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EMPLOYMENT

University of Arizona

Tucson, AZ

Melody S. Robidoux Professor, School of Government and Public Policy (May 2023-present)

Associate Professor, School of Government and Public Policy (May 2018-April 2023)

Assistant Professor, School of Government and Public Policy (August 2013-April 2018)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Northwestern University – 2013

Evanston, IL

Political Science (American Politics and Quantitative Methodology)

Dissertation: “The Influence of Identities on Political Preferences.”

* *Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association (Experimental Research Section).*

* *Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association (Political Psychology Section).*

Committee: James Druckman, Northwestern University (Chair); Benjamin Page, Northwestern University; Peter Miller, Chief of Survey Measurement, U.S. Census Bureau

M.A. Northwestern University – 2009

Evanston, IL

Political Science (American Politics and Quantitative Methodology)

M.A. Columbia University – 2006

New York, NY

Political Science (American Politics and Journalism)

B.A. McGill University – 2005

Montreal, QC

Political Science and Sociology, with Distinction

PUBLICATIONS

SCHOLARLY BOOKS

1. Druckman, James N, **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2024. *Partisan Hostility and American Democracy*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

* *Juliette and Alexander George Book Award, International Society of Political Psychology 2025.*

2. **Klar, Samara**, and Yanna Krupnikov. 2016. *Independent Politics: How American Disdain for Parties Leads to Political Inaction*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

* *Philip E. Converse Award, American Political Science Association (Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section) 2021.*

* *Robert E. Lane Award for Best Book, American Political Science Association (Political Psychology Section) 2017.*

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

* SIGNIFIES GRADUATE STUDENT COAUTHOR

** SIGNIFIES UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COAUTHOR

33. Druckman, James N., Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. Forthcoming. “Measuring Affective Polarization: Matching Concepts to Measures.” *Advances in Political Psychology*.

32. Jin, Rongbo, **Samara Klar**, Mark Ramirez, and Fabian Neuner. 2025. “Affective Polarization among Hispanics.” *Political Behavior*.

31. Jin, Rongbo*, Alexander Cloudt*, Choi, Seoungin*, Jia, Joy*, and **Samara Klar**. 2023. “Who is to Blame? How Polarization Distorts Democratic Accountability.” *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*.

30. **Klar, Samara**, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. 2022. “Who are Leaners? How True Independents differ from the Weakest Partisans and Why It Matters.” *The Forum*.

29. Isabel Williams*, Tim Gravelle, and **Samara Klar**. 2022. “Cross-Border Cues: The Influence of Foreign Partisans on Support for Border Restrictions.” *American Political Science Review*.

28. Druckman, James N., **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2022. “(Mis-)Estimating Affective Polarization.” *Journal of Politics* 84(2)..

27. **Klar, Samara**, and Alexandra McCoy**. 2021. “Biased Evaluations of Sexual Misconduct in Politics and the Mitigating Role of the #MeToo Movement.” *American Journal of Political Science* 65(4): 777-789.

26. **Klar, Samara**, and Alexandra McCoy**. 2021. The #MeToo Movement and Attitudes toward President Trump in the Wake of a Sexual Misconduct Allegation.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, DOI: 10.1080/21565503.2021.1908374.

25. Kingzette, Jonathan*, Druckman, James N., **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2021. “How Affective Polarization Undermines Support for Democratic Norms.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 85(2): 663-677.

24. Druckman, James N., **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2021. “Affective Polarization, Local Contexts, and Public Opinion in America.” *Nature Human Behavior*. 5: 28-38.

23. Druckman, James N., **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan. 2021. “How Affective Polarization Shapes Americans’ Political Beliefs: A Study of Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 8: 223-234.

* *Best Article with a Pre-Registration Published in JEPS in 2021 (Awarded in 2022)*

