

# The Department of Political Science Presents

## “EXPLAINING THE UNDERREPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN US ELECTORAL POLITICS”

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One of the leading figures in the study of gender and electoral politics. Kathleen’s work has been published in some of the most prominent outlets in the discipline including a recent article in the *Journal of Politics* and *When Does Gender Matter? Women Candidates and Gender Stereotypes in American Elections*, a 2014 book published with Oxford University Press.

#### ABSTRACT

In 2017, women continue to be dramatically underrepresented in elected office in the United States. While scholars have theories to explain this situation, we know almost nothing about what the public sees as the reasons for the small number of women in office. Drawing on the responses from a survey of 1600 conducted in 2014, I use blame attribution theory to examine public opinion on this important question. In this project, I examine both system-level and individual-level explanations for women's underrepresentation.