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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Nevada, Reno Assistant Professor of Political Science	<i>2025 - present</i>
Vanderbilt University Predoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions	<i>2024 - 2025</i>

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles Ph.D. Political Science Dissertation: <i>The Effect of Real-World Events on Political Behavior</i> Committee: Lynn Vavreck (Chair), Graeme Blair, Jeffrey Lewis, Chris Tausanovitch, Dan Thompson Subfields: American Politics and Quantitative Methods	<i>2019 - 2025</i>
University of California, Los Angeles M.A. Political Science	<i>2022</i>
Haverford College B.A. Political Science and Economics (Honors) Minor: Statistics	<i>2016</i>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Electoral accountability, political behavior, public opinion, public policy, public health, health communication, causal inference, experiments, data science

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- “Perceptions of COVID-19 Risk: How Did People Adapt to the Novel Risk?” Karen Sepucha, Aaron Rudkin, Ryan Baxter-King, Annette L Stanton, Neil Wenger, Lynn Vavreck, Arash Naeim. *Medical Decision Making* 2024.
- “Parental intentions to vaccinate children against COVID-19: Findings from a US National Survey.” Rebecca J Guerin, Arash Naeim, Ryan Baxter-King, Andrea H Okun, Derek Holliday, Lynn Vavreck. *Vaccine* 2023.
- “Strategies to increase the intention to get vaccinated against COVID-19: Findings from a nationally representative survey of US adults, October 2020 to October 2021.” Arash Naeim, Rebecca J Guerin, Ryan Baxter-King, Andrea H Okun, Neil Wenger, Karen Sepucha, Annette L Stanton, Aaron Rudkin, Derek Holliday, Alexander Rossell Hayes, Lynn Vavreck. *Vaccine* 2022.
- “How Local Partisan Context Conditions Pro-Social Behaviors: Mask Wearing During COVID-19.” Ryan Baxter-King, Jacob R. Brown, Ryan D. Enos, Arash Naeim, and Lynn Vavreck. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 2022.
- “Depressive Symptoms and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Large, Longitudinal, Cross-sectional Survey” James J. MacDonald, Ryan Baxter-King, Lynn Vavreck, Arash Naeim, Neil Wenger, Karen Sepucha, Annette L Stanton. *JMIR Mental Health* 2022.

- “The Impact of COVID-19 on Routine Medical Care and Cancer Screening.” Neil S. Wenger, Annette L. Stanton, Ryan Baxter-King, Karen Sepucha, Lynn Vavreck, and Arash Naeim. *Journal of General Internal Medicine* 2022.
- “Fatalities from COVID-19 are reducing Americans’ support for Republicans at every level of office.” Christopher Warshaw, Lynn Vavreck, and Ryan Baxter-King. *Science Advances* 2021.
- “Effects of Age, Gender, Health Status, and Political Party on COVID-19–Related Concerns and Prevention Behaviors: Results of a Large, Longitudinal Cross-sectional Survey.” Arash Naeim, Ryan Baxter-King, Neil Wenger, Annette Stanton, Karen Sepucha, and Lynn Vavreck. *JMIR Public Health Surveillance* 2021.
- “Effect of a predictive model on planned surgical duration accuracy, patient wait time and use of pre-surgical resources: a randomized controlled trial.” Christopher Strömblad, Ryan Baxter-King, Amirhossein Meisami, Shok-Jean Yee, Marcia R. Levine, Aaron Ostrovsky, Daniel Stein, Alexia Iasonos, Martin R. Weiser, Julio Garcia-Aguilar, Nadeem R. Abu-Rustum, Roger S. Wilson. *JAMA Surgery* 2021.

WORKING PAPERS

- “The Effect of Real-World Events on Political Attitudes and Preference Intensity: Evidence from Mass Shootings” (Job Market Paper)
- “How Does Information About Local Mass Shootings Shape Political Behavior?” (Survey experiment, funded by a Doctoral Dissertation Grant from the Rapoport Family Foundation)
- “Following Which Leader? Endorsements by Public Officials Affect Support for COVID-19 Restrictions,” with Derek Holliday
- “Endorsements vs. Information: Experimental Evidence of Backlash and Parallel Persuasion during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis,” with Alexander Coppock, Graham Straus, and Lynn Vavreck (*Revise & Resubmit*)
- “How Local Partisan Context Conditions the Mental Health of Partisan Voters,” with Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos and Lynn Vavreck (*Revise & Resubmit*)
- “The Effects of COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Orders on Gun Purchasing,” with Jack Kappelman, Haotian (Barney) Chen, Soonhong Cho, and Tanvi Shinkre

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023, 2024
Society of Political Methodology Annual Meeting	2024
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2022, 2024
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2021

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Political Psychology Fellowship (\$2,000), UCLA	2024
Dissertation Year Award, UCLA	2024 - 2025
Doctoral Dissertation Grant(\$15,000), Rapoport Family Foundation	2024
Political Psychology Fellowship, UCLA	2022
Graduate Research Mentorship Program, UCLA	2022 - 2023
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA	2022
Graduate Research Mentorship Program, UCLA	2020 - 2021
Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award, UCLA	2019 - 2021
First Year Fellowship, UCLA	2019 - 2020

TEACHING

Health, Politics, and Culture: Medicare and Medicaid in the 1960s	S2022, S2024
Instructor	
America in the 60s	F2023, W2024
Teaching Assistant	

SERVICE

R Maven , Political Science, UCLA	2022 - 2024
Mentor , Political Science Graduate Student Mentorship Program, UCLA	2021 - 2023
Coordinator , American Politics Graduate Student Workshop, UCLA	2020 - 2021

OTHER ACTIVITIES

PCI Lab Researcher , Practical Causal Inference Lab, UCLA	2023 - present
Researcher , UCLA Health and Politics Project	2020 - present
Attendee , UCLA Political Psychology Lab (David Sears)	2020 - present

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	2017 - 2019
Strategic Analyst	
AIDS Institute , New York State Department of Health	2016 - 2017
Program Assistant	

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Lynn Vavreck, Marvin Hoffenberg Professor of American Politics and Public Policy. (vavreck@mac.com)
Jeffrey Lewis, Professor of Political Science. (jblewis@polisci.ucla.edu)
Daniel Thompson, Assistant Professor of Political Science. (dthompson@polisci.ucla.edu)