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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, The University of Iowa, May 2006.

M.A. in Political Science, The University of Iowa, May 2001.

B.A. in Political Science with a Minor in Economics, California State University, Fresno, *Magna cum Laude*, May 2000.

Employment

Senior Scientist II., Fors Marsh, LLC, August 2024-Present.

Senior Scientist I., Fors Marsh, LLC, March 2023-August 2024.

Chair, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, July 2018-May 2023.

Professor, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, July 2018-May 2023.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, July 2012-June 2018.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, August 2006-June 2012.

Research

Books

Ainsworth, Scott H.; Brian M. Harward and Kenneth W. Moffett 2025. [*Strategic Responsiveness: How Congress Confronts Presidential Power*](#). Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan Press.

Rice, Laurie L. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2022. [*The Political Voices of Generation Z*](#). New York, NY: Routledge.

- Awarded as an Outstanding Academic Title by *Choice* in 2023.

Moffett, Kenneth W. and Laurie L. Rice 2016. [*Web 2.0 and the Political Mobilization of College Students*](#). Lanham, MD: Lexington Press (Paperback Released in 2018).

Articles

Weeraratne, Suranjan; Laurie L. Rice; and Kenneth W. Moffett. "[Life Difficulties, Violent Online Extremism and Support for Political Violence in the United States.](#)" Forthcoming in *Terrorism and Political Violence*.

Kim, Jae-Eun C.; Heather M. Dahlen; Daphney Dupervil; Timothy O. Ihongbe; Kenneth W. Moffett; Blake Hoffman; Benjamin Denison; Elissa C. Kranzler; Kathleen Yu; Katherine A. Margolis and Leah Hoffman. "[Evaluating the Impact of the 'We Can Do This' Campaign's Heavy-Up Advertising on Initial COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake.](#)" *Health Communication* 40(11): 2300-2309.

Ainsworth, Scott H.; Brian M. Harward and Kenneth W. Moffett 2025. "[Public Response to Trump's Unilateral Policymaking: The Case of DACA.](#)" *Congress and the Presidency* 52(1): 38-65.

Kim, Jae-Eun C.; Elissa C. Kranzler; Kathleen Yu; Benjamin Denison; Heather M. Dahlen; Joseph N. Luchman; Timothy O. Ihongbe; Michael C. Marshall; Blake Hoffman; Kenneth W. Moffett; Daphney Dupervil; Katherine A. Margolis; and Leah Hoffman 2024. "[The Association Between the We Can Do This Campaign and Vaccination Beliefs in the United States.](#)" *Journal of Health Communication* 29(8): 502-513.

Moffett, Kenneth W.; Michael C. Marshall; Jae-Eun C. Kim; Heather Dahlen; Benjamin Denison; Elissa C. Kranzler; Morgan Meaney; Blake Hoffman; Ivica Pavisic; and Leah Hoffman 2024. "[Analyzing Google COVID-19 Vaccine Intent Search Trends and Vaccine Readiness in the United States: Panel Data Study.](#)" *Online Journal of Public Health Informatics* 16: e55422.

Moffett, Kenneth W.; Kate Seserman; Katherine A. Margolis; Elissa C. Kranzler; Michael C. Marshall; Heather Dahlen; Jae-Eun C. Kim; Benjamin Denison; Blake Hoffman; Daphney Dupervil; Kathleen Yu; and Leah Hoffman 2024. "[Differences in Social Media Use by COVID-19 Vaccination Status.](#)" *Vaccine* 42(9): 2166-2170.

Moffett, Kenneth W. and Laurie L. Rice 2024. "[TikTok and Civic Activity among Young Adults.](#)" *Social Science Computer Review* 42(2): 535-553.

Ihongbe, Timothy O.; Jae-Eun C. Kim; Heather Dahlen; Elissa C. Kranzler; Kate Seserman; Kenneth W. Moffett; and Leah Hoffman 2024. "[Trends in Primary, Booster, and Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Readiness in the United States, January 2021-April 2023: Implications for 2023-2024 Updated COVID-19 Vaccines.](#)" *Preventive Medicine* 180: 187887.

Moffett, Kenneth W. and Laurie L. Rice 2022. "[Creditable Civic Engagement? Aligning Work on Civic Activity with Faculty Incentives.](#)" *PS: Political Science and Politics* 55(2): 401-403.