22. Finkel, Eli J., Christopher A. Bail, Mina Cikara, Peter H. Ditto, Shanto Iyengar, **Samara Klar**, Lilliana Mason, Mary C. McGrath, Brendan Nyhan, David G. Rand, Linda J. Skitka, Joshua A. Tucker, Jay J. Van Bavel, Cynthia S. Wang, and James N. Druckman. 2020. "Political Sectarianism in America." *Science* 37 (6516): 533-536.
21. **Klar, Samara**, Yanna Krupnikov, John Barry Ryan, and Kathleen Searles, and Yotam Shmargad. 2020. "Using Social Media to Promote Academic Research: Identifying the Benefits of Twitter for Sharing Academic Work." *PLOS One*. E 15 (4): e0229446. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0229446>
20. Shmargad, Yotam, and **Samara Klar**. 2020. "Sorting the News: How Ranking by Popularity Polarizes Our Politics." *Political Communication* 37(3): 423-446.
19. **Klar, Samara**, Thomas J. Leeper, and Joshua Robison. 2020. "Studying Identities with Experiments: Weighing the Risk of Post-Treatment Bias Against Priming Effects." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 7(1): 56-60.
18. Davis, Nick, **Samara Klar**, and Chris Weber. 2019. "Affective Consistency and Sorting." *Social Science Quarterly* 100(6): 2477-2494.
17. Shmargad, Yotam, and **Samara Klar**. 2019. "How Partisan Online Environments Shape Communication with Political Outgroups." *International Journal of Communication* 13: 2287-2313.
16. Weber, Chris, and **Samara Klar**. 2019. "Understanding Individual-Level Variation in Ideological Sorting." *Advances in Political Psychology* 40(S1): 215-243 .
15. **Klar, Samara**. 2018. "When Common Identities Decrease Trust: An Experimental Study of Partisan Women." *American Journal of Political Science*. 62(3): 610-622.
 * *Best Paper Published in the American Journal of Political Science in 2018. (Awarded in 2019).*
 * *Best Paper in Political Psychology, American Political Science Association. 2015.*
 * *Best Paper in Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior, American Political Science Association. 2015.*
14. **Klar, Samara**, Yanna Krupnikov, and John B. Ryan. 2018. "Affective Polarization or Partisan Disdain?: Untangling a Dislike for the Opposing Party from a Dislike of Partisanship" *Public Opinion Quarterly* 82(2): 379-390.
13. Bergersen, Meghan**, **Samara Klar**, and Elizabeth J. Schmitt*. 2018. "Intersectionality and Engagement among the LGBTQ+ Community." *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy* 39(2): 196-219.
12. **Klar, Samara**, and Yotam Shmargad. 2017. "The Effect of Network Structure on Preference Formation." *Journal of Politics* 79(2): 717-721.
11. Beaulieu, Emily, Amber Boydston, Nadia Brown, Kim Yi Dionne, Andra Gillespie, **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, Melissa Michelson, Kathleen Searles, and Christina Wolbrecht.

2017. "Women Also Know Stuff: Meta-Level Mentoring to Battle Gender Bias in Political Science." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 50(3): 779-783.
10. **Klar, Samara**, Chris Weber, and Yanna Krupnikov. 2017. "Social Desirability Bias in the 2016 Presidential Election." *The Forum*, 14(4): 433-444.
9. **Klar, Samara**, and Spencer Piston. 2015. "The Influence of Competing Organisational Appeals on Individual Donations." *Journal of Public Policy*, 35(2): 171-191.
8. Druckman, James N., Mauro Gilli, **Samara Klar**, and Joshua Robison. 2015. "Measuring Drug and Alcohol Use among College Student-Athletes." *Social Science Quarterly*, 96: 369-380.
7. **Klar, Samara**. 2014. "Partisanship in a Social Setting." *American Journal of Political Science*, 58(3): 687-704.
6. **Klar, Samara**. 2014. "A Multidimensional Study of Ideological Preferences and Priorities among the American Public." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 78(1): 344-359.
5. **Klar, Samara**. 2014. "Identity Importance and Political Engagement among American Independents." *Political Psychology* 35(4): 577-591.
4. **Klar, Samara**, Heather Madonia, and Monica Schneider. 2014. "The Influence of Threatening Parental Primes on Mothers' versus Fathers' Policy Preferences." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 2(4): 607-623
3. Druckman, James N., Mauro Gilli, **Samara Klar**, and Joshua Robison. 2014. "The Role of Social Context in Shaping Student-Athlete Opinions." *PLOS ONE*, 9(12): e115159.
2. Druckman, James N., Mauro Gilli, **Samara Klar**, and Joshua Robison. 2014. "Athlete Support for Title IX." *Journal of Sport*.
<http://thesportjournal.org/article/athlete-support-for-title-ix/>
1. **Klar, Samara**. 2013. "The Influence of Competing Identity Primes on Political Preferences." *Journal of Politics* 75(4): 1108-1124.

