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Anita Manion is an assistant professor of political science and affiliate faculty member in gender studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She is also the political analyst for KSDK News (local NBC affiliate). Anita received her Ph.D. from Saint Louis University, and teaches courses in American politics, public policy, poverty and welfare, and gender and politics. Along with her teaching experience, Anita has experience in higher education leadership and administration at Webster University and Fontbonne University.

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Anita's research focuses on the impact of policy on issues of equity, particularly in areas of education and elections. Her studies examine the impact of 4-day weeks on Missouri school districts, perceptions of voter fraud and election reform, factors influencing support for public funding of higher education, disparate impacts of merit and need-based aid, and other policy matters. Anita has been recognized with several awards including the Excellence in Civic Engagement Award, Women's Trailblazer, and the Chancellor's Award for Excellence. Anita provides political insight for media outlets in the region and has been interviewed by a number of national media outlets, including The Washington Post, Bloomberg News, National Public Radio, and The Associated Press. She also gives frequent invited guest talks to civic groups, high school and college students, and other organizations.

Outside of work, Anita enjoys gardening, traveling, reading, and cheering for the St. Louis Blues and San Francisco 49ers.

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