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W A S H I N G T O N , D C

EDUCATION

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| 2013 | Ph.D. , University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
Department of Government |
| 2005 | B.A. , University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Departments of Economics and Political Science |

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

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| 2021 - present | Associate Professor with tenure, School of International Service
American University, Washington, DC |
| 2014 - 2021 | Assistant Professor, School of International Service
American University, Washington, DC |
| 2013 - 2014 | Professorial Lecturer, School of International Service
American University, Washington, DC |

PUBLICATIONS**University Press Books**

1. Hart, A. & Matthews, J.S. (In press; expected June 2023). *Quality control: Experiments on the micro foundations of retrospective voting* (Elements in Experimental Political Science). Cambridge University Press. [Online ISBN: 9781009357005](#)
2. Hart, A. (2016). *Economic Voting: A Campaign-Centered Theory*. Cambridge University Press. [ISBN: 9781107148192](#)
Awards: 2017 William M. LeoGrande Prize, American University.
Reviews: Matthew Singer (2019), [Perspectives on Politics](#).
Julia Azari (2018), [Political Science Quarterly](#).
Melissa Michelson (2017), [CHOICE](#).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

3. Hart, A. & Matthews, J.S. (2022). Unmasking accountability: Judging performance in an interdependent world. *Journal of Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/716971>
4. Hart, A. & Middleton, J.A. (2014). Priming under fire: Reevaluating the classic media priming hypothesis. *Journal of Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022381613001539>
5. Hart, A. (2013). Can candidates activate or deactivate the economic vote? Evidence from two Mexican elections. *Journal of Politics*.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022381613001011>
6. Hart, A. (2010). Death of the partisan? Globalization and taxation in South America, 1990–2006. *Comparative Political Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414009352642>

WORKING PAPERS AND IN PROGRESS

Hart, A. & Matthews, J.S. (in progress). When to abstract: on the external validity of idealized experiments.

Hart, A. (working paper). Voters in Emerging Democracies Hold Candidates to a Higher Standard: Issue Voting in Brazil and Mexico.

Hart, A. & Matthews, J.S. (working paper). Clarity of responsibility and the mediating role of political campaigns.

Hart A. (working paper) "Feeling Defensive: Political Identity and the Priming versus Rationalization Puzzle" Working paper.

Hart A. & Muchimuti, M. (working paper). Access to Water Improves Boys' Education, Not Girls: Evidence from Tanzania and Uganda.

Hart, A. & Vandenbroed, L.M. (working paper). Portrait of an Economic Voter: Economic Performance and Vote Choice in US Presidential Elections.

Hart, A. (working paper). Partisanship Cannot Overwhelm the Reference Point Effect: Evidence from a Survey Experiment.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Hart, A. (Co-PI) & Middleton, J.A. (Co-PI) "Priming, projection, or both?" (TESS-115). Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences grant. 2011.

Hart, A. (Co-PI) & Weyland, K (PI) "The architecture of political choice—Political rhetoric, economic perceptions, and risky political prospects" (SES-0921798). National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant. 2009.

Hart, A. (PI) "Death of the partisan? Taxation and globalization." Lozano Long Summer Research Grant. Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas. 2007, 2008.

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2020 | F. Gunther Eyck Award Recipient for "dedication and devotion to teaching and students," School of International Service, American University. |
| 2017 | William M. LeoGrande Prize for the best book or article in Latin American or Latino Studies, American University. |
| 2015 | Faculty-Student Conference Travel Award. American University. |
| 2011 | Dean's Prestigious Research Award. University of Texas. |
| 2010 | University Continuing Fellowship. University of Texas. |
| 2010 | College of Liberal Arts Graduate Research Award. University of Texas. |
| 2009 | Macdonald Fellowship. Department of Government. University of Texas. |
| 2009 | Bruton Research Award. College of Liberal Arts. University of Texas. |
| 2007 | ICPSR Summer Fellowship. Department of Government. University of Texas. |

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

"Coping with interdependence: How voters judge government competence for contingent performance outcomes." Department of Political Science, University of Kansas. 2018.

"Getting the signal? Can citizens rationally allocate responsibility for performance" Department of Political Science, Memorial University, St. Johns, Canada. 2017.

“Developments in Campaign Strategy and Voting Behavior in the Developing World.” Invited symposium on Electoral Politics, the Central Intelligence Agency. Langley, VA. 2016.

“A Drop in the Bucket: Water Access Improves Boys’ Education, Not Girls’.” Invited presentation to the PhD Colloquium, School of International Service, American University. 2015.

“From Publius to Monica: History of the U.S. Media and its Role in Politics.” Invited lecture at Rhodes College. 2013.

“The Activating and Deactivating Power of Campaign Rhetoric.” Department of Political Science, University of Memphis. 2012.

Conference and Workshop Presentations

“Quality control: experiments in the microfoundations of retrospective voting.” Presentation to the Global Economy and Development Faculty Research Cluster, School of International Service, American University. 2023.

“What can we learn from abstract experiments?” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2022.

“Unmasking accountability: Judging performance in an interdependent world.” Toronto Political Behavior Workshop, Toronto, Canada. 2019.

“Getting the signal? Irrelevant information and the challenge of democratic accountability.” Presentation to the Global Economy Faculty Research Cluster, School of International Service, American University. 2017.

