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## education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Houston (Expected 2020)  
Fields: Political Psychology, Political Methodology

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

## dissertation

Causes and Consequences of Political Misperceptions  
Committee: Scott Basinger (Supervisor), Scott Clifford, Elizabeth Simas

## publications

"How Conspiracy Theories Can Stimulate Political Engagement." **Accepted.**  
*Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*

"An Improved Question Format for Measuring Conspiracy Beliefs." **Accepted.**  
*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

Misperception, Ignorance, and Partisan Ambivalence (with Scott Basinger)  
The Effects of Conspiracy Theories on Policy Stances  
Interpreting DKs (with Scott Clifford and Brian Sullivan)

## teaching interests

**Substantive:** American Government, Public Opinion, Electoral Behavior, Political institution and policy process, Political Misinformation  
**Methodological:** Introductory statistics, Research design, Regression, Maximum likelihood estimation, Experimental design

## teaching experience

*Instructor of Record*

POLS 3312 Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science (Summer 2018)

*Laboratory Instructor*

POLS 6481 Quantitative Methods II (Graduate, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

*Graduate Teaching Assistantships*

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 Scientists (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

University of Miami Conspiracy Theory Conference (2020, Scheduled)  
Midwest Political Science association (2017, 2019)  
Southern Political Science Association (2017, 2018)  
American Political Science Association (2017)

service to the  
profession

Staff, POLMETH XXXIII Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, Rice (2016)

service to the  
university

Graduate Student Representative, Committee on Dissertation Accelerator Pilot Program (2019)

additional training

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Houston (2015, 2016, 2017)

technical skills

STATA, R, Qualtrics, Tableau, Prezi

references

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