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# Education

PhD, Political Science, Northwestern University (2012)

- Dissertation: *Essays on Political Information and the Dynamics of Public Opinion*

- Chair: Jamie Druckman

- Committee: Benjamin 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)

# Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor in Political Behaviour, Department of Government,  
London School of Economics and Political Science (2015–)

Postdoc, Department of Political Science and Government, Aarhus University (2013–2015)

- Member, POLIS Political Parties and Issue Strategies Project (2013–2015)

- Associated Researcher, Cognition and Behavior Lab (2013–2015)

Graduate Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University (2009-2012)

# Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications: Political Science

Joshua Robison, Thomas J. Leeper, and James N. Druckman. “Do Heterogeneous Social Networks Undermine Attitude Strength?” *Political Psychology*.

Thomas J. Leeper. “How Does Treatment Self-Selection Affect Inferences About Political Communication?” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

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](http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2015.19)

- Media coverage at [The Monkey Cage](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/03/09/does-social-science-have-a-replication-crisis/)

Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “Cognitive Style and the Survey Response.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(4): 974–983. [doi:10.1093/poq/nfu042](http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfu042)

Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “The Informational Basis for Mass Polarization.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(1): 27–46. [doi:10.1093/poq/nft045](http://dx.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](http://dx.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](http://dx.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](http://dx.doi.org/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](http://dx.doi.org/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](http://dx.doi.org/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](http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0003055412000123)

Peer-Reviewed Publications: Software

Thomas J. Leeper. “Crowdsourced Data Preprocessing with R and Amazon Mechanical Turk.” *R Journal*: In press.

Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “Archiving Reproducible Research with R and Dataverse.” *R Journal* 6(1): 151–158. <http://journal.r-project.org/archive/2014-1/leeper.pdf>.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Thomas J. Leeper, and Rune Slothuus. “Deliberation and Framing.” In Andre Bächtiger, John Dryzek, Jane Mansbridge, and Mark Warren, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Deliberative Democracy*. 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.

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.

Other Academic Publications

Thomas J. Leeper. “The Multiple Routes to Credibility.” *The Political Methodologist* 23(1): 11–16. Available from: [PDF](https://thepoliticalmethodologist.files.wordpress.com/2016/02/tpm_v23_n1.pdf), [Blog format](https://thepoliticalmethodologist.com/2015/12/21/the-multiple-routes-to-credibility/).

Thomas J. Leeper. 2014. “Making High-Resolution Graphics for Academic Publishing.” *The Political Methodologist* 21(1): 2–5. Available from: [PDF](https://thepoliticalmethodologist.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/tpm_v21_n12.pdf), [Blog format](https://thepoliticalmethodologist.com/2013/11/25/making-high-resolution-graphics-for-academic-publishing/)

Thomas J. Leeper. 2013. “Crowdsourcing with R and the MTurk API.” *The Political Methodologist* 2(2): 2–7. Available from: [PDF](https://thepoliticalmethodologist.files.wordpress.com/2013/09/tpm_v20_n21.pdf).

Thomas J. Leeper. 2011. “The Role of Protocol in the Design and Reporting of Experiments.” *The Experimental Political Scientist* 2(1): 6-10.  
Available from: <http://scholar.harvard.edu/files/dtingley/files/may2011.pdf>

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

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.

Book Reviews

Thomas J. Leeper. 2016. “Book Review: Brian Arbour, *Candidate-Centered Campaigns: Political Messages, Winning Personalities, and Personal Appeals* New York: Palgrave-MacMillan. 2014.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*: In press. Available from: [doi:10.1093/poq/nfw035](http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfw035)

Thomas J. Leeper 2016. “Book Review: *Political Analysis Using R*.” *The Political Methodologist* 23(2): 17–19.  
Available from: [PDF](https://thepoliticalmethodologist.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/tpm_v23_n2.pdf), [Blog format](https://thepoliticalmethodologist.com/2016/05/25/book-review-political-analysis-using-r/)

# Working Papers & Ongoing Projects

Papers Under Review  
Thomas J. Leeper. “The Roles of Media Choice and Media Effects in Political Knowledge Gaps.”

