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Employment

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Louisville. Fall 2017–present.

Instructor. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan. Summer 2018–present.

Instructor. Global School for Empirical Research Methods (GSERM), University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. Summer 2019–present.

Instructor. Global School for Empirical Research Methods (GSERM), University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. Winter 2021–present.

Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, Michigan State University. Fall 2016–Summer 2017.

Education

Ph.D. Political Science. Michigan State University. 2016.

M.A. Political Science. Michigan State University. 2013.

B.A. Political Science and Public Policy (with honors). Albion College. 2011.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

22. "American Politics in Two Dimensions: Partisan and Ideological Identities versus Anti-Establishment Orientations." Forthcoming. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Michelle Seelig, Casey Klofstad, John Funchion, Caleb Everett, Stephan Wuchty, Kamal Premaratne, and Manohar Murthi. *American Journal of Political Science*.
21. "Do Conspiracy Beliefs form a Belief System? Examining the Structure and Organization of Conspiracy Beliefs." Forthcoming. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Michelle Seelig, Casey Klofstad, John Funchion, Caleb Everett, Stephan Wuchty, Kamal Premaratne, and Manohar Murthi. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*.
20. "Racial Resentment, Electoral Loss, and Satisfaction with Democracy Among Whites in the United States: 2004–2016." Forthcoming. With Judd R. Thornton. *Political Behavior*.
19. "The Limits of Medical Trust in Mitigating COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Among Black Americans." Forthcoming. With Justin Stoler, Casey Klofstad, and Joseph E. Uscinski. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.
18. "Issues vs. Affect: How Do Elite and Mass Polarization Compare?" Forthcoming. *Journal of Politics*.

17. "‘Why Me?’ The Role of Perceived Victimhood in American Politics." Forthcoming. With Miles T. Armaly. *Political Behavior*.

Coverage: *Salon, Mother Jones, PsyPost*

16. "Are Misinformation, Anti-scientific Claims, and Conspiracy Theories for Political Extremists?" Forthcoming. With Joseph E. Uscinski. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*.
15. "Affective Polarization and Support for the U.S. Supreme Court." Forthcoming. With Miles T. Armaly. *Political Research Quarterly*.
14. "Value Extremity Contributes to Affective Polarization in the U.S." Forthcoming. With Robert N. Lupton. *Political Science Research and Methods*.
13. "The Role of Affective Orientations in Promoting Perceived Polarization." Forthcoming. With Miles T. Armaly. *Political Science Research and Methods*.
12. "A Matter of Principle? On the Relationship Between Racial Resentment and Ideology." Forthcoming. *Political Behavior*.
11. "The Different Forms of COVID-19 Misinformation and Their Consequences." 2020. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Casey Klofstad, and Justin Stoller. *The Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*. <https://doi.org/10.37016/mr-2020-48>.
10. "Are All ‘Birthers’ Conspiracy Theorists?: On the Relationship Between Conspiratorial Thinking and Political Orientations." 2020. With Steven M. Smallpage and Robert N. Lupton. *British Journal of Political Science*. 50(3): 849-866.
9. "Why Do People Believe COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories?" 2020. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Michelle Seelig, Casey Klofstad, John Funchion, Caleb Everett, Stephan Wuchty, Kamal Premaratne, and Manohar Murthi. *The Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*. <https://doi.org/10.37016/mr-2020-015>.

Coverage: *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*

8. "Values and Political Predispositions in the Age of Polarization: Examining the Relationship between Partisanship and Ideology, 1988-2012." 2020. With Robert N. Lupton and Steven M. Smallpage. *British Journal of Political Science* 50(1): 241-260.
7. "Conspiratorial Thinking and Political Constraint." 2019. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 83(3): 510-533.
6. "The Differential Effects of Actual and Perceived Polarization." 2019. With Miles T. Armaly. *Political Behavior* 41(3): 815-839.
5. "Informational Cues, Partisan Motivated Reasoning, and the Manipulation of Conspiracy Beliefs." 2019. With Steven M. Smallpage. *Political Communication* 39(1): 83-102.
4. "The Increasing Racialization of American Electoral Politics, 1988-2016." 2019. With Jamil S. Scott. *American Politics Research* 47(2): 275-303.

