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Academic Appointments

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Assistant Professor, Political Science, August 2017 – present

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, August 2016 – July 2017

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2016

Dissertation: *Political Perception in the Polarized Era*

Committee: Gabriel Lenz (chair), Laura Stoker, Robert Van Houweling, Leif Nelson (Haas School of Business)

Subfields: American Politics, Political Behavior (with distinction), Methodology and Formal Theory

M.A., Political Science, May 2011

University of California, Los Angeles

M.Ed., Education, May 2008

Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA

B.A., Politics, *magna cum laude* with departmental honors, 2006

Research

Articles in Refereed Journals

Ahler, Douglas J., and David E. Broockman. 2018. "The Delegate Paradox: Why Polarized Politicians Can Represent Citizens Best." *The Journal of Politics* 80 (4): 1117-1133.

† Winner of the 2019 Joseph L. Bernd Award for the best article published in *The Journal of Politics* in the previous Southern Political Science Association conference year

Ahler, Douglas J. 2018. "The Group Theory of Parties: Identity Politics, Party Stereotypes, and Polarization in the 21st Century." *The Forum* 16 (1): 3-22.

Ahler, Douglas J., and Gaurav Sood. 2018. "The Parties in Our Heads: Misperceptions about Party Composition and Their Consequences." *The Journal of Politics* 80 (3): 964-981.

Ahler, Douglas J., Jack Citrin, Michael C. Dougal, and Gabriel S. Lenz. 2017. "Face Value? Experimental Tests of the Influence of Candidate Appearance on Electoral Choice." *Political Behavior* 39 (1): 77-102.

Ahler, Douglas J., Jack Citrin, and Gabriel S. Lenz. 2016. "Do Open Primaries Improve Representation? An Experimental Test of California's 2012 Top-Two Primary." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 41 (2): 237-268.

† Winner of the Jewell-Loewenberg Paper Award for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2016.

Ahler, Douglas J., Jack Citrin, and Gabriel S. Lenz. 2015. "Why Voters May Have Failed to Reward Proximate Candidates in the 2012 Top-Two Primary." *California Journal of Politics and Policy* 7 (1).

Ahler, Douglas J. 2014. "Self-Fulfilling Misperceptions of Public Polarization." *The Journal of Politics* 76 (3): 607-620.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Ahler, Douglas J., and Gaurav Sood. 2018. "Measuring Perceptions of Shares of Groups." In *Misinformation and Mass Audiences*, eds. Brian G. Southwell, Emily A. Thorson, and Laura Scheble. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, p. 71-90.

Selected Work in Progress

Party Stereotyping in the USA: How our Biased Beliefs About Democrats and Republicans Fuel Political Discord (with Gaurav Sood)

"Typecast: Roots of Misperceptions about Party Composition" (with Gaurav Sood)

"The Micro-Task Market for 'Lemons': Collecting Data on Amazon's Mechanical Turk" (with Carolyn E. Roush and Gaurav Sood)

"Assessing Political Knowledge: Problems and Solutions in Online Surveys" (with Stephen N. Goggin)

"Irresponsible Partisanship and Democratic Accountability: How Citizens Understand Party Conflict"

"Receive, Accept, Do Not Sample: Downweighting as a Form of Motivated Reasoning" (with Carolyn E. Roush)

Honors, Awards, Grants, & Fellowships

Joseph L. Bernd Award for the best article published in *The Journal of Politics* in the previous SPSA conference year for "The Delegate Paradox: How Polarized Politicians Can Represent Citizens Best" (with David E. Broockman), Southern Political Science Association, 2019

Grand Prize (university-wide), First-Year Assistant Professor Summer Grant poster session, Florida State University, 2018

First-Year Assistant Professor Summer Grant, Florida State University, 2018

Provost's Faculty Travel Grant, Florida State University, 2018

Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS) grant for "The Social Construction of Partisanship: Misperceptions about Party Composition and Partisan Identification" (with Gaurav Sood), 2017

Jewell-Loewenberg Paper Award for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* for "Do Open Primaries Improve Representation? An Experimental Test of California's 2012 Top-Two Primary" (with Jack Citrin and Gabriel S. Lenz), American Political Science Association, 2016

Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Representation, University of California, Berkeley, 2015

Charles Redd Award for the Best Paper on the Politics of the American West for "Do Open Primaries Help Moderate Candidates? An Experimental Test on the 2012 California Primary" (with Jack Citrin and Gabriel S. Lenz), Western Political Science Association, 2014

David M. Howard Memorial Prize in American Politics, Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2014

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2013

Stone Foundation Fellow, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006-2008

Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Chapter of California, 2006

President's Scholarship, Occidental College, 2002-2006

Presentations of Research

Invited Talks

American Politics and Public Policy Workshop, Yale University, January 2018

Association Meetings

Midwest Political Science Association: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

American Political Science Association: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

The Society for Political Methodology: 2015

Western Political Science Association: 2013, 2014, 2015

Pacific Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research: 2014

International Society for Political Psychology: 2012

Presentations at Other Conferences

Dartmouth Experiments Conference, Dartmouth College, July 2016

Conference on Ideal Point Models, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, May 2015

California's Top-Two Primary: Will it Make a Difference?, Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley, April 2014

Public Lectures

Florida State University College of Social Sciences Policy Pub: "Unpacking the 2018 Midterm Elections: What Happened and What's Next?" Backwoods Bistro, Tallahassee, November 2019

Florida State University Faculty Luncheon Series: "The Parties in Our Heads: Misperceptions about Party Composition and Their Consequences," UKirk Tallahassee, November 2019

Professional Activities

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Research & Politics*, *Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences*

Member: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

Department and University Service

Florida State University

Department Executive Committee member, 2018-2019

University of California, Berkeley

IGS Poll student director, Institute of Governmental Studies, 2015

Teaching

Florida State University

Undergraduate

POS 3204: Public Opinion and Political Behavior (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018)

POS 3713/4905: Political Science Research (Honors/Research-Intensive) (Fall 2018)

Graduate

POS 5277: Electoral Politics (Fall 2017)

University of California, Berkeley

Instructor and consultant for research design and survey research, D-Lab (February 2014 – May 2016)

Graduate Student Instructor for PS 164a: Political Psychology, with Laura Stoker (Fall 2011 and Fall 2015)

Graduate Student Instructor for PS 161: Public Opinion and American Elections, with Jack Citrin (Fall 2014)

Graduate Student Instructor for PS 3: Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods, with Laura Stoker (Summer 2013)

Graduate Student Instructor for PS 1: Introduction to American Politics, with Jack Citrin (Fall 2012)

Graduate Student Instructor for PS 103: Congress, with Eric Schickler (Spring 2012 and Spring 2013)

Other Skills

Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Python, Qualtrics survey interface