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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, Yale University
- M.A. Political Science, Yale University
- B.A. Oberlin College

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS at University of Houston

- Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, 2019-current
- Interim Department Chair, Hispanic Studies, 2022
- Department Chair, Political Science, 2011–2018

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- University of Houston, Full Professor, current
- Visiting Scholar/Guest Professor in Residence (various dates): Wroclaw University, Poland; LUISS Guido Carli, Rome; University of Paris, Nanterre; Science Center, Berlin; Brussels Institute for Advanced Studies
- Post-doctoral Fellow, Harvard University

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

- American Political Science Association Centennial Center Grant, 2022-23
For Mentored Teaching Program (\$20,820)
- American Political Science Association Centennial Center Grant, 2018-19
For Pre-Graduate School Workshops. (\$20,650). Co-PI.
- National Science Foundation: Open Research Area Funding, 2014-16
PI for the US part of grant for Party Database project (\$750,000 total funding).
- Distinguished Professor Award, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, 2022
- Moores Professorship (UH university-wide competition), 2016—present
- Fulbright German Studies Seminar Fellow, 2013

MONOGRAPHS & EDITED VOLUMES

- *Organizing Political Parties: Representation, Participation, and Power* (2017). Co-editors: P. D. Webb & T. Poguntke, Oxford University Press.

- *Beyond Party Members: Changing Approaches to Partisan Mobilization*. (2014). Oxford University Press.
- *Democracy Transformed?* (2003). Co-editors: B. Cain & R. Dalton, Oxford University Press.
- *Perspectives on Political Parties: Classic Readings* (2003). Palgrave Press.
- *Parties and their Members: Organizing for Victory in Britain and Germany* (1996). Oxford University Press.

EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES

- *Italy in comparative perspective: Outlier or Forerunner?* (2025). Italian Political Science Review. G. Capano & S. Scarrow, eds.
- *Party Democracy and Direct Democracy* (1999). Party Politics. S. Scarrow & P. Seyd, eds.
- *The Politics of Anti-Party Sentiment* (1996). European Journal of Political Research, T. Poguntke & S. Scarrow, eds.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES (Since 2015)

- *Party Decline Revisited: Underspecified, Over-emphasized, and Partially True* S. Scarrow (2026 accepted, forthcoming). West European Politics. S. Scarrow.
- *Party Research and Party Support Aid: Conflicting Visions of How Parties Function?* (2026 accepted, forthcoming). Party Politics. F. Casal Bertoa, S. Scarrow
- *Party Organizational Resources and Election Campaigns: Explaining Party Contacting* (2025 accepted, forthcoming). Party Politics. A. Ponce, S. Scarrow.
- *Social media partisans vs. party members: political affiliation in a digital age* (2026). West European Politics, 49: 435-456. K. Kosiara-Pedersen, E. van Haute, S. Scarrow.
- *Party leadership selection and party leaders' powers: Empowered grassroots or leader-centric parties?* (2026). Parliamentary Affairs, 79: 243-62. T. Poguntke, S. Scarrow, P. Webb.
- *Explaining the Narrowing Gender Gap in Partisan Participation* (2025). Political Studies, 73: 1461-1483. S. Scarrow, J. Suh, J. Wright.
- *Party Statutes and Party Institutionalization* (2023). Party Politics, 29: 217-228. S. Scarrow, J. Wright, A. Gauja.
- *Party Institutionalization and Partisan Political Participation* (2023). Government & Opposition, 58: 745-764. Ponce, A., Scarrow, S.
- *Intra-Party Decision-making in Contemporary Europe: Improving Representation or Ruling with Empty Shells?* (2023). Irish Political Studies, 37: 196-217. S. Scarrow, T. Poguntke, P. Webb.
- *Party Organization and Satisfaction with Democracy: Inside the Blackbox of Linkage* (2022). Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, 32 (1): 151-172. P. Webb, T. Poguntke, S. Scarrow.
- *U.S. Parties Abroad: Representing vs. Mobilizing Expatriates* (2021). PS: Political Science & Politics, 54: 116-117. S. Scarrow.
- *Intra-Party Democracy and Party Cohesion: Varied Rules, Varied Consequences* (2021). Representation, 57: 41-57. S. Scarrow.
- *Democracy, Deliberation and Social Distancing in the Pandemic: Adaptive Strategies in*

Legislatures and Political Parties (2021). Zeitschrift für Parteienwissenschaften, 11-21. T. Poguntke, S. Scarrow, P. Webb.

