

# Trent Ollerenshaw

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## Academic Positions

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**Assistant Professor of Political Science**, University of Houston 2024 – Present

## Education

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**Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science**, Duke University 2019 – 2024

Primary Fields: Political Behaviors and Identities, Political Methodology

Committee: Christopher Johnston (Chair), Ashley Jardina, Sunshine Hillygus, Jon Green

**Master of Arts, Political Science**, Duke University 2019 – 2022

**Bachelor of Arts, Political Science**, University of California – San Diego 2015 – 2018

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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9. Panish, Adam, Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Joseph Vitriol. Conditionally Accepted. “Americans’ Responses to COVID-19 and the Conditional Role of Dispositional Needs for Security: A Replication and Extension.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
8. Kenealy, Andrew, Trent Ollerenshaw, and So Jin Lee. 2025. “Observable Bounds of Rationality and Credibility in International Relations.” *Journal of Politics*.
7. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2025. “Affective polarization and the destabilization of core political values.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 13(1): 212–220.
6. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2024. “The Conditional Effects of Authoritarianism on COVID-19 Pandemic Health Behaviors and Policy Preferences.” *Political Behavior* 46: 233–256.
5. Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Ashley E. Jardina. 2023. “The Asymmetric Polarization of Immigration Opinion in the United States.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 87(4): 1038–53.
4. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2023. “Authoritarianism and support for Trump and Clinton in the 2016 primaries.” *Research & Politics* 10(3).
3. Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Christopher D. Johnston. 2022. “The Conditional Relationship of Psychological Needs to Ideology: a Large-Scale Replication.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 86(2): 369–80.
2. Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. 2022. “The Polls—Trends: The Polarization of White Racial Attitudes and Support for Racial Equality in the U.S.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 86(S1): 576–87.
1. Johnston, Christopher D., and Trent Ollerenshaw. 2020. “How different are cultural and economic ideology?” *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences* 34: 94–101.

## Book Chapters

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1. Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. 2025. “White Racial Attitude Polarization Before and After the Election of Donald Trump.” in *The Changing Character of the American Right, Volume I* (eds. Joel D. Aberbach, Bruce E. Cain, Desmond King and Gillian Peele).

## Revise & Resubmit

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- Jordan, Diana, Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Andrew Trexler. “New Evidence and Design Considerations for Repeated Measure Experiments in Survey Research.” *American Political Science Review*.
- Ollerenshaw, Trent. “The Heterogeneous Associations of Rural Consciousness and Political Preferences.” *Political Behavior*.

## Working Papers (Available on Request)

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- Druckman, James, Rongbo Jin, Paul Lendway, Trent Ollerenshaw, and Arjun Vishwanath. “Unequal Punishment? Equality Before the Law, Partisanship, and Race in the United States.”
- Jardina, Ashley, and Trent Ollerenshaw. “Change and More of the Same: New Racism Revisited.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent. “Difference-in-Differences Estimates of Survey Mode Effects.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent. “Partisan Differences in Self-Rated Health after the Onset of COVID-19.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Paul Lendway. “Most Americans Understand “Liberal” and “Conservative”: Re-evaluating *Self-Reported Political Ideology*.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent and Andrew Kenealy. “American Guilt and Support for Foreign Aid.”

## Research In-Progress

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- “Instrumental versus Symbolic Politics and the Moderating Effects of Political Engagement.”
- “Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: Linking Sermons, Pastor Surveys, and Congregational Contexts.” (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston).
- “Evaluating the Use of Transitions in Online Surveys.” (with Jae-Hee Jung).
- “Anti-Racists for Conservative Causes? Race and Ideology in Opinion Formation.” (with John Konicki).
- “Personality and Intraparty Politics in the US.” (with Lucas Lothamer and JeongKyu Suh).

## Public Scholarship

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2. Ollerenshaw, Trent, Jordan, Diana, and Andrew Trexler. Fall 2025. “Improving Survey Experiments: Repeated Measure Designs and Sample Considerations.” *APSA Experimental Politics Section Newsletter*.
1. Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. February 15, 2024. “Democrats Aren’t Driving Radicalization on Immigration.” *Good Authority*.

