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Academic Appointments

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Assistant Professor, Political Science, Starting Fall 2017

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, August 2016-Present

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science, 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

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

Research

Articles in Refereed Journals

Ahler, Douglas J., Jack Citrin, Michael C. Dougal, and Gabriel S. Lenz. Forthcoming. "Face Value? Experimental Tests of the Influence of Candidate Appearance on Electoral Choice." *Political Behavior*.

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.

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.

Selected Work in Progress

"The Parties in Our Heads: Misperceptions about Party Composition and Their Consequences" (with Gaurav Sood).

“Measuring Perceptions of Group and Population Composition” (with Gaurav Sood).

“Does Polarization Imply Poor Representation? A New Perspective on the ‘Disconnect’ Between Politicians and Voters” (with David E. Broockman).

“Irresponsible Partisanship and Democratic Accountability: How Citizens Understand Party Conflict.”

“Constructing Political Knowledge Batteries: Questions, Topics, and Scaling in Online Survey Experiments” (with Stephen N. Goggin).

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

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.

Conference Presentations

Association Meetings

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

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

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.

Professional Activities

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Research Quarterly*

Member: American Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology, Midwest Political Science Association

Department and University Service

University of California, Berkeley

IGS Poll student director, Institute of Governmental Studies, 2015

Teaching

University of California, Berkeley

Instructor and consultant for research design, 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

Last updated: November 14, 2016