Winner, 2016 Election Research Preacceptance Competition

Coverage: *New York Times, Salon, Brookings Institution, Rolling Stone*

3. "Who Are Conspiracy Theorists? A Comprehensive Approach to Explaining Conspiracy Beliefs." 2019. With Steven M. Smallpage. *Social Science Quarterly* 100(6): 2017-2032.
2. "On the Measurement of Conspiracy Beliefs." With Steven M. Smallpage. 2018. *Research & Politics* January-March: 1-4.
1. "The Partisan Contours of Conspiracy Theory Beliefs." 2017. With Steven M. Smallpage and Joseph E. Uscinski. *Research & Politics* October-December: 1-7.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

1. "The Role of Anti-Establishment Orientations in the Trump Presidency." Forthcoming. With Joseph E. Uscinski. *The Forum*.

Book Chapters

3. "Conspiracy Theories and Political Identities." Forthcoming. With Joseph E. Uscinski. In *The Politics of Truth in Polarized America: Concepts, Causes and Correctives*. David Barker and Elizabeth Suhay (Editors). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
2. "Polls, Plots, and Party Politics: Conspiracy Theories in Contemporary America." 2018. With Steven M. Smallpage. In *Conspiracy Theories and the People Who Believe Them*. Joseph E. Uscinski (Editor). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
1. "Ideology and Core Values." 2017. With Robert N. Lupton and William G. Jacoby. In *The SAGE Handbook of Electoral Behaviour, Volume II*. Kai Arzheimer, Jocelyn Evans, Michael S. Lewis-Beck (Editors). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Book Review

1. "Enchanted America: How Intuition and Reason Divide Our Politics" by J. Eric Oliver and Thomas J. Wood. 2019. *Political Science Quarterly* 134(3): 553-554.

Popular Media

12. "Unfounded fears about sex trafficking did not begin with QAnon and go far beyond it." with Joseph E. Uscinski. The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy. March 9, 2021.
11. "New research shows the connection between political victimhood and White support for Trump." With Miles T. Armaly. *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*. January 13, 2021.
10. "Voters always imagine fraud. Politicians usually don't go along with it." With Joseph E. Uscinski. *The Washington Post*. November 12, 2020.
9. "Is QAnon taking over America? Not so fast." With Joseph E. Uscinski. *The Guardian*. August 18, 2020.
8. "Don't blame social media for conspiracy theories – they would still flourish without it." With Joseph E. Uscinski. *The Conversation*. June 18, 2020.
7. "Conspiracy theories run rampant when people feel helpless. Like now." With Joseph E. Uscinski. *The Washington Post*. May 5, 2020.
6. "The Coronavirus Conspiracy Boom." With Joseph E. Uscinski. *The Atlantic*. April 30, 2020.
 *Cited on *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*
5. "Conspiracy thinking is only dangerous when it mixes with extreme partisanship." With Steven M. Smallpage. The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy. November 14, 2018.
4. "Why the racialization of American politics is here to stay." With Jamil S. Scott. The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy. June 15, 2018.
3. "White racial resentment has been gaining political power for decades." With Jamil S. Scott. *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*. January 15, 2018.

2. "Racial prejudice, not populism or authoritarianism, predicts support for Trump over Clinton." With Steven M. Smallpage. *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*. May 26, 2016.
1. "Obama was right: Conspiracy theorists are more likely to oppose gun control." With Steven M. Smallpage. *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*. January 19, 2016.

Honors & Awards

Victor A. Olorunsola Endowed Research Award (\$2000), 2020

David Hughes Award for Best Paper, Kentucky Political Science Association, 2020

Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning "Faculty Favorite" Award, 2018 & 2020

Top 20 Outstanding Reviewers, *Political Research Quarterly*, 2018

"Super Reviewer," *American Journal of Political Science*, 2017 & 2018

Winner, Election Research Preacceptance Competition, 2017

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, Fall 2017

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, Fall 2016

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, Spring 2013

Invited Talks & Conferences

"Who Believes in QAnon and Should We Be Worried?" McConnell Center speaker series, University of Louisville. April 13, 2021.

"The Power of Misinformation." Community Outreach: Political Engagement and Dialogues, University of Connecticut. February 26, 2021.

"Conspiracy Across the Pond: How Do the British Compare?" McConnell Center "British Tea Time" series, University of Louisville. January 19, 2021.

"The National Security Implications of Conspiracy Theories." McConnell Center Strategic Broadening Seminar, University of Louisville. September 25, 2020.

"Who Believes COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories & Why?" Commonwealth Center for the Humanities and Society "LiftupLou" series, University of Louisville. July 10, 2020.

