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Current Position

Graduate Student, The Belief Systems Lab, Department of Psychology, Michigan State University

Research Interests

Ideology, Ideological Development, Belief Systems, Attitude Moralization, Survey Research, Observational Causal Inference

Education

2021	M.A. in Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2019	B.A. in Political Science and Psychology, University of North Carolina at Asheville

Grants, Honors & Awards

2022-2023	MSU Graduate Merit Assistantship
2019 2024	UNC Chapel Hill Department of Political Science Thomas Uhlman Fellowship (declined 2022-2024)
2019	UNC Chapel Hill Graduate School Doctoral Merit Assistantship Award
2019	UNC Asheville Department of Psychology Nominee for Valedictorian of the Graduating Class
2019	UNC Asheville Department of Political Science Outstanding Research Award
2018	UNC Asheville Conference Travel Grant

Publications

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2019   Cox, Keith S., Katherine J. Hanek, and **Abigail L. Cassario**. "Redemption in a Single Low Point Story Longitudinally Predicts Well-Being: The Incremental Validity of Life Story Elements." *Journal of Personality* 87 (5) (2019) 1009-1024.

2020   **Cassario, Abigail L.**, Keith S. Cox, and Joshua Wilt. "Investigating the Cross Racial Measurement (In?)Variance of the Right Wing Authoritarianism Scale." *Journal of Psychological Inquiry*

2023   **Cassario, Abigail L.** "Perceived Vulnerability to Infectious Disease and Perceived Harmfulness are as Predictive of Citizen Response to COVID-19 as Partisanship." *Politics and the Life Sciences* 42 (2), 277-290

EDITOR REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2023   Brandt, Mark J., and **Abigail L. Cassario.** "Distinguishing Between Worldview Conflict and Shared Alliances: Commentary on Pinsof, Sears, and Haselton." *Psychological Inquiry* 34 (3), 168-174

ACCEPTED STAGE 1 REGISTERED REPORTS

2023   **Cassario, Abigail L.**, Jordan L. Thompson, Alejandro Carillo, Prachi Solanki, Shree Vallabha, Samantha A. Gnall, Sada Rice, Geoffrey Wetherell, Mark J. Brandt. "Cognitive Ability, Cognitive Reflection, and Attitudes Towards Ideological Groups" *British Journal of Social Psychology*

2023   Geoffrey Wetherell, Jordan L. Thompson, Mark J. Brandt, **Abigail L. Cassario**, Sada Rice, Prachi Solanki, Shree Vallabha. "Do Mismatches Between Individual and Target Group Personality Predict Prejudice?" *Collabra: Psychology*

UNDER REVIEW

2023   Jordan L. Thompson, **Abigail L. Cassario**, Sada Rice, Samantha A.Gnall, Alejandro Carillo, Prachi Solanki, Shree Vallabha, Mark J. Brandt, Geoffrey Wetherell. "Registered Report: Stress Testing Predictive Models of Ideological Prejudice." *Plos One*

2023   Sada Rice, **Abigail L. Cassario**, Prachi Solanki, Samantha A. Gnall, Jordan L. Thompson, Alejandro Carillo, Shree Vallabha, Mark J. Brandt, Geoffrey Wetherell. "(National) Pride Predicts Prejudice Towards a Variety of Social Groups." *Comprehensive Results in Social Psychology*

2024   **Abigail L. Cassario**, Mark J. Brandt. "Testing Theories of Threat, Individual Difference, and Ideology: Little Evidence of Personality Based Individual Differences in Ideologial Responses to Threat." *Social Psychological and Personality Science*

Current Projects

2024 **Cassario, Abigail L.**, and Mark J. Brandt. "What is Central to Within Subjects' Political Belief Systems?" Manuscript in Preperation.

2024 Mark J. Brandt, Shree Vallabha, and **Abigail L. Cassario.** "Adult Political Attitude Change: What Predicts Lasting Change? Evidence from a 26 Wave Panel Study." Manuscript in Preperation.

2024 **Cassario, Abigail L.**, and Mark J. Brandt. "Can Conceptualizing Belief Systems as Networks Help Us Understand the Process of Attitude Moralization?"

2024 Finkel, Eli J., Catherine Garton, Alexander Landry, Ben Annandappa, and **Abigail L. Cassario**. "A Meta-Analysis of Partisan Misperceptions"

2024 **Abigail L. Cassario** and Mark J. Brandt. "Elementary School Teacher Race and Adult Partisan Identity: A Regression Discontinuity Analysis of the Causal Effect of Teacher Race on Political Identity"

Conference Presentations

2024 "Teseting Theories of Threat, Individual Difference, and Ideology: Little Evidence of Personality Based Individual Differences in Ideological Responses to Threat." Poster presented at SPSP Annual Conference 2024, San Diego, California.

2023 "What is Central to Within Subjects Political Belief Systems?" With Mark J. Brandt., Paper Presented at the ISPP Annual Conference 2023, Montreal, Canada.

2023 "What is Central to Within Subjects Political Belief Systems?" With Mark J. Brandt., Paper Presented at the Midwest Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

2023 "What is Central to Within Subjects Political Belief Systems?." With Mark J. Brandt., SPSP Political Psychology Pre-conference, Atlanta, GA.

2022 "Do Distinct Emotions Reliably Predict Political Engagement? Testing Predictions from Affective Intelligence Theory, Basic Emotions Theories, Causal Appraisal Theories and Psychological Constructionism." International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Annual Meeting 2022. Athens, Greece.

2022 "Not all Motivated Reasoning is Partisan: Personality and Harm Perceptions Limit the Influence of Partisanship in Shaping Citizens' Perceptions of COVID-19" Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2022. Chicago, IL.

2021 "Not all Motivated Reasoning is Partisan: PVD and Perceived Harm Limit Partisan Motivated Reasoning About COVID 19." International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) An- nual Meeting 2021. Montreal QC, Canada (Virtual due to COVID 19)

2020　"Moral Partisan Stereotypes vs. Policy Stereotypes in Candidate Evaluation." NC Cognition Society 2020 Meeting. Durham, NC. (Canceled due to COVID 19.)

2018　"Does the Right Wing Authoritarianism Scale Function Differently in White American and African American Samples? Maybe So". Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Political Psychology Preconference. March 2018. Atlanta, GA

Teaching

Introduction to Social Psychology (MSU)
Introduction to Personality Psychology (MSU)
Psychology of Women (MSU)
Introdiction to R Programming and Staristics (MSU, TA, section instructor)
Introduction to American Politics (UNC)
Introduction to R Programming and Statistics (UNC, Undergraduate, Grader)
Race, Innocence and the Death Penalty (UNC)

Reviewer

Legislative Studies Quarterly
Political Behavior
American Journal of Political Science (co-review with advisor)
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology (co-review with advisor)
British Journal of Social Psychology
Politics and the Life Sciences

Computer Skills

R (Advanced)
Qualtrics (Advanced)
SAS (Intermediate)
SPSS (Intermediate)
MATLAB (Beginner)
Github (Beginner)
Python (Beginner)
LaTeX