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- Appointment** **University of Missouri-Kansas City**, Assistant Professor of Political Science
(Research Methods, Urban Politics, American Government, Political Behavior)
August 1999-present.
- Education** **American University**
Ph.D., Political Science, May 1998
Fields: American Government, Policy Analysis, and Public Economics
Dissertation: "Viewers Like You: Community Norms and Contributions to Public Broadcasting"
- Kansas State University**
B.A. in Journalism and Political Science
Graduated in May 1991, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa
- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research**, Statistics Classes,
June/July 2000. Classes: "Maximum Likelihood Estimation" and "Scaling and Dimensional
Analysis"
- Past Employment** Project Coordinator, University of Maryland Survey Research Center
May 1997-July 1999
- Worked with all aspects of survey research, specializing in questionnaire design
 - Worked directly with clients to design survey instruments
 - Ensured that surveys were completed on schedule and within budget
 - Coordinated projects for clients such as the Harvard School of Public Health, the Maryland Department of Public Health, and the Prince George's County, MD Public Schools
- Classes Taught** PS 302: Political Research and Analysis
PS 305: Survey Research and Analysis (Service Learning class)
PS 309: Public Opinion and Voting Behavior
PS 315: Public Policy
PS 438: Urban Politics
PS 505: Scope and Methods of Political Science (graduate level methodology)
PS 524: Urban Politics (graduate level)
- Publications** **Articles**
Kropf, Martha and Johnny Blair. "Testing Theories of Survey Cooperation: Incentives, Self-Interest and Norms of Cooperation." Forthcoming. *Evaluation Review*.
- Knack, Stephen and Martha Kropf. 2003. "Roll Off at the Top of the Ballot: Intentional Undervoting in American Presidential Elections." *Politics & Policy* 31(4): 575-594.
- Kropf, Martha and Stephen Knack. 2003. "Viewers Like You: Community Norms and Contributions to Public Broadcasting." *Political Research Quarterly* 56(2): 187-195.
- Knack, Stephen and Martha Kropf. 2003. "Invalidated Ballots in the 1996 Presidential Election: A County-Level Analysis." *Journal of Politics*. 65(3): 881-897.

Publications

Articles, continued

Kropf, Martha, E. Terrence Jones, Matt McLaughlin and Dale Neuman. 2003. "The 2002 Missouri Senate Race." *PS Online*, <http://www.apsanet.org/PS/july03/kropf.pdf>. Abstract reprinted in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, July 2003: 407.

Knack, Stephen and Martha Kropf. 2002. "Who Uses Inferior Voting Technology?" *PS: Political Science and Politics*. September: 541-548.

Kropf, Martha E. and John A. Boiney. 2001. "The Electoral Glass Ceiling: Gender, Viability and the News in U.S. Senate Campaigns." *Women & Politics*, Vol. 23(1/2): 81-105; reprinted in *Women and Congress: Running, Winning and Ruling*, edited by Karen O'Connor, 2001, New York: The Haworth Press, pp. 79-103.

Jones, Terrence E., Martha Kropf, Dale Neuman, Maureen Gilbride and Chris Elkin "The Presidential Primaries in Missouri." *PS Online*, <http://www.apsanet.org/PS/june01/jones.cfm> June 2001. Abstract reprinted in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, June 2001, p.271.

Kropf, Martha E., Anthony Simones, E. Terrence Jones, Dale Neuman, Allison Hayes and Maureen Gilbride Mears). "The 2000 Missouri Senate Race." *PS Online*, <http://www.apsanet.org/PS/june01/kropf.cfm> June 2001. Abstract reprinted in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, September 2001, p. 600.

Knack, Stephen and Martha Kropf. 1998. "For Shame! The Effect of the Community Cooperation Context on the Probability of Voting." *Political Psychology* 1998(19): 585-599.

Dolan, Julie, Marni Ezra, Martha Kropf and Karen O'Connor. 1997. "The Future of Our Discipline: The Status of Doctoral Students in Political Science." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 1997(XXX): 751-756.

