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Employment

Associate Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Louisville. Summer 2022–present.

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Louisville. Fall 2017–Summer 2022.

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

Articles

38. "Have Beliefs in Conspiracy Theories Increased Over Time?" Forthcoming. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Casey Klofstad, Hugo Drochon, Michelle Seelig, Kamal Premaratne, and Manohar Murthi. *PLOS One*.
37. "Sociopolitical and Psychological Correlates of COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in the United States During Summer 2021." Forthcoming. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Casey Klofstad, and Justin Stoler. *Social Science & Medicine*.
36. "Filling in the Gaps: False Memories and Partisan Bias." Forthcoming. With Miles T. Armaly. *Political Psychology*.
35. "Who Supports Political Violence?" Forthcoming. With Miles T. Armaly. *Perspectives on Politics*.
34. "Say It Again With Feeling: Issue Ownership and Candidate Communication Using Twitter." Forthcoming. With Jason Gainous and Kevin M. Wagner. *Social Science Quarterly*.

33. "The Impact of Social Desirability on Conspiracy Belief Measurement Across Cultures." Forthcoming. With Steven M. Smallpage, Joseph E. Uscinski, and Hugo Drochon. *Political Science Research and Methods*.
32. "Polarization in Black and White: An Examination of Racial Differences in Polarization and Sorting Trends." Forthcoming. With Judd R. Thornton. *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
31. "Biased Interviewer Assessments of Respondent Knowledge Based on Perceptions of Skin Tone." Forthcoming. With Judd R. Thornton. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.
30. "Christian Nationalism and Political Violence: Victimhood, Racial Identity, Conspiracy, and Support for the Capitol Attacks." Forthcoming. With Miles T. Armaly and David T. Buckley. *Political Behavior*.

Coverage: *New York Times*, *PsyPost*

29. "What is the Impact of Social Media on Beliefs in Conspiracy Theories and Misinformation?" Forthcoming. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Casey Klofstad, Michelle Seelig, Stephan Wuchty, Manohar Murthi, Kamal Premaratne, and John Funchion. *Political Behavior*.
28. "Racial Resentment, Electoral Loss, and Satisfaction with Democracy Among Whites in the United States: 2004–2016." Forthcoming. With Judd R. Thornton. *Political Behavior*.
27. "On Modeling the Social-Psychological Foundations of Support for Donald Trump." Forthcoming. With Joseph E. Uscinski. *American Politics Research*.
26. "'Why Me?' The Role of Perceived Victimhood in American Politics." Forthcoming. With Miles T. Armaly. *Political Behavior*.

Coverage: *New York Times*, *Salon*, *Mother Jones*, *PsyPost*

25. "Cause and Effect: On the Antecedents and Consequences of Conspiracy Theory Beliefs." 2022. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Casey Klofstad, and Justin Stoler. *Current Opinion in Psychology* 47: 101364.
24. "Who Believes in QAnon? A Case Study in Political Extremism." 2022. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Casey Klofstad, Stephan Wuchty, Michelle Seelig, John Funchion, Manohar Murthi, Kamal Premaratne, and Justin Stoler. *Journal of Politics* 84(3): 1845–1849.

Coverage: *New York Times*, *Psychology Today*

23. "Affective Polarization and Support for the U.S. Supreme Court." 2022. With Miles T. Armaly. *Political Research Quarterly* 75(2): 409-424.
22. "The Role of Anti-Establishment Orientations during the Trump Presidency." 2021. With Joseph E. Uscinski. *The Forum* 19(1): 47-76.
21. "No Home Court Advantage: The Impeachment Trial and Attitudes toward the U.S. Supreme Court." 2021. With Miles T. Armaly. *Research & Politics* January-December 2021.
20. "American Politics in Two Dimensions: Partisan and Ideological Identities versus Anti-Establishment Orientations." 2021. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Michelle Seelig, Casey Klofstad, John Funchion, Caleb Everett, Stephan Wuchty, Kamal Premaratne, and Manohar Murthi. *American Journal of Political Science* 65(4): 877-895.

Coverage: *New York Times*, *Psychology Today*

19. "Issues vs. Affect: How Do Elite and Mass Polarization Compare?" 2021. *Journal of Politics* 83(4): 1873-1877.

18. "The 2020 Presidential Election and Accusations of Fraud: Continuity or Change?" 2021. With Joseph E. Uscinski, Michelle Seelig, Casey Klofstad, John Funchion, Caleb Everett, Stephan Wuchty, Kamal Premaratne, and Manohar Murthi. *Electoral Studies* 72: 102366.
17. "Do Conspiracy Beliefs form a Belief System? Examining the Structure and Organization of Conspiracy Beliefs." 2021. 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* 9(1).

Coverage: *New York Times*

16. "The Limits of Medical Trust in Mitigating COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Among Black Americans." 2021. With Justin Stoler, Casey Klofstad, and Joseph E. Uscinski. *Journal of General Internal Medicine* May 21: 1-3.
15. "Value Extremity Contributes to Affective Polarization in the U.S." 2021. With Robert N. Lupton. *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(4): 857-866.
14. "The Role of Affective Orientations in Promoting Perceived Polarization." 2021. With Miles T. Armaly. *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(3): 615-626.
13. "Are Misinformation, Anti-scientific Claims, and Conspiracy Theories for Political Extremists?" 2021. With Joseph E. Uscinski. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations* 24(4): 583-605.

