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education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Houston, 2020
Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology

M.P.P., University of Chicago, 2013
Concentration: Policy analysis, Econometrics
* Dean's Scholarship

dissertation

Consequences of Conspiracy Theories
Committee: Scott Basinger (Supervisor), Scott Clifford, Elizabeth Simas, Adam Enders

publications

Yongkwang Kim. 2019. "How Conspiracy Theories Can Stimulate Political Engagement."
Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties

"An Improved Question Format for Measuring Conspiracy Beliefs." 2020.
Public Opinion Quarterly (with Scott Clifford and Brian Sullivan)

research interests

Political misinformation and conspiracy theories, information environments and elite
cues, rumor spread, political engagement

working papers/ works in progress

The Effects of Conspiracy Theories on Policy Stances
Voting machine conspiracy: Election integrity, information seeking and sharing
The Life Span of Government Conspiracy Theories: Is Belief in Conspiracy Theories Steadfast or
Fluid?
Misperception, Ignorance, and Partisan Ambivalence (with Scott Basinger)
Estimating the Effects of Believing Conspiracy Theories (with Scott Basinger)

reviewer

Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Journal of Experimental Political Science,
Electoral Studies, Political Research Quarterly, Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation
Review, International Journal of Press/Politics, International Journal of Public Opinion Research

teaching interests

Substantive: American Government, Public Opinion, Political Psychology,
Electoral Behavior, Political misinformation, Political Communication

Methodological: Introductory statistics, Research design, Regression, Maximum likelihood
estimation, Experimental design, Survey methods

teaching
experience

Instructor of Record

University of Houston

POLS 3312 Research Methods in Political Science

(Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2018)

POLS 3316 Statistics for Political Analysis

(Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019)

Laboratory Instructor

University of Houston

POLS 6481 Quantitative Methods II

(**Graduate**, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

Graduate Teaching Assistantships

University of Houston

POLS 6482 Maximum Likelihood Estimation

(**Graduate**, Fall 2018, assistant to Prof. Jennifer Hayes Clark)

POLS 6481 Quantitative Methods II

(**Graduate**, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, assistant to Prof. Scott Basinger)

POLS 3316 Statistics for Political Analysis

(Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, assistant to Prof. Scott Basinger)

POLS 3318 Introduction to Public Policy

(Spring 2019, assistant to Prof. Michelle Belco)

POLS 3365 Public Opinion

(Spring 2015, assistant to Prof. Kent Tedin)

POLS 1336 Introduction to American Politics

(Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2017)

conference
presentations

Estimating the Effects of Believing Conspiracy Theories (with Scott Basinger)

The 117th American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, October 2021.

The Effects of Conspiracy Theories on Policy Stances

University of Miami Conspiracy Theory Conference, Miami, FL, 2020.

*Invited oral presentation. Unable to deliver, meeting canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak.

Voting machine conspiracy: Election integrity, information seeking and sharing

The 77th Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2019.

The Life Span of Government Conspiracy Theories: Is Belief in Conspiracy Theories Steadfast or Fluid?

The 89th Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.

Misperception, Ignorance, and Partisan Ambivalence (with Scott Basinger)

The 89th Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.

Conspiracist Ideation: Government vs. Business
The 113th American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. August 2017.

Does Exposure to Conspiracy Theories Mobilize or Demobilize Voters?
The 75th Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2017.

The Effect of Conspiracy: Demobilizing or Mobilizing?
The 88th Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2017.

service to the profession	Staff: POLMETH XXXIII Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, Rice University (2016)	
service to the university	Doctoral Student Representative: Committee on Dissertation Accelerator Pilot Program (2019)	
additional training	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, Houston (2015, 2016, 2017)	
technical skills	STATA, R, Qualtrics, Tableau, Prezi	
references	Professor Scott Basinger Department of Political Science University of Houston 713-743-3911 sjbasinger@uh.edu	Professor Scott Clifford Department of Political Science University of Houston 713-743-8799 sclifford@uh.edu
	Professor Elizabeth Simas Department of Political Science University of Houston 713-743-9962 ensimas@uh.edu	Professor Jennifer Hayes Clark Department of Political Science University of Houston 713-743-3302 jclark10@uh.edu