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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

Causes and 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

## selected working papers

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

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

The Effects of Conspiracy Theories on Policy Stances

Re-interpreting "don't know" and scale midpoint responses in conspiracy beliefs (with Scott  
Clifford and Brian Sullivan)

Voting machine conspiracy: Election integrity, information seeking and sharing

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

## 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, March 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.

teaching  
interests

**Substantive:** American Government, State Politics, Public Opinion, Electoral Behavior, Political Misinformation, Political institution and policy process, Political Communication/Media

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

teaching  
experience

*Instructor of Record*

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

POLS 3312 Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science (Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019)

POLS 3316 Statistics for Political Analysis (Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019)

*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 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)

service to the profession	<b>Reviewer:</b> Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Electoral Studies, Political Research Quarterly, International Journal of Press/Politics, International Journal of Public Opinion Research  Staff, POLMETH XXXIII Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, Rice University (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	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