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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- » Postdoc, Department of Political Science and Government, Aarhus University (2013-Present)
- » Graduate Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University (2009-2012)

## EDUCATION

- » PhD, Political Science, Northwestern University (2012)
  - Dissertation: *Essays on Political Information and the Dynamics of Public Opinion*
  - Chair: Jamie Druckman
  - Committee: Ben Page, Dennis Chong, & Fay Lomax Cook
- » Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University (2009)
- » M.A., Northwestern University (2010)
- » B.A. *magna cum laude* with Distinction, Political Science & Global Studies, University of Minnesota—Twin Cities (2007)

## PUBLICATIONS

- » Toby Bolsen, and Thomas J. Leeper. 2013. "Self-Interest and Attention to News among Issue Publics." *Political Communication* 30(3): 329–348.
- » James N. Druckman, and Thomas J. Leeper. 2012. "Learning More from Political Communication Experiments: Pretreatment and Its Effects." *American Journal of Political Science* 56(4): 875–896.
- » James N. Druckman, and Thomas J. Leeper. 2012. "Is Public Opinion Stable? Resolving the Micro-Macro Disconnect in Studies of Public Opinion." *Daedalus* 141(4): 50–68.
- » James N. Druckman, Jordan Fein, and Thomas J. Leeper. 2012. "A Source of Bias in Public Opinion Stability." *American Political Science Review* 106(2): 430–454.

## Forthcoming

- » Thomas J. Leeper. "The Informational Basis for Mass Polarization." *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
- » Toby Bolsen, Thomas J. Leeper, and Matthew Shapiro. "Doing What Others Do: Norms, Science, and Collective Action on Global Warming." *American Politics Research*.

- » James N. Druckman, Thomas J. Leeper, and Kevin J. Mullinix. "The Experimental Study of Legislative Behaviors." In Thomas Saalfeld, and Kaare Strøm, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Legislative Studies*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- » Thomas J. Leeper, and Rune Slothuus. "Political Reasoning and Elite Partisan Competition." *Advances in Political Psychology*.

#### Under Review

- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Cognitive Style and the Survey Response" Revise and re-submit.
- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Consequences of Selective Exposure for Political Engagement."
- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Media Exposure: Choices as Revealed Preferences."

#### Working Papers and Ongoing Projects

- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Are Strong Opinions More Stable?"
- » Thomas J. Leeper, and Kevin J. Mullinix. "Are Population-based Survey Experiments Unparalleled?"
- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Byproduct Exposure to Politics"
- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Causal Effects Under Self-Selection."
- » Thomas J. Leeper. "What Have We Done?! Reporting Political Communication Experiments."
- » Jason Seawright and Thomas J. Leeper. "Multi-Causal Matching for Causal Effects in Observational Studies."

#### Edited Volume

- » James C. Kielsmeier, Marybeth Neal, Nathan Schultz, and Thomas J. Leeper, eds. 2008. *Growing to Greatness 2008*. St. Paul: National Youth Leadership Council.

#### Other Publications

- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2013. "Crowdsourcing with R and the MTurk API." *The Political Methodologist* 2(2): 2-7.
- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2011. "The Role of Protocol in the Design and Reporting of Experiments." *The Experimental Political Scientist* 2(1): 6-10.
- » Marybeth Neal, Thomas J. Leeper, and Susan Root. 2009. "Attributes of Quality Service-Learning: Findings from the Transitioning to Adulthood Survey." In James C. Kielsmeier, Susan Root, Bjorn Lyngstad, and Caryn Pernu, eds., *Growing to Greatness 2009*. St. Paul: NYLC.
- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2008. "Service-Learning in the States: Recent Policy Developments." In James C. Kielsmeier, Marybeth Neal, Nathan Schultz, and

Thomas J. Leeper, eds. *Growing to Greatness 2008*. St. Paul: NYLC.

- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2008. "A Vision of Service-Learning Policy: Why It Matters." In James C. Kielsmeier, Marybeth Neal, Nathan Schultz, and Thomas J. Leeper, eds., *Growing to Greatness 2008*. St. Paul: NYLC.
- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2008. "Beyond 'Valuing Diversity' in Service-Learning." *The Generator* 26:3.
- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2008. "Measuring Service-Learning Success." *The Generator* 26:2.
- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2008. "Youth Voice Research: Findings, Gaps and Trends." *The Generator* 26:1.

#### SOFTWARE

- » "sparktex: Generate LaTeX sparklines in R." 2013. Available at CRAN.
- » "rite: The Right Editor to Write R." 2013. Available at CRAN.
- » "dvn: Access to The Dataverse Network API." 2013. Available at CRAN.
- » "MTurkR: Access to Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester API." 2012. Available at CRAN.
- » Other assorted R code, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X macros, and JavaScript templates are available on my website and/or GitHub

#### GRANTS AND FUNDING

- » Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (2013)
- » National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$12,000 (2012)
- » Northwestern Career Development Grant for Humanists and Social Scientists, \$400 (2012)
- » Northwestern University TGS Conference Travel Grant, \$500 (2012)
- » APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, \$200 (2011)
- » Northwestern University TGS Conference Travel Grant, \$700 (2011)
- » Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Humanities and Social Sciences Technology-Enhanced Doctoral Research Award, \$600 (2011)
- » Northwestern University Graduate Research Grant, \$3,000 (2011)
- » Northwestern University MacArthur Fund grant, \$2,000 (2009)
- » Northwestern University Fellowship, \$20,000 (2008-2009, 2012-2013)
- » Bush Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship, University of Minnesota, \$750 (2006)
- » Hearst Foundation United States Senate Youth Program Scholarship, \$5,000 (2005)

