Brian Guay, Ph.D.

CONTACT 30 Wadsworth St. E-mail: brianmguay@gmail.com
INFORMATION Cambridge, MA 02142 Website: brianguay.com

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

September 2023 - present

PLOYMENT Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

July 2021 - August 2023

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Sloan School of Management & Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC

August 2015 - May 2021

Ph.D., Political Science, 2021 M.A., Political Science, 2017

University of Richmond, Richmond, VA

May 2014

B.A., Psychology, Political Science, cum laude

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT Deloitte Consulting, Washington, DC Business Analyst, Strategy & Operations

August 2014 - July 2015

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Guay, B., Berinsky, A., Pennycook, G., & Rand, D. 2023. "How To Think About Whether Misinformation Interventions Work." *Nature Human Behavior*.

Combs, A., Tierney, G., Guay, B., Merhout, F., Bail, C., Hillygus, D.S., Volfovsky, A. "Reducing Partisan Animosity Through Anonymous Online Deliberation: A National Field Experiment" Forthcoming at *Nature Human Behavior*.

Guay, B. & Johnston, C. 2022. "Ideological Asymmetries and the Determinants of Politically Motivated Reasoning." *American Journal of Political Science*, 66(2), 285-301.

Guay, B. & Lopez, J. 2021. "Partisan Bias in Bipartisan Places? A Field Experiment Measuring Attitudes Toward the Presidential Alert." Public Opinion Quarterly, 85(1), 161-171

• Coverage in the Washington Post

Valentino, N., Zirkhov, K., Hillygus, D.S., & Guay, B. 2021. "The Political Consequences of Personality Biases in Online Panel Surveys." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 84(2), 446-468.

Spell, G., Guay, B., Hillygus, D.S., & Carin, L. 2021. "An Embedding Model for Estimating Legislative Preferences from the Frequency and Sentiment of Tweets." *Proceedings of the 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing* (627-641).

Bail, C., Guay, B., Maloney, E., Combs, A., Hillygus, D.S., Merhout, F., Freelon, D., and Volfovsky, A. 2020. "Assessing the Russian Internet Research Agency's Impact on the Political Attitudes and Behaviors of American Twitter Users in Late 2017" *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(1), 243-250.

• Coverage in Forbes, Inverse, and Yahoo News

Landy, D., Guay, B. & Marghetis, T. 2018. "Bias and Ignorance in Demographic Perception." Psychonomic Bulletin & Review, 25(5), 1606-1618.

• Coverage by YouGov

Marghetis, T., Guay, B., Karlapudy, A., & Landy, D. 2018. "The Psychophysics of Society: Uncertain Estimates of Invisible Entities." Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, 166-177.

Guay, B., Chandler, C., Erkulwater, J., and Landy, D. 2016. "Testing the Effectiveness of a Number-based Classroom Exercise." PS: Political Science & Politics, 49(2), 327-332.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Hillygus, D.S. & Guay, B. "Online Public Opinion Polling." 2018. Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science.

Hillygus, D.S. & Guay, B. 2016. "The Virtues and Limitations of Election Polling in the United States." Seminar, 684, 51-55.

Under Review

Guay, B., Marghetis, T., Wong, C. & Landy, D. "Rethinking Perceived Threat & Contact: Misperceptions About the Size of Groups in Society"

Guay, B., Berinsky, A., Pennycook, G. & Rand, D. "Examining Partisan Asymmetries in Fake News Sharing and the Efficacy of Accuracy Prompt Interventions.

• Coverage in the Washington Post

Working Papers

Guay, B. "Misinformed or Uninformed? The Prevalence and Consequences of Certainty in Political Misperceptions."

Guay, B., Berinsky, A., & Rand, D. "I'm Sure I'm Right But So What?: The Consequences of Excessive Confidence in Political Knowledge" (Presented at APSA 2022)

Guay, B., Berinsky, A., Pennycook, D., & Rand, D. "Political Polarization and Sharing Online Misinformation"

Guay, B. "Numeracy and the Effect of Quantitative Information on Public Opinion"

Chen, H. & Guay, B. "Angry Birds: Measuring Affective Polarization On Twitter Using Survey-Matched Tweets."

Guay, B., Hillygus, D.S., Valentino, N., & Zhirkov, K. "Opportunities and Challenges of Conducting Large-Scale Political Surveys Online."

Grants and Awards

External

Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship. *National Science Foundation*, 2017 Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences. *National Science Foundation*, 2014

Duke University

Kevin Morrison Predoctoral Fellowship. Dept. of Political Science, 2020-2021

Research Opportunities for Surveys & Experiments. Social Science Research Inst., 2016, 2018, 2020 Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500). Duke Graduate School, 2019 & 2020

Dissertation Support Award (\$5,500). Dept. Political Science, 2018

Research Grant (\$5,000). Program for the of Study of Democracy, Institutions and Pol. Economy

Research Grant (\$3,000). Kenan Institute for Ethnics, Worldview Lab, 2018-2020

Research Grant (\$5,000). Duke University, Dept. of Political Science, 2017

Conference

American Political Science Association (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

PRESENTATIONS International Society of Political Psychology (2023) Joint Statistical Meetings (2021)

International Methods Colloquium (2020) Midwest Political Science Association (2019)

Society for Political Methodology (2019)

American Public Opinion Association (2013, 2018) Southern Political Science Association (2017, 2018)

Southern Association for Public Opinion Research (2016, 2018)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Pedagogy Training

- Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (May 2023)
- Teaching Politics Certificate, Department of Political Science, Duke University (May 2020)

Stony Brook University

• Foundations of Political Psychology & Behavior (PhD seminar, Fall 2023)

Duke University

- Lab Instructor, Teaching Assistant. Survey Methodology Graduate Seminar (Spring 2019)
- Section Instructor, Teaching Assistant. Political Psychology (Fall 2018)
- Teaching Assistant. Reason and Passion in Politics (Spring 2018)
- Teaching Assistant. Political Communication in a Changing Media Environment (Fall 2017)

SERVICE

Behavior & Identities Subfield Representative, Duke University, 2019-2020

Race & Ethnicity Politics Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Duke University, 2017

Political Behavior Workshop Coordinator, Duke University, 2016-2017

Graduate Student Council, Duke University, 2015-2016

Additional Training Machine Learning Summer School, Duke University, June 2019

Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern University, June 2017

Reviewer

American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Nature Human Behaviour; PNAS Nexus

REFERENCES

Sunshine Hillygus. Professor of Political Science, Duke University

Christopher Johnston. Associate Professor of Political Science, Duke University

Christopher Bail. Professor of Sociology, Duke University John Aldrich. Professor of Political Science, Duke University

Adam Berinsky. Professor of Political Science, MIT David Rand. Professor of Management Science, MIT