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EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

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|---|-----------------------|
| University of Pennsylvania | 2007- Present |
| <u>Department of Political Science</u> | |
| Professor | 2018-Present |
| Associate Professor | 2013-2018 |
| Assistant Professor | 2007-2013 |
| <u>Annenberg Public Policy Center</u> | |
| Stephen and Mary Baran Chair in the Institutions of Democracy | 2019-2022 |
| Distinguished Fellow in the Institutions of Democracy | 2017-2019 |
| <u>Annenberg School for Communication</u> | |
| Secondary (Courtesy) Appointment | 2016-2022 |
| <u>Fels Institute of Government</u> | |
| Penny and Robert A. Fox Director of the Fels Institute of Government | 2018-2026 |
| NBC News Decision Desk | 2014 – Present |
| Junior Analyst | 2014-2018 |
| Analyst | 2019-Present |
| European University Institute | 2021 – 2022 |
| Visiting Researcher, Department of Political and Social Sciences | |
| Aarhus University | May 2022 |
| Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science | |
| Yale University | 2006-2007 |
| Institution for Social and Policy Studies & Center for the Study of American Politics | |
| Postdoctoral Research Associate | |

EDUCATION

Stanford University
Ph.D. in Political Science, June 2006

The Pennsylvania State University
B.A. in Political Science (minor in French), 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- B1. *The Partisan Sort: How Liberals Became Democrats and Conservatives Became Republicans*. 2009. University of Chicago Press, Chicago Studies in American Politics Series.
+ Reviewed in: *Perspectives on Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Political Science Quarterly, Election Law Journal*
+ Subject of an author-meets-critics panel, 2011 MPSA Meeting (panelists: Laura Stoker, Tom Carsey, Ted Carmines, James Stimson, Morris Fiorina)
- B2. *How Partisan Media Polarize America*. 2013. University of Chicago Press, Chicago Studies in American Politics Series.
+ Winner of the 2014 Goldsmith Book Prize from Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy
+ Reviewed in: *Choice, International Journal of Press/Politics, Journal of American Culture, Perspectives on Politics, Political Communication, Public Opinion Quarterly*
- B3. *We Need to Talk: How Cross-Party Dialogue Reduces Affective Polarization*. 2021. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Elements in Experimental Political Science (with Dominik Stecula).
+ The book can be read online [here](#)
+ An [op-ed](#) based on this book appeared in *USA Today* on 21 January 2021.
- B4. *Democracy Amid Crises: Polarization, Pandemic, Protests and Persuasion*. To appear, spring 2023. Oxford University Press (with Joshua Pasek, R. Lance Holbert, Bruce Hardy, Kate Kenski, Yotam Ophir, Andrew Renninger, Dan Romer, Dror Walter, Ken Winneg, and Kathleen Hall Jamieson).
- B5. *Our Common Bonds: Using What Americans Share to Overcome the Partisan Divide*. To appear, spring 2023. University of Chicago Press, Chicago Studies in American Politics Series.

Textbooks:

- T1. *American Government: Institutions and Policies*. 2016. 15th ed. Stamford, CT: Cengage Learning. [with James Q. Wilson, John J. DiIulio, Jr. and Meena Bose; I am an author from the 15th edition to the present]
- T2. *American Government: Institutions and Policies, Brief Version*. 2017. 13th ed. Stamford, CT: Cengage Learning. [with James Q. Wilson, John J. DiIulio, Jr. and Meena Bose; I am an author from the 13th edition to the present]

Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed):

- A1. "Measuring District Level Partisanship with Implications for the Analysis of U.S. Elections." 2008. *Journal of Politics* 70(3): 736-753. (with Jeremy C. Pope and Simon D. Jackman)
- A2. "The Microfoundations of Polarization." 2009. *Political Analysis* 17(2): 162-176.
- A3. "Clearer Cues, More Consistent Voters: A Benefit of Elite Polarization." 2010. *Political Behavior* 32(1): 111-131.
- A4. "Measuring Aggregate-Level Ideological Heterogeneity." 2010. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 35(2): 259-282 (with Jeremy C. Pope). [Winner of the 2011 Jewell-Loewenberg Award for best article published in *LSQ*]
- A5. "Comparing the Accuracy of RDD Telephone Surveys and Internet Surveys Conducted with Probability and Non-Probability Samples." 2011. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 75(4): 709-747 (with David Yeager, Jon Krosnick, LinChiat Chang, Harold Javitz, Alberto Simpser, and Rui Wang).