Thomas J. Leeper, and Rune Slothuus. “Can Citizens Be Framed? How Information, Not Emphasis, Changes Opinions.”

Thomas J. Leeper, and Rune Slothuus. “Using the Rolling Reinterview Design to Study Campaigns, Opinions, and Electoral Behavior.”

Working Papers

Thomas J. Leeper, and Rune Slothuus. “The Information Environment and Consistency in Citizens’ Policy Opinions.”

Thomas J. Leeper, and Emily Thorson. “Minimial Sponsorship-Induced Bias in Web Survey Data.”

Thomas J. Leeper. “Are Important Attitudes More Stable? Revisiting the Evidence.”

Thomas J. Leeper. “Politics and Media Coverage Shape the Issue Content of the Polling Agenda.”

Thomas J. Leeper, and Joshua Robison. “Proximity Voting in the Age of Elite Polarization.”

Thomas J. Leeper, and Joshua Robison. “Political Interest, Audience Size, and Ideology: The Conditional Scope of Selective Exposure to Television.”

Thomas J. Leeper. “Causal Effects Under Self-Selection.”

Thomas J. Leeper. “Information Sources and the Evaluation of Political Arguments.”

# Grants &Funding

External Sources

R Consortium Infrastructure Steering Committee Grant for RL10N Project, $10,000 (2016)

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, $300 (2015)

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)

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, $200 (2011)

Institutional Sources

Bush Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship, University of Minnesota, $750 (2006)

Hearst Foundation United States Senate Youth Program Scholarship, $5,000 (2005)

LSE Research Infrastructure and Investment Fund, 11,611 (approx. $17,000, 2016)

Government Department Undergraduate Summer Student Internship Grant (2015)

Northwestern Career Development Grant for Humanists and Social Scientists, $400 (2012)

Northwestern University TGS Conference Travel Grant, $500 (2012)

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)

# Honors & Awards

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

R Packages

“arco: Pick a Color From a Tcl/tk chooseColor Widget.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/arco).

“colourlovers: R client for the COLOURlovers API.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=colourlovers), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/colourlovers).

“crandatapkgs: Find Data-Only Packages on CRAN.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=crandatapkgs), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/crandatapkgs).

“dtupdate: Functions that try to make it easier to keep up with the non-CRAN universe.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/hrbrmstr/dtupdate) (Contributor).

“GK2011: Gaines and Kuklinski (2011) Estimators for Hybrid Experiments.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=GK2011), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/GK2011).

“lumendb: Lumen Database API Client.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=lumendb), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/lumendb).

“margins: Marginal Effects for Model Objects.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/margins).

“mcode: Functions to merge and recode across multiple variables.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/mcode).

“responserates: AAPOR Survey Response Rates.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/responserates).

“rio: A Swiss-army Knife for Data File I/O.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=rio), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/rio).

“rio.db: A Database Extension for ‘rio’.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/rio.db).

“rite: The Right Editor to Write R.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=rite), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/rio).

“slopegraph: Edward Tufte-inspired Slopegraphs in R.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/slopegraph).

“sparktex: Generate LaTeX sparklines in R.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=sparktex), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/sparktex).

“UNF: Tools for Creating Universal Numeric Fingerprints for Data.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=UNF), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/UNF).

“webuse: Import Stata ’webuse’ Datasets.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=webuse), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/webuse).

R packages contributed to the cloudyr project

“appveyor: Appveyor API Client Package.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/appveyor).

“awspack: Amazon Web Services Bundle Package.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/awspack).

“aws.cloudwatch: Amazon Web Services Cloudwatch Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.cloudwatch).

“aws.cloudtrail: Amazon Web Services Cloudtrail Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.cloudtrail).

“aws.code: Amazon Web Services CodeCommit Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.code).

“aws.ec2: Amazon Web Services EC2 Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.ec2).

“aws.efs: Amazon Web Services EFS Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.efs).

“aws.glacier: Amazon Web Services Glacier Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.glacier).

“aws.iam: Amazon Web Services IAM Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.iam).

“aws.lambda: Amazon Web Services Lambda Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.lambda).