Blendon, Robert J., John T. Young, Marie C. McCormick Martha Kropf and Johnny Blair "Americans' Views on Children's Health." *Journal of the American Medical Association*, December 23/December 30, 1998, pp. 2122-2127.

Book Chapters

Knack, Stephen and Martha Kropf. "The Use of Inferior Voting Technology: The Election Reform Myth" in *The Florida President Recount Controversy and Election Reform in the U.S.*, edited by Henry Brady and Bernard Grofman. (Forthcoming, N.D., Cambridge University Press.)

Kropf, Martha. "Dogs and Dead People: Incremental Election Reform in Missouri." In *Election Reform: Politics and Policy*, edited by Daniel J. Palazzolo and James W. Ceaser, (Forthcoming, 2004, Lexington Books).

Kropf, Martha. "Question Wording and Context Matters" forthcoming, *The Encyclopedia of Public Opinion Research* (forthcoming, Fall 2004, ABC-CLIO).

Kropf, Martha. "Methods of Collecting Survey Data," forthcoming, *The Encyclopedia of Public Opinion Research* (forthcoming, Fall 2004, ABC-CLIO).

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Book Chapters, continued...

Kropf, Martha and Stephen Knack. 2004. "Balancing Competing Interests: Voting Equipment in the 1996 Presidential Election." in *Counting Votes: Lessons from the 2000 Presidential Election in Florida*, edited by Robert P. Watson, (University of Florida Press).

Kropf, Martha, E. Terrence Jones, Matt McLaughlin and Dale Neuman. 2004. "Battle for the Bases: The 2002 Missouri Senate Race." In *The Last Hurrah: Soft Money and Issue Advocacy in the 2002 Congressional Election*, edited by David Magleby and Quin Monson, Brookings Institution Press.

Kropf, Martha E. 2003. "Talent Defeats Carnahan in the Show-Me State." In *The Roads to Congress 2002*, edited by Sunil Ahuja and Robert Dewhirst, BookMasters, Inc.

Robinson, John P. and Martha Kropf. 1999. "Specialized Political Attitude Scales." Appendix to Chapter 1 of *Measures of Political Attitudes*, edited by John P. Robinson, Phillip R. Shaver, and Lawrence S. Wrightsman, The Academic Press.

Publications In Progress

Articles Under Review

Kropf, Martha, Janine Parry, Jay Barth and E. Terrence Jones. "Pursuing the Early Voter: Which Bird Gets the Worm?" Revise and resubmit.

Kimball, David and Martha Kropf. "Ballot Design and Unrecorded Votes in the 2002 Midterm Election." Under review.

Kropf, Martha and Stephen Knack. "Technological Trade-offs: The Effects of Second Chance Technology on the Probability of Voting." Under review.

Parry, Janine, Jay Barth, Martha Kropf and E. Terrence Jones. "Mobilizing Voters: A Dynamic Model of Campaign Effects." Under review.

Book in Progress:

Viewers Like You: Community Norms and Contributions to Public Broadcasting.

Book Reviews

Kropf, Martha. 2003. Book review of *Mediated Politics: Communication in the Future of Democracy*, Edited by W. Lance Bennett and Robert M. Entman. *Journal of Politics*, 65(3): 940-942.

Kropf, Martha. 1999. Book Review of *Reflections on Statistics: Learning, Teaching and Assessment in Grades K-12*, Edited by Susanne P. Lajoie. *Journal of Official Statistics*. 15(3): 466-468.

Monographs/ Grant Reports

Jones, E. Terrence, Martha Kropf, Matt McLaughlin and Dale Neuman. 2003. "The Missouri Senate Race." In *The Last Hurrah: Soft Money and Issue Advocacy in the 2002 Congressional Elections*, edited by David B. Magleby and J. Quin Monson. Report of a Grant Funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy: Brigham Young University.

