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EDUCATION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

Committee: Marc J. Hetherington (chair), Mary A. Kroeger, Rahsaan Maxwell,
Timothy J. Ryan, Jaime Settle (William and Mary)

Chapel Hill, NC

In Progress

Master of Arts in Political Science

Committee: Marc J. Hetherington (chair), Ted Enamorado, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo

2020

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in the Liberal Arts

Thesis Advisor: Erica S. Simmons

Madison, WI

2018

EDITOR-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Marc J. Hetherington and **Isaac D. Mehlhaff** “American attitudes toward covid-19 are divided by party. The pandemic itself might undo that.” *The Washington Post* (August 18, 2020).

Isaac D. Mehlhaff “Subverting Solidarity: The Role of American Organized Labor in Pursuing United States Foreign Policy Objectives in Chile, 1961-1973.” *The Burkhardt Review* 1, no. 2 (2018): 24-40.

UNDER REVIEW

Isaac D. Mehlhaff “A Group-Based Approach to Measuring Polarization.” *Revise and Resubmit, American Political Science Review*.

Isaac D. Mehlhaff, Marc J. Hetherington, Michael B. MacKuen, and Timothy J. Ryan. “Where Motivated Reasoning Withers and Looms Large: Fear and Partisan Reactions to the Covid-19 Pandemic.” *Revise and Resubmit, American Journal of Political Science*.

Marc J. Hetherington, **Isaac D. Mehlhaff**, and Caroline Marie Lancaster “Worldview Politics in the United States and Great Britain.”

Robert C. Luskin, Daron R. Shaw, Marc J. Hetherington, and **Isaac D. Mehlhaff** “Signed Forecast Errors in Pre-Election Media Polls, 1990-2020.”

Samuel Schmitt, Emily M. Cottle, and **Isaac D. Mehlhaff** “Civic Teams and Political Theory Pedagogy: Teaching for Community Engagement.”

WORKING PAPERS

Isaac D. Mehlhaff “Mass Polarization and Democratic Decline: Global Evidence from a Half-Century of Public Opinion.”

Isaac D. Mehlhaff “Political Discussion at Scale: Argument Mining with Deep Learning.”

Isaac D. Mehlhaff “Political Argumentation and Attitude Change in Online Interactions.”

SOFTWARE

Isaac D. Mehlhaff CPC: Implementation of Cluster-Polarization Coefficient (version 2.2.1). *Comprehensive R Archive Network*. <https://cran.r-project.org/package=CPC>.

FUNDING

National Science Foundation

Graduate Research Fellowship, \$138,000 2020-2023

American Political Science Association

Centennial Center Research Grant, \$2,400 2022

Travel Award, \$150 2022

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Program for Public Discourse

Graduate Fellowship, \$1,000 2021-2022

Institute for the Study of the Americas

Americas Graduate Fellowship, \$5,000 2018-2020

Department of Political Science

Uhlman Research Grant, \$2,000 2019

European Consortium for Political Research

Travel Award, €150 2019

Chi Psi Educational Trust

Harold G. Lundberg Fellowship, \$2,500 2018

C. Ray Flynn Fellowship, \$5,000 2016

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Department of Economics

Lorraine A. and W. Dwight Stone Fellowship, \$10,000 2018

Lorraine A. and W. Dwight Stone Fellowship, \$4,000 2017

Department of History

William K. Fitch Fellowship, \$5,000 2017

College of Letters and Science Honors Program

Barry Popkin Senior Honors Thesis Award, \$3,000 2017

Welton Honors Research Grant, \$2,500 2016

Department of Political Science

Stanoch Family Fellowship, \$1,500 2017

HONORS AND AWARDS

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning,

Associate Level of Accomplishment 2021

Department of Political Science

James W. Prothro Award for Best Master's Thesis in Political Science 2021

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Department of Political Science

William Jennings Bryan Award for Best Thesis in Political Science 2018

Department of History

William F. Allen Research Award 2017

College of Letters and Science

Phi Beta Kappa 2017

Ball State University

Student History Conference

Best Paper in Global History 2018

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

Political Argumentation and Attitude Change in Online Interactions

American Politics Research Group, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2022
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, QC	2022

Political Discussion at Scale: Argument Mining with Deep Learning

Annual Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, Washington University in St. Louis	2022
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Mass Polarization and Democratic Decline: Global Evidence from a Half-Century of Public Opinion

Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Rice University	2022
Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL	2022
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA	2021

Worldview Politics in the United States and Great Britain

Conference on Theories of the Contemporary Divide in Western Societies, European University Institute	2021
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A Group-Based Approach to Measuring Polarization

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA	2021
Annual Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, Toronto, ON	2020
Standing Group on Latin American Politics, European Consortium for Political Research, Segovia, Spain	2019

Peasant Politics and Plurinationalism: Constructing the Zapatistas through Discourse Analysis

North Carolina Conference on Latin American Studies, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2019
Undergraduate Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2018
Senior Honors Thesis Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2018

Subverting Solidarity: The Role of American Organized Labor in Pursuing United States Foreign Policy Objectives in Chile, 1961-1973

Student History Conference, Ball State University	2018
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SERVICE

Graduate Student President

Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2022 - present
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Graduate Coordinator

Formal and Quantitative Seminar	2022 - present
UNC-Duke University Working Group on Latin American Politics	2019 - 2020

Member

Removing Inequities in Political Science Working Group	2020 - present
Graduate Stipends Committee	2020 - 2021

Discussant

Workshop on Latin American Politics and Party Competition, Duke University	2021
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Reviewer

NSF GRFP Peer Review Workshop	2020, 2021
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Editor

ARCHIVE Undergraduate Journal of History	2017
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TEACHING

POLI 276: Everyday Political Theory: Seeing Like a Citizen (Graduate Consultant)	Spring 2022
Agora Fellows, Program for Public Discourse (Co-Facilitator)	Fall 2021
POLI 203: Race, Innocence, and the Decline of the Death Penalty (Teaching Assistant)	Spring 2020
POLI 100: American Democracy in Changing Times (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2019
POLI 208: Political Parties and Elections (Instructional Assistant)	Fall 2018

SKILLS

Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese

Technical: R, Python, L^AT_EX, Stan, SQL, Git, Tensorflow/Keras, Qualtrics