“aws.s3: Amazon Web Services Simple Storage Service Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.s3).

“aws.ses: Amazon Web Services Simple Email Service Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.ses).

“aws.signature: Amazon Web Services Request Signatures.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=aws.signature), [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.signature).

“aws.sns: Amazon Web Services Simple Notification Service Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.sns).

“aws.sqs: Amazon Web Services Simple Queue Service Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/aws.sqs).

“cirleci: Circle CI API Client Package.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/circleci).

“crowdflower: Crowdflower.com R Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/crowdflower) (with Ken Benoit and Pablo Barberá).

“ghit: Lightweight GitHub Package Installer.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=ghit), [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/ghit).

“imguR: Imgur API Client Package for R.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=imguR), [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/imguR).

“microworkers: Microworkers.com R Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/microworkers).

“MTurkR: R Client for the MTurk Requester API.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=MTurkR), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/MTurkR).

“MTurkRGUI: A Graphical User Interface for MTurkR.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=MTurkRGUI), [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/MTurkRGUI).

“Rmonkey: Access Survey Monkey from R.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=Rmonkey), [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/Rmonkey).

“rscribd: Scribd API Client Package for R.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/rscribd).

“travisci: Travis-CI API Client Package.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/cloudyr/travisci).

R packages contributed to RL10N

“msgtools: Tools for Developing Diagnostic Messages.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/RL10N/msgtools).

packages contributed to the rOpenSci project

“dvn: Access to The Dataverse Network APIs.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=dvn).

“dataverse: R Dataverse Client.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/iqss/dataverse-client-r) (in collaboration with Harvard–IQSS).

“tabulizer: Bindings for Tabula PDF Table Extractor Library.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/ropenscilabs/tabulizer).

R packages contributed to the rOpenGov project

“dkstat: API connection to the StatBank from Statistics Denmark..” On [GitHub](https://github.com/rOpenGov/dkstat) (Contributor).

“federalregister: R client for the U.S. Federal Register API.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=federalregister), [GitHub](https://github.com/rOpenGov/federalregister).

“mpg: Fuel economy data from FuelEconomy.gov.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/rOpenGov/mpg).

“pollstR: R client for the Pollster API.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=pollstR) (Contributor).

“RPublica: ProPublica API Client.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=RPublica), [GitHub](https://github.com/rOpenGov/RPublica).

“rsunlight. Interface to APIs for data on what our elected representatives are up to.” On [CRAN](https://cran.r-project.org/package=rsunlight) (Contributor).

“usbroadband: Data for the U.S. National Broadband Map.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/rOpenGov/usbroadband).

R packages contributed to the rOpenHealth project

“openfda: Convenient access to the OpenFDA API.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/ropenhealth/openfda) (Contributor).

Stata Packages

“ciplotm: Modified Version of Nick Cox’s ‘ciplot’.” On [GitHub](https://github.com/leeper/ciplotm).

# Invited Presentations & Conference Papers

Invited Presentations

“The Role of Media Choice and Media Effects in Political Knowledge Gaps.” Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 2016.

“Can Citizens Be Framed? How Information, Not Emphasis, Changes Opinions.” Democracy, Elections, and Citizenship Group, Universistat Autonoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, 2016.

“The Information Environment and Consistency in Citizens’ Policy Opinions.” Mapping Political Preferences Conference, Institute for Advanced Study-Toulouse, Toulouse, France, 2016.

“Can Citizens Be Framed? How Information, Not Emphasis, Changes Opinions.” Political Behaviour Workshop, Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2016.

“The Role of Media Choice and Media Effects in Political Knowledge Gaps.” European University Institute, Firenze, Italy, 2015.

“What If You Had Done Things Differently? Testing the Generalizability of Framing Effects with Parallel Experiment.” Workshop on Innovations in Online Experiments, Nuffield College, Oxford, UK, 2015.

“The Role of Media Choice and Media Effects in Political Knowledge Gaps.” Manship School of Mass Communication, Louisiana State University, 2014.

“The Role of Media Choice and Media Effects in Political Knowledge Gaps.” Department of Political Science, McGill University, 2014.

“The Role of Media Choice and Media Effects in Political Knowledge Gaps.” Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2014.