Kimball, David and Martha Kropf. 2002. "Federal Election Reform Bill Will Require Action by Missouri." Missouri Legislative Academy Issue Brief, #02-02.

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Monographs, continued...

Kropf, Martha, Jennifer Wilding and Valley Renshaw. 2002. "Kansas City Consensus Issue Identification Survey." Grant Report to Center for the City, University of Missouri Kansas City and Kansas City Consensus.

Kropf, Martha and Johnny Blair. "There's No Place Like Home: Using Time Diary Data to Predict Respondent Availability." *2000 Proceedings of the American Statistical Association: Section on Survey Research Methods*, Alexandria, VA.

Kropf, Martha, Anthony Simones, E. Terrence Jones, Dale Neuman, Allison Hayes, and Maureen Gilbride Mears. 2001. "The 2000 Missouri Senate Race," in *Soft Money and Issue Advocacy in the 2000 Congressional Elections*, edited by David B. Magleby. Report of a Grant Funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy: Brigham Young University.

Jones, E. Terrence, Martha Kropf and Dale Neuman. 2001. "The Presidential Primaries in Missouri," in *Getting Inside the Outside Campaign: Issue Advocacy in the 2000 Presidential Primaries*, edited by David B. Magleby. Report of a Grant Funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy: Brigham Young University.

Kropf, Martha, Johnny Blair and Julie Scheib. "The Effect of Alternative Incentives on Cooperation and Refusal Conversion in a Telephone Survey." *Proceedings of the 1999 American Association for Public Opinion Research Meeting*.

Kaplan, Lori and Martha Kropf. *National Public Radio, 1999 Field Guide to Giving*, NPR Office of Strategic Planning and Audience Research.

Biographies for *The Encyclopedia of Women in American Politics*, (Oryx Press, 1999).

**Grants/
Contracts**

"Issue Advocacy and Soft Money in the 2004 Presidential Election in Missouri." Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy, Brigham Young University. Award: \$8,450. (May 2004-February 2005). This award funds research concerning campaign activity in the presidential race in Missouri.

"Public Opinion Toward the Library in the Community." Kansas City, Missouri Public Library. Contract: \$6,372. (January 2004-June 2004). This grant/contract funds the survey conducted by my class, "Survey Research and Analysis," which is a service learning class at UMKC.

"Explaining Unrecorded Votes in Elections." University of Missouri System Research Board Grant, Requested \$48,468, Awarded \$38,468 (with David Kimball).

"Issue Advocacy and Soft Money in the 2002 Missouri Senate Election." Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy, Brigham Young University. Award: \$4400. (August 2002-February 2003). This award funds research concerning campaign activity in the Carnahan/Talent Senate race (with Dale A. Neuman).

"Voting and the Media: A New Look at Public Journalism." University of Missouri-Kansas City Faculty Research Grant, Award: \$6,000. (December 2001-January 2003).

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Grants/Contracts, continued...

"Kansas City Consensus Issue Identification Survey." University of Missouri-Kansas City, Center for the City, Faculty Knowledge Fund, Award: \$5,815. (January 2002-May 2002). This award provided the funding for a survey conducted by my class "Survey Research and Analysis" for the Kansas City Consensus, a policy research and advocacy group.

"Invalidated Ballots in the 1996 Presidential Election: A County-Level Analysis." University of Missouri-Kansas City Research Incentive Fund, Award: \$350. (April 2001). This award allowed me to purchase data for the voting equipment project.

"Issue Advocacy and Soft Money in the 2000 Missouri Senate and Presidential Elections." Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy and the Pew Charitable Trust Fund, \$13,500, 1999-2000 (with Dale A. Neuman). This award funded research concerning issue advocacy and soft money spending in the 2000 Missouri Senate and presidential elections.

"Viewers Like You: Community Norms and Contributions to Public Broadcasting, Part II." Aspen Institution Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, Dissertation Grant, Award: \$5,915, January 1997-September 1997. (Grant #96-2-NSRF-06).

Pending Grant Applications

"Ballot Design and Unrecorded Votes." (With David Kimball).