LaFond, Larry and Kenneth W. Moffett 2020. "[Lexical Complexities in the St. Louis Dialect Island.](#)" *American Speech* 95(2): 173-202.

Rice, Laurie L. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2019. "[Snapchat and Civic Engagement among College Students.](#)" *Journal of Information Technology and Politics* 16(2): 87-104.

Mares, Dennis M. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2019. "[Climate Change and Crime Revisited: An Exploration of Monthly Temperature Anomalies and UCR Crime Data.](#)" *Environment and Behavior* 51(5): 502-529.

Moffett, Kenneth W. and Laurie L. Rice 2018. "[College Students and Online Political Expression during the 2016 Election.](#)" *Social Science Computer Review* 36(4): 422-439.

Hayden Foster, Carly and Kenneth W. Moffett 2016. "[Candidate Qualifications and Gender in U.S. Congressional Elections.](#)" *National Social Science Journal* 47(2): 38-58.

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2016. "[Partisan Vote Buying and Suspensions in the Postreform House.](#)" *Party Politics* 22(4): 478-489.

Mares, Dennis M. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2016. "[Climate Change and Interpersonal Violence: A 'Global' Estimate and Regional Inequities.](#)" *Climatic Change* 135(2): 297-310.

Moffett, Kenneth W.; Forrest Maltzman; Karen Miranda; and Charles R. Shipan 2016. "[Strategic Behavior and Variation in the Supreme Court's Caseload over Time.](#)" *Justice System Journal* 37(1): 20-38.

Moffett, Kenneth W.; Laurie L. Rice and Ramana Madupalli 2014. "[Young Voters and War: The Iraq War as a Catalyst for Political Participation.](#)" *Social Science Quarterly* 95(5): 1419-1443.

Ainsworth, Scott H.; Brian M. Harward, Kenneth W. Moffett, and Laurie L. Rice 2014. "[Congressional Response to Statements of Administration Policy and Presidential Signing Statements.](#)" *Congress and the Presidency* 41(3): 312-334.

Rice, Laurie L.; Kenneth W. Moffett and Ramana Madupalli 2013. "[Campaign-related Social Networking and the Participation of College Students.](#)" *Social Science Computer Review* 31(3): 257-279.

Ainsworth, Scott H.; Brian M. Harward and Kenneth W. Moffett 2012. "[Congressional Response to Presidential Signing Statements.](#)" *American Politics Research* 40(6): 1067-1091.

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2012. "[Parties and Procedural Choice in the House Rules Committee.](#)" *Congress and the Presidency* 39(1): 1-27.

Harward, Brian M. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2010. "[The Calculus of Cosponsorship in the U.S. Senate.](#)" *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 35(1): 117-143.

Book Chapters

Rice, Laurie L. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2024. "[Developing Empowered Citizens: How universities help build efficacy.](#)" In *Leaning into Politics: Higher Education's Role in Building the Democracy We Need*. Charlotte, North Carolina: Information Age Publishing. Pages 183-198.

Rice, Laurie L. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2024. "[Against the Grain: Fostering Civic Engagement Through Expanding Your Research Agenda.](#)" In *Civic Pedagogy: Teaching Civic Engagement in an Era of Divisive Politics*, eds. Lauren C. Bell, Allison Rank and Carah Ong Whaley. New York City, New York: Palgrave MacMillan. Pages 289-301.

Moffett, Kenneth W. and Laurie L. Rice 2024. "[Presidential Candidates on Campus and Civic Engagement among College Students.](#)" In *Generational Politics in the United States: From the Silents to Gen Z and Beyond*, eds. Sally Friedman and David Schultz. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan Press. Pages 260-296.

Rice, Laurie L. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2020. "[College Students, Political Engagement, and Snapchat in the 2020 General Election](#)." In *U.S. Election Analysis 2020: Media, Voters, and the Campaign*, eds. Danielle Coombs, Dan Jackson, Darren Lilleker, Einar Thorsen, and Filippo Trevisan. Poole, United Kingdom: Bournemouth University. Pages 94-95.

Moffett, Kenneth W. and Laurie L. Rice. 2015. "[Taking College-Level Political Science Courses and Civic Activity](#)." *Technology and Civic Engagement in the Classroom: Engaging the Unengaged*, ed. Stephen Caliendo, Suzanne Chod and William Muck. New York City, New York: Palgrave MacMillan. Pages 13-47.

