

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D.: August 2016

Political Science, University of Kansas; Advisor: Donald P. Haider-Markel

Dissertation: **Putting the Public into Public Health: Health Policy Related Opinion and Public Policy**

M.A.: May 2012

Political Science, California State University Chico; Advisor: Mahalley D. Allen

Master's Thesis: The Solicitor General: An in Depth Analysis of the Effect on the Supreme Court's Decision-Making Process, 1998-2003.

B.A.: December 2008

Political Science; Minor: Business Administration, California State University Chico

Research and Teaching Interests

American Politics

1. Political Behavior
2. State and Local Government
3. Bureaucracy

Public Policy

1. Health Care
2. Autism
3. Opioid Addiction

Professional Activities

Academic Appointment

Assistant Professor

Department of History & Political Science, Utah Valley University, July 2016 to present.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, August 2013 to July 2016

Research

Book Chapters

Haider-Markel, Donald P., and Steven Sylvester. 2015. "Changing Policies/Changing Hearts and Minds: The Evolution of the LGBT Movement, In *Interest Groups Politics*, 9th ed. Eds. Allan J. Cigler, Burdett A. Loomis, and Anthony J. Nownes. Washington, DC: CQ Press. Pp. 68-89.

Sylvester, M. Steven. 2017. "Drunk Driving in America: A Battle for the Hearts and Minds of the Public." In *Legislating Morality in America*. Ed. Donald P. Haider-Markel. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. (**Forthcoming**)

Refereed Publications

Sylvester, M. Steven and Donald P. Haider-Markel. 2016. "Buzz Kill: State Adoption of DUI Interlock Laws, 2005-2011." *Policy Studies Journal*. 44(4): 491-509.

Doan, Alesha E., Carolina Costa-Coda, and **Steven M. Sylvester**. 2017. "The Experiential Origins of Misinformation in Abortion Policy." *Journal of Law & Policy* (**Accepted**).

Joslyn, R. Mark and **Steven M. Sylvester**. 2017. "The Determinants and Consequences of Accurate Beliefs About Childhood Vaccinations." *American Politics Research* (**Accepted**).

Sylvester, M. Steven. 2017. "Do Legislators Listen to the Public? Policy Responsiveness and State Resistance to the Affordable Care Act." *Journal of Public Policy* (**Revise and Resubmit**)

Motta, Matthew, **Steven M. Sylvester**, and Timothy Callaghan. 2018. "Dunning-Kruger Effects & the Endorsement of Anti-Vaccine Policy Attitudes." *Social Science & Medicine* (**Under Review**)

Working Papers

Callaghan, Timothy and Steven M. Sylvester. 2017. "Autism, Politics, and the States: Variation in the Regulation of Autism Services in America."

Sylvester, M. Steven. "Can We Place the Candidates Correctly? The Affordable Care Act, Political Perceptions, and Presidential Elections."

Sylvester, M. Steven and Timothy Callaghan. "Parents as Policy Entrepreneurs: Autism Diagnosis and Political Mobilization."

Sylvester, M. Steven. "Threat and Loathing in a (Un)Vaccinated World: The Role of Perceived Threat in Public Support for Restrictive Vaccination Policies."

Sylvester, M. Steven. "Anxiety and Loathing on the Trail of an Epidemic? The Link Between Anxiety, Confidence, and Restrictive Policy."

Conference Participation

2018. "Dunning-Kruger Effects & the Endorsement of Anti-Vaccine Policy Attitudes." Co-authors: Timothy Callaghan and Matthew Motta. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April.

2018. "Parents as Policy Entrepreneurs: Autism Diagnosis and Political Mobilization." Co-authors: Timothy Callaghan. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April.

2017. Autism, Politics, and the States: Variation in the Regulation of Autism Services in America." Co-authors Timothy Callaghan. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September.

2017. Do Vaccines Cause Autism? The Determinants and Consequences of Misinformation about Child Vaccinations. Co-authors Mark R. Joslyn. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April.

2016. "Public Attitudes Toward Vaccinations: A Case of Parental Rights or Public Safety." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April.

2016. "The Influence of Legislative Threats on Membership Levels in the NRA." Co-authors Justin A. Tucker and Chelsie L. Bright. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September.

2015. "The Role of Anxiety and the Evolving Balance between American Support for Civil Liberties vs. Extensive Counterterrorism Policies." Co-authors Donald P. Haider-Markel. Presented at the State of Surveillance Symposium at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, October.

2015. "Experts, Ideologues, and the Dissemination of Misinformation in Abortion Policy." Co-authors Alesha Doan and Carolina Costa Candal. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September.

2015. "The Battle Against the Housing Problem: Variation in Affordable Housing Spending in U.S. Municipalities." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April.

2014. "Political Ideology or Citizen Need? An Analysis of State Resistance to the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April.

2014. “Staying in Class: Race, Representation and Student Punishment.” co-authors Elaine Sharp, Donald P. Haider-Markel, and Chelsie Bright. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August.

Grants

- Research GEL Engaged Learning Grant, Office of Engaged Learning – Utah Valley University (\$6,780), 2017
- Research Autism Faculty Fellowship, Melisa Nellesen Center for Autism – Utah Valley University (\$4,000), 2017

Academic Honors and Awards

Walter Thompson Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, June 2015. Supervisor: Donald P. Haider-Markel. Project: Public Attitudes and Counterterrorism Policies.

Walter Thompson Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, June 2014. Supervisor: Donald P. Haider-Markel. Project: LGBT Political Representation: An Updated View.

Walter Thompson Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, June 2013. Supervisor: Elaine Sharp and Donald P. Haider-Markel. Project: Minority Representation on School Boards.

Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society.

Order of Omega, Fraternity and Sorority Honor Society.

Phi Kappa Phi, Honor Society

Academic and Professional Service

Member, MPS Graduate Committee, Utah Valley University, January 2018 to Present.

Member, Re-Envisioning GE Committee, Utah Valley University, January 2018 to Present.

Member, Autism Initiative Council, Utah Valley University, August 2016 to Present.

Member, Graduate Committee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Kansas, May 2015 to May 2016.

Member, Social Media Policy Procedure Committee, University of Kanas, May 2014 to August 2014.

Vice-President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Kansas, June 2013 to June 2014.

Member, Faculty Committee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Kansas, June 2013 to Present.

Chapter Advisor, Sigma Pi Fraternity International, University of Kansas, January 2013 to January 2015.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association