

Curriculum Vitae

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Positions held

William Taussig Professor in Arts and Sciences, Washington University, 2020 –
Chair, 2020 –
Associate Chair, Spring 2020
Professor of Political Science, Washington University, 2014 – 2019
Associate Chair, Spring 2018
Director of Graduate Studies, 2011 – 2017
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Washington University, 2010 – 2014
Fellow, Center in Political Economy, 2008 – 2011
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Washington University, 2008 – 2010
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, 2005 – 2008
Post-doctoral Prize Research Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, 2004 – 2007

Degrees

PhD (Political Science), University of Pittsburgh, 2004
MA, University of Oxford, 2004, by resolution
MA (Public Administration, Social Policy), University of Tartu, 2000
BA (Public Administration), University of Tartu, 1998

Publications

Books

1. Schwandt-Bayer, Leslie and Margit Tavits. 2016. *Clarity of Responsibility, Accountability, and Corruption*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
2. Tavits, Margit. 2013. *Post-Communist Democracies and Party Organization*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
3. Tavits, Margit. 2009. *Presidents with Prime Ministers*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Articles

1. Jung, Jae-Hee and Margit Tavits. N.d. “Do Referendum Results Change Norm Perceptions and Personal Opinions?” *Electoral Studies*, forthcoming.
2. William O’Brochta, Margit Tavits, and Deniz Aksoy. N.d. “Western Political Rhetoric and Radicalization.” *British Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.

3. Somer-Topcu, Zeynep, Margit Tavits, and Markus Baumann. 2020. "Do Election Campaigns Affect Voter Perceptions of Party Positions?" *Electoral Studies* 65(June): 102153.
4. Homola, Jonathan, Miguel Pereira, and Margit Tavits. 2020. "Legacies of the Third Reich: Concentration Camps and Outgroup Intolerance." *American Political Science Review* 114(2): 573-90.
5. Butler, Daniel M. and Margit Tavits. 2020. "Shared Interests Increase Interethnic Cooperation: Evidence from Bosnia." *Political Science Research and Methods*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2019.60>
6. Hadzic, Dino and Margit Tavits. 2020. "Wartime Violence and Post-War Women's Representation." *British Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.
7. Jung, Jae-Hee and Margit Tavits. 2020. "Valence Attacks Harm the Electoral Performance of the Left but not the Right." *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.
8. Tavits, Margit and Efrén O. Pérez. 2019. "Language Influences Mass Opinion Toward Gender and LGBT Equality." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 116(34): 16781-16786.
9. Ward, Dalston and Margit Tavits. 2019 "How Partisan Affect Shapes Citizens' Perception of the Political World." *Electoral Studies*, 60(August): <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2019.04.009>.
10. Hadzic, Dino and Margit Tavits. 2019. "The Gendered Effects of Violence on Political Engagement." *Journal of Politics*, 81(2): 676-680.
11. Pérez, Efrén O. and Margit Tavits. 2019. "Language Heightens the Political Salience of Ethnic Divisions." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 6(2): 131-140.
12. Pérez, Efrén O. and Margit Tavits. 2019. "Language Influences Public Attitudes Toward Gender Equality." *Journal of Politics* 81(1): 81-93.
13. Schleiter, Petra and Margit Tavits. 2018. "Voter Reactions to Incumbent Opportunism." *Journal of Politics* (4): 1183-1196.
14. Homola, Jonathan and Margit Tavits. 2017. "Contact Reduces Immigration-Related Fears for Leftist but Not for Rightist Voters." *Comparative Political Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414017740590>.
15. Hadzic, Dino, David Carlson, and Margit Tavits. 2017. "How Exposure to Violence Affects Ethnic Voting." *British Journal of Political Science*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123417000448>
16. Pérez, Efrén O. and Margit Tavits. 2017. "Language Shapes People's Time Perspective and Affects Support for Future-Oriented Policies." *American Journal of Political Science* 61(3): 715-27.
17. Butler, Daniel M. and Margit Tavits. 2017. "Does the Hijab Increase Representatives' Perceptions of Social Distance?" *Journal of Politics* 79(2): 727-731.
18. Schleiter, Petra and Margit Tavits. 2016. "The Electoral Benefits of Opportunistic Election Timing." *Journal of Politics* 78(3): 836-850.
19. Ward, Dalston, Jeong Hyun Kim, Margit Tavits, and Matt Graham. 2015. "How Economic Integration Affect Party Competition." *Comparative Political Studies* 48(10): 1227-1259.
20. Tavits, Margit and Joshua D. Potter. 2015. "The Effect of Inequality and Identity on Party Strategies." *American Journal of Political Science* 59(3): 744-758.