CHAPTERS IN SCHOLARLY BOOKS

8. **Klar, Samara**, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. 2026. "Under Cover Partisans or Repelled Parties: Understanding Pure Independents." In (Eds. Christopher Karpowitz and Jeremy Pope) *Reconsidering Parties*. University of Michigan Press.
7. Wang, Ianne Susan*, and **Samara Klar**. 2022. "Partisanship and Public Opinion." In *Handbook on Politics and Public Opinion* (Ed. Thomas Rudolph). Edward Elgar Publishing.
6. **Klar, Samara**, and Elizabeth Schmitt*. 2021. "The Evolution of Experiments on Gender in Elections." In James N. Druckman and Donald P. Green (Eds.) *Advances in Experimental Political Science*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.
5. **Klar, Samara**, and Yotam Shmargad. 2020. "Curating the News: How Social Media Facilitates Selective Exposure." In Eric M. Patashnik and Wendy J. Schiller (Eds.) *Dynamics of*

American Democracy: Partisan Polarization, Political Competition, and Government Performance. University of Kansas Press.

4. Shmargad, Yotam, and **Samara Klar**. 2019. "Using Online Experiments to Study Political Decision Making." In David Redlawsk (Ed.) *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Political Decision-Making*. Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.924
3. **Klar, Samara**, and Thomas J. Leeper. 2019. "Identities and Intersectionality: A Case for Purposive Sampling in Survey-Experimental Research." In Paul J. Lavrakas, Edith de Leeuw, Allyson Holbrook, Courtney Kennedy, Michael W. Traugott, and Brady T. West (Eds.) *Experimental Methods in Survey Research: Techniques that Combine Random Sampling with Random Assignment*, Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, pp. 419-434.
2. Gubitz, Samuel*, **Klar, Samara**, Joshua Robison, and James N. Druckman. 2018. "The Political Dynamics of Framing." In Travis N. Ridout (Ed.) *New Directions in Media and Politics*, 2nd Edition, New York, NY: Routledge.
1. **Klar, Samara**, Joshua Robison, and James N. Druckman. 2012. "The Political Dynamics of Framing." In Travis N. Ridout (Ed.) *New Directions in Media and Politics*, New York, NY: Routledge.

REPORTS

1. Pasek, Josh, Andrew Mercer, Ariel Edwards-Levy, Scott F. Clement, Ruth Igielnik, Jonathan Ladd, Emily Swanson, Jeff Horwitt, Charles Franklin, Chris Jackson, Kabir Khanna, Matthew Knee, Angela X. Ocampo, Tasha Philpot, Elliott Morris, and **Samara Klar**. 2025. "Task Force on 2024 Pre-Election Polling." American Association for Public Opinion Research. Access (11/11/2025): [Task Force on 2024 Pre-Election Polling](#)

BOOK REVIEWS

3. **Klar, Samara**. 2020. "Turn and Face the Strange Ch-ch-changes: How an evolving America activates identity politics." *Journal of Politics*.
2. **Klar, Samara**. 2018. "Review: Neither Liberal nor Conservative by Donald Kinder and Nathan Kalmoe." *Perspectives on Politics*.
1. **Klar, Samara**. 2016. "Review: The Political Consequences of Motherhood by Jill S. Greenlee." *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, 37:1 (112-113).

INVITED ENTRIES

2. Cai, Qing, Mar Hicks, Emilia Huerta-Sanchez, **Samara Klar**, and Misaki Natsuaki. 2025. "Women Shaping Behavioural Science." *Nature Human Behaviour*.
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-025-02161-1>
1. **Klar, Samara**, and Elizabeth Schmitt*. 2017. "Framing." In F. M. Moghaddam (Ed.) *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

