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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Affiliation

Louisiana State University, Associate Professor, August 2012-Present
Deputy Director of the Public Policy Research Lab, August 2012-Present
Louisiana State University, Assistant Professor, August 2005-Present
Michigan State University, Assistant Professor, August 2001-August 2005

University Education

Ph.D., Dec. 2001	Political Science, Florida State University Dissertation: <i>Pursuing Multiple Goals: Welfare Policy in the American States under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</i>
M.S., 1998	Political Science, Florida State University
B.A., 1993	Political Science and English, University of Mississippi

Research Interests

Welfare Policy	Policy Implementation and Evaluation
State Politics	Innovation and Diffusion of Policy
Interparty Competition	Race, Political Power, and Policy

Articles

Livermore, Michelle, Rebecca Powers, and Belinda Creel Davis. "The Complex Lives of Disconnected Welfare Leavers: Examining Employment Barriers, Social Support and Informal Employment." Forthcoming at the *Journal of Poverty*.

Davis, Belinda Creel, Michelle Livermore, and Younghee Lim. 2011. "The Extended Reach of Minority Political Power: The Interaction of Descriptive Representation, Managerial Networking, and Race." *Journal of Politics* 73 (2): 494-507.

Davis, Belinda Creel, Michelle Livermore, and Younghee Lim. 2011. "A Fresh Look at an Old Debate: Assigned Work activities, Employment and Post-Program Earnings in TANF Work Programs." *Journal of Policy Practice* 10 (2): 108-120.

Lim, Younghee, Michelle Livermore, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2011. "Tax Filing and Other Financial Behaviors among EITC Recipients: Do Banked and Unbanked Households Differ?" *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning* 22 (2).

Livermore, Michelle, Rebecca Powers, Belinda Creel Davis, and Younghee Lim. 2011. "Failing to Make Ends Meet: Dubious Financial Success Among Employed Former

Welfare to Work Program Participants.” *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* 32: 73-83.

Lim, Younghee, Michelle Livermore, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2010 “Material Hardship among Banked and Unbanked EITC Eligible Families.” *Journal of Poverty* 14 (3): 266-284.

Lim, Younghee, Michelle Livermore, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2009. “Knowledge of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Financial Behaviors among Low- and Moderate Income Consumers.” *Journal of Consumer Education* 26: 58-69.

Davis, Belinda Creel and Valentina Bali. 2008. “Examining the Role of Race, NIMBY, and Local Politics in FEMA Trailer Park Placement.” *Social Science Quarterly* 89 (5): 1175-1194.

Bali, Valentina and Belinda Creel Davis. 2007. “One More Piece to Make Us Puzzle: The Initiative Process and Legislators’ Reelection Chances.” *Political Research Quarterly* 60 (2): 215-225.

Crew, Robert and Belinda Creel Davis. 2006. “Substance Abuse as a Barrier to Employment of Welfare Recipients.” *Journal of Policy Practice* 5 (4): 69-82.

Barrilleaux, Charles, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2003. “Explaining State-Level Variations in Levels and Change in the Distribution of Income in the United States, 1978-1990.” *American Politics Research* 31 (3): 280-300.

Crew, Robert, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2003. “Testing for Substance Abuse among Applicants for TANF Benefits: The Outcome of a Demonstration Project in Florida.” *Journal of Health and Social Policy* 17 (1): 39-53.

Mondak, Jeffrey, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2001. “Asked and Answered: Knowledge Levels When We Won’t Take “Don’t Know” for an Answer.” *Political Behavior* 23 (3): 199-224.

Yate, Jeff, Belinda Creel Davis, and Henry Glick. 2001. “State Litigiousness: An Empirical Examination of State Tort Litigation.” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 1 (summer): 127-143.

Book Chapters

Crew, Robert, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2000. “Florida Welfare Reform: Cash Assistance as the Least Desirable Resource for Poor Families.” In *Managing Welfare Reform in Five States: The Challenge of Devolution*, ed. Sara Liebschultz. Albany, NY: Rockefeller Institute Press.

Technical Reports/Evaluations

Davis, Belinda Creel, Kirby Goidel, and Michael Climek. 2012. *2012 Louisiana Volunteer Report* submitted to Volunteer Louisiana, the Louisiana Service Commission.

Livermore, Michelle, Belinda Creel Davis, and Younghee Lim. 2009. *February 2009 Report: Strategies to Empower People Evaluation* submitted to the Louisiana Department of Social Services.

Livermore, Michelle, Belinda Creel Davis, Vicky Tiller, R. Harrison, and Younghee Lim. 2008. *June 2008 Report: Strategies to Empower People Evaluation* submitted to the Louisiana Department of Social Services.

Livermore, Michelle, Vicky Tiller, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2007. *The Strategies to Empower People (STEP) Interim Evaluation Report* submitted to the Louisiana Department of Social Services.

Davis, Belinda Creel. 2004. *Faith Based Organizations and the Delivery of Social Services in Michigan*. Submitted to the Rockefeller Institute of Government Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy.

Crew, Robert, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2001. *Comprehensive Evaluation of the TANF Drug-Testing and Drug-Screening Program*. A report prepared for the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Working Projects

Livermore, Michelle, Rebecca Powers, Younghee Lim, and Belinda Creel Davis. "Predicting Material Hardship: An Income and Resource Packaging Model." This paper is currently under review.

Bali, Valentina, and Belinda Creel Davis. "Down and Out: Economic Downturns and the Provision of Prison Services."

