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Appointments

2. Assistant Professor (General Faculty), University of Virginia, 2021–present
1. Postdoctoral Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2020–2021

Education

PhD in Political Science, University of Michigan, 2020
MA in Statistics, University of Michigan, 2020
MA in Social Psychology, Utrecht University (Netherlands), 2010
BA in Economics, Saint Petersburg State University (Russia), 2008

Publications

11. “Estimating and Using Individual Marginal Component Effects from Conjoint Experiments.” *Political Analysis* 30, no. 2 (2022): 236–49.
10. “Estimating Relative Prevalence of Competing Issue Voting Rules in Multiparty Elections Using Finite Mixture Modeling.” *Electoral Studies* 69 (2021): 102249.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2020.102249>
9. “Social Dominance Orientation and Differential Affect toward Immigrant Origin Groups: Evidence from Three Immigration-Receiving Countries.” *International Journal of Intercultural Relations* 85 (2021): 170–83.
8. “Who Are ‘the Immigrants’? Beliefs about Immigrant Populations and Anti-Immigration Attitudes in the United States and Britain.” *Social Science Quarterly* 102, no. 1 (2021): 228–37.
7. “Social Conformity and Prejudice toward Immigrants: The Role of Political Messaging” (with Maykel Verkuyten and Eduard Ponarin). *Social Influence* 16, no. 1 (2021): 65–77.
6. “Do Political Connections Make Businesspeople Richer? Evidence from Russia, 2003–2010” (with Ivan S. Grigoriev). *Research and Politics* 7, no. 4 (2020).
<https://doi.org/10.1177/2053168020979434>
5. “Intraparty Polarization in American Politics” (with Eric Groenendyk and Michael W. Sances) *Journal of Politics* 82, no. 4 (2020): 1616–20.
4. “The Consequences of Personality Biases in Online Panels for Measuring Public Opinion” (with Nicholas A. Valentino, D. Sunshine Hillygus, and Brian Guay). *Public Opinion Quarterly* 84, no. 2 (2020): 446–68.

3. “Dogmatism and Militant Internationalism among Foreign Policy Elites: Evidence from Russia, 1995–2016.” *Post-Soviet Affairs* 35, no. 5–6 (2019): 422–32.
2. “Nativist but not Alienated: A Comparative Perspective on the Radical Right Vote in Western Europe.” *Party Politics* 20, no. 2 (2014): 286–96.
1. “Perceptions of World Politics and Support for Terrorism among Muslims: Evidence from Muslim Countries and Western Europe” (with Maykel Verkuyten, and Jeroen Weesie). *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 31, no. 5 (2014): 481–501.

Forthcoming

3. “Perceptions of Stereotypically Immigrant Groups as Darker-Skinned and Politics of Immigration in the United States and Britain.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. Published ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2021.1992285>
2. “The Origins and Consequences of Racialized Schemas about U.S. Parties” (with Nicholas A. Valentino). *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*. Published ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2022.4>
1. “Revisiting the Measurement of Group Schemas in Political Science” (with Nicholas A. Valentino). In *The Cambridge Handbook of Implicit Bias and Racism*, edited by Jon A. Krosnick, Tobias H. Stark, and Amanda L. Scott. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Under Review

9. “Evaluating the Use of Conjoint Experiments to Measure Stereotype Content: The Example of Welfare Recipients” (with Daniel Myers and Kristin Lunz Trujillo). R&R in *Political Behavior*
8. “Testing the Validity of the Child-Rearing Authoritarianism Scale in a Non-Western Context: Evidence from Mass and Elite Surveys in Russia” (with Eduard Ponarin and Sharon Rivera). R&R in the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*
7. “Stereotypes about Immigrants and Attitudes toward Immigration: Evidence from Conjoint Experiments in the United States and Britain”
6. “Value-Based Frames and Opinion Polarization: The Case of the Free Speech Issue” (with Rachel Smilan-Goldstein)
5. “Exploring Cross-cultural Measurement Performance with Multilevel Bayesian Factor Modeling: The Case of Sexual Emancipation Values” (with Christian Welzel)
4. “Comparing Methods for Sampling Individuals Within Households: A Field Experiment in Costa Rica” (with Noam Lupu, Daniel Montalvo, Mitchell Seligson, and Elizabeth Zechmeister)
3. “Institutional Decay under Autocracy: Evidence from Business–State Relations in Russia” (with Ivan Grigoriev)
2. “Should Researchers Signal Race Explicitly or Implicitly in Conjoint Experiments? The Case of Welfare Stereotypes in the United States” (with Kristin Lunz Trujillo and Daniel Myers)
1. “U.S. Sanctuary Policies and Mexicans’ Migration Preferences: A Conjoint-Experimental Study” (with Rachel Smilan-Goldstein)

