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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

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.

Isaac D. Mehlhaff "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

Isaac D. Mehlhaff "A Group-Based Approach to Measuring Polarization." *Under 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." *Under Review.*

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

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

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

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

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

Graduate Research Fellowship	2020 - 2023
National Science Foundation	$138,000
Graduate Fellowship	2021 - 2022
Program for Public Discourse, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	$1,000
Americas Graduate Fellowship	2018 - 2020
Institute for the Study of the Americas, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	$5,000
Travel Award	2019
Standing Group on Latin American Politics, European Consortium for Political Research	€150
Uhlman Fellowship	2019
Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	$2,000
Harold G. Lundberg Fellowship	2018
Chi Psi Educational Trust	$2,500
Lorraine A. and W. Dwight Stone Fellowship	2017 - 2018
Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison	$14,000
William K. Fitch Fellowship	2017
Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison	$5,000
Barry Popkin Senior Honors Thesis Award	2017
College of Letters and Science Honors Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison	$3,000
Stanoch Family Fellowship	2017
Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison	$1,500
C. Ray Flynn Fellowship	2016
Chi Psi Educational Trust	$5,000
Welton Honors Research Grant	2016
College of Letters and Science Honors Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison	$2,500

Honors and Awards

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

Presentations and Conference Papers

Mass Polarization and Democratic Decline: Global Evidence from a Half-Century of Public Opinion

- Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science — 2022
  Rice University — Houston, TX

- 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
ARCHIVE Undergraduate Journal of History 2017

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, LaTeX, Stan, SQL, Git, Qualtrics