"How News Media Coverage Cues Suspicion and Inflames Conspiracy Beliefs." Developing Solutions for Conspiracy Beliefs, Fake News, and Misinformation Conference, University of Miami, March 19-22, 2020. *Canceled due to COVID-19*

"Toward a Theory and Measure of Benevolent Racism." With Edana Beauvais. Virtual Identity Politics Workshop, Stanford University, March 12, 2020.

"(Increasingly) Suspicious Minds? Estimating Conspiratorial Thinking Over Time." Political Misperceptions Conference, University of Houston, February 8-10, 2018.

Conference Papers (last four years)

"Say It Again With Feeling: How Elites Mix Emotional and Ideological Communication on Twitter." With Jason Gainous and Kevin M. Wagner. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 29-September 1, 2019, Washington, DC.

"How News Media Coverage of Crises Promotes Conspiracy Beliefs." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-7, 2019, Chicago, IL.

"Issues vs. Affect: How Do Elite and Mass Polarization Compare?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association, March 1-2, 2019, Louisville, KY.

"Issues vs. Affect: How Do Elite and Mass Polarization Compare?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 17-19, 2019, Austin, TX.

"Benevolent Racism: Understanding White Liberal Racial Attitudes." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2018, Boston, MA.

"(Increasingly) Suspicious Minds? Estimating Conspiratorial Thinking Over Time." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, 2018, Chicago, IL.

"Fight or Flight? How Disgust Causes Individuals to Retreat to Their Ideological Pole." With Miles T. Armaly. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-6, 2018, New Orleans, LA.

"Do Psychological Biases Help Classify Conspiracy Theorists?" With Steven M. Smallpage. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31-September 3, 2017, San Francisco, CA.

"Partisan Motivated Reasoning and Conspiracy Ownership." With Steven M. Smallpage. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6-9, 2017, Chicago, IL.

"Conspiratorial Thinking, Plausibility Judgments, and Abductive Reasoning." With Steven M. Smallpage. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 12-14, 2017, New Orleans, LA.

"Deep-Seated Resentment: The Contribution of Core Values to Affective Polarization." With Robert N. Lupton and Steven M. Smallpage. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 12-14, 2017, New Orleans, LA.

Teaching Experience

University of Louisville

Courses Taught:

POLS 671: Introduction to Data Analysis (Graduate)

POLS 670: Research Design (Graduate)

POLS 629: American Politics Seminar (Graduate)

POLS 501: Internship Program

POLS 390: Research Methods

POLS 322: American Parties and Elections

POLS 321: Public Opinion & Political Psychology

POLS 201: Introduction to American Government and Politics

Master's Thesis Committee Member:

Dane Warner (2020), Shane White (2020)

Michigan State University

PLS 494: Field Experience in Political Science (hybrid online/in person)

PLS 422: Polarization and the Culture War (writing intensive)

PLS 334: Campaigns and Elections

PLS 324: Congress (in person and online)

ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan

Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis

Methods for Better Measurement of Social Scientific Variables

Introduction to the \LaTeX Document Preparation System

GSERM, University of St. Gallen & University of Ljubljana

Analyzing Survey Research Data

Other Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2014–2017

Internship Coordinator, MSU Department of Political Science, 2011–2012

Service

Profession

Society for Political Methodology Undergraduate Initiative Committee

Electoral Politics section chair, 2018 SPSA meeting

Panel discussant: 2017–2019 SPSA meetings; 2017–2019 MPSA meetings; 2017 APSA meeting; 2019 KPSA meeting

Panel chair: 2018–2019 SPSA meetings; 2017 MPSA meeting; 2017 APSA meeting

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Psychology*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Political Communication*; *American Politics Research*; *Electoral Studies*; *Political Science Research & Methods*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Presidential Studies Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*; *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*; *American Review of Politics*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Social Currents*; *Political Studies*; *Democratization*; *Harvard Misinformation Review*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Frontiers in Public Health*; *Frontiers in Psychology*; *European Political Science Review*; *Personality and Individual Differences*; *Health Education & Behavior*; Chapman and Hall/CRC Press

Department

Search Committee (Comparative Politics: Middle East, Africa), Fall 2019–Spring 2020

Graduate Program Committee, Fall 2018–present

Ad Hoc Committee on By-Laws and Teaching, Fall 2018–Fall 2019

Honors Committee, Fall 2017–Spring 2019

Curriculum Committee, Fall 2018