Work in Progress

9. “The Other Side of Sorting: Social Fractionalization of American Parties Causes Affective Polarization” (with Eric Groenendyk)
8. “Drivers of Affective Polarization: The Relative Impact of Race, Religion, Income, and Ideology” (with Nicholas Valentino)
7. “Ill-Conceived, Unfair, or Racist? The Effects of Charges in Policy Debates on Citizens’ Opinions” (with Eugenia Quintanilla)
6. “Americans’ Opposition to Muslim Immigration across the Partisan Divide: Evidence from Three Conjoint Experiments” (with Olyvia Christley)
5. “Anti-Americanism from the Dual-Process Motivational Perspective: Evidence from Russia” (with Eduard Ponarin and Sharon Rivera)
4. “Is Democratic Peace about Democracy? A Conjoint Analysis of Mass Public and the Elite” (with Melle Scholten)
3. “Sexism, Gender Stereotypes, and Welfare Support: A Conjoint Experiment” (with Kristin Lunz Trujillo and Daniel Myers)
2. “Partisan Polarization or White Backlash? White Americans’ Reactions to Politicians’ Tweets about Race and Religion” (with Rachel Smilan-Goldstein)
1. “Framing and Opinion Polarization: A Meta-Analysis” (with Lauren Van De Hey)

Awards and Honors

2. Best Dissertation Award, International Society of Political Psychology, 2021
1. Best Paper in Political Behavior Award, Midwest Political Science Association, 2018 (with Nicholas Valentino)

Grants and Fellowships

11. Quantitative Collaborative Faculty Seed Grant, University of Virginia, 2022, \$8,000
10. Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2018–2021: \$12,000
9. Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2018–2020: \$50,500
8. Garth Taylor Fellowship in Public Opinion Research, University of Michigan, 2018–2019: \$10,000
7. Jean Monnet Graduate Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2018: \$5,000
6. Rackham Graduate Student Research Grants, University of Michigan, 2017–2018: \$4,500
5. Angus Campbell Scholars Fund, University of Michigan, 2017: \$7,000
4. International Institute Student Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2017: \$4,250
3. Summer Grant for Research and Internships in Europe and Eurasia, University of Michigan, 2016: \$1,500
2. Weiser Emerging Democracy Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2014–2015: \$26,000
1. Utrecht Excellence Scholarship, Utrecht University (Netherlands), 2008–2010: €27,000

Presentations and Talks

- 2022: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); Southern Political Science Association (SPSA); Western Political Science Association (WPSA)
- 2021: American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2019: APSA; European Political Science Association (EPSA); International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP); MPSA; Society for Political Methodology; SPSA; University of Minnesota
- 2018: APSA; EPSA; Hamilton College; Indiana University Bloomington; ISPP; MPSA
- 2017: APSA; ISPP; MPSA
- 2016: EPSA; MPSA; University of California–Los Angeles
- 2015: EPSA; MPSA

Teaching

7. Statistical Measurement (graduate), University of Virginia
6. Maximum Likelihood Estimation (graduate), University of Virginia
5. Linear Regression (graduate), University of Virginia
4. Mathematics for Political Science (graduate), University of Virginia
3. Research Design in Political Science (undergraduate), University of Virginia
2. Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Analysis (graduate), University of Michigan
1. Introduction to Comparative Political Science (undergraduate), University of Michigan

Visiting Researcher

4. University of Gothenburg (Sweden), 2018
3. GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (Germany), 2017
2. Higher School of Economics (Russia), 2016
1. University of Michigan, 2013

Departmental Service

4. Co-Chair, Political Methodology Subfield, University of Virginia, 2021–present
3. Graduate Student Professional Development Committee, University of Michigan, 2019–2020
2. Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics, University of Michigan, 2018–2019
1. Graduate Student Member, Admissions Committee, University of Michigan, 2016–2017

Professional Service

1. Awards Committee, International Society of Political Psychology, 2022

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association; European Political Science Association; International Society of Political Psychology; Midwest Political Science Association; Society for Political Methodology; Southern Political Science Association

Reviewer

- 2022: American Political Science Review; European Journal of Political Research; Journal of Politics; Perspectives on Politics
- 2021: American Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies; European Political Science Review; International Interactions; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Migration Review; Journal of Politics; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Political Science Research and Methods; Social Forces; Social Science Journal; Terrorism and Political Violence
- 2020: American Political Science Review; Australian Journal of International Affairs; Bulletin of Latin American Research; European Journal of Political Research; Government and Opposition; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Party Politics; Political Research Quarterly; Public Opinion Quarterly
- 2019: American Journal of Political Science; European Journal of Political Research; Party Politics; Political Research Quarterly
- 2018: European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; Plos One; Terrorism and Political Violence
- 2017: British Journal of Political Science; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Party Politics
- 2016: European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; Foreign Policy Analysis; Social Currents
- 2015: Journal of Contemporary European Studies