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- » Best Paper Award from APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section (2012)
- » Timothy Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award from APSA Political Com-

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PAPERS  
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PRESENTATIONS

- munication Section (2012)
- » Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2009)
- » Early election, Phi Beta Kappa, University of Minnesota (2007)
- » College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Honors Program, University of Minnesota (2006-2007)
- » College of Liberal Arts Dean's List, University of Minnesota (2005-2007)
- » Minnesota Delegate, United States Senate Youth Program (2005)
- » "Byproduct Exposure to Politics" Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2013.
- » "In Search of Political Attitude Structure." Annual scientific meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Herzliya, Israel, 2013. (Declined)
- » "Preference-based Measures of Media Exposure." Annual conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, Boston, MA, 2013.
- » "Interest Groups and Political Attitudes." Comparative Politics Seminar, Aarhus University, 2013.
- » "Strong Attitudes and Biased Political Engagement." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2012.
- » "The Informational Basis of Mass Polarization." Annual scientific meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Chicago, IL, 2012.
- » "Strong Attitudes and Biased Political Engagement." Annual scientific meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Chicago, IL, 2012.
- » "Political Groups and Public Opinion." Political Parties Working Group, Northwestern University, 2012.
- » "Strong Attitudes and Biased Political Engagement." Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2012.
- » "Getting Informed or Just Getting By: How Attentive Do Citizens Need to Be to 'Get' the News?" Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2012.
- » "Strong Attitudes and Biased Political Engagement." American Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2012.
- » "Learning More from Political Communication Experiments: The Importance of Pretreatment Effects." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, IL, 2011.
- » "The Problem with Captive Audiences: Framing and Information Search." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, IL, 2011.
- » "The Problem with Captive Audiences: Framing and Information Search." Northwestern University Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, Evanston, IL, 2011.

- » “Matching Moderators: Causal Interactions in Observational Studies.” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2011.
- » “Bias in Political Communication Experiments.” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2011.
- » “Bias in Political Communication Experiments.” University of Chicago Political Psychology Workshop, Chicago, IL, 2011.
- » “Revisiting Political Awareness: Has Public Opinion Research Forsaken Federalism?” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2010.
- » “Revisiting Political Awareness: Has Public Opinion Research Forsaken Federalism?” American Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, January 25, 2010.
- » “Attributes of Quality Service-Learning in Respondent’s Past Service Experience: New Findings from NYLC’s Transitioning To Adulthood Survey.” Presented at the International Research Conference on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, New Orleans, 2008.

## TEACHING

### Experience

- » Instructor, *Does Public Opinion Matter?* (Master), Aarhus University, 2013.
- » Teaching Assistant, *Statistical Research Methods* (Bachelor), Northwestern University, 2011.
- » Teaching Assistant, *Methods of Political Inference* (Bachelor), Northwestern University, 2011.
- » Teaching Assistant, *Political Psychology of Mass Behavior* (Bachelor), University of Minnesota, 2007.

### Training

- » New Teaching Assistant Conference, Northwestern University, 2010.
- » Teaching Training Programme for Assistant Professors and Postdocs, Aarhus University, 2013.

## SERVICE

### Departmental

- » Co-Chair, Northwestern Political Science Commune (Graduate student organization) (2011-2012)
- » Coordinator, Undergraduate Political Science Experimental Research Participation Pool (2010-2012)

### Disciplinary

- » Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Future Internet*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *SAGE*

*Open, Scandinavian Political Studies*, AAPOR Annual Conference, TESS: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences

» Panel Discussant:

- AAPOR (2013)
- APSA (2012)
- ISPP (2012)

» Panel Chair:

- APSA (2013)
- ISPP (2013)

» Panel Organizer:

- APSA (2013): 'Advances in Experiments on Media and Information Choices'

» Professional Memberships:

- American Political Science Association (2007–)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2009–)
- American Association for Public Opinion Research (2009–)
- International Society for Political Psychology (2009–)
- Society for Political Methodology (2010–)

Public Engagement

- » "Polarized," a *Psychology Today* blog about psychology and public opinion
- » Assistance with statistics, R programming, and Amazon Mechanical Turk on StackOverflow.
- » Contributions to English-language *Wikipedia* on topics related to political psychology and statistics as user thosjleep
- » Research Assistant for Dr. James Druckman, Political Science, Northwestern University (2008-2012)
- » Research Assistant, National Youth Leadership Council, St. Paul, MN (2008)
- » Grassroots Advocacy, Organizing, and Field Consulting Intern, Grassroots Solutions Inc., Minneapolis, MN (2008)
- » Campaign Coordination Intern, FairVote Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (2008)
- » Research Assistant for Dr. Kathryn Pearson, Political Science, University of Minnesota (2007)
- » Documentation Intern, Las Cortes de Castilla-La Mancha, Toledo, Spain (2006)

OTHER  
RELEVANT  
EXPERIENCE