Davis, Belinda Creel. "Explaining States' Discretionary Effort in Work Participation under TANF."

Berry, William, Belinda Creel Davis, Lanny Martin, and Charles Barrilleaux. "Measuring State Electoral Competition and Its Effect on Public Policy."

Davis, Belinda Creel, Michelle Livermore, and Younghee Lim. "Allocating Carrots: The Role of Race, Political Power, Organizational Environment, and Client Suitability in the Implementation of Welfare Reform."

Ping Xu, James Garand, and Belinda Creel Davis. "Immigration, Welfare Policy and Public Opinion."

Ping Xu, Belinda Creel Davis, and James Garand. "Immigration, Welfare Policy, and Welfare Generosity in the American States."

Davis, Belinda Creel. "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not: Interorganizational Relationships and the Impact on Policy Outcomes."

Davis, Belinda Creel. "You Can't Teach an Old Dog New Tricks: Why States Believe Social Service Agencies Can't Move Welfare Recipients into Jobs."

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
State Politics and Policy Association
Southern Political Science Association

Conference Presentations

Davis, Belinda Creel. 2012. "You Can't Teach an Old Dog New Tricks: The Emergence of Employment Bureaucracies in TANF Implementation." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference. Houston, Texas.

Davis, Belinda Creel. 2011. "Investigating the Role of Descriptive and Bureaucratic Representation in the Provision of Services to Prisoners." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference. Hanover, New Hampshire.

Davis, Belinda Creel. 2010. "I Love Work: Explaining Discretionary Work Participation under TANF." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois.

Davis, Belinda Creel, Michelle Livermore, and Younghee Lim. 2008. "Allocating Carrots: The Role of Race, Political Power, Organizational Environment, and Client Suitability in the Implementation of Welfare Reform." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois.

Davis, Belinda Creel, Susan Gaines, and Stacie Pierce. 2008. "Does the Shoe Fit? Punctuated Equilibria and Welfare Policy." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois.

Davis, Belinda Creel. 2008. "Roundtable on Electoral Competition." Conducted at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Berry, William, Belinda Creel Davis, Charles Barrilleaux, and Lanny Martin. 2007. "Measuring State Electoral Competition and its Effect on Public Policy." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference. Austin, Texas.

Bali, Valentina, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2007. "The Initiative Process and State Legislators' Electoral Chances through Time." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association's Annual Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Davis, Belinda Creel and Valentina Bali. 2006. "Examining the Role of Race, NIMBY, and Local Politics in FEMA Trailer Park Placement." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference. Lubbock, Texas.

Davis, Belinda Creel. 2004. "Testing the Assumption of Knowledge behind the Welfare Migration Hypothesis." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois.

Bali, Valentina, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2003. "One More Piece to Make Us Puzzle: The Initiative Process and Legislators' Reelection Chances." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference. East Lansing, Michigan.

Berry, William, Belinda Creel Davis, and Charles Barrilleaux. 2003. "A Micro Level Approach to Measuring Electoral Competition." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association." Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Barrilleaux, Charles, and Belinda Creel Davis. 2001. "Explaining State-Level Variations in Levels and Change in the Distribution of Income in the United States, 1978-1990." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference. College Station, Texas.

Sowers, Thomas E., and Belinda Creel Davis. 1999. "The Myth of a Vigilant Public." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International). Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sowers, Thomas E., Belinda Creel Davis, and Juan C. Copa. 1999. "Utilizing Statistical Methods to Test for the Presence of the Independence of Irrelevant Alternatives Property." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois.

Invited Lectures

"The Role of the Bureaucratic Discretion and Diversity in Securing Equitable Implementation in Welfare Reform." Texas A&M University.

Grants

Co-PI with Michelle Livermore and Younghee Lim for the *Evaluation of Selected Department of Social Services TANF Programs*, contract with the Louisiana Department of Social Services for \$400,000 (July 2009 - June 2010).

Co-PI with Michelle Livermore and Younghee Lim for the *Evaluation of Selected Department of Social Services TANF Programs*, contract with the Louisiana Department of Social Services for \$525,580 (September 2008 – June 2009).

Senior researcher for the *Evaluation of Selected Department of Social Services TANF Programs*, contract with the Louisiana Department of Social Services for \$1,500,000 (July 2006 – August 2008).

Co-PI with Pam Monroe, Kirby Goidel, Cecile Guin, Younghee Lim, Michelle Livermore, Robert Newman, and Carol O'Neil for the "Multidisciplinary Hiring Initiative for the Louisiana Poverty Center" in 2008. Annual and reoccurring funds of \$1,200,000 were awarded by the LSU Flagship Agenda Multidisciplinary Hiring Initiative. Defunded due to budget crisis.

PI for a Survey to Gauge the Extent of Welfare Specific Knowledge among Michigan's Citizenry in 2002. Funding Agency: Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University \$23,500.

Professional Activities

Editorial Board

State Politics and Policy Quarterly

Referee

American Political Science Review

American Journal of Political Science

Political Research Quarterly

Journal of Politics

State Politics and Policy Quarterly

Social Science Quarterly

Publius

Teaching

Graduate

Seminar in Public Policy

Proseminar in Public Administration

Proseminar in Policy Evaluation

State Government and Politics

Undergraduate

Introduction to American Government

Special Topics: Politics of Poverty

Special Topics: Welfare Policy

Policy Analysis

Introduction to Public Policy