Included in special issue, "We Don't Believe You: A Group Processes Approach to Anti-science Beliefs and Endorsement of Alternative Facts"

12. "A Matter of Principle? On the Relationship Between Racial Resentment and Ideology." 2021. *Political Behavior* 43(2): 561-584.
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.

Book Chapters

4. "QAnon and the Politics of 2020." In Press. With Joseph E. Uscinski. In *The Social Science of QAnon: A New Social and Political Phenomenon*. Monica K. Miller (Editor). Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press.
3. "Conspiracy Theories and Political Identities." 2021. 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

14. "Authoritarian populist Americans who feel a sense of victimhood and white identity are most likely to support political violence." With Miles T. Armaly. The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy. June 23, 2021.
13. "Who Heeded Trump's Call on Jan. 6?" *Newsweek*. June 14, 2022.
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.
Coverage: *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

"Conspiracy Theories: History, Ubiquity, Causes, and Consequences?" Indiana Council on World Affairs Distinguished Speaker Program. April 21, 2022.

"What's the Harm? An Interrogation of the Societal Impact of Conspiracy Theories and Potential Remedies." With Joseph E. Uscinski. "Lies, Free Speech, and the Law" symposium, Knight First Amendment Institute, Columbia University. April 8, 2022.

"Alienated and Polarized: A Conversation on a Divided America." Conversation with Timothy Carney. American Enterprise Institute and McConnell Center, University of Louisville. February 22, 2022.

"Down the Rabbit Hole? An Examination of Conspiracy Beliefs Over Time" Indiana University. February 11, 2022.

"A New Era of Conspiracism? An Examination of Conspiracy Beliefs Over Time." University of Georgia. February 4, 2022.

"Have Beliefs in Conspiracy Theories Increased Over Time?" Simon Fraser University. December 3, 2021.

"Down the Rabbit Hole? An Examination of Conspiracy Beliefs Over Time." National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education, Seton Hill University. November 9, 2021.

"Conspiracy Beliefs About Voter Fraud." League of Women Voters. October 8, 2021.

"A New Era of Conspiracism?" McConnell Center Strategic Broadening Seminar, University of Louisville. September 1, 2021.

"Who Believes in QAnon? A Case Study in Extremism." Fort Knox "Drink and Think" series. April 28, 2021.

"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*

"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)

"Are Republicans and Conservatives More Likely to Believe Conspiracy Theories?" With Christina Farhart, Joanne Miller, Kyle Saunders, Joseph E. Uscinski, and Hugo Drochon. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7–April 10, 2022, Chicago, IL.

"'I Got Rights...Right?' Americans' Perceptions of Rights and Liberties." With Miles T. Armaly. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7–April 10, 2022, Chicago, IL.

"Digital Dog Whistle: Racially Coded Language and the Social Media Campaign." With Jason Gainous and Kevin M. Wagner. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7–April 10, 2022, Chicago, IL.

"The Consequences of Values Sorting in the American Electorate." With Robert N. Lupton. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7–April 10, 2022, Chicago, IL.

“Christian Nationalism and Political Violence: Victimhood, Racial Identity, Conspiracy, and Support for the Capitol Attacks.” With Miles T. Armaly and David T. Buckley. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 28–April 2, 2022, Nashville, TN.

“Do COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories and Misinformation Increase Vaccine Refusal? Assessing the Costs of Conspiracy Theories and Misinformation.” With Joseph E. Uscinski, Casey A. Klofstad, and Justin Stoler. True Costs of Misinformation Workshop, Shorenstein Center, Harvard Kennedy School. March 9-10, 2022.

“Do Conspiracy Beliefs Form a Monological Belief System? Revisiting Goertzel 27 Years Later.” With Joseph E. Uscinski. Social Implications of Conspiracy Theories, European Association of Social Psychology. November 18, 2021.

“Capturing Conspiracy Beliefs: An Exploration of Question Formats and Measurement.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 10-13, 2020, San Francisco, CA. *Canceled due to COVID*

“Toward a Theory and Measure of Benevolent Racism.” With Edana Beauvais. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, June 2-4, 2020, London, Ontario (Canada). *Canceled due to COVID*

“Victim Identity and White Justification for Racial Issue Attitudes.” With Miles T. Armaly. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 16-19, 2020, Chicago, IL. *Canceled due to COVID*

“Principled Sorting: Value Sorting in American Politics.” With Robert N. Lupton. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 16-19, 2020, Chicago, IL. *Canceled due to COVID*

“Where’s the Hate? A Caution on the Interpretation of Survey Responses.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 9-11, 2020, San Juan, PR. *Dropped out due to earthquakes*

“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.

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

POLS 120: Debunking 20 Myths about Politics

Master's Thesis Committee Member:

Dane Warner (2020), Shane White (2020), Brianna Berry (2021), Tyler Chapman (2021), Anna Adams (2022), Dustin Cox (2022)

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, 2020–present

Electoral Politics section chair, 2018 SPSA meeting

Panel discussant: 2022 MPSA meetings; 2017–2019 SPSA meetings; 2017–2019 MPSA meetings; 2017 APSA meeting; 2019 KPSA meeting

Panel chair: 2022 MPSA meetings; 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 Analysis*; *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*; *Research & Politics*; *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*; *American Sociological Review*; *Social Psychological and Personality Science*; *Personality and Individual Differences*; *Information, Communication, and Society*; *Social Media + Society*; *Health Education & Behavior*; *Policy Science*; *Social Science & Medicine*; *Social Science Journal*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Scientific Reports*; *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; *PNAS Nexus*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Psychological Reports*; 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