- A6. "Rethinking the Role of Political Information." 2011. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 75(1): 42-64. [Runner-Up, 2011 Top Research Paper, Political Communication Interest Group, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication]
- A7. "Drafting Support for War: Conscription and Mass Support for Warfare." 2011. *Journal of Politics* 73(2): 524-534 (with Michael C. Horowitz).
- A8. "Red States vs. Blue States: Going Beyond the Mean." 2011. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 75(2): 227-248 (with Jeremy C. Pope).
- A9. "When Backing Down Is the Right Decision: Partisanship, New Information, and Audience Costs." 2012. *Journal of Politics* 74(2): 323-338 (with Michael C. Horowitz). [Winner of the JOP Best Paper Award, 2013]
- A10. "Partisan Media Exposure and Attitudes Toward the Opposition," 2013. *Political Communication* 30(4): 565-81.
- A11. "Why Do Partisan Media Polarize Viewers?" 2013. *American Journal of Political Science* 57(3): 611-23. [N.B.: Earlier versions of this paper circulated under the title "Do Partisan Media Polarize Viewers?"]
 + Featured in the *Washington Post's* [Monkey Cage blog](#). This blog post is reprinted in *Political Polarization in American Politics*, John Sides and Daniel Hopkins (eds.), New York: Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, 2015.
- A12. "Relying on the Ground Game: The Placement and Effect of Campaign Field Offices." 2014. *American Politics Research* 42(3): 529-548 (with Joshua P. Darr).
 + Featured in the LSE [USAPP blog](#)
- A13. "(Mis)Perceptions of Partisan Polarization in the American Public," 2016. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80(S1): 378-91 (with Neil Malhotra).
 + Featured in the *Washington Post's* [Monkey Cage blog](#). This blog post is reprinted in *Political Polarization in American Politics*, John Sides and Daniel Hopkins (eds.), New York: Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, 2015.
- A14. "Does Media Coverage of Partisan Polarization Affect Political Attitudes?" 2016. *Political Communication* 33(2): 283-301 (with Neil Malhotra). [N.B.: Earlier versions of this paper circulated under the title "The Effect of False Polarization: Are Perceptions of Political Polarization Self-Fulfilling Prophecies?"]
 + This paper is featured in the same blog post from the Monkey Cage, see the note at A13 above
 + Featured in *Pacific Standard*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The Washington Examiner*
- A15. "How Group Discussions Create Strong Attitudes and Strong Partisans." 2016. *Research and Politics* 3(2): 1-6 (with James Druckman and Audrey McLain).
- A16. "What Do Citizens Want from their Member of Congress?" 2016. *Political Research Quarterly* 69(3): 535-45 (with John Lapinski, Ken Winnege, and Kathleen Hall Jamieson). [N.B.: Earlier versions of this paper circulated under the title "Ideology, Not Service: How Voters Evaluate Congress."]
- A17. "No Need to Watch: How the Effects of Partisan Media Can Spread via Inter-Personal Discussions." 2018. *American Journal of Political Science* 62(1): 99-112 (with James Druckman and Audrey McLain).
- A18. "Americans, Not Partisans: Can Priming American National Identity Reduce Affective Polarization?" 2018. *Journal of Politics* 80(1): 59-70.
 + Featured in the *Washington Post's* [Monkey Cage blog](#)
- A19. "The Economic Consequences of Partisanship in a Polarized Era." 2018. *American Journal of*

Political Science 62(1): 5-18 (with Chris McConnell, Yotam Margalit and Neil Malhotra). [N.B.: Earlier versions of this paper circulated under the title "Economic Spillovers of Partisan Polarization."].

+ An erratum for this article can be found in *AJPS* 64(4): 1047-49.