PUBLICATIONS IN THE POPULAR PRESS

14. “Kyrsten Sinema Brings Bad Tidings for Democrats in 2024.” *New York Times*. **Samara Klar**. December 14, 2022.
13. “Why Would a Republican Vote Biden? Ask Arizonans.” *New York Times*. **Samara Klar & Christopher Weber**. October 15, 2020.
12. “Should You Talk About Politics Over the Holidays?” CNN.com. **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. November 12, 2019.
11. “Is America Hopelessly Polarized? Or Just Allergic to Politics?” *New York Times*. **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. April 12, 2019.
10. “How To Win Swing Voters (And How to Lose Them).” *New York Times*. **Samara Klar & Yanna Krupnikov**, October 17, 2018.
9. “A Move Very Much Out of Line with the Electorate.” *New York Times*. **Samara Klar & Yanna Krupnikov**, April 26, 2016.
8. “When Voters Go Undercover.” *The Hill*. **Samara Klar & Yanna Krupnikov**. March 23, 2016.
7. “Experts Weigh In: Women Also Know Stuff.” Huffington Post. Emily Beaulieu, Amber Boydston, Nadia Brown, Kim Yi Dionne, Andra Gillespie, **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, Melissa Michelson, Kathleen Searles, and Christina Wolbrecht. March 8, 2016.
6. “Here’s a list of smart women political scientists. They know stuff too.” WashingtonPost.com Monkey Cage. Emily Beaulieu, Amber Boydston, Nadia Brown, Kim Yi Dionne, Andra Gillespie, **Samara Klar**, Yanna Krupnikov, Melissa Michelson, Kathleen Searles, and Christina Wolbrecht. February 11, 2016.
5. “How political disagreement created the independent voter.” Huffington Post. Yanna Krupnikov & **Samara Klar**. January 26, 2016.
4. “9 media myths about independent voters, debunked.” Vox. **Samara Klar & Yanna Krupnikov**. January 22, 2016.
3. “Why people call themselves independent even when they aren’t.” WashingtonPost.com Monkey Cage. Yanna Krupnikov & **Samara Klar**. January 10, 2016.
2. “Women Fight More Than Men Over Politics.” Politico. **Samara Klar**. December 9, 2014.
1. “Independents didn’t decide the midterm election.” WashingtonPost.com Monkey Cage. **Samara Klar & Yanna Krupnikov**. November 6, 2014.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Arnon, Daniel, Faten Ghosn, and Samara Klar. “Measuring Intergroup Rivalry Across Cultural Contexts: How Cultural Norms Distort Expressed Out-Group Animosity.” *Under Review*.

Berger, William, Samara Klar, and Chad Westerland. "The Court as Government Subsidiary: A New Take on the Court's Stable Legitimacy," *Under Review*.

Jin, Rongbo, and Samara Klar. "Beyond In-Group Love and Out-Group Hate Partisan Prototype-Driven Affective Polarization." *Under Review*.

Connors, Elizabeth, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. "'Unfriending': Polarization and Political Disagreement in Social Networks." *Data collection in progress*.

Klar, Samara. "When Do States Swing?" *Data collection in progress*.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Melody S. Robidoux Fund, Faculty Fellowship. 2019-present.

National Science Foundation. "Science & Technology Center: Center for Research on Programmable Plant Systems (CROPPS)," (\$5,000,000/year, 2021-2023). Co-PI.

American Political Science Association, Special Projects Grant (\$25,000). Awarded to the WomenAlsoKnowStuff Executive Council. 2020.

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) Short Proposal Grant. "Gender Versus Party: Do Abortion Frames Affect Issue Engagement?" Co-Principal Investigator. 2019.

Social Science Research Council, Identity, Community, and Participation Research Grant (\$9,104). "Bridging Political Polarization within American Communities." Principal Investigator. 2019.

Democracy Fund Grant (\$50,000). Awarded to the WomenAlsoKnowStuff Executive Council. 2019.

National Science Foundation, EAGER Grant (\$269,602). "New Paths for Communicating Science." Senior Personnel. 2018.

University of Arizona Commission on the Status of Women Mini-Grant (\$1,500). Principal Investigator. 2017.

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) Short Proposal Grant. "Untangling a Dislike for the Opposing Party from a Dislike of Parties." Co-Principal Investigator. 2016.

American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) Travel Grant. 2013.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$12,000). Co-Principal Investigator. 2012.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Scholar of the Year. University of Arizona, School of Social & Behavioral Sciences. 2025.

Juliette and Alexander George Book Award, International Society of Political Psychology 2025.

Longlist Finalist, Edwards Book Award (Rodel Institute). 2025.

Best Article with a Pre-Registration Published in *Journal of Experimental Political Science* in 2021 (Awarded in 2022).

Philip E. Converse Award (awarded to the best book published at least 5 years ago), American Political Science Association (Elections, Public Opinion, and Voter Behavior Section) 2021.