21. Potter, Joshua and Margit Tavits. 2015. "The Impact of Campaign Finance Laws on Party Competition." *British Journal of Political Science* 45(1): 73-95.
22. Ezrow, Lawrence, Margit Tavits, and Jonathan Homola. 2014. "Voter Polarization, Strength of Partisanship, and Support for Extremist Parties." *Comparative Political Studies* 47(11): 1558-1583.
23. Ezrow, Lawrence, Jonathan Homola, and Margit Tavits. 2014. "When Extremism Pays: Policy Positions, Voter Certainty, and Party Support in Postcommunist Europe." *Journal of Politics* 76(2): 535-547.
24. Tavits, Margit and Natalia Letki. 2014. "From Values to Interests? The Evolution of Party Competition in New Democracies." *Journal of Politics* 76(1): 246-258.
25. Olivella, Santiago and Margit Tavits. 2014. "Legislative Effects of Electoral Mandates." *British Journal of Political Science* 44(2): 301-321.
26. Tavits, Margit. 2012. "Party Organizational Strength and Party Unity in Parliament in Post-Communist Europe." *European Political Science Review* 4(3): 409-431.
27. Tavits, Margit. 2012. "Organizing for Success: Party Organizational Strength and Electoral Performance in Postcommunist Europe," *Journal of Politics* 74(1): 83-97.
28. Tavits, Margit. 2011. "Power Within Parties: The Strength of the Local Party and MP Independence in Postcommunist Europe." *American Journal of Political Science* 55(4): 923-936.
29. Cheng, Christine and Margit Tavits. 2011. "Informal Influences in Selecting Female Political Candidates." *Political Research Quarterly* 64(2): 460-471.
30. Tavits, Margit. 2010. "Why Do People Engage in Corruption? The Case of Estonia." *Social Forces* 88(3): 1257-1279.
31. Tavits, Margit. 2010. "The Effect of Local Ties on Electoral Success and Parliamentary Behavior: The Case of Estonia." *Party Politics* 16(2): 215-235.
32. Tavits, Margit and Natalia Letki. 2009. "When Left is Right: Party Ideology and Policy in Post-Communist Europe." *American Political Science Review* 103(4): 555-569.
33. Tavits, Margit. 2009. "The Making of Mavericks: Local Loyalties and Party Defections." *Comparative Political Studies* 42(6), 793-815.
34. Tavits, Margit. 2009. "Geographically Targeted Spending: Exploring the Electoral Strategies of Incumbent Governments." *European Political Science Review* 1(1): 103-123.
35. Tavits, Margit. 2009. "Direct Presidential Elections and Turnout in Parliamentary Contests." *Political Research Quarterly* 62(1): 42-54.
36. Tavits, Margit. 2008. "The Role of Parties' Past Behavior in Coalition Formation." *American Political Science Review* 102(4): 495-507.
37. Tavits, Margit. 2008. "Representation, Corruption, and Subjective Well-Being." *Comparative Political Studies* 41(12): 1607-1630.
38. Duffy, John and Margit Tavits. 2008. "Beliefs and Voting Decisions: A Test of the Pivotal Voter Model." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(3): 603-618.
39. Tavits, Margit. 2008. "On the Linkage between Electoral Volatility and Party System Instability in Central and Eastern Europe." *European Journal of Political Research* 47(5): 537-555.