+ This article was featured in the [Harvard Business Review](#)

A20. "When Efforts to Depolarize the Electorate Fail." 2018. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 82(3): 583-92. [N.B.: Earlier versions of this paper circulated under the title "When Efforts to Depolarize the Electorate Backfire"]

A21. "How Incivility on Partisan Media (De-)Polarizes the Electorate." 2019. *Journal of Politics* 81(1): 291-5. (with James Druckman, Sam Gubitz, and Ashley Lloyd).

A22. "What Do We Measure When We Measure Affective Polarization?" 2019. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 83(1): 114-22. (with James Druckman).

A23. "Affective Polarization, Local Contexts, and Public Opinion in America." 2021. *Nature Human Behaviour* 5(1): 28-38 (with James Druckman, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan).

A24. "Exploring the role of media use within an integrated behavioral model (IBM) approach to vote likelihood." 2021. *American Behavioral Scientist* 65(3): 412-31 (with R. Lance Holbert, Nic Dias, Bruce Hardy, Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Andrew Renninger, Daniel Romer, Ken Winnege, and Joshua Pasek).

A25. "How Affective Polarization Undermines Support for Democratic Norms." 2021. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 85(2): 663-77 (with Jon Kingzette, James Druckman, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan).

A26. "How Affective Polarization Shapes Americans' Political Beliefs: A Study of Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic." 2021. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 8(3): 223-34 (with James Druckman, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan).

A27. "How Does Local TV News Change Viewers' Attitudes? The Case of Sinclair Broadcasting." 2022. *Political Communication* 39(1): 23-38.

A28. "The Majoritarian Threat to Liberal Democracy." 2022. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 9(1): 36-45 (with Guy Grossman, Dorothy Kronick, and Marc Meredith). [This paper previously circulated as "Let the People Rule?"]

A29. "(Mis-)Estimating Affective Polarization." 2022. *Journal of Politics* (with James Druckman, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan) 84(2): 1106-17. [This paper previously circulated as "The Illusion of Affective Polarization"]

A30. "Self-Affirmation and Identity Driven Political Behavior." Forthcoming, *Journal of Experimental Political Science* (with Ben Lyons, Christina Farhart, Michael Hall, John Kotcher, Joanne Miller, Brendan Nyhan, Kaitlin Raimi, Jason Reifler, Kyle Saunders, Rasmus Sykttte, Xiaoquan Zhao).

Chapters in Edited Volumes, Solicited Contributions, & Popular Outlets:

E1. "Disconnected: The Political Class versus the People." 2006. *Red and Blue Nation? Characteristics, Causes and Chronology of America's Polarized Politics*, eds. Pietro Nivola and David Brady. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press and the Hoover Institution. p.49-71, 95-111. (with Morris P. Fiorina)

E2. "An Institutional Theory of Political Choice." 2007. *Oxford Handbook of Political Behavior*, eds. Russell J. Dalton and Hans Dieter-Klingemann. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. p.437-456.

(with Paul M. Sniderman)

E3. "Partisan Polarization in the U.S. Electorate." 2013. [Oxford Bibliographies Online: Political Science](#), ed. Rick Valelly. New York: Oxford University Press.

E4. "Sorry Donald Trump, You're Not Getting Sanders' Voters," [Fortune](#), 11 June 2016.

E5. "Partisan Media and Polarization: Challenges for Future Work." 2017. [Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics](#), ed. William Thompson. New York: Oxford University Press.

E6. "Morris Fiorina's Foundational Contributions to the Study of Partisanship and Mass Polarization." 2017. *The Forum* 15(1): 189-201.

E7. "The Origins and Consequences of Affective Polarization in the United States," 2019. *Annual Review of Political Science* 22(1): 129-46 (with Shanto Iyengar, Yphtach Lelkes, Neil Malhotra, and Sean Westwood).

E8. "Finding Common Ground: Experimental Efforts to Reduce Partisan Animus," Forthcoming. In *Reconsidering Parties*, eds. Christopher Karpowitz and Jeremy Pope. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Book Reviews:

R1. Review of Seth Masket, "No Middle Ground: How Informal Party Organizations Control Nominations and Polarize Legislatures," *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 2009. 73(4): 833-835.

R2. Review of William Claggett and Byron Shafer, "The American Public Mind," *Political Science Quarterly*. 2011. 126(2): 344-346.