## Research Funding

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### Grants (Non-Departmental)

11. UH College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Research Progress Grant. “Measuring and Ameliorating Animosity along the Rural-Urban Divide.” (11/24). *\$4,000*.
10. APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant. “LGBT Inclusion and the Disaffiliation Crisis in the United Methodist Church.” (08/24). (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston). *\$2,000*.
9. Institute for Humane Studies, Hayek Fund for Scholars. “Race, Party, and Equality in Law.” (07/24). (with James Druckman, Rongbo Jin, Paul Lendway, and Arjun Vishwanath.) *\$5,000*.
8. Institute for Humane Studies, Publication Accelerator Grant. “Measuring and Ameliorating Animosity along America’s Rural-Urban Divide.” (07/24). *\$5,000*.
7. Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Survey Research Grant. “Repeated Measure Designs in Survey Experiments.” (02/24). *\$14,595*.
6. SSRC Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal Program. “Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons.” (06/23). (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston). *\$14,116*.
5. Institute for Humane Studies. “Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons.” (05/23). (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston). *\$4,846*.
4. Bass Connections Student Research Award. “Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons.” (03/23). (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston). *\$3,000*.
3. IFREE Pilot Grant. “Do Anti-Racist Attitudes Cause Pro-Black Behavior?” (03/23). *\$1,000*.
2. Institute for Humane Studies, Publication Accelerator Grant. “Anti-Racists for Conservative Causes? Racial Attitudes Across Party Lines.” (12/22). (with John Konicki). *\$5,000*.
1. Center for Global and International Studies Graduate Award for Research. “American Guilt and Support for Foreign Aid.” (04/21, 04/22). (with Andrew Kenealy). *\$2,250*.

### In-Kind Survey Grants

4. YouGov Scientific Research Group. “Evaluating the Use of Transitions in Online Surveys.” (04/25). (with Jae-Hee Jung).
3. Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) Special Competition on Replications. “Repeated Measure Designs in Survey Experiments.” (11/23). (with Andrew Trexler and Diana Jordan).
2. Polarization Research Lab. “Mapping Rural-Urban Polarization to Place-Based Resentments.” (10/23).
1. Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS). “Partisanship, COVID-19, and Survey Health Measures.” (04/23).

## Fellowships

3. Institute for Humane Studies Fellowships. Graduate Sabbatical Fellowship. (01/24). Junior Fellowship. (06/23). Summer Research Fellowship. (06/22).
2. Duke University Summer Research Fellowship for Students in Third Year and Beyond (06/22).
1. John Hope Franklin Institute Digital Knowledge Fellow. (08/20).

## Conference Presentations

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- **2025:** American Political Science Association (APSA); Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA); Polarization Consortium Workshop; Texas Junior Methods Workshop; Texas Political Methodology Meeting (TexMeth)
- **2024:** American Political Science Association (APSA); Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB); Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA); Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth); UH Mobilizing Low-Propensity Voters Conference
- **2023:** American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR); American Political Science Association (APSA); Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB); Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)
- **2022:** Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA); Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

## Teaching

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### Instructor of Record

- University of Houston. “POLS 3312: Arguments, Data, and Politics.” (Fall 2025, Fall 2024)
- University of Houston. “POLS 6380: Quantitative Methods I.” (Fall 2025, Fall 2024)

### Advising

- PhD Dissertation Committees (Non-Chair): Maya Fitch, Billy Justus.

### Teaching Assistant

- Duke University. “Political Science Graduate Math Camp.” (Summer 2023)
- Duke University. “POLSCI 201: Public Opinion.” (Spring 2022)
- Duke University. “POLSCI 238: Racial Attitudes and Racial Prejudice.” (Fall 2021)

### Other Teaching

- Duke University, Bass Connections. Project Manager: “Politics and Polarization in Mainline Protestant Congregations.” (2022–2023)
- Duke University. Graduate Advisor: “Political Science Honors Thesis Seminar.” (2020–2021)
- University of California, San Diego. “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Peer Educator.” (2017–2018)

## Departmental Service

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- Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor (2025 – Present)
- Graduate Student Research Series, Co-Organizer (2025 – Present)
- Technology Committee (2024 – 2025)
- American Politics Workshop Series, Co-Organizer (2025 – Present)

## Reviewer

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*American Political Science Review (1), American Politics Research (1), British Journal of Political Science (2), Electoral Studies (1), Journal of Experimental Political Science (1), Journal of Politics (1), Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (2), Political Behavior (3), Politics, Groups, and Identities (2), Public Opinion Quarterly (1), Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (1)*