Encyclopedia Entries

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2019. "Citizens Against Government Waste." In *Political Parties, Interest Groups and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*, vol. 1, ed. Scott H. Ainsworth and Brian M. Harward. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press. Pages 272-274.

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2019. "Home School Legal Defense Association." In *Political Parties, Interest Groups and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*, vol. 2, ed. Scott H. Ainsworth and Brian M. Harward. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press. Pages 424-427.

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2019. "Moral Majority" in *Political Parties, Interest Groups and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*, vol. 2, ed. Scott H. Ainsworth and Brian M. Harward. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press. Pages 528-531.

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2003. "Reciprocal Relationship." In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods*, vol. 3, ed. Michael S. Lewis-Beck, Alan E. Bryman and Tim Futing-Liao. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications. Pages 929-930.

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2003. "Unimodal Distribution." In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods*, vol. 3, ed. Michael S. Lewis-Beck, Alan E. Bryman and Tim Futing-Liao. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications. Pages 1156-1157.

Book Reviews

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2022. "[Book Review: I Alone can Fix It: Donald J. Trump's Catastrophic Final Year by Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker](#)." *eJournal of Public Affairs* 11(1).

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2019. "[Review of The Presidency and Social Media: Discourse, Disruption, and Digital Democracy in the 2016 Presidential Election edited by Dan Schill and John Allen Hendricks](#)." *New Media and Society* 21(7): 1654-1656.

Other

Weeraratne, Suranjan; Laurie Rice; and Kenneth W. Moffett 2023. "Preparing to Meet the Growing Threat of Domestic Violent Extremism." *Command* 33(1): 22-23.

Rice, Laurie L. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2021. "[Generation Z: "Lost" or Emerging Generation?](#)" Cicero Foundation Great Debate Paper. November 2021.

Moffett, Kenneth W. and Laurie L. Rice 2020. "[How Online Social Networking Helps Draw Young Americans Into Political Participation](#)." *Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings*. September 2020. Originally released in February 2014.

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2018. "[It's not if, but when the Next Nomination Ethics Issue Arises](#)." *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, October 8, 2018.

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2016. "[Four Predictions about President Trump's Supreme Court](#)." *The Monkey Cage* (blog), *The Washington Post*, November 23, 2016.

Rice, Laurie L. and Kenneth W. Moffett 2016. "[Students Aren't Slactivists – Online Engagement Can Lead to Offline Political Action](#)." *The Huffington Post*, October 7, 2016.

Moffett, Kenneth W. and Laurie L. Rice 2016. "[How Social Media will Influence this Campaign](#)." *The Hill*, October 3, 2016.

Moffett, Kenneth W.; Charles R. Shipan and Forrest Maltzman 2016. "[The Supreme Court is Taking Far Fewer Cases than Usual. Here's why](#)." *The Monkey Cage* (blog), *The Washington Post*, June 2, 2016.

Moffett, Kenneth W. and Dennis M. Mares 2015. "[Climate Negotiators, Listen Up: A Warmer World is a More Violent World](#)." *The Monkey Cage* (blog), *The Washington Post*, December 10, 2015.

Moffett, Kenneth W. 2015. "[Why is Russia so involved in the Ukraine?](#)" *Edwardsville Intelligencer*, 4 April 2015.

Statistical Software

Feldman, Thomas* and Kenneth W. Moffett 2016. freqdist: A Package for Generating Frequency Distributions. Available through The Comprehensive R Archive Network ([CRAN](#)).

* Denotes undergraduate student coauthor.

Conference Presentations

American Association for Public Opinion Research: 2026

American Dialect Society: 2018

American Political Science Association: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021 (twice), 2023 (twice), 2024 (twice), 2025 (twice)

Campus Compact: 2018

European Consortium for Political Research: 2017

Life with Term Limits: 2004

Midwest Political Science Association: 2004 (twice), 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 (twice), 2010, 2011, 2014 (twice), 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022 (twice), 2024 (twice)

Northeastern Political Science Association: 2003, 2020

Southern Political Science Association: 2004, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2020, 2023

Southwestern Political Science Association: 2007

Western Political Science Association: 2004, 2021

Grants and Awards

Research

External

Outstanding Academic Title, awarded for *The Political Voices of Generation Z* (with Laurie L. Rice), *Choice Magazine*, 2023.