Best Paper Published in the *American Journal of Political Science* in 2018. (Awarded in 2019).

Emerging Scholar Award, American Political Science Association (Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section) 2018.

Robert E. Lane Award for Best Book, American Political Science Association (Political Psychology Section) 2017.

Best Book Award, American Political Science Association (Experimental Political Science Section). 2017.

Jane Mansbridge Award, American Political Science Association Women's Caucus (awarded to the Editorial Board of WomenAlsoKnowStuff.com). 2016.

Emerging Scholar Award, American Political Science Association (Political Organizations and Parties Section). 2016.

Best Paper in Political Psychology, American Political Science Association. 2015. (Awarded for "When Common Identities Fuel Affective Polarization: An Experimental Study of Democratic and Republican Women.")

Best Paper in Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior, American Political Science Association. 2015. (Awarded for "When Common Identities Fuel Affective Polarization: An Experimental Study of Democratic and Republican Women.")

Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar, Midwest Political Science Association. 2015. (Awarded for "Social Norms and the Presentation of Partisanship" with Yanna Krupnikov).

Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association (Experimental Research Section). 2014

Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association (Political Psychology Section). 2014.

Distinguished Junior Scholar, American Political Science Association (Political Psychology Section) 2014.

Burns "Bud" Roper Fellowship, American Association of Public Opinion Research. 2014.

Best Student Paper Award. Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research. 2012.

Best Student Paper Honorable Mention. Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research. 2011.

Best Student Paper Award. Political Science, Sociology, and International Relations Conference. Singapore. 2011.

INVITED TALKS - ACADEMIC

2025

University of Notre Dame, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy (South Bend, IN).

UCLA, American Politics Workshop (Los Angeles, CA).

2024

Washington State University (Pullman, WA).

University of Berkeley California, Citrin Center, “Election 2024: What’s at Stake?” (Berkeley, CA).

Pacific Association of Public Opinion Research, Plenary Session “Decision Points in Democracy.” (San Francisco, CA).

2023

University of Michigan, Center for Political Studies (Ann Arbor, MI).

Arizona State University, Center for an Independent and Sustainable Democracy (Tempe, AZ).

University of New Mexico, Distinguished Speaker Series (Albuquerque, NM).

University of Pittsburgh, Center for the Study of American Politics & Society Speaker Series (Pittsburgh, PA).

Western University, Network of Economic and Social Trends Speaker Series (London, Ontario).

2022

Oregon State University (Corvallis, WA).

2021

University of Pennsylvania, American Politics Workshop (via Zoom).

Ashoka University, Society for International Affairs, India (via Zoom).

Yale University, American Politics and Public Policy Workshop. New Haven, CT (via Zoom).

2020

University of Toronto, Department of Political Science Seminar Talk. Toronto, CA (via Zoom).

University of Oxford, Rothermere American Institute. Oxford, UK (via Zoom).

Harvard University, American Politics Speaker Series. Cambridge, MA (via Zoom).

London School of Economics, Political Behaviour Seminar. London, UK (via Zoom).

2019

Princeton University, American Politics Colloquium. Princeton, NJ.

Rutgers University, Center for the Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology Speaker Series. New Brunswick, NJ.

Zócalo/UCLA Anderson School of Management “Public Square” Panel: “Is Politics Really Driving Americans Part?” Los Angeles, CA.

University of Copenhagen. Democratic Politics Colloquium. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Brigham Young University, Partisanship Considered: A Conference to Honor David Magleby. Provo, UT.

Georgia State University, Political Science Speaker Series. Atlanta, GA.

University of California Irvine, Political Science Speaker Series. Irvine, CA.

University of California Merced, Political Science Speaker Series. Merced, CA.

Social Science Research Council. “Workshop on Identity, Community, and Political Participation.” Brooklyn, NY.

2018

Brown University Conference on American Democracy: Partisan Polarization, Political Competition and Government Performance. Providence, RI.

University of Alabama, Political Science Speaker Series. Tuscaloosa, AL.

University of Zurich, Workshop on Social Identities in Political Science. Zurich, Switzerland.

St. Olaf College, Conference on “Political Polarization in America: Where We've Been, Where We're Going, and Why It Matters.” Northfield, MN.

Willamette University, Center for Governance and Public Policy Research. Portland, OR.

University of Colorado Boulder, American Politics Brownbag. Boulder, CO.