- Application submitted to Smith Richardson Foundation Domestic Public Policy Research Fellowship Program, June 2004 (\$60,000).
- Letter of Inquiry submitted to Carnegie Corporation of New York, July 2004.
- Application submitted to National Science Foundation, August 2004.

Conferences

Presentations

"Going Negative in Competitive U.S. Senate Elections: Who Notices and So What?" Paper prepared for presentation at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 2004, Chicago, IL (with E. Terrence Jones, Jay Barth and Janine Parry).

"Giving People What They Want: Is Synchronicity Between Desired Political Communication and Campaign Activity Important in Shaping Voter Turnout?" Paper prepared for presentation at the 27th Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychologists, July 2004, Lund, Sweden (with Jay Barth, E. Terrence Jones and Janine Parry).

"Ballot Design and Unrecorded Votes in the 2002 Midterm Election." Paper prepared for presentation at the 2004 American Association for Public Opinion Research Meeting, May 13-16, 2004, Phoenix, AZ (with David Kimball).

"Public Opinion Toward the Library in the Community." Paper prepared for presentation at the 2004 American Association for Public Opinion Research Conference, May 13-16, 2004, Phoenix, AZ (with Linda Babcock, Brian Barton, Michael Joyce, Jennifer Lyon and Mendel Martin).

"Early and Absentee Voting and Unrecorded Votes in the 2002 Midterm Election." Paper prepared for presentation at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 15-18, 2004, Chicago, IL (with David Kimball).

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Conference Presentations, continued...

- “Floating Voters in Competitive U.S. Senate Elections: The 2002 Arkansas and Missouri Contests.” Paper presented at the 2004 Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 11-13, 2004, Portland, OR (with E. Terrence Jones, Janine Parry and Jay Barth).
- “Mobilizing Voters: A Dynamic Model of Campaign Effects.” Paper prepared for Presentation at the 2003 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, January 8-11, 2004, New Orleans, LA (with Janine Parry, Jay Barth and E. Terrence Jones).
- “Pursuing the Early Voter: Which Bird Gets the Worm?” Paper prepared for Presentation at the 2003 Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, November 7-9, 2003, Philadelphia, PA (with Janine Parry, Jay Barth and E. Terrence Jones).
- “Ballot Design and Unrecorded Votes in the 2002 Midterm Election.” Paper prepared for Presentation at the 99th Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, August 28-31, 2003, Philadelphia, PA (with David Kimball.)
- “Dogs and Dead People: Incremental Election Reform in Missouri.” Paper prepared for the Conference on Election Reform: Politics and Policy, May 29, 2003, Washington, DC.
- "The 2002 Missouri Senate Race." Paper presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 3-6, 2003, Chicago, IL (with E. Terrence Jones, Matt McLaughlin and Dale Neuman).
- "The Effect of Second Chance Technology on the Probability of Voting." Paper presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 3-6, 2003, Chicago, IL (with Stephen Knack).
- “Missouri's Legacy: Jean Carnahan and Her Run for Senate.” Paper presented at the 2002 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, November 6-9, 2002, Savannah, GA.
- “Challenges of Survey Research: An Active Learning Experience.” Poster presented at the 57th Annual American Association for Public Opinion Research Meeting, May 16-19, 2002, St. Pete's Beach, FL (with Kadie Bangura, Joel Blevins, Janette Henson, Brooke Hawkins and Tracy Rogers).
- “Communicating Civic Norms of Cooperation: The Case of PBS.” Paper presented at the 60th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 25-28, 2002, Chicago, IL.
- "Invalidated Ballots in the 1996 Presidential Election: A County-Level Analysis." Paper presented at the 2001 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, November 7-11, 2001 (with Stephen Knack). Also presented at the 2002 Public Choice Society Meeting, March 21-24, 2002, San Diego, CA.
- “The Missouri Senate Election.” Paper presented at the 2001 American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2001, San Francisco, CA (with Anthony Simones, E. Terrence Jones, Dale Neuman, Allison Hayes, and Maureen Gilbride Mears).
- "Voting and the Media: A New Look at Public Journalism." Paper presented at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association. April 18-22, 2001, Chicago, IL.