R3. Review of David Karol, "Party Position Change in American Politics," *Congress and the Presidency*. 2012. 39(2): 225-227.

R4. Review of Kevin Arceneaux and Martin Johnson, "Changing Minds or Changing Channels? Partisan News in an Age of Choice," *Perspectives on Politics*, 2014. 12(2): 474-5.

R5. Review of Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, "Ground Wars: Personalized Communication in Political Campaigns," *Perspectives on Politics*, 2014. 13(3): 746-7.

R6. Review of Jan Leighley and Jonathan Nagler, "Who Votes Now? Demographics, Issues, and Turnout in the United States," *Political Science Quarterly*, 2015. 130(1): 138-9.

R7. Review of James Campbell, "Polarized: Making Sense of a Divided America," *Perspectives on Politics*, 2018. 16(2): 530-532.

R8. Review of Lilliana Mason, "Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 2019. 83(2): 475-77.

R9. Review of Morgan Marietta and David Barker, "One Nation, Two Realities: Dueling Facts in American Democracy" and Stacy Ulbig, "Angry Politics: Partisan Hatred and Political Polarization among College Students." *Perspectives on Politics*, 2021, 19(4): 1334-6.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Yale University (Spring 2007)

Temple University (Spring 2008)

Hamilton Center, New York University (Fall 2008)

The Pennsylvania State University (Fall 2009)
MIT, American Politics Conference (Fall 2010)
Stanford University (Fall 2011)
University of California, Berkeley (Fall 2011)
Northwestern University (Fall 2011)
American University (Fall 2012)
Columbia University (Spring 2013)
Ohio State University (Fall 2013)
University of Toronto (Spring 2014)
University of Michigan, IPAW (Spring 2015)
Princeton CDSP Polarization Conference (Spring 2015)
Columbia University (Spring 2017)
Syracuse University, Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics & Media (Spring 2017)
Aarhus University (Summer 2017)
Democratic Representation in Comparative Perspective, Aarhus University (Fall 2017)
A Republic, If We Can Keep It, Cornell University & New America Foundation (Spring 2018)
Stanford University (Spring 2019)
Brigham Young University (Spring 2019)
University of California, Berkeley (Fall 2020 [Virtual])
Florida State University (Fall 2020 [Virtual])
Theories of the Contemporary Divide in Western Societies, EUI (Fall 2021 [Virtual])
Political Behavior Colloquium, EUI (Spring 2022)
Aarhus University (Spring 2022)
Harvard Kennedy School (Spring 2023 [Planned])

SELECTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PUBLIC LECTURES

Foley Institute, Washington State University (Fall 2013)
Political Discourse Symposium, University of Iowa (Fall 2015)
Spancake Lecture, Albright College (Fall 2017)
Center on American Politics, University of Denver (Winter 2021)
Informal Advising, Civic Health Project (Winter 2021 - 2022)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (LAST 5 YEARS)

Conference Chair/Discussant:

- + Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2008-2012, 2017, 2018)
- + American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2008-2017, 2022)
- + Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)
- + International Society of Political Psychology (2013, 2019)
- + NYU-CEES Experimental Political Science Conference (2014)
- + APSA Political Communication Pre-Conference (2011)
- + Comparing Elections and Electoral Systems in North America and India, University of Pennsylvania (February 2011)

“What Drives Cancel Culture?” (with Nic Dias and James Druckman), presented at the 2022 International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Athens, Greece, and at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada [Planned].

“(Mis-)Estimating Affective Polarization” (with James Druckman, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan), presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA [virtually].

“Can We Talk: Does Cross-Party Dialogue Reduce Affective Polarization?” (with Dom Stecula), presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Berlin,

Germany [virtually].

“Can Friendship Overcome Affective Polarization?” presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Lisbon, Portugal.

