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EDUCATION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science In Progress
Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics, Political Methodology
Committee: Marc J. Hetherington (chair), Mary A. Kroeger, Rahsaan Maxwell,
Timothy J. Ryan, Jaime 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
Majors: History, Political Science, Economics
Advisor: Erica S. Simmons

PUBLICATIONS

Hetherington, Marc J. 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).

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. “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.

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. “The Short-Term Success of New Deal Work Relief Programs: An Evaluation of Private Sector Employment, 1929-1940.” *Equilibrium: Journal of Economics* 8 (Spring 2018): 29-33.

WORKING PAPERS

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. “A Group-Based Approach to Measuring Polarization.” *Under Review*.

Mehlhaff, Isaac D., Marc Hetherington, Michael MacKuen, and Timothy J. Ryan. “Where Motivated Reasoning Withers and Looms Large: Fear and Partisan Reactions to the Covid-19 Pandemic.” *Under Review*.

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

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

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. “Estimating Mass Polarization and its Structural Determinants Over Time and Space.”

SOFTWARE

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. *CPC: Implementation of Cluster-Polarization Coefficient* (version 2.0.2). R. 2021.

FUNDING

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

Graduate Fellowship <i>Program for Public Discourse, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	2021 - 2022 \$1,000
Uhlman Endowment <i>Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	2020 \$500
Americas Graduate Fellowship <i>Institute for the Study of the Americas, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	2018 - 2020 \$5,000
Travel Award <i>Standing Group on Latin American Politics, European Consortium for Political Research</i>	2019 €150
Uhlman Fellowship <i>Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	2019 \$2,000
Harold G. Lundberg Fellowship <i>Chi Psi Educational Trust</i>	2018 \$2,500
Lorraine A. and W. Dwight Stone Fellowship <i>Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	2018 \$10,000
William K. Fitch Fellowship <i>Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	2017 \$5,000
Lorraine A. and W. Dwight Stone Fellowship <i>Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	2017 \$4,000
Barry Popkin Senior Honors Thesis Award <i>College of Letters and Science Honors Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	2017 \$3,000
Stanoch Family Fellowship <i>Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	2017 \$1,500
C. Ray Flynn Fellowship <i>Chi Psi Educational Trust</i>	2016 \$5,000
Welton Honors Research Grant <i>College of Letters and Science Honors Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	2016 \$2,500

HONORS AND AWARDS

Associate Level of Accomplishment <i>Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	2021
James W. Prothro Award for Best Master's Thesis in Political Science <i>Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	2021
Best Presentation, 2nd Place <i>Uhlman Seminar, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	2020
William Jennings Bryan Award for Best Thesis in Political Science <i>Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	2018
Best Paper in Global History <i>Student History Conference, Ball State University</i>	2018
William F. Allen Research Award <i>Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	2017
Phi Beta Kappa <i>College of Letters and Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	2017

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

Mass Polarization and Democratic Decline: Evidence of a Negligible Relationship

- Annual Conference 2022
Midwest Political Science Association Chicago, IL
- Annual Meeting 2021
American Political Science Association Seattle, WA

Worldview Politics in the United States and Great Britain

- Conference on Theories of the Contemporary Divide in Western Societies 2021
European University Institute Florence, Italy

Measuring Political Polarization: The Cluster-Polarization Coefficient

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

Peasant Politics and Plurinationalism: Constructing the Zapatistas through Discourse Analysis

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

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

- Student History Conference 2018
Ball State University Muncie, IN

The Short-Term Success of New Deal Work Relief Programs: An Evaluation of Private Sector Employment, 1929-1940

- Welton Honors Retreat 2016
University of Wisconsin-Madison Spring Green, WI

SERVICE

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

Reviewer

NSF GRFP Peer Review Workshop 2020, 2021

Editor

TEACHING

POLI 276: Everyday Political Theory: Seeing Like a Citizen

- Spring 2022 (Graduate Consultant)

Agora Fellows, Program for Public Discourse

- Fall 2021 (Co-Facilitator)

POLI 203: Race, Innocence, and the Decline of the Death Penalty

- Spring 2020 (Teaching Assistant)

POLI 100: American Democracy in Changing Times

- Fall 2019 (Teaching Assistant)

POLI 208: Political Parties and Elections

- Fall 2018 (Instructional Assistant)

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

- English, Spanish, Portuguese

TECHNICAL

- R, Python, L^AT_EX, Stan, SQL, Git, Qualtrics