

# Luke Bellinger

## Curriculum Vitae (Abbreviated), June 2025

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**EDUCATION**     **University of Texas at Austin (UT)**     graduating Spring 2026  
Bachelor of Arts in Government and Humanities Honors, minors in Religious Studies and Statistics and Data Science, **Sumners Scholar**  
**Tarrant County College**     graduating Fall 2025  
Associate of Arts, High Honors  
*Visiting Student* - Duke University (6 graduate hours), Texas Christian University (33 hours), Dallas College (10 hours)  
*Total GPA from all institutions* - 3.97

**PUBLICATIONS**     **Bellinger, Luke.** “Towards a Theory Understanding Homophily in Church Political Socialization” 2025. *Proceedings of the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion - Southwest*. **Winner of Hale Award, Presented at SWCRS and SPSA**

**WORKING PAPERS**     *Some of these can be found on my website.*  
**Bellinger, Luke.** “Political socialization in religious communities of color.” Interview and ethnographic study and Government Thesis being developed under Dr. Eric McDaniel, IRB Complete. **To be presented at APSA 2025**  
**Bellinger, Luke** “The Effect of Cracking and Packing on Trust in Government” Developed for the Public Opinion/Representation class taught by Dr. Christopher Wlezien. **Presented at MPSA**  
**Bellinger, Luke** “Posibilidades: What would happen if Latinos in Texas were more partisan?” Developed for the Political Parties class taught by Dr. Daron Shaw.  
**Bellinger, Luke.** “¿Quieres ir a misa?: Religious Change and Latino Party Identification” Developed for the Politics of Latino Identity class taught by Dr. Angie Gutierrez.  
**Bellinger, Luke** “A Texan VRA Claim: Gerrymandering and Race in the Lone Star State” Project developed for Applied Research Methods I and II under Danny Cowser.  
Cunningham, Jamein P., **Bellinger, Luke**, Christ, Armaan, *untitled Crime Trends Report* to be published at some point in the summer.  
**Bellinger, Luke** “Evaluating American Politics Datasets’ Use in REP” Project developed for RBSI.

**ACADEMIC WORK**     **Team Lead, Senior RA**  
Crime Trends Working Group, Initiative for Law, Societies and Justice, LBJ School, supervised by Jamein Cunningham.     September 2024-  
**Undergraduate Course Assistant**  
*starting Fall 2025* SDS 322E: Elements of Data Science, assisting during lab, supervised by Sherry Zhang.  
**Research Assistant**  
*starting Fall 2025* Christopher Wlezien  
*starting July 2025* Eric McDaniel (Interviews)  
Danny Cowser (AI engineering for Qualitative Research)     January 2025-  
Cheyenne Lee (Text Embeddings)     September 2024-December 2024  
**Research Apprentice (URAP)**  
Qualitative text coding of church sermons, supervised by Eric McDaniel     January 2025-May 2025  
**OTHER EMPLOYMENT**     **Editorial Intern, Ballotpedia**     June 2024-August 2024  
**Political Outreach Intern**, Get Out The Vote     June 2022-June 2024  
**Subcontractor** through GOTV, **Voteriders**, Voter IDs for Homeless People     June 2022-June 2024  
**Volunteer Tutor**, Teaching Refugees to Understand English (AISD)     October 2024-December 2024

CONFERENCES	As noted before, APSA 2025, SPSA 2025, MPSA 2025, SWCRS (Religious studies) 2025. <b>Bellinger, Luke</b> “A Meta-Analysis of ‘Christian-tok’, Algorithmic Depictions of Women, and a Critical Perspective on the Perceptions on Women’s Rights amongst Young People.” Powerpoint Presentation. John F. Weatherly Conference on Women, Human Rights, and Religion. Fort Worth, Texas, USA. April 2024 <b>Bellinger, Luke</b> “Comparative Quantitative Text Analysis of News Articles, Examining Biases of Language and Ideology.” Powerpoint Presentation. Capital of Texas Undergraduate Research Conference. Austin, Texas, USA. March 2024 <b>Bellinger, Luke</b> “The Interaction Relationship between Race, Literalism, and Acceptance of Queer People.” Powerpoint Presentation. American Academy of Religion Southwest Conference (at SWCRS). Dallas, Texas, USA. March 2024
INVITED TALKS	<b>Bellinger, Luke.</b> “Porque deben ustedes aprender el Español” Guest Lecture for two sections of COMM 10123—Communicating Effectively, Instructors Zach Frohlich and Jacquelyn Seymour, Fort Worth, Texas, USA. April 2024.
ORGANIZATIONS	APSA, MPSA, SPSA, AAR, ASSR, Pi Sigma Alpha, Phi Theta Kappa, Tau Sigma, Teaching Refugees to Understand English
SKILLS	R/Rstudio (intermediate), ggplot and sf GIS functions in R (basic), L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X(basic), Python (basic), Spanish (intermediate spoken, advanced written)
METHODS	I have familiarity with or training in the following methods: Regressions (OLS, LPM, Robust, diff-in-diff), Classifiers (Binary, Ordinal, Categorical Logits and Probits, Decision Trees, K-nearest neighbors), Unsupervised learning (PCA and categorical alternatives, K-means/medioids clustering), Qualitative (Interviews, Ethnographies), Text Analysis (lexicon based sentiment and LDA topicmodels), Geographic Analysis (basic models of global and local spatial autocorrelation, geographic clustering, OLS), Time-Series (Error Correction Models, Autocorrelation stuff)
AWARDS/HONORS	<b>Harry Hale Award for Undergraduate Research</b> , Association for the Scientific Study of Religion; University Honors, UT, Magna Cum Laude Fall 2024, Cum Laude Ampla et Magna Spring 2025; TCU Scholar, TCU Dean’s Honor List Fall 2023, Spring 2024; <b>Faculty Choice Award in Spanish and Hispanic Studies</b> , TCU, 2025; TCC Merit List, Spring 2023.
FELLOWSHIPS	<b>Summers At-Large Scholar</b> <b>Ralph Bunche Summer Institute</b> May 2026-June 2026 <b>APSA Diversity Mentor-Mentee Program</b> Mentored by Paige A Hill, Stanford. January 2025- AEI Winter Honors Program (Foundations of Conservatism) January 2025-February 2025 Oxford Consortium for Human Rights—Oxford, England 2024 – New Technology and Human Rights July 2024 TCU Student Summer Research Program June 2024-August 2024 Oxford Consortium for Human Rights—Sonoma, California 2024 - Human Rights, Activism, And Community Action January 2024
GRANTS	Undergraduate Research Fellowship (UT) \$350, Marion Burke Smith Scholarship for Conference Travel, \$1250
SCHOLARSHIP	Summers Foundation At-Large Scholar \$30000
REFERENCES	<b>Christopher Wlezien</b> , Professor, UT-Austin <b>Eric McDaniel</b> , Professor, UT-Austin Wlezien@austin.utexas.edu emcdaniel@austin.utexas.edu <b>Angie Gutierrez</b> , Assistant Professor, UT-Austin <b>Jamein Cunningham</b> , Assistant Professor, Texas Law angela.gutierrez@austin.utexas.edu jamein.cunningham@law.utexas.edu Michael Strausz, Department Chair, Texas Christian University Shari Mackinson, Morehouse College michael.strausz@tcu.edu email not available yet