- *Quotas, Women Leaders and Grassroots Activists* (2020). European Journal of Political Research, 59: 304-413. A. Ponce, S. Scarrow, S. Achury.
- *The Consequences of Membership Incentives: Do Greater Political Benefits Attract Different Kinds of Members?* (2020). Party Politics, 26: 56-68. S. Achury, S. Scarrow, K. Kosiara-Pedersen, K., E. van Haute, E.
- *U.S. Parties Abroad: Partisan Mobilizing in A Federal Context* (2020). Parliamentary Affairs, 73: 887-990. V. Kalu, S. Scarrow.
- *Multi-Speed Parties and Representation: The Evolution of Party Affiliation in Germany* (2018). German Politics, 28 (2): 1-21. S. Scarrow.
- *Party Rules, Party Resources, and the Politics of Parliamentary Democracies: How Parties Organize in the 21st Century* (2016). Party Politics, 22: 661-678. T. Poguntke, S. Scarrow, P. Webb et al.
- *Which Members? Using Cross-National Surveys to Study Party Membership* (2016). Party Politics, 22: 679-90. A. Ponce, S. Scarrow.

DATASETS

- *The Political Party Database, Round 1a* published January 2017. Harvard Dataverse, doi:10.7910/DVN/0NM7KZ. *Round 1b* published November 2018; *Round 1a_1b consolidated* published August 2020 (covers 25 countries; 145 parties).
- *The Political Party Database, Round 2* published March 2022 (covers 288 political parties in 51 countries) <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/0JVUM8>

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES & SIMILAR PUBLICATIONS (Since 2015)

- *Italy: Anomaly, Outlier or Forerunner? Comparative Perspectives on Italy*. G. Capano, S. Scarrow. Introduction for special issue on Italy in Comparative Perspective, (2025 forthcoming). Italian Review of Political Science.
- *Analysing Political Parties and Democracy: Themes, Questions, Problems, and Parties and democracy: A difficult relationship* (2024). T. Poguntke, S. Scarrow, P. Webb. Chs. 2 & 4 in *Political Parties and the Crisis of Democracy*. T. Poguntke, W. Hofmeister, eds. Oxford University Press.
- *Party Members* (2023). Routledge Handbook of Party Politics. S. Scarrow, P. Webb.
- *Political Parties and Representation* (2020). T. Poguntke, S. Scarrow. In *Oxford Handbook of Representation*, R. Rohrschneider, J. Thomassen, eds. Oxford University Press.
- *Political Finance Regulation and Equality: Comparing Strategies and Impact* (2018) S. Scarrow. In *Handbook of Political Party Funding*, Jonathan Mendilow & Eric Phélippeau eds. Edward Elgar.
- *Investigating Party Organization* (2017). S. Scarrow, P.D. Webb. In *Organizing Political Parties*, S. Scarrow, P.D. Webb, T. Poguntke, eds. Oxford University Press.
- *Party Membership Costs, New Forms of Party Affiliation, and Partisan Participation* (2017). K.

Kosiara-Pedersen, S. Scarrow, E. van Haute. In *Organizing Political Parties*, S. Scarrow, P.D. Webb, T. Poguntke, eds. Oxford University Press.

- *The Study of Party Organization* (2017). T. Poguntke, S. Scarrow, P. D. Webb. In *Organizing Political Parties*, S. Scarrow, P.D. Webb, T. Poguntke, eds. Oxford University Press.
- *The Changing Nature of Political Party Membership* (2017). S. Scarrow. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia*.
- *Political Party Organizations* (2017). T. Poguntke, S. Scarrow & P. D. Webb. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia*.