40. Tavits, Margit. 2008. "Policy Positions, Issue Importance and Party Competition in New Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies* 41(3): 48-72.
41. Tavits, Margit. 2008. "Party Systems in the Making: The Emergence and Success of New Parties in New Democracies." *British Journal of Political Science* 38(1): 113-133.
42. Tavits, Margit. 2007. "Principle vs. Pragmatism: Policy Shifts and Political Competition." *American Journal of Political Science* 51(1): 151-165.
43. Tavits, Margit. 2007. "Clarity of Responsibility and Corruption." *American Journal of Political Science* 51(1): 218-229.
44. Barker, David C., Adam B. Lawrence and Margit Tavits. 2006. "Partisanship and the Dynamics of "Candidate Centered Politics" in American Presidential Nominations." *Electoral Studies* 25(3): 599-610.
45. Tavits, Margit. 2006. "Making Democracy Work More? Exploring the Linkage between Social Capital and Government Performance" *Political Research Quarterly* 59(2): 211-225.
46. Tavits, Margit and Taavi Annus. 2006. "Learning to Make Votes Count: The Role of Democratic Experience." *Electoral Studies* 25(1): 72-90.
47. Tavits, Margit and Taavi Annus. 2006. "Agencification in Estonia." *Public Administration and Development* 26(1): 3-14.
48. Tavits, Margit. 2006. "Party System Change: Testing a Model of New Party Entry." *Party Politics* 12(1): 99-119.
49. Tavits, Margit. 2005. "The Development of Stable Party Support: Electoral Dynamics in Post-Communist Europe." *American Journal of Political Science* 49(2): 283-298.
50. Annus, Taavi and Margit Tavits. 2004. "Judicial Behavior after a Change of Regime: The Effects of Judge and Defendant Characteristics." *Law and Society Review* 38(4): 711-736.
51. Tavits, Margit. 2004. "The Size of Government in Majoritarian and Consensus Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies* 37(3): 340-359.
52. Tavits, Margit. 2003. "Policy Learning and Uncertainty: The Case of Pension Reform in Estonia and Latvia." *Policy Studies Journal* 31(4): 643-660.

Book chapters

1. Potter, Joshua and Margit Tavits. 2012. "Curbing Corruption with Institutions." In Susan Rose-Ackerman and Tina Soreide (eds.) *International Handbook on the Economics of Corruption, Volume II*. Northampton: Edward Elgar.
2. Schofield, Norman, Ugur Ozdemir, and Margit Tavits. 2011. "Modeling Elections in Poland: Voter Perceptions, Political Leaders and Activists." In Norman Schofield and Gonzalo Caballero (eds.) *Political Economy: Democracy, Voting and Institutions*. New York: Springer.

Invited talks and workshops

- 2021 University of Vienna, Department of Government.
 2021 Syracuse University, Department of Political Science.
 2020 Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop. (Cancelled.)
 2019 McGill University, Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship.

- 2019 New York University, Abu Dhabi, Department of Political Science. (Cancelled.)
- 2019 University of Bergen, Norway, Digital Social Science Core Facility.
- 2019 University of Zürich and ETH Zürich, political science seminar.
- 2019 Utah State University, Department of Political Science.
- 2018 University of Texas, Austin, Department of Political Science.
- 2018 Penn State University, Department of Political Science.
- 2018 University of Virginia, workshop on Experimental Approaches to Conflict.
- 2018 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, workshop on “New Developments in the Study of Representation and Electoral Systems.”
- 2017 Aarhus University, workshop on “Polarization and Representation.”
- 2017 Yale University, workshop on “Electoral Rules and Political Parties.”
- 2017 University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs.
- 2017 Georgetown University, Department of Government and the Mortara Center for International Studies.
- 2017 University of Mannheim, Center for European Social Research, “Comparative Campaign Dynamics Project Workshop.”
- 2017 University of Texas, Austin, Department of Political Science, workshop on “Voter Perceptions of Party Positions.”
- 2017 University of Michigan, Department of Political Science.
- 2017 Penn State University, Department of Political Science.
- 2017 University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, Department of Political Science.
- 2016 University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science.
- 2016 Columbia University, Comparative Politics Speaker Series.
- 2015 Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Series.
- 2015 Arizona State University, Department of Political Science.
- 2015 University of Iowa, Department of Political Science.
- 2014 Rice University, Department of Political Science.
- 2014 University of Oxford, Nuffield College.
- 2014 Emory University, Department of Political Science.
- 2013 University of Kansas, Department of Political Science.
- 2013 University of Segio Arboleda, Bogota, Colombia.
- 2013 University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, Comparative Politics Workshop.
- 2012 University of Lisbon, conference on the “Effects of District Magnitude.”
- 2011 Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science.
- 2011 University of Mannheim, Center for European Social Research, Symposium on the Comparative Analysis of Government.
- 2011 University of Mannheim, School of Social Sciences.
- 2011 Washington University in St. Louis, Workshop on Electoral Reform and Representation.
- 2011 University of Bern, Institute of Political Science.
- 2011 Washington University in St. Louis, Comparative Politics Workshop.
- 2010 Yale University, Yale Law School, workshop on the Economics of Anti-Corruption Policy.
- 2009 Washington University in St. Louis, Center for New Institutional Social Science, Republic of Georgia Symposium.
- 2009 University of Mannheim, Center for European Social Research.
- 2009 University of Gothenburg, Center for European Research, Workshop on the Success of New Political Parties in Central and Eastern Europe.
- 2009 University of Rochester, Department of Political Science.
- 2009 Syracuse University, Maxwell School, the Moynihan Institute and European Research Center.