“Why Do We Execute?” Political Behavior Workshop, Aarhus University, 2014.

“Reproducible Research: What, Why, How.” Interacting Minds Centre, Aarhus University, 2014.

“How Real-World Political Debate Influences Public Opinion Formation and Experimental Effects on Opinion.” Experiments in Political Science Workshop, Copenhagen University, 2014.

“To Whom, With What Effect? Parallel Experiments on Framing.” Comparative Politics Workshop, Aarhus University, 2013.

“Beyond Approach/Avoidance in Political Psychology.” Political Behavior Workshop, Aarhus University, 2013.

“To Whom, With What Effect? Parallel Experiments on Framing.” Department of Political Science and Public Management, University of Southern Denmark, 2013.

“Interest Groups and Political Attitudes.” Comparative Politics Workshop, Aarhus University, 2013.

“Political Groups and Public Opinion.” Political Parties Working Group, Northwestern University, 2012.

“Strong Attitudes and Biased Political Engagement.” American Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2012.

“The Problem with Captive Audiences: Framing and Information Search.” Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, Northwestern University, 2011.

“Bias in Political Communication Experiments.” Political Psychology Workshop, University of Chicago, 2011.

“Revisiting Political Awareness: Has Public Opinion Research Forsaken Federalism?” American Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2010.

Conference Papers

“If Only Citizens Had a Cue: The Process of Opinion Formation over Time.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

“Proximity Voting in the Age of Elite Polarization.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

“Can Citizens Be Framed? How Information, Not Emphasis, Changes Opinions.” Annual scientific meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Warsaw, Poland, 2016.

“Can Citizens Be Framed? How Information, Not Emphasis, Changes Opinions.” Annual meeting of the European Political Science Association, Brussels, Belgium, 2016.

“Can Citizens Be Framed? How Information, Not Emphasis, Changes Opinions.” Amsterdam Political Psychology Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2015.

“The Nonrandom Polling of Public Opinion.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2015.

“Political Interest, Audience Size, and Ideology: The Conditional Scope of Selective Exposure to Television.” APSA Pre-Conference on Political Communication, San Francisco, CA, 2015.

“Crowdsourced Data Processing with MTurkR.” The useR! Conference, Aalborg, Denmark, 2015.

“The Information Environment and Consistency in Citizens’ Policy Opinions.” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2015.

“The Role of Media Choice and Media Effects in Political Knowledge Gaps.” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2015.

“Sponsorship-Induced Bias in Online Survey and Experimental Data.” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2015.

“Unifying Theory and Methods on the Effects of Political Information Exposure.” Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vejle, Denmark, 2014.

“To Whom, and With What Effect? Parallel Experiments on Framing.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2014.

“How Real-World Political Debate Influences Public Opinion Formation and Experimental Effects on Opinion.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2014.

“How Real-World Political Debate Influences Public Opinion Formation and Experimental Effects on Opinion.” Nordic Political Science Association Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, 2014. (Declined)

“Are Strong Opinions More Stable?” Annual scientific meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Rome, Italy, 2014.

“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.

“Interest Groups and Political Attitudes.” Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vejle, Denmark, 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.

“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.

“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.

“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.

“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.

“Revisiting Political Awareness: Has Public Opinion Research Forsaken Federalism?” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 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 & Advising

Lecturing: 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, 2015/16–

Lecturing: 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

Class Teaching: 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

Short courses

- “Survey Experiments.” Barcelona Summer School in Survey Methodology, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2016.

- “Online Surveys and Online Experiments.” European University Institute, Firenze, Italy, 2015.

- “Regression Computation.” PhD Course, Department of Political Science and Government, Aarhus University, 2015.

- “Producing Reproducible Research.” Interacting Minds Center, Aarhus University, 2014.

