more diverse, but lobbying groups have been slow to follow.” LSE US Centre.

Strickland, James. 2022, June 20. “Term Limits Have Benefits but Other Reforms Should be Explored.” *Arizona Capitol Times*.

Strickland, James. 2020, December 31. “To improve Arizona’s legislature, consider cumulative voting.” *Arizona Capitol Times*.

Strickland, James. 2020, August 2. “Dollars versus voters? Businesses and advocacy groups hire different lobbyists.” *Medium.com*.

Strickland, James. 2019, February 15. “Paradoxically, stricter lobbying laws can actually hurt transparency. Here’s how to improve them.” LSE US Centre.

## EXTERNAL PRESS

ABC15 Arizona. 2024, March 13 (interview for television broadcast). “What happens to campaign money when a candidate drops out?”

U.S. Term Limits. 2023, Aug 9. “How Congressional Term Limits Transform Lobbying Dynamics.” *Termlimits.com*.

Fuchs, Haley. 2022, June 22. “American influence has a new address on State Street.” *Politico.com*.

Cleveland-Stout, Nick and Ben Freeman. 2022, March 28. “Ukraine war puts spotlight on Russia’s paid boosters in Washington.” *Responsible Statecraft*.

Schwarz, D. Hunter. 2021, August 8. “The political battle over the pandemic has come to the classroom.” *Deseret News*.

Brodie, Mark. 2021, January 14. “ASU professor: Cumulative voting could make Arizona’s legislature less polarized.” *The Show, 91.5 KJZZ*.

Cunningham, Meg. 2020, December 18. “Arizona GOP leaders’ quarrel over election results could impact party’s future.” ABC News.

Crawford, Alan. 2020, January 16. Secrets of the ‘Revolving Door.’ *Impact* (newsletter of the Public Affairs Council).

Oosting, Jonathan. 2019, January 23. “Outgoing state officials turn to lobbying under lax Michigan rules.” *Detroit News*.

## LETTERS

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