Yale University, Center for the Study of American Politics Conference. New Haven, CT. (Invited Discussant.)

UCLA, American Politics Workshop. Los Angeles, CA.

University of California San Diego, Conference on American Politics. San Diego, CA.

University of California Berkeley, Travers Conference on Partisanship in the Age of Trump. Berkeley, CA.

2017

McGill University, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship. Montreal, Canada.

George Washington University, American Politics Workshop. Washington, DC.

University of Ottawa, Political Science Seminar. Ottawa, Ontario.

2016

University of Arizona, Freedom Center. Tucson, AZ.

University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development. Tucson, AZ.

Tulane University, Scholars Strategy Network Seminar. New Orleans, LA.

University of California, Berkeley, American Politics Seminar. Berkeley, CA.

University of Arizona, Department of Psychology. Tucson, AZ.

University of Michigan, Center for Political Studies. Ann Arbor, MI.

Georgetown University, American Politics Speaker Series. Washington, DC.

Stanford University, American Politics Seminar. Palo Alto, CA.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2016 Election Symposium. Madison, WI.

2015

Harvard University, Working Group in Political Psychology. Cambridge, MA.

University of Pittsburgh, American Politics Seminar. Pittsburgh, PA.

INVITED TALKS – COMMUNITY & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Yale Club of Tucson, April 2023

“The Future of Pandemics,” University of Arizona Honors College, “Big Ideas, Grand Challenges” Speaker Series, 2021

“Civic Engagement in the Digital Age: Journalism and the Impact of Media,” University of Arizona Virtual Fireside Chat, 2021

College of Social and Behavioral Science Panel on the Presidential Election, 2020

Arizona Senior Academy, Visiting Speaker, 2018

Freethinkers Speaker Series, Saddlebrooke Ranch, 2018

University of Arizona, Federalist Society, 2017

University of Arizona, Downtown Lecture Series, 2017

Arizona State University, School of Public Affairs, 2017
Spirit of the Senses Lecture Series, Phoenix AZ, 2017
Pima Canyon Estates Lecture Series, Tucson AZ, 2017
Tucson League of Women Voters Guest Speaker, 2016
Arizona Senior Academy, Visiting Speaker, 2016
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board Meeting, Guest Speaker, 2016
Northwestern Alumni Event, Keynote Speaker, 2016
University of Arizona Honors College “Smart Talk” Speaker Series, 2016

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“When Does Politics Ruin Friendships” (with Elizabeth Connors and Yanna Krupnikov). Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research. St. Louis, MO. May 2025.

“How Opinion on the Supreme Court Influences Institutional Trust” (with William Berger and Chad Westerland). Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research. Atlanta, GA. May 2024.

“Testing the Limits of Intergroup Corrections” (with Daniel Arnon and Faten Ghosn). Annual Meeting of the Polarization Lab. Stanford University. March 2023.

“Correcting Misperceptions Between Israelis and Palestinians” (with Daniel Arnon and Faten Ghosn). Annual Meeting of the Polarization Lab. Stanford University. March 2023.

“Racial Differences in Affective Polarization: Survey Evidence of Relative Inter-Partisan Harmony among Hispanic Americans” (with Rongbo Jin, Fabian Neuner, Mark Ramirez, and Chris Weber). Annual Meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research. Chicago, IL. May, 2022.

“Political Opinions Among a Polarized Public” (with James Druckman, Yanna Krupnikov, Matthew Levendusky, and John Barry Ryan). Annual Meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research. Chicago, IL. May, 2022.

“Putting Polarization in Perspective.” Political Polarization, Circa 2020 Conference. Northwestern University. Evanston, IL. 2020. [Postponed due to COVID-19]

“Who are Leaners? How True Independents differ from the Weakest Partisans and Why It Matters.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research. Atlanta, GA. May 14-17, 2020. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

“Evaluating Sexual Misconduct in Politics: How Support for the #MeToo Movement Reduces Partisan Biases.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research. Atlanta, GA. May 14-17, 2020. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

“Re-Evaluating Affective Polarization among Married Couples: How Changes in Gender Roles, not Partisan Biases, Leads to Politically Homophilous Marriages” (with Nichole Bauer, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan). Yale Center for the Study of American Politics Summer Workshop. New Haven, CT. 2019.

“Sorting the News: How Algorithms Polarize Our Politics” (with Yotam Shmargad). Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Austin, TX. 2019.

