

Rosalyn Cooperman

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Dr. Cooperman's expertise focuses on women in politics.

Biography

Want to ensure a victory in an upcoming political campaign? Court the women's vote.

So advises Rosalyn Cooperman, associate professor of political science at the University of Mary Washington. "Women are reliable voters," she wrote in an op-ed for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. A larger number and higher percentage of women vote in presidential and off-year elections than men, she wrote. In fact, the last three Virginia governors were elected with a majority of support from women.

An expert in American government, congressional campaigns and elections, and women in politics, Dr. Cooperman has presented her research at numerous conferences. Her work has appeared in academic journals, including Congress Reconsidered, Women & Politics, Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion and the Virginia Social Science Journal. She presented her recent work, "Office Seekers or Policy Demanders? The Parties from the Perspective of National Convention Delegates," at the Georgetown Conference on Political Activists in a Polarized Age at Georgetown University in spring 2015. Her research examines political behavior of delegates to the Democratic and Republican Party nominating conventions in 2012.

A recipient of the American Political Science Association's Jack L. Walker Outstanding Article Award, she was honored for an article she co-wrote that examines the recent growth of party polarization in American politics. The article, "Activists and Conflict Extension in American Party Politics," identifies party activists as a main source of polarization between the Democratic and Republican parties, as party activists with extreme views on a variety of issue dimensions encourage candidates to take non-centrist positions.

Dr. Cooperman also has firsthand experience working in the political arena. Before coming to UMW, she served as a campaign manager for Hoosiers for Jill Long, as a Lyndon B. Johnson Intern in the office of Congresswoman Jill Long and as a committee aide for the Montana State Legislature.

Industry Expertise

Research, Political Organization, Education/Learning, Training and Development

Areas of Expertise

Women and Politics, American Politics, Congress

Education

Vanderbilt University
Ph.D. Political Science

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