“How Incivility on Partisan Media (De-)Polarizes the Electorate,” (with James Druckman, Sam Gubitz, and Ashley Lloyd), presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

“When Efforts to Depolarize the Electorate Backfire,” presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

GRADUATE STUDENTS (Initial Placement)

Mara Ostfeld (2013, University of Michigan, Tenure-Track)
Joshua Darr (2015 [Dissertation Chair], Louisiana State University, Tenure-Track)
Alex Garlick (2016, APSA Congressional Fellowship & The College of New Jersey, Tenure-Track [now University of Vermont])
Ashley Tallevi (2017 [Co-Chair], Facebook)
Chris Liu (2019, BluePrint ADE)
Eunji Kim (2019, Vanderbilt University, Tenure-Track [now Columbia University])
James Martherus (2020 [Vanderbilt University Ph.D. Student], YouGov)
Hye-Yon Lee (2020 [Co-Chair], Ryerson University Post-Doc)
Sumitra Badrinathan (2021, Oxford University Post-Doc & American University, Tenure-Track)
Sam Gubitz (2021 [Northwestern University Ph.D. Student], Kent Denver School)
Brian McDowell (2022, U.S. Army)
Kim Cardenas (Ongoing)
Tyler Leigh (Ongoing)
Abigail Dym (Ongoing)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate:

Policymaking in American Politics
Introduction to American Politics
Polarization in American Politics
Campaigns and Elections
Introduction to Data Analysis for Social Science

Graduate:

Statistics for Political Science & Public Policy
Public Opinion and Political Behavior

HONORS AND AWARDS

+ Erik Erikson Early Career Award, International Society for Political Psychology, 2016 [exceptional achievement by a political psychologist within 10 years of their Ph.D.]
+ Goldsmith Book Prize, Shorenstein Center, Harvard University, 2014
+ Best Paper Award, *Journal of Politics*, 2013
+ Jewell-Lowenberg Award for best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2011
+ Distinguished Research Fellow, Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania (2013-Present)
+ University Research Foundation Grant, July 2010

- + Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Sciences (TESS) Grant (2008; 2012; 2015; 2016)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- + Editorial Board Member, *American Journal of Political Science* (2014-2018)
- + Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2014-2016)
- + Editorial Board Member, *American Politics Research* (2016-)
- + Editorial Board Member, *Public Opinion Quarterly* (2019-2024)

- + Associate PI, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (2016-)

- + Harrold D. Laswell Award Committee, APSA 2019
- + Conference Division Chair for the Experimental Methods Section, 2015 APSA Meeting
- + Conference Division Chair for the Political Psychology Section, 2012 APSA Meeting
- + Conference Division Chair for the Public Opinion Section, 2014 SPSA Meeting
- + Chair, Junior Scholar's Award Committee, Political Psychology Section, APSA (2012)
- + Member, Executive Committee, APSA Political Psychology Section (2012-2013)

Journal Manuscript Referee For: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Collabra: Psychology*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Election Law Journal*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Union Politics*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Communication*, *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion*, *and Parties*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Mass Communication and Society*, *Nature Human Behaviour*, *Party Politics*, *PLOS One*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics*, *Groups and Identities*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *PNAS: Nexus*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Science*, *Science Advances*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*

Grant/Proposal Referee for: National Science Foundation (ad hoc proposal review & service on a review panel), Time-Share Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS)

Book Manuscript Referee for: Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Taylor & Francis/Routledge, University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department Service:

- + Graduate Group Chair (Director of Graduate Studies), 2013-2018
- + Member, Departmental Diversity in Seminars Initiative, 2020-2021
- + Member, Departmental Committee on Teaching, 2007-2008, 2010-2011
- + Member, American Politics Search Committee, 2008-2009, 2013-2014
- + Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2012-2013
- + Graduate Admissions Committee Chair, 2013-2018
- + Co-convenor, Summer Working Group, 2011 - 2014
- + Co-coordinator, American Politics Seminar Series, 2012-2015
- + Chair, Political Science Department Website Redesign Committee, 2011 – 2012
- + Co-convenor, Philadelphia Region American Politics Conference, 2013, 2015

University Service:

- + Faculty Co-Director, Fels Institute of Government, 2018 – 2026

- + University Committee on Undergraduate Education, 2011-2015
- + Arts and Sciences Graduate Group Chairs Committee, 2013-2018
- + Arts and Sciences Graduate Council, 2014-2019
- + Social Sciences Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee, 2013-2014
- + Provost's Ph.D. Student Fellowship Selection Committee, 2015-2018
- + University Graduate Council of the Faculties, 2016-2019

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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