“The Influence of Social Media Environments on Reactions to Political Diversity” (with Yotam Shmargad). Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. San Antonio, TX. 2018.

“Individual Variation in Ideological Expression: How Sensitivity to Social Cues (or a Lack Thereof) Affects Partisan Sorting” (with Chris Weber). Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. San Antonio, TX. 2018.

“The Influence of Social Media Environments on Reactions to Political Diversity” (with Yotam Shmargad). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2018.

“Examining the Political Consequences of Feminism” (with Nichole Bauer and Elizabeth Schmitt). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2018

“Individual-Level Variation in Political Polarization” (with Chris Weber). Visions in Methodology Conference. Stony Brook University. Long Island, NY. June 2017.

“Untangling a Dislike for the Opposing Party from a Dislike of Parties” (with Yanna Krupnikov and John Barry Ryan). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.

“Overcoming the Gate-Keeping Constraints of Communicating Science” (with Yanna Krupnikov). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Short Course on “Communicating Science.” Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.

“Roundtable on the Presidential Election.” Political Psychology Pre-Conference, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.

“Roundtable on Gender Inequality in the US: Beyond Political Representation.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.

“Untangling Affective Polarization from a Disdain for Partisanship” (with Yanna Krupnikov and John Barry Ryan). Dartmouth College, Experiments Conference (Hanover, NH). July 2016.

“Intersectionality and Engagement among the LGBTQ+ Community” (with Meghan Bergersen). Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research. Austin, TX. May 11-16, 2016.

“Exploring Bipartisanship in Congressional Caucus Networks” (with Yotam Shmargad and Chris Weber). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2016.

“Intersectionality and Engagement among the LGBTQ+ Community” (with Meghan Bergersen). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2016.

“How Network Structure Affects Information Exposure and Public Opinion” (with Yotam Shmargad). NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference. New York, NY. February 19-20, 2016.

“How Network Structure Affects Information Exposure and Public Opinion” (with Yotam Shmargad). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. Sept. 2-6, 2015.

“Why Americans Deny their Partisan Identities and What It Means for Politics” (with Yanna Krupnikov). Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology San Diego, CA. July 3, 2015.

“Why Americans Deny their Partisan Identities and What It Means for Politics” (with Yanna Krupnikov). American Association of Public Opinion Research. Hollywood, FL. May 17, 2015.

“The Influence of Network Structure on Preference Formation” (with Yotam Shmargad). West Coast Experiments Conference (Davis, CA). April 24, 2015.

“The Influence of Identity Stereotypes on Political Engagement among Hispanic Women.” The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 16-19, 2015.

“The Political Consequences of Independent Voters” (with Yanna Krupnikov). The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 16-19, 2015.

"Exploring the Cross-Cutting Influences of Gender and Partisanship." New Research on Gender in Political Psychology Conference. Wooster, OH. October 9-12, 2014.

“The Benefit of Unexpected Alliances: How Partisan Out-Groups Win Support in the Case of Gender Equality Legislation.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA). Washington, DC. August 28-31, 2014.

“Designing Survey Experiments.” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Association of Public Opinion Research (San Francisco, CA). May 15-18, 2014.

“A Multi-Dimensional Study of Ideological Preferences and Priorities among the American Public.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* Special Issue Conference (Washington, DC). October 24, 2014.

“The Diffusion of Political Information through Homogeneous and Diverse Political Networks” (with Yotam Shmargad). Annual Meeting of the International Network of Social Network Analyses (INSNA). St. Pete Beach, Florida. February 2014.

“The Mass Consequences of Partisan Disagreement” (with Yanna Krupnikov). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Chicago, IL. April 2014.

“Partisanship in a Social Setting.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA). Chicago, IL. August 28-September 2, 2013.

“Social Desirability Bias and Political Partisanship” (with Yanna Krupnikov). Annual Meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR). Boston, MA. May 16-19, 2013.

“The Influence of Parenthood on Mothers’ and Fathers’ Political Preferences” (with Heather Madonia and Monica Schneider). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Chicago, IL. April 11-14, 2013.

“The Influence of Competing Primes on Political Donations” (with Spencer Piston). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Chicago, IL. April 11-14, 2013.

“The Influence of Competing Identity Primes in Political Preferences.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Los Angeles, CA. March 28, 2013.