2007 University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, Department of Political Science.
2007 University of California-Davis, Department of Political Science.
2005 University of Oxford, Nuffield College.

Conference participation

APSA: 2003, 2005-2009, 2011, 2013, 2015-2018
MPSA: 2002-2007, 2009, 2011-2018
EPSA: 2011, 2013
ECPR: 2005
SPSA: 2002, 2004

Honors and grants

- Weidenbaum Center, “Political Parties and Social Media” (with Jacob Montgomery and Chris Lucas) (to hire a postdoc), 2020-2021.
- SAGE best paper award for the 2018 APSA version of “Legacies of the Third Reich: Concentration Camps and Outgroup Tolerance” (with Jonathan Homola, Miguel Pereira, and William Simoneau).
- German National Science Foundation, “Where Is My Party?” Extension Project (with Marc Debus and Zeynep Somer-Topcu), 2019-2021.
- Weidenbaum Center, “Conflict among Political Groups” (with Deniz Aksoy and Sarah Brierly) (to hire a postdoc), 2018-2020.
- German National Science Foundation, “Where Is My Party?” (with Marc Debus and Zeynep Somer-Topcu), 2015-2017.
- Medium-sized research grant, Weidenbaum Center (with Dan Butler), 2015-2017.
- Research grant, CNISS and Weidenbaum Center, 2013.
- Research grant, Weidenbaum Center, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017(2x), 2018, 2019.
- International Research and Exchange Board Short Term Travel Grant, 2009.
- Research Board Grant, University of Missouri, 2007.
- Research Council Grant, University of Missouri, 2006, 2007.
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant SES-0317802, 2003-2004.
- Research support, Center for European Integration Studies, University of Bonn, 2003.
- Research grants, Center for West European Studies, and European Union Center, University of Pittsburgh, 2002, 2003.
- Doctoral research grant, Ministry of Education, Republic of Estonia, 2003, 2002, 2001.
- Andrew Mellon Pre-doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2002-2003.
- Summer research grant, Russian and East European Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh, 2001, 2002.
- Umberger Graduate Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2000-2001.

Teaching

Washington University:

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate), spring 2012, spring 2013
Comparative European Politics (Undergraduate), fall 2008, fall 2014, fall 2015
Seminar in Post-Soviet Politics (Undergraduate), fall 2009, fall 2011
European Politics: Society and Governance (Graduate), spring 2010
Comparative Party Politics (Graduate), spring 2009, fall 2011, spring 2013, fall 2014, spring 2016, spring 2017, fall 2018, spring 2020
Research Workshop (Graduate), spring 2016, spring 2017, 2018-20 (each semester)

University of Missouri:

The Politics of European Union (Undergraduate), spring 2008
Capstone seminar: European Politics (Undergraduate), spring 2007
Comparative Political Systems (Undergraduate), spring 2007
Capstone seminar: Electoral Politics (Undergraduate), spring 2006
European Democracies (Undergraduate), spring 2006, spring 2008
Seminar in Comparative Politics, (Graduate), fall 2005, fall 2007.