Department of Homeland Security, Targeted Violence Prevention Program (with Laurie Rice and Suranjan Weeraratne): Enhancing Local Capacity to Prevent Targeted Violence in Southern Illinois, 2022-2024 (EMW-2022-GR-APP-00014, \$332,491).

Super Reviewer, *The American Journal of Political Science*, 2014.

Artinian Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association, 2010 (\$250).

American Political Science Association Small Research Grant, 2007 (\$1,600).

American Political Science Association Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2004 (\$350).

Nominated for Westview Press Award for Best Paper by a Graduate Student at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2004.

Full Travel Funding for Paper Presentation at the Life with Term Limits Conference, Cosponsored by the Ray C. Bliss Institute for Applied Politics at the University of Akron and the Department of Political Science at Kent State University, 2004.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Faculty Institute for Research, Scholarship and Technology Funding, 2010 (\$1,500)

College of Arts and Sciences Development Fund (with Ramana Madupalli and Laurie L. Rice), 2008 (\$350).

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Fund, 2008 (\$400).

Graduate School Seed Grant, 2006 (\$2,000).

Teaching

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Targeted Funding Initiative in the College of Arts and Sciences, 2016 (\$7,292).

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Fund, 2010 (\$800), 2011 (\$800), 2012 (\$1,000), 2017 (\$750), 2021 (\$750), 2022 (\$1,500).

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Funding to Develop Freshman Seminar Entitled, "Political Scandals in American Government and Politics," 2007 (\$2,500).

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Excellence in Undergraduate Education Grant, 2007 (\$4,700).

Service

Professional

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science* (2011, 2013, 2015, 2018); *American Political Science Review* (2010, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2020, 2021); *American Politics Research* (2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021); *Communication Research Reports* (2017); *Congress and the Presidency* (2012, 2014); *Data and Policy* (2025), *Environment and Behavior* (2018); *Information, Communication and Society* (2016); *International Review of Victimology* (2020); *Journal of Information Technology and Politics* (2018, 2019, 2020, 2022); *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization* (2012); *Journal of Political Science Education* (2021), *Journal of Politics* (2006, 2008, 2011, 2013); *Journal of Theoretical Politics* (2011); *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy* (2013); *Justice System Journal* (2017); *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022); *Nature Climate Change* (2024); *Nordic Psychology* (2020); *Political Analysis* (2019, 2023); *Political Behavior* (2014, 2016); *Political Research Quarterly* (2011, 2012, 2017, 2023); *Polity* (2009); *PS: Political Science and Politics* (2021, 2025), *Public Opinion Quarterly* (2019); *Science of the Total Environment* (2022); *Social Science Computer Review* (2021, 2023), *Social Science Journal* (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023); *The American Review of Politics* (2008); *The Councilor: A Journal of the Social Studies* (2015, 2016); CQ Press (2017); Oxford University Press (2014); Palgrave MacMillan (2018); Pearson Education (2011, 2017); Prentice Hall (2006); Rowman and Littlefield Publishers (2013, 2021); Thompson Higher Education (2007); W.W. Norton (2017); Austrian Science Fund (FWF) (2019, 2020); National Institutes of Health (2022); National Science Foundation (2019, 2020, 2021).

Member, Editorial Board, *The Social Science Journal*, 2021-2023.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meetings 2005, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2019; Northeastern Political Science Association Meetings, 2004, 2020; Southern Political Science Association Meetings, 2020.

Member, Civic Communications and Publications Committee, Civic Engagement Section, American Political Science Association, 2021-2023.

Member, Marian Irish Award for the Best Paper Presented on Women and Politics Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2019.

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Meetings 2015, 2016, 2017; Southern Political Science Association Meetings, 2020, 2023.

Interviews and Media Appearances

C-SPAN3 Lecture on, "Historical House Speakers and the Modern U.S. House of Representatives."
Lecture aired on April 3, 2021.