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Conference Presentations, continued...

- "Who Uses Inferior Voting Technology?" Paper presented at the 2001 Public Choice Society Meeting, March 9-11, 2001, San Antonio, TX (with Stephen Knack).
- "The Missouri Primary." Paper presented at the American Political Science Meeting, Washington, DC, August 31-September 2, 2000 (with E. Terrence Jones and Dale Neuman, with Sam Dreiling and Maureen Gilbride Mears).
- "Won't You Be My Neighbor? Community Norms and Contributions to Public Broadcasting." Paper presented at the 2000 American Political Science Meeting, Washington, DC, August 31-September 2, 2000.
- "Viewers Like You: Community Norms and Contributions to Public Broadcasting—A Survey of PBS Viewers." Paper presented at Public Broadcasting and the Public Interest Conference, University of Maine, Portland, Maine, June 15-18, 2000.
- "The Federal Radio Act of 1927: The Role of the Radio Industry in the Origins of Broadcast Regulation." Paper presented at the International Communication Association Meeting, Acapulco, Mexico, June 1-5, 2000.
- "There's No Place Like Home: Using Time Diary Data to Predict Respondent Availability." Paper presented at the Joint Session of the American Association for Public Opinion Research and the International Field Directors and Technologies Conference, Portland, Oregon. May 20, 2000 (with Johnny Blair and Jane Joseph).
- "The Effect of Incentives on Cooperation, Refusal Conversion and Home Recorder Contacts in Telephone Surveys." Paper presented at the Joint Session of the American Association for Public Opinion Research and the International Field Directors and Technologies Conference, St. Petersburg, FL. May 16, 1999 (with Julie Scheib and Johnny Blair).
- "Modeling Respondent Availability Using Time Diary Data." Paper presented at the 1998 Field Technology Conference, St. Louis, MO, April 18-20, 1998 (with Johnny Blair and Yun Chiao Kang).
- "Viewers Like You: Community Norms and Contributions to Public Broadcasting." Paper presented at the 1997 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Annual Conference. December 4-6, 1997, Indianapolis, IN; also presented at the 1997 Southern Political Science Meeting, November 5-8, 1997, Norfolk, VA.
- "Viewers Like You: Community Norms and Contributions to Public Broadcasting." Paper presented at the 1997 American Political Science Association Meeting, August 28-31, 1997, Washington, DC (with Stephen Knack).
- "An Apple for the Teacher: Teaching Students to be Professors." Paper presented at the 1997 American Political Science Association Meeting, August 28-31, 1997, Washington, DC (with Julie Dolan, Marni Ezra and Karen O'Connor).
- "Coming into the Profession: The Professionalization and Socialization of Graduate Students in Political Science." Paper presented at the 1996 Northeast Political Science Association Meeting, November 14-16, 1996, Boston, MA (with Julie Dolan, Marni Ezra and Karen O'Connor).

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Conference Presentations, continued...

"Overworked, Overwrought and Underpaid: Teaching Students to Teach." Paper presented at the 68th Annual Southern Political Science Meeting, November 6-9, 1996, Atlanta, GA (with Julie Dolan, Marni Ezra and Karen O'Connor).

"Why Do People Contribute to Public Broadcasting?" Paper presented at the 1996 Public Choice Society Meeting, April 12-14, 1996, Houston, TX (with Stephen Knack).

"The Electoral Glass Ceiling: The Effect of Media on Women Senate Candidates." Paper presented at the 54th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 18-20, 1996, Chicago, IL (Co-author: John A. Boiney).

Other

Conference Participation

Chair and Discussant, "U.S. Senate Campaigns and Elections." Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 16, 2004.

Chair and Discussant, "Mandates and State Violence." 60th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 28, 2002.