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

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

# Editing & Reviewing

- Editorial Board, [*Research Ideas and Outcomes*](http://riojournal.com/) (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*, *Field Methods*, *Future Internet*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Irish Political Studies*, *Journal of Communication*, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, *Nature Climate Change*, *PLoS One*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Public Administration*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Research & Politics*, *R Journal*, *SAGE Open*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Science*, *Social Science Computer Review*

- Funding Reviewer: Israeli Science Foundation, U.K. Economic and Social Research Council, U.S. National Science Foundation

- Book Reviewer: MIT Press, Routledge Press, SAGE Publications

- Other Peer Review Activity:  
AAPOR Annual Conference, Center for Experimental Social Science at Nuffield College–Oxford, rOpenSci R Package Onboarding, TESS: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences

# Institutional & Professional Service

Institutional (London School of Economics and Political Science)

- Member, Research Ethics Committee (2016–2019)

- Participant and presenter, Teaching and Learning Centre Research Methods Teaching Practice and Exchange Forum (2015–)

Departmental (London School of Economics and Political Science)

- Organizer, Political Behaviour Seminar (2016–)

- Departmental Presenter, LSE Open Day (2016)

- Search committee, EUDEMOS project Postdoc (2016)

- Faculty Participant, Government Department Townhall (2015–)

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 Committees

- At-Large Member, APSA Political Communication Executive Committee (2016–2017)

- Member, rOpenSci Unconf Nominations Committee (2016)

- Member, APSA EPOVB Section Graduate Student Travel Award Committee (2016)

- Member, APSA Political Communication Section Nominating Committee (2016)

- Member, APSA Political Psychology Career Achievement Award Committee (2015)

- Member, APSA Political Communication Section Doris Graber Book Award Committee (2014)

- Member, APSA Political Psychology Section Best Paper Award Committee (2014)

Service at Professional Conferences

- Section Chair, Experimental Research Section, MPSA (2014)

- Panel Discussant:  
AAPOR (2013), APSA (2012, 2014, 2015, 2016), DPSA (2013, 2014), ISPP (2012), MPSA (2014, 2015), EPSA (2016)

- Panel Chair: APSA (2013), ISPP (2013, 2014), MPSA (2014, 2015)

- Roundtable participant: MPSA (2015), ISPP (2016)

- Panel Organizer: “Advances in Experiments on Media and Information Choices” (APSA 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–)

- Associate Fellow, Higher Education Academy (2016–)

# Public Engagement

Open Science Evangelism

- Co-Founder, [RL10N: An R Localization Project](http://rl10n.github.io/) (2016-) with Richard Cotton

- Founder, [the cloudyr project](http://cloudyr.github.io/) (2014-)

- Contributing developer, [rOpenHealth](http://ropensci.org/) (2015-)

- Contributing developer, [rOpenSci](http://ropensci.org/) (2014-)

- Contributing developer, [rOpenGov](http://ropengov.github.io/) (2014-)

- Co-maintainer, [CRAN Web Technologies Task View](http://cran.r-project.org/web/views/WebTechnologies.html) (2014-)

- Co-maintainer, [R Open Data Task View](https://www.github.com/ropensci/opendata) (2015-)

- Co-maintainer, [R Package Development Task View](https://www.github.com/leeper/PackageDevelopment) (2015-)

- Participant, rOpenSci Unconf (2016)

Occasional Blogging

[Academic blog](http://thomasleeper.com/blog) (2014-)

[rOpenSci](http://ropensci.org/blog/) (2014)

[The LSE Social Science Impact Blog](http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2016/05/18/elsevier-purchase-ssrn-social-scientists-face-questions-over-whether-centralised-repository-is-in-their-interests/)

[*The Political Methodologist*’s Most Viewed Post of 2014](http://thepoliticalmethodologist.com/2015/01/05/introducing-the-annual-tpm-most-viewed-post-award-and-our-2014-winner/)

[PoliSci Replication](http://politicalsciencereplication.wordpress.com/) (2014)

“[Polarized](http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/polarized),” a *Psychology Today* blog about psychology and public opinion (2012-2013)

[The New West](https://thewpsa.wordpress.com/2015/05/09/what-can-we-learn-from-10-1-million-facebook-users-its-complicated/) (2015-)

Miscellaneous

Assistance with statistics, R programming, and Amazon Mechanical Turk on [StackOverflow](http://stackoverflow.com/users/2338862/thomas). (2013–present; “trusted user” 2015–present)