“Getting the signal? An experimental test of the clarity of responsibility thesis.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. 2017.

“Clarity of responsibility and the mediating role of political campaigns.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2017.

“Feeling Defensive: Political Identity and the Priming versus Rationalization Puzzle” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2017.

“Do Voters in Emerging Democracies Hold Candidates to a Higher Standard?” Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop. Toronto, ON. 2015.

“Held to a Higher Standard? Policy and Performance Voting in Emerging Democracies.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2015.

“Access to Water Improves Boys’ Education, Not Girls’: Evidence from Tanzania and Uganda.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2015.

“Who Cares about Policy? The Effect of Candidate Position-Taking in New Democracies.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2014.

“Can Candidates Activate or Deactivate the Economic Vote? Evidence from Two Mexican Elections.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. 2012.

“Priming, Projection, or Both: Reevaluating the Classic Priming Hypothesis.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2012.

“Unstoppable Force Meets Immovable Object: Party ID and the Reference Point Effect.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2012.

“It’s the Economic Message, Stupid! The Campaign and the Economic Vote.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Seattle, WA. 2011.

“Portrait of an Economic Voter: Individual-Level Heterogeneity, 1980-2008.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2011.

“(De)Activating the Economic Vote: The Moderating Effect of Economic Campaign Messages in the U.S. and Mexico.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. 2010.

“Campaigning for the Economic Vote: The Economic Message and Public Opinion in U.S. Presidential Elections.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2010.

“Priming Partisanship: Party ID, Question Order Effects, and Polarization in Conventional Political Science Surveys.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2009.

“The Dynamics of Economic Voting: A Theoretical Framework for Comparative Analysis.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2009.

“Death of the Partisan? Globalization and Taxation in South America.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2008.

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Courses Taught

- SIS-600: International Affairs Statistics & Methods
 - MA level, required course
 - Typical enrollment: 22
- SIS-806: Quantitative Methods in International Relations
 - PhD level, required course
 - Typical enrollment: 10
- SIS-750: Data Analysis
 - MA level, methods elective
 - Typical enrollment: 18
- SIS-750: Statistics & Methods II: Regression Analysis & Causal Inference
 - MA level, methods elective
 - Typical enrollment: 25
- SIS-750: Statistics & Methods II: Maximum Likelihood Estimation
 - MA level, methods elective
 - Typical enrollment: 15
- SIS-306: Data Analysis
 - BA level, methods elective
 - Enrollment: 12

Advising & Mentoring

- *Dissertation committees:*
 - James Bryan (expected 2023),
 - Shagun Gupta (ABD)
- *SRP (MA thesis) Supervisor:*
 - Jake Gulinello, 2023
 - Shannon Short, 2022
 - Michael Holmes, 2016
- *Independent Research Supervisor:* Quaishona Carter, 2015
- *Supervisor for graduate research and/or teaching assistants:*
William Allen, Alisha Armas, Kateira Aryaeinejad, Sandra Asieduah, Wendy Atieno, Kevin Cedeno, Jeffrey Chase, Patrick Curran, Emmanuel Davalillo, Frieder Dengler, Moira Fagan, Yoonbin Ha, Suad Hasan, Emily Kaput, Michael Holmes, Holey LaFever, Lauren Reeves, Gayle Robinson, Lia Russell, Shea Savage, Cherie Saulter, Jenny Shelton, Alyssa Tender, Paul Thorne-Keziah, Natasha Wheatley

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the School of International Service

- 2013-- Graduate Research Methods Coordinator
- Planned, scheduled, staffed ~250 MA methods courses to date
 - Appoint adjunct instructors
 - Maintain and develop MA methods curriculum

- Supervise reappointment of associated term faculty
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| 2023 | NEXT task force on SIS restructuring |
| 2022 | Chair, faculty search committee (research design and quant methods) |
| 2021 | Chair, faculty search committee (international econ and quant methods) |
| 2020-21 | SIS Faculty Action Committee, member |
| 2017-18 | SIS Dean Search Committee, elected junior faculty representative |
| 2016, 2015 | Faculty search committee member |
| 2014-16 | PhD Admissions Committee |
| 2014-15 | Dean's task force on MA programs |
| 2021 | Task force on RA/TA assignment process |
| 2020 | MA Orientation, Faculty Speaker |
| 2020, 2016 | SIS ICPSR Awards, Selection committee |
| 2020 | Guest lecture, "Experimental methods" for SIS-761 |
| 2017 | PhD Orientation, Faculty speaker |
| 2015 | MA Admissions, Comparative & Regional Studies |
| 2015 | "Data and Lunch" working group, Organizer |
| 2015 | MAIR Online Quantitative Assessment committee |
| 2014 | CRS Orientation, Faculty speaker |

Service to the University

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| 2021 | Speaker, "Teaching quantitative courses online" seminar for AU Q2 instructors |
| 2017-18 | AU Graduate Education in Statistics Working Group, SIS Representative |
| 2016 | Quantitative Methods Working Group, SIS Representative |

Peer Reviewer (ad hoc)

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Electoral Studies, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Communication, Research & Politics, Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública, Environmental Politics

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association

Invited Discussant

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop

Panel Chair

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

Media interviews

The Huffington Post, Voice of America, The Ellison Report (WEAA Baltimore)