POLICY REPORTS

- *How Much Should We Trust Political Parties?* (2023) In [More than Red and Blue: Political Parties and American Democracy](#), American Political Science Association Presidential Task Force Report.
- [Minimum Standards for the Democratic Functioning of Political Parties](#) (2008). National Democratic Institute (consulting co-author).
- [The State of Political Finance Regulations in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States](#). (2016). International IDEA Discussion Paper.
- [Intra-Party Democracy: Decisions to be Made](#). (2005). National Democratic Institute.

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS (outside association meetings, since 2021)

“Promoting Translational Research on Political Parties,” presentation for Workshop on Political Parties and Governance, Gothenburg University (Sweden)	2025
“US Party Membership in Comparative Perspective: Lessons from a Boundary Case,” Sogang University Conference on <i>Party Activism and Democracy</i> , (South Korea)	2025
“Political parties in the 21st century: Obsolete or Transformed?”, lecture for Wroclaw University Department of Political Science (Poland)	2025
“Electoral Systems and Representation in Comparative Perspective,” presentation for Conference on Race & Voting Systems, Harvard Law School	2023
“Challenges & Choices of Party Governance,” presentation for representatives of Brazilian Political parties organized by <i>Legisla</i> , Brazil	2023
“Political Parties and Political Participation,” Stanford University	2023
“Parties Facing the Future,” invited presentations at Leiden University (Netherlands) University of Amsterdam (Netherlands); Groningen University (Netherlands)	2023
“Challenges and Opportunities for Transparency in Party Data” Presentation for Meeting of OECD Expert Group on Open Government Data	2022
“Why (Still) Study Party Membership?” Griffith University, Australia.	2021

TEACHING

- Graduate courses: Comparative Political Analysis, Comparative Political Parties, European Politics, Dissertation Prospectus Writing Seminar, Representation.
 - Undergraduate courses: Introduction to Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Nations of Europe, Politics of the European Union, German Politics, Comparative Parties and Elections
 - Thesis advising: Served on 16 dissertation committees; chaired 6; external examiner for 4 non-US theses (U. British Columbia, Canada; Sussex University, UK; Aarhus University, Denmark; Innsbruck U, Austria)
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SELECTED COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- UH Faculty Senate (elected member 2019-23) Graduate & Professional Studies Committee (2019-2025; 2008–2011); Vice Chair 2021-22; Chair 2022-23.
 - Member, Provost’s Evaluation Committee for UH Dean of Bauer College of Business (2024) and for UH Dean of College of Education (2021).
 - UH Faculty Senate Executive Committee (2022-23).
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SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Political Organizations and Parties Section (APSA section): President Elect/President (2023-26).
- Member, Core Group of Experts on Political Parties, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)/Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (2025-
- Journal Editorial board memberships: 1. *Party Politics*. 2. *West European Politics*. 3. *German Politics & Society* (2008 -2021, term limited). 4. *German Politics*. 5. *Studia Politologiczne* (University of Warsaw) 6. *European Political Science*. 7. *Australian Journal of Political Science*.
- Commissioning Co-editor, Series in Comparative Politics, Oxford University Press (UK)/ECPR. (2016-2021).
- Review Panel National Science Foundation graduate fellowships, multiple years
- Review Panel, European Research Commission (for €1.5million “Starter” grants). 2017, 2019 (deputy panel chair), 2021 (panel chair). Preliminary round + finalist interviews
- Prize Committee: Intergenerational Justice Prize (German Foundation) (2018).
- External Reviewer for Political Science Departments: Arizona State University (2012), Kent State University (2015), Temple University (2019), University of South Alabama (2021); Xavier University, New Orleans (2022); University of Nevada, Reno (2022); Georgia State University (2024), University of Central Florida (2026)