Roundtable on "Soft Money and Issue Advocacy in the 2000 Elections." 2001 Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 15-17, 2001.

Discussant, "Structural Influences on Voter Turnout," 58th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 27-30, 2000.

Discussant, "Social Capital and Political Participation: National, Subnational and Cross-National Perspectives," 57th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 15-17, 1999.

Expert Testimony

Offered Affidavit in *Working Families, et. al v. New York City Board of Elections* on behalf of the plaintiff (asked to participate by the Brennan Center for Justice, who was representing the plaintiff). (Summer 2003; case settled out of court. The NYC Board of Elections disabled the sensor latches on lever voting machines. The plaintiffs asked the Election Board to reconnect them.)

Offered Affidavit and Deposition in *Stewart v. Blackwell*, Ohio, on behalf of the plaintiffs, represented by the ACLU. (Fall 2003-present. In this lawsuit, the plaintiffs are asking the state and four counties to stop using punchcard ballots and optical scan voting equipment with central count ballots.)

Testified before the Blunt Commission on Electoral Reform, January 12, 2001, Hearings held at the University of Missouri-Kansas City

*Special Note: My colleague Stephen Knack testified before two United States Congressional Committees about our paper, "Who Uses Inferior Voting Technology?" (Committee on Rules and Administration, Hearing on Election Reform, and Committee on Governmental Affairs, Hearing on Federal Election Practices and Procedures).

Professional Memberships

American Association for Public Opinion Research
American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research

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Honors	University of Missouri-Kansas City Faculty Scholar Award, 2004 University of Missouri System New Faculty Teaching Scholar, 2001-2002 Meriwether Lewis Fellow, University of Missouri-Kansas City, May 2001 Selected for New Faculty Tour (University of Missouri System), 2000 American University Award for Outstanding Scholarship at the Graduate Level (1998) American University School of Public Affairs Award for Outstanding Scholarship at the Graduate Level (1998) American University Dissertation Fellowship (1996) American University Dean's Scholar (1993-1996) Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, Mortar Board National Honor Society, Order of Omega
Professional Service	Reviewer for <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>American Politics Review</i> , <i>Social Sciences Quarterly</i> , <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> and <i>State and Local Government Review</i> Reviewer for Lynne Rienner Publications Reviewer for University of Missouri System Research Board Grants
University Service	Students in the City Steering Committee (Service Learning guidance), October 2003-present (Helped Select Service Learning Faculty Fellows for 2004). Selection Committee, Center for the City Faculty Knowledge Fund Grants, 2002-2003 Search Committee, Research Director Joint Hire, College of Arts and Sciences and Center for the City, December 2002-May 2003. Search Committee, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, October 2001-March 2002. UMKC Faculty Council on Urban Affairs, May 2001-present. University of Missouri System New Faculty Teaching Scholar, 2001-2002. University Honors and Awards Advisory Board, 2002-present. (Soros Scholarship and Truman Scholarship Selection Committees)
Community Involvement	Regular interviews/appearances in/on local and national media outlets (KCUR-FM, <i>Kansas City Star</i> , <i>The Washington Post</i>). “Public Opinion Toward the Library in the Community.” Survey conducted for the Kansas City Public Library as a part of my Survey Research and Analysis Class, Spring 2004. Data Analysis for “By the People.” National deliberative democracy experiment held in various locations around the nation. Organized data entry and conducted data analysis for KCPT-TV, Kansas City’s PBS affiliate, January 2004. Mid-America Regional Council Public Managers’ Workshops. Helped organize and lead “Political Characteristics of Metropolitan Kansas City.” November 2003. “Issue Identification Survey.” Conducted for Kansas City Consensus as a part of my Survey Research and Analysis Class. Spring 2002.
Community Activities	Member, Central United Methodist Church. (on the Church and Society Committee). National Women's Political Caucus. Block Captain, 5700 of Harrison Street, Kansas City, MO
Family	Husband: John Szmer Daughter: Gwendolyn Margaret Szmer, born September 26, 2003