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Current position

PhD Candidate (ABD), Department of Political Science, University of Michigan

COMMITTEE:

Vincent Hutchings (Chair), Annie Heffernan, Leonie Huddy (SUNY Stony Brook), Donald Kinder, Robert Mickey

Areas of specialisation

American Politics • Political Psychology • Public Policy • Politics of Disability

Education

2024	THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR PhD in Political Science (Expected)
2023	MA in Political Science (Honours)
2015	THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES Bachelor of International Studies (Honours) - Thesis: <i>Sacrificial Lambs: Racial Order and the American Death Penalty</i> - Honours First Class, University Medal in Development Studies - Academic Exchange, Cornell University (2013-2014)

Grants, honours & awards

2024	Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS): Junior Investigator Award (R&R, final decision pending)
2023	Samuel Eldersveld Prize, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (USD\$500)
2023	Rackham Graduate School Summer Fellowship (stipend + USD\$1000 research funding)
2023	British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Small Research Grant (with Jac Larner) (GBP £10,000)
2022	Converse-Miller Fellowship in American Political Behavior, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan (USD \$6000)

2022	Gerald R. Ford Fellowship 2022-2023, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (Tuition/Stipend + USD\$5000)
2022	Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant (USD\$12,000)
2022	Rackham Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Michigan (USD\$1400)
2021	Best Overall Paper, UK Political Studies Association Early Career Conference
2020	Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan (USD\$3000)
2019	Graduate Student Travel Grant, AusPSA Political Organisations and Participation Workshop (\$500)
2015	University Medal in Development Studies, University of New South Wales
	First Class Honors, University of New South Wales
2013	UNSW Academic Exchange Fellowship, Cornell University

Publications & talks

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2024	"Responsibility for Impairment Shapes the Perceived Deservingness of Disabled Welfare Claimants" with Jac Larner. <i>Political Psychology</i> . https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/pops.12978
2024	"Vulnerability Appeals in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Insights from a National Survey Experiment" with Jac Larner, forthcoming, <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> .

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

2023	Does Disability Shape Political Identity? Center for Political Studies Blog, Institute for Social Research. https://cpsblog.isr.umich.edu/?p=3152
2016	The American death penalty: Progress and politics. <i>Human Rights Defender</i> 25:1, Australian Human Rights Centre Publications, UNSW Law (April 2016) pp. 37

WORKING PAPERS

"Body Politic: Disability and Political Cohesion" (Job Market Paper) - Winner, Samuel Eldersveld Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper presented at a professional conference in 2022-23, University of Michigan Political Science

"Disability, Stereotypes, and Support for Redistribution in the United States" with Jac Larner

"Examining the Impact of Disability Identity on Group Empathy" with Nicholas Valentino

"Disability and Political Solidarity: The case of the COVID-19 pandemic"

"Evaluating the Political Implications of the Americans with Disabilities Act"

"The Heresy Effect: Policing the Boundaries of Religious Identity" with Jade Burt

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023	<i>Body Politic: Disability and Political Cohesion</i> , American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Los Angeles CA
2023	<i>Body Politic: Disability and Political Cohesion</i> , Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual meeting, Chicago IL
2022	<i>Body Politic: Disability and Political Cohesion</i> , Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science (ASQPS) annual meeting, Melbourne
2022	<i>Responsibility for Impairment Shapes the Perceived Deservingness of Disabled Welfare Claimants</i> (With Jac Larner), MPSA annual meeting, Chicago IL
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	<i>Responsibility for Impairment Shapes the Perceived Deservingness of Disabled Welfare Claimants</i> (With Jac Lerner), Early Career Network Conference, UK Political Studies Association
2021	<i>Evaluating the Political Implications of the Americans with Disabilities Act</i> , Midwest Political Studies Association Conference (MPSA)
2021	<i>The Heresy Effect: Policing the Boundaries of Religious Identity</i> (with Jade Burt), Southern Political Studies Association Conference (SPSA)
2020	<i>The Heresy Effect: Policing the Boundaries of Religious Identity</i> (with Jade Burt), American Political Studies Association Conference (APSA)
2019	<i>Partisanship, Ideology, and Support for the Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)</i> , POP Politics Workshop 2019, Australian National University
2018	<i>Failed Nation-Building in the South, 1607-1890</i> (with Robert Mickey and David Waldner), American Political Studies Association (APSA) Conference
2016	<i>Sacrificial Lambs: Racial Order and the American Death Penalty</i> , Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Conference 2016

Teaching Experience

Fall 2023	PS489: German Politics Since 1945, Prof. Andrei Markovitz. Graduate Student Instructor
Fall 2021	PS319: Politics of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Prof. Pamela Brandwein. Graduate Student Instructor
Fall 2020	PS389: Judicial Politics, Prof. Deborah Beim. Grader, guest lecturer PS489: Introduction to American Political Behavior, Prof. Vincent Hutchings. Grader
Spring 2019	PS339: Introduction to Chinese Politics, Prof. Mary Gallagher. Graduate Student Instructor.
Fall 2018	PS319: Politics of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Prof. Pamela Brandwein. Graduate Student Instructor

Professional Experience

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

2019-Present	Prof. Donald Kinder - Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2022-2023	Study Director, Univ. Michigan Cooperative Election Study (CES) Module (PI: Prof. Donald Kinder)
2020	Prof. Deborah Beim - Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2019	Prof. Kenneth Lowande - Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2018	Prof. Robert Mickey - Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
	Dr. Amelia Thorpe and Prof. Louise Chappell - Faculty of Law, UNSW
2016	Prof. Louise Chappell - School of Political Science, UNSW Prof. Leanne Dowse - School of Social Research and Policy, UNSW

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023-24	Coordinator - Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics (IWAP)
2022	Student Mentor - Emerging Scholars Conference, UM Dept. of Political Science
2022	Grader - Undergraduate Honors Senior Theses, UM Dept. of Political Science
2018-19	Coordinator - Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics (IWAP)
2019-	Coordinator - Michigan Political Psychology Reading Group

INTERNSHIPS

2016

Reprieve Australia - Death Penalty Research Intern

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Center for Political Studies (Univ. Michigan), American Political Science Association (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Research skills

- R, RStudio, \LaTeX , Qualtrics
- Survey and experimental design

Referees

- **Prof. Leonie Huddy**, Professor Political Science (SUNY Stony Brook). Phone: (+1) 631.632.7639; Email: Leonie.Huddy@stonybrook.edu
- **Prof. Vincent Hutchings**, Hanes Walton, Jr. Collegiate Professor of Political Science and Afroamerican and African Studies. Phone: (+1) 734.764.6591; Email: vincenth@umich.edu
- **Prof. Donald Kinder**, Philip E. Converse Distinguished University Professor Emeritus. Phone: (+1) 734.615.9106; Email: drkinder@umich.edu

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