Alton Telegraph (2015, 2020, 2023), *Belleville News-Democrat* (2010, 2011, 2016, 2018, 2021), *Centralia Morning Sentinel* (2020), *Collinsville Herald* (2010), *Conversation with Lee Presser* (2014), *Edwardsville Intelligencer* (2021), *Illinois Business Journal* (2016), *Madison County Journal* (2007), *National Journal* (2016), *Oxy Magazine* (2015), *Segue* (2013, 2014, 2015), *St. Louis Beacon* (2008), *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (2011, 2018), *The Alestle* (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021), *The Washington Post* (2017), *West Newsmagazine* (2022), Chuckle and Chat Show (2021), KMOV Television (2011, 2014, 2017, 2020), KMOX Radio (2006, 2014, 2015, 2020), KMWU Radio (2015, 2019, 2020, 2021), KSDK Television (2009, 2011, 2012, 2023), KTRS Radio (2008, 2012, 2015, 2016), KTVI Television (2008, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2021, 2022), WESL Radio (2006) and WSIE Radio (2006).

Courses Taught

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Honors 320A, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Partisan Polarization in American Politics
Interdisciplinary Studies 301, Math and Politics (with Adam Weyhaupt)
Political Science 112, Introduction to American Government and Politics
Political Science 112FR, Freshman Seminar on Political Scandals in American Politics
Political Science 300, Introduction to Political Analysis
Political Science 341, Congress and Legislation
Political Science 449, Research and Political Science
Political Science 449, Political Scandals in American Government and Politics
Political Science 449, The Politics of Gun Control

Students Supervised

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Masters Thesis Committees

Albert Wang, Environmental Science, Summer 2021
Scott Both, Historical Studies, Spring 2021
Kevin Letterly, Environmental Science, Summer 2018
Kelsey Tharp, Environmental Science, Summer 2015
Phillip Strack, Environmental Science, Summer 2011
Maria Borejsza-Wysocka, Environmental Science, Summer 2008

Senior Assignments

Annie Fulgenzi, Spring 2023
Kyle Kendall, Spring 2023
Emily Pfeffer, Spring 2023
Sophia Pritchett, Spring 2023
Victoria Smith, Spring 2023
Jacob Hinds, Fall 2022

Jacqueline Samuel, Fall 2022
Delaney Nelson, Spring 2022
Darrell Kimbro, Fall 2021
Sydney McNece, Fall 2021
Alex Gochmour, Spring 2021
Alec Moehn, Spring 2021
Megan Byland, Fall 2020
Mackenzi Crowe, Spring 2020
Matthew Pidgeon, Spring 2020
Hayley Smith, Spring 2020
Lindsey Thien, Spring 2020
Taylor Bozarth, Fall 2019
Meghan Higgins, Fall 2019
Brianna Liley, Fall 2019
Noah Poole, Fall 2019
Ryan Roth, Fall 2019
Caleb Buschon, Spring 2019
Jake Durand, Spring 2019
Juston Riddle, Spring 2019
Kevin Romo, Spring 2019
Sadie Spears, Spring 2019
Sara Holtmann, Fall 2018
Margaret Scarsdale, Spring 2018
Vincent Toon, Spring 2018
Westenior Valmeira, Spring 2018
John Webb, Spring 2018
Katelyn Williams, Spring 2018
Brittany Cash, Fall 2017
Virginia Fine, Fall 2017
Mike Hoban, Fall 2017
Clint Lord, Fall 2017
Derek Sommer, Fall 2017
Elizabeth Chapman, Fall 2016
Keenan Adams, Spring 2016
Rebekah Bogacz, Spring 2016
Dalton Irwin, Spring 2016
Matts Wilcoxon, Spring 2016

Undergraduate Research Assistants

Emma Siebert, Fall 2022
Emily Pfeffer, Summer 2022
Destanee Liston, Spring 2022
Sydney McNece, Fall 2021 and Spring 2022
Annie Fulgenzi, Fall 2021
Cristy Grames, Fall 2017
Triniece Cummins, Fall 2014
Jorgia Pitzer, Fall 2012
Daniel Mead, Fall 2010-Spring 2011
Megan Jennings, Fall 2010
Sarah Wion, Fall 2009 & Spring 2010

Eric Lupardis, Fall 2009
Chelsea Harris (co-supervisor), Fall 2009
Brandon Rahn (co-supervisor), Fall 2009
Nicholas Johnson (co-supervisor), Spring 2009
Ryan Parker, Spring 2009
Izak Post, Spring 2009
Alyx Mark (co-supervisor), Summer 2008
Meredith Burkart, Fall 2007-Spring 2008
Mark Rosenkoetter, Spring 2007-Spring 2008
Emily Alvarez, Spring 2007

Memberships

American Association for Public Opinion Research
Text as Data Association

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