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Academic Appointments

Texas A&M University — College Station, TX
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science — Beginning 2024

The University of Chicago — Chicago, IL
Postdoctoral Scholar, Data Science Institute — 2023 - 2024

Education

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — Chapel Hill, NC
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science — Expected 2023
Committee: Marc J. Hetherington (chair), Mary A. Kroeger, Rahsaan Maxwell,
      Timothy J. Ryan, Jaime E. Settle (William and Mary)

Master of Arts in Political Science — 2020
Committee: Marc J. Hetherington (chair), Ted Enamorado, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo

University of Wisconsin-Madison — Madison, WI
Bachelor of Arts with Honors in the Liberal Arts — 2018
Thesis Advisor: Erica S. Simmons

Book

Isaac D. Mehlhaff. *Mass Polarization across Time and Space.* New York: Cambridge University Press, Elements in Comparative Political Behavior. Under contract.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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." *American Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.

Sam Schmitt, **Isaac D. Mehlhaff**, and Emily Cottle Ommundsen. "Integrating Classroom and Community with Undergraduate Civically Engaged Research." *PS: Political Science and Politics*, forthcoming.

Under Review

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

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."

Working Papers

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

Amirhossein Farzam, Shashank Shekhar, **Isaac D. Mehlhaff**, and Marco Morucci. "Multi-Task Learning Improves Performance in Deep Argument Mining Models."

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

Software

Isaac D. Mehlhaff. CPC: Implementation of Cluster-Polarization Coefficient (version 2.3.0). *Comprehensive R Archive Network*. <https://cran.r-project.org/package=CPC>.

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.

Funding

National Science Foundation
Graduate Research Fellowship, $138,000   2020-2023

Midwest Political Science Association
Pi Sigma Alpha Travel Award, $500   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

Honors and Awards

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Department of Political Science
James W. Prothro Award for Best Master's Thesis in Political Science   2021

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning,
Associate Level of Accomplishment   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

Invited Talks

Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science   2022
Duke University, Department of Political Science
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, American Politics Research Group

Conference Presentations

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA   2023
Annual Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, Stanford University
Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, QC   2022
Annual Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, Washington University in St. Louis
Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Rice University
Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA   2021
Conference on Theories of the Contemporary Divide in Western Societies, European University Institute
Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA

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

Service

Graduate Student President
Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill   2022 - 2023

Graduate Coordinator
Formal and Quantitative Seminar   2022 - 2023
UNC-Duke University Working Group on Latin American Politics   2019 - 2020

Member
Removing Inequities in Political Science Working Group   2020 - 2023
Award Committee, Charles Robson Award for Excellence in Graduate Instruction   2022, 2023
Graduate Stipends Committee   2020 - 2021

Discussant
Workshop on Latin American Politics and Party Competition, Duke University   2021
Standing Group on Latin American Politics, European Consortium for Political Research   2019

Reviewer
Political Science Research and Methods
Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences
PS: Political Science and Politics
NSF GRFP Peer Review Workshop

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 End 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, LaTeX, Stan, SQL, Git, Tensorflow/Keras, Qualtrics