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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- » Postdoc, Department of Political Science and Government, Aarhus University (2013-Present)
  - Associated Researcher, Cognition and Behavior Lab (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

- » 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.
- » 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
- » 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

#### Forthcoming

- » Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. "The Informational Basis for Mass Polarization." *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Archiving Reproducible Research with R and Dataverse." *The R Journal*.
- » 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*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

#### Under Review

- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Cognitive Style and the Survey Response" Revise and re-submit.
- » Thomas J. Leeper, and Kevin J. Mullinix. "To Whom, With What Effect? Parallel Experiments on Framing"
- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Byproduct Exposure to Politics"

#### Working Papers and Ongoing Projects

- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Consequences of Selective Exposure for Political Engagement."
- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Media Exposure: Choices as Revealed Preferences."
- » Thomas J. Leeper. "Are Strong Opinions More Stable?"
- » 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. "Making High-Resolution Graphics for Academic Publishing." *The Political Methodologist*.
- » 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

- » "colourlovers: R client for the COLOURlovers API." Available from CRAN.
- » "dvn: Access to The Dataverse Network APIs." Available from CRAN.
- » "mpg: Fuel economy data from FuelEconomy.gov." Available from GitHub
- » "MTurkR: Access to Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester API." Available from CRAN.
- » "pollstR: R client for the Pollster API." Available from GitHub
- » "rite: The Right Editor to Write R." Available from CRAN.
- » "slopegraph: Edward Tufte-inspired Slopegraphs in R." Available from GitHub
- » "sparktex: Generate LaTeX sparklines in R." Available from CRAN.
- » "UNF: Tools for creating universal numeric fingerprints for data." Available from GitHub
- » Other assorted code samples 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-

HONORS  
AND  
AWARDS

- 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)
- » 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)

CONFERENCE  
PAPERS  
AND  
INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

- » "To Whom, and With What Effect? Parallel Experiments on Framing." Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2014.
- » "Are Strong Opinions More Stable?" Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2014.
- » "To Whom, With What Effect? Parallel Experiments on Framing." Comparative Politics Seminar, Aarhus University, 2013.
- » "Interest Groups and Political Attitudes." Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vejle, Denmark, 2013.
- » "Beyond Approach/Avoidance in Political Psychology." Department of Political Science and Government, Aarhus University, 2013.
- » "To Whom, With What Effect? Parallel Experiments on Framing." Department of Political Science and Public Management, Southern Denmark University, 2013.
- » "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, *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
- » 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

### Short courses

- » “Introduction to R.” Department of Political Science and Government, Aarhus University, 2013.

### Training

- » 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

- » 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, Journal of Communication, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Experimental Political Science, 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), DPSA (2013), ISPP (2012), MPSA (2014)
- » Panel Chair:
    - APSA (2013), ISPP (2013), MPSA (2014)
  - » Panel Organizer:
    - APSA (2013): ‘Advances in Experiments on Media and Information Choices’
  - » Committees and Other Service:
    - Committee member, APSA Political Communication 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–)
  - » 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

- » Contributor, rOpenSci (2014–)
- » Contributor, rOpenGov (2014–)
- » Assistance with statistics, R programming, and Amazon Mechanical Turk on StackOverflow. (2013–)
- » “Polarized,” a *Psychology Today* blog about psychology and public opinion (2012–2013)
- » Contributions to English-language *Wikipedia* on topics related to political psychology and statistics as user thosjleep (2008–)

#### OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- » 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)