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## EDUCATION

- » PhD, Political Science, Northwestern University (2012)
  - Dissertation: *Essays on Political Information and the Dynamics of Public Opinion*
- » 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)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- » Assistant Professor in Political Behaviour, Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science (2015–Present)
- » Postdoc, Department of Political Science and Government, Aarhus University (2013–2015)
- » Graduate Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University (2009–2012)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- » Kevin J. Mullinix, Thomas J. Leeper, James N. Druckman, and Jeremy Freese. 2015. “The Generalizability of Survey Experiments.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2(2): 109–138. [10.1017/XPS.2015.19](https://doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2015.19)
- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “Cognitive Style and the Survey Response.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(4): 974–983. [doi:10.1093/poq/nfu042](https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfu042)
- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “Archiving Reproducible Research with R and Dataverse.” *The R Journal* 6(1): 151–158. <http://journal.r-project.org/archive/2014-1/leeper.pdf>.
- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “The Informational Basis for Mass Polarization.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(1): 27–46. [doi:10.1093/poq/nft045](https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nft045)
- » Thomas J. Leeper, and Rune Slothuus. 2014. “Political Parties, Motivated Reasoning, and Public Opinion Formation.” *Advances in Political Psychology* 35 (Supplement 1): 129–156. [doi:10.1111/pops.12164](https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12164)
- » Toby Bolsen, Thomas J. Leeper, and Matthew Shapiro. 2014. “Doing What Others Do: Norms, Science, and Collective Action on Global Warming.” *American Politics Research* 42(1): 65–89. [doi:10.1177/1532673X13484173](https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X13484173)
- » Toby Bolsen, and Thomas J. Leeper. 2013. “Self-Interest and Attention to News among Issue Publics.” *Political Communication* 30(3): 329–348.

doi:10.1080/10584609.2012.737428

- » 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. doi:10.1111/j.1540-5907.2012.00582.x
- » 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. doi:10.1162/DAED\_a\_00173
- » 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. doi:10.1017/S0003055412000123

#### Other Publications

- » Thomas J. Leeper. “The Multiple Paths to Credibility.” *The Political Methodologist*: In press.
- » James N. Druckman, Thomas J. Leeper, and Kevin J. Mullinix. 2014. “The Experimental Study of Legislative Behaviors.” In Thomas Saalfeld, and Kaare Strøm, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Legislative Studies*, 194–210. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “Making High-Resolution Graphics for Academic Publishing.” *The Political Methodologist* 21(1): 2–5.
- » 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.
- » Named project member on Danish Council for Independent Research Sapere Aude grant to Rune Slothuus, total award 7,050,249 DKK (approx. \$1,274,748) (2014)
- » Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, approx. \$12,000 (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)

HONORS  
AND  
AWARDS

- » 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)
- » Best Paper Award from APSA Experimental Research Section, with Kevin J. Mullinix (2015)
- » APSA Political Psychology Section Distinguished Junior Scholars Award (2014)
- » Best Paper Award from APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section (2012)
- » Timothy Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award from APSA Political Communication 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)

SOFTWARE  
DEVELOPMENT

- » Principal or contributing developer for R packages: arco, colourlovers, dtupdate, dvn, federalregister, ghit, imguR, margins, meme, microworkers, mpg, MTurkR, openfda, pollstR, recalls, rio, CRAN, Rmonkey, RPublica, rscribd, rsunlight, slopegraph, sparktex, UNF, usbroadband, webuse, and various packages contributed to the cloudyr project.

CONFERENCE  
PAPERS  
AND  
INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

- » American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011
- » APSA Pre-Conference on Political Communication: 2015
- » Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010
- » International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting: 2014, 2012
- » American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting: 2013
- » Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2014, 2013
- » The useR! Conference: 2015

Invited Presentations

- » Institute for Advanced Study-Toulouse (2016), European University Institute (2015), Nuffield College, Oxford (2015), Louisiana State University (2014), McGill University (2014), London School of Economics (2014), Aarhus University (2014), Copenhagen University (2014), University of Southern Denmark (2013), Northwestern University (2012), University of Chicago (2011)

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

Experience: London School of Economics and Political Science

» Instructor, *Public Opinion, Political Psychology, and Citizenship* (Master), LSE, 2016

» Instructor, *Research Design in Political Science* (Bachelor), LSE, 2015–2016

Experience: Aarhus University

» Co-Instructor, *Quantitative Political Analysis* (Master/PhD), Aarhus University, 2015

» Instructor, *Surveys for Research and Evaluation* (Master), Aarhus University, 2014

» Instructor, *Issues in American Politics and Government* (Master), Aarhus University, 2014

» Instructor, *Experimentation and Causal Inference* (Master), Aarhus University, 2014

» Co-Instructor, *Quantitative Political Analysis* (Master/PhD), Aarhus University, 2014

» Instructor, *Does Public Opinion Matter?* (Master), Aarhus University, 2013

Experience: Northwestern University

» 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

Pedagogical Training

» Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2015–2016

» Various Academic Development Programme workshops, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2015–Present

» Educational IT – Go Online, Aarhus University, 2013

» Teaching Training Programme for Assistant Professors and Postdocs, Aarhus University, 2013

» New Teaching Assistant Conference, Northwestern University, 2010

## SERVICE

Departmental (Aarhus University)

» Committee member, Curriculum development for Master/PhD “Qualitative Political Analysis” course (2014–2015)

Departmental (Northwestern University)

» Co-Chair, Northwestern Political Science Commune (Graduate student organization) (2011–2012)

» Coordinator, Undergraduate Political Science Experimental Research Participation Pool (2010–2012)

Disciplinary

» Editorial Board, *Research Ideas and Outcomes* (2015–)

- » Associate PI, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (2013–)
- » Journal Reviewer:  
*American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, DATABASE: The Journal of Biological Databases and Curation, Future Internet, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal of Communication, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly, Nature Climate Change, PLoS One, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Political Psychology, Journal of Public Policy, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Public Opinion Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Research & Politics, SAGE Open, Scandinavian Political Studies, Science, Social Science Computer Review*
- » Other Peer Review Activity:  
 AAPOR Annual Conference, Israeli Science Foundation, TESS: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, U.S. National Science Foundation
- » Panel Discussant: AAPOR (2013), APSA (2012, 2014, 2015), DPSA (2013, 2014), ISPP (2012), MPSA (2014, 2015)
- » Panel Chair: APSA (2013), ISPP (2013, 2014), MPSA (2014, 2015)
- » Roundtable participant: MPSA (2015)
- » Panel Organizer: APSA (2013): “Advances in Experiments on Media and Information Choices”
- » Committees and Other Service:
  - Committee member, APSA Political Psychology Career Achievement Award (2015)
  - Committee member, APSA Pol.Comm. Section Doris Graber Book Award (2014)
  - Committee member, APSA Political Psychology Section Best Paper Award (2014)
  - Section Chair, Experimental Research Section, MPSA (2014)
  - Associate PI, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (2013–)
- » Memberships: APSA (2007–), MPSA (2009–), AAPOR (2009–), ISPP (2009–)

#### Public Engagement

- » Open Science Evangelism
  - Founder, the cloudyr project (2014–)
  - Contributing developer, rOpenHealth (2015–); rOpenSci (2014–); rOpenGov (2014–)
  - Co-maintainer, R Task Views: Web Technologies (2014–); Open Data (2015–); R Package Development (2015–)
- » Occasional Blogging: Personal academic blog (2014–); rOpenSci (2014); *The Political Methodologist*’s Most Viewed Post of 2014; PoliSci Replication (2014); The New West (2015–)