Advising:

PhD dissertation committee chair:

Jeremy Siow, Washington University.
Tony Young, Washington University.
Miguel Pereira, Washington University, 2020, University of Southern California, TT.
Dino Hadzic, Washington University, 2019, Trinity College Dublin, assistant prof.
Jae Hee Jung, Washington University, 2019, University of Oxford, post-doc.
Jonathan Homola, Washington University, 2018; Rice University, TT.
Jeong Hyun Kim, Washington University, 2018; Louisiana State University, TT.
Dalston Ward, Washington University, 2017; ETH Zürich, post-doc.
Viktoryia Schnose, Washington University, 2016; Washington University, data analyst.

PhD dissertation committee member:

William O'Brochta, Washington University.
Jeff Ziegler, Washington University, Emory University, post-doc.
Joan Barcelo, Washington University, 2019, NYU Abu Dhabi, TT
David Carlson, Washington University, 2018; Koc University, TT.
Peter Casey, Washington University, 2014; DNC, data scientist.
Benjamin Bricker, Washington University, 2013; SIU-Carbondale, TT.
Christopher Claassen, Washington University, 2013, University of Glasgow, lecturer.
Santiago Olivella, Washington University, 2013; University of Miami, TT.
Joshua Potter, Washington University, 2013; Louisiana State University, TT.
Çiğdem Kentmen, University of Missouri, 2007; Izmir University of Economics, TT.

Service

Service to the discipline

Field Editor: *Journal of Politics*, 2019-2020

Editorial Board Member: *British Journal of Political Science*, 2013-
Comparative Political Studies, 2013-
European Journal of Political Research 2016-

American Political Science Review, 2016-2020
Electoral Studies, 2009-2018
Journal of Politics, 2009-2016

Editorial Advisory Group Member: Palgrave Macmillan *Political Analysis* series 2013-

Panel member: NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant

Reviewing:

Journals American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, European Union Politics, French Politics, Journal of Baltic Studies, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, Governance, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Studies, Scandinavian Political Studies, Social Forces, Social Science Quarterly, Swiss Political Science Review, World Politics

Presses Cambridge University Press, McGraw Hill, Oxford University Press, Pearson Longman

Grants National Research Council of Canada, National Science Foundation, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

Awards for reviewing:

Comparative Political Studies, reviewer award, 2013, 2017
American Journal of Political Science, Super Reviewer, 2012

Chair/Discussant: APSA 2003, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2016
MPSA 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2015
ECPR 2005

Other:

- Vice President of the Comparative Democratization Section of APSA, 2016-2018
- Chair of the APSA Political Economy Mancur Olson best dissertation award, 2016-17.
- Member of MPSA award committee to select the best AJPS article in 2016.
- Member of the APSA Heinz I. Eulau Award Committee, 2015.
- European Political Science Association, “Political Parties” Category Chair, 2014.
- Member of the APSA section “Political Organizations and Parties” Emerging Scholar Award Committee, 2014.
- Member of the APSA section “Legislative Studies” CQ Press Award Committee, 2014.
- Chair of the APSA Woodrow Wilson Foundation Book Award Committee, 2011-2012.

University service (Washington University)

- Member of the “Envisioning Faculty Excellence” Task Force, 2020-2021
- Member of the Advisory Committee on Tenure, Promotion, and Personnel, 2016-2019
- Graduate Council member, 2011-2017
- Advisory Board Member, Center for New Institutional Social Science, 2013-2015.
- Faculty Associate at the Brookings Residential College, 2013-2015.

- First Year Reading Program, discussion leader, 2013, 2014.
- First Year Center “Lunch by the Dozen,” 2012, 2013.

Departmental service (Washington University)

- Chair, 2020-2023
- Associate Chair, 2019-2020
- CP Tenure/Promotion Review Committee chair, 2019-2020
- Associate Professor Annual Review Committee member, 2019-2020
- Professionalization Workshop Coordinator, 2019-2020
- Conference Fund Committee member, 2018-2020
- Chair of the Governance Committee, Fall 2018
- Associate Chair, Spring 2018
- Diversity Committee member, 2016-2017
- Director of Graduate Studies, 2011-2017
- Executive Committee member, 2011-2017, spring 2018
- Organizer of the Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC), 2010-
- Search committee member, 2014-2015; 2015-2016
- Library liaison, 2008-2011
- Comparative Politics field exam committee member, 2008-2010