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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Texas A&M University Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	College Station, TX Beginning 2024
The University of Chicago Postdoctoral Scholar, Data Science Institute	Chicago, IL 2023 - 2024

EDUCATION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill <i>Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science</i> Committee: Marc J. Hetherington (chair), Mary A. Kroeger, Timothy J. Ryan, Rahsaan Maxwell (NYU), Jaime E. Settle (William & Mary)	Chapel Hill, NC 2023
<i>Master of Arts in Political Science</i> Committee: Marc J. Hetherington (chair), Ted Enamorado, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo	2020
University of Wisconsin-Madison <i>Bachelor of Arts with Honors in the Liberal Arts</i> Thesis Advisor: Erica S. Simmons	Madison, WI 2018

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. “A Group-Based Approach to Measuring Polarization.” *American Political Science Review*, forthcoming.

Isaac D. Mehlhaff, Matías C. Tarillo, Ayelén Vanegas, and Marc J. Hetherington. “Partisanship and the Pandemic: How and Why Americans Followed Party Cues on COVID-19.” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law* 49, no. 3 (June 2024): 351-374.

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* 68, no. 1 (January 2024): 5-23.

Sam Schmitt, **Isaac D. Mehlhaff,** and Emily Cottle Ommundsen. “Integrating Classroom and Community with Undergraduate Civically Engaged Research.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 56, no. 4 (October 2023): 469-474.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Amirhossein Farzam, Shashank Shekhar, **Isaac D. Mehlhaff,** and Marco Morucci. “Multi-Task Learning Improves Performance in Deep Argument Mining Models.” *Proceedings of the 11th Workshop on Argument Mining*, Association for Computational Linguistics (August 2024).

UNDER REVIEW

Marc J. Hetherington, Andrew M. Engelhardt, and **Isaac D. Mehlhaff**. “More Than a Partisan Pandemic: Worldview and COVID-19 Response in the United States.”

Robert C. Luskin, Daron R. Shaw, Marc J. Hetherington, and **Isaac D. Mehlhaff**. “Signed Forecast Errors in Pre-Election Media Polls: A Mainly Political Story.”

WORKING PAPERS

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

Isaac D. Mehlhaff. “Leveraging Time-Series Information to Improve Small-Area Estimation.”

Amirhossein Farzam, **Isaac D. Mehlhaff**, and Marco Morucci. “Multi-Task Learning in Social Scientific Applications.”

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

SOFTWARE

Isaac D. Mehlhaff. **PolarCAP**: Access the Polarization in Comparative Attitudes Project (version 1.0.1). *Comprehensive R Archive Network*. <https://cran.r-project.org/package=PolarCAP>.

Isaac D. Mehlhaff. **CPC**: Implementation of Cluster-Polarization Coefficient (version 2.6.0). *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

Society for Political Methodology

Travel Award, \$1,650 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
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HONORS AND AWARDS

American Political Science Association

Political Psychology Section

Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation in Political Psychology	2024
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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Graduate School

Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences	2024
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Department of Political Science

James W. Prothro Award for Best Master's Thesis in Political Science	2021
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Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning,

Associate Level of Accomplishment	2021
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University of Wisconsin-Madison

Department of Political Science

William Jennings Bryan Award for Best Thesis in Political Science	2018
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Department of History

William F. Allen Research Award	2017
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College of Letters and Science

Phi Beta Kappa	2017
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Ball State University

Student History Conference

Best Paper in Global History	2018
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INVITED TALKS

The University of Chicago, Quantitative Methods Workshop	2023
The University of Chicago, American Politics Workshop	

Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science	2022
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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, Philadelphia, PA	2024
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Workshop on Argument Mining, Association for Computational Linguistics, Bangkok, TH

Annual Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, University of California, Riverside

Generative Artificial Intelligence and Sociology Workshop, Yale University

Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

Politics and Computational Social Science Conference, University of California, Los Angeles	2023
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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
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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
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Conference on Contemporary Divides in Western Societies, European University Institute, Florence, IT

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA

Annual Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, University of Toronto	2020
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Standing Group on Latin American Politics, European Consortium for Political Research, Segovia, ES	2019
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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

Annual Conference of the Society for Political Methodology 2024

American Politics Research Group, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2023

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

Standing Group on Latin American Politics, European Consortium for Political Research 2019

Reviewer

The Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Political Communication, Political Science Research and Methods, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, PS: Political Science and Politics, NSF GRFP Peer Review Workshop

TEACHING

Texas A&M University

POLS 309: Polimetrics 2024

The University of Chicago

Data Science Clinic, Data Science Institute (Project Mentor) 2023 - 2024

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

POLI 276: Everyday Political Theory: Seeing Like a Citizen (Graduate Consultant) 2022

Agora Fellows, Program for Public Discourse (Facilitator) 2021

POLI 203: Race, Innocence, and the End of the Death Penalty (Teaching Assistant) 2020

POLI 100: American Democracy in Changing Times (Teaching Assistant) 2019

POLI 208: Political Parties and Elections (Instructional Assistant) 2018

SKILLS

Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese

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

REFERENCES

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