

# Emma Huizenga

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## EDUCATION

**Michigan State University**

September 2021 - May 2025

B.S. Sociology, *High Honors*; Minors: Quantitative Data Analytics, Women's and Gender Studies

Fields: Reproductive and Gender Justice, Policy Analysis, Causal Inference

Cumulative GPA: 3.98 | Upper-level GPA: 4.00

## PUBLICATIONS

1. **Huizenga, E.** "Do Women Legislators Expand Post-ACA Healthcare Coverage? New Evidence from a Causal Inference Analysis." Working Paper, *Institute for Public Policy and Social Research*.
2. Prior, S., Golden, L., **Huizenga, E.** et al. (2025, June 03) "College Students' Perceptions of Hookup Culture Through a Social Ecological Lens." *Sexuality & Culture*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-025-10383-8>
3. **Huizenga, E.** (2025, February 28). "State Legislatures' Actions in the Face of Rising Anti-Trans Rhetoric." *Institute of Public Policy and Social Research*. <https://ippsr.msu.edu/public-policy/michigan-wonk-blog>

## CONFERENCES

1. Browne, C. and **Huizenga, E.** (2025, July 22). "Beyond the ACA: How Gender Composition and Cosponsor Demographics in State Legislatures Shape Gender-Specific Healthcare Coverage." Oral presentation at *MidSURE*, East Lansing, MI.
2. Browne, C. and **Huizenga, E.** (2025, April 11). "Beyond the ACA: The Role of Gender Composition in State Legislatures on Gender-Specific Healthcare Coverage." Oral presentation at *University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum*, East Lansing, MI.
3. Golden, L., **Huizenga, E.**, and Newbern, M., (2025, March 22). "College Students' Perceptions of Hookup Culture Through a Social Ecological Lens." Oral presentation at *The Healthcare, Education, Advocacy, Leaders (HEAL) Sexual Health Conference*, East Lansing, MI.
4. Golden, L., **Huizenga, E.**, and Newbern, M., (2024, April 12). "Hookup Culture: An Analysis of MSU Student Perspectives." Oral presentation at *University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum*, East Lansing, MI.
5. **Huizenga, E.**, (2024, April 22). "The Global Status of Transgender Rights: Does a Proportionate Number of Women in National Parliaments Have an Impact?" Oral presentation at *Political Science Department Poster Session*, East Lansing, MI.

## DATASETS

1. Browne, L. and **Huizenga, E.** (2025). "Beyond the ACA: The Role of Gender Composition in State Legislatures on Gender-Specific Healthcare Coverage Cosponsor Data" *Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Correlates of State Policy Project*.
2. Browne, L. and **Huizenga, E.** (2025). "Beyond the ACA: The Role of Gender Composition in State Legislatures on Gender-Specific Healthcare Coverage" *Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Correlates of State Policy Project*.
3. **Huizenga, E.** (2024). "Transgender Nondiscrimination Policy, 2000–2024." *Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Correlates of State Policy Project*.

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT (★ indicates current project)

**Research Fellow and Assistant, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research**

Aug. 2024 - Present

Matt Grossmann (*Research Fellow, Correlates of State Policy Project*)

★ Matt Grossman, Timothy Hellwig, and Christopher Wlezien (*Research Assistant, election data coding*)

**Research Assistant, Political Science Department**

January - May 2025

Andrew Halterman (*Metadata & dataset sssessment for LLM document-labeling tasks*)

**Research Assistant, Sociology Department**  
Sarah Prior (*Qualitative data analysis*)  
Aaron McCright (*Faculty sampling frame creation, NSF project*)

August 2023 - December 2024

## NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities** January - March 2026  
Offered individualized math tutoring for elementary kids.

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK AND TRAINING

**Quantitative Methods in Public Policy II, Political Science PhD Program** January - April 2024  
PhD-level training in causal inference for observational data; achieved top performance in class.  
Covered DiD, IV, Fixed Effects, Bootstrapping, Weighting, Propensity Score Matching, and RDD

**Social Issues and Change in Contemporary Society, Sociology Capstone** January - April 2024  
Worked with Transformation Gems to design a community-facing application, conducted survey research, and ran beta tests to ensure usability for prospective applicants.

**Quantitative Methods Workshop Series, Political Science PhD Program** January 2025  
Workshops on RStudio, Python, LaTeX, Overleaf, and text analysis.

**Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) certified** Issued January 2024  
**Institutional Review Board (IRB) certified** Issued October 2023

## ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT (*most to least involvement*)

Senior Representative, Dean's Student Advisory Council August 2023 - May 2024  
Treasurer, Sociology Club August 2024 - May 2025  
Member, Alpha Kappa Delta, International Honor Society of Sociology April 2023 - Present  
Member, National Organization for Women Campus Action Network Jan. - May 2025  
Member, Owen Graduate Association December 2022 - May 2025

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean's List All Semesters  
Michigan State University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum April 2025  
*First Place Winner in History, Political Science, and Economics, \$100*  
Michigan State University's Ruth Hamilton Award April 2025  
*All-University Award for Excellence*  
Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative (PURI) Award, \$2000 September 2023  
The Stanley and Blanche Ash Scholarship, Greenville Area Community Foundation, \$8000 May 2021

## SKILLS

**R (Advanced):** data wrangling (dplyr, tidyr), visualization (ggplot2), panel data workflows; spatial data handling and mapping with sf. *Preferred IDE:* RStudio | *Preferred format:* .Rmd

**Python (Intermediate):** data wrangling with pandas and numpy, visualization with matplotlib; basic spatial data handling with geopandas. *Preferred IDE:* Jupyter Notebook | *Preferred format:* .ipynb

**Excel & Google Sheets (Intermediate):** data cleaning, formulas, pivot tables, and data organization.

**LaTeX (Basic-Intermediate):** CVs and academic documents using knitr (via R Markdown) and Overleaf.

## METHODS

I have **used in research** or **have training in** the following quantitative methods: causal inference and statistical analysis (**Difference-in-Differences, Instrumental Variables, Fixed Effects, Regression Discontinuity, Propensity Score Matching, weighting, bootstrapping**), predictive modeling and regression (**OLS, Lasso, Ridge, random forests, k-nearest neighbors, decision trees**), experimental and observational data analysis (**train-test splits, two-way ANOVA, chi-square tests**)

I have **used in research** or **have training in** the following qualitative methods: research design and execution (**conceptualization, measurement, sampling, ethics, data collection, ensuring validity and reliability**), survey design and administration (**open- and closed-ended questionnaires, pilot testing, beta testing for accessibility**), data coding and analysis (**qualitative coding frameworks, thematic analysis, labeling textual responses, Excel-assisted organization**), interviews and fieldwork (**in-depth interviews, structured and semi-structured protocols, transcription and coding, focus groups, participant observation / ethnography methods**), reporting and synthesis (**summarizing patterns, linking qualitative findings to research questions, presentation of conclusions**)

## REFERENCES

**Matthew Grossmann, Ph.D.**

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