"Partisanship in a Social Setting." NYU-CESS Experimental Conference. New York, NY. March 1-2, 2013.

"Partisanship in a Social Context." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research (MAPOR). Chicago, IL. November 16-17, 2012.

“Identity and Engagement among Political Independents.” Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP). Chicago IL. July 6 - 9, 2012.

“The Influence of Competing Identities on Political Preferences: An Experimental Study.” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA). Edmonton, AB. June 12-15, 2012.

“Political Identity and Political Engagement among Independents.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR). Orlando, FL. May 17-20, 2012.

“The Influence of Competing Identities on Political Preferences: An Experimental Study.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Chicago, IL. April 12-15, 2012.

“Political Identity and Political Engagement among Independents.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Chicago, IL. April 12-15, 2012.

“The Influence of Competing Identities over Economic and Political Opinion.” Regional Meeting of the World Association of Public Opinion Research (WAPOR). Gdansk, Poland. March 12-15, 2012.

“Identity Matters: Political Engagement among Independents.” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Association of Public Opinion Research (PAPOR). San Francisco, CA. December 9, 2011.

“Ideology, Identity, and the American Independent.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research (MAPOR). Chicago, IL. November 18, 2011.

“Ideology, Identity, and the American Independent.” Political Science, Sociology, and International Relations Conference (PSSIR). Singapore. November 7-8, 2011.

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Departmental Committees

University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy, Visiting Speakers Committee (2024-present).

University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy, Tenure Review Committee (2023-2024).

University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy, Graduate Admissions Committee (2022-2023).

University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy, Ad Hoc Committee on Evaluating Promotion and Tenure (2020).

University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy, Faculty Third Year Review Committee (x2; 2019).

University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy, Faculty Evaluation Committee (2018-2022).

University of Arizona School of Government and Public Policy, Undergraduate Committee (2017-2018).

Student Advising and Mentoring

Dissertation Committee Member: Rongbo Jin (Ph.D. 2024, Assistant Professor, Chinese University of Honk Kong); Seoungin Choi (Ph.D. 2024, Assistant Professor, Mount Saint Mary's University); Ianne Wang (Ph.D. 2024; U.S. Dept of State); Mai Truong (Ph.D. 2022, Assistant Professor, Mount St. Mary's University); Isabel Williams Skinner (Ph.D. 2022, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois Springfield); Elizabeth Schmitt (Ph.D. 2021; Assistant Professor, UW-Platteville); Joshua Ridenour (Ph.D. 2021; U.S. Census Bureau); Kerri Stephens (Ph.D. 2015; Instructor, Modesto Junior College).

External Dissertation Committee Member: Erin Rossiter (Washington University in St. Louis, Ph.D. 2021); Morten Pettersson (Aarhus University, Ph.D. 2018).

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha (2014-2015; 2015-2016; 2016-2017).

External Qualifying Exam Committee Member: Hannah Dillman (UC Davis).

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor: Samantha-Jo Roth; Zoey Kotzambasis; Olivia Ray; Nathan Allen; Steven Giampapa; Claire Knipe; Alison Gondosch; Kara Narberes; Paige Schacher; Sean Orion Collins; Sophie Feldman; Parker Dale

Research Project Advisor: Francy Luna Diaz; Thomas Wylie (First Year Honors Project); Kate Rosenstengel (First Year Honors Project); Erika Steiner (BASIS Senior Project)

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Professional Service & Committees

External tenure reviewer/letter writer: 2025 (5 R-1 universities); 2024 (6 R-1 universities); 2023 (private research university); 2022 (2 letters, both large R1 universities); 2021 (liberal arts college); 2020 (liberal arts college); 2019 (R1 university)

American National Election Studies, Board Member (2025-2028).

American Association for Public Opinion Research, Seymour Sudman Award for Best Student Paper, Committee Member (2022-2023).

American National Election Studies, Board Member (2019-2021).

American Political Science Association, Award for Best Book in Experimental Research, Committee Member (2021).

American Association of Public Opinion Research, Conference Selection Committee Member (2020-2021).

American Political Science Association, Distinguished Junior Scholars Award, Committee Member (2020-2021).

American Political Science Association, Best Article in *Political Behavior* Committee Member (2020-2021).

Southern Political Science Association, Joseph L. Bernd Best Paper published in the *Journal of Politics*, Committee Member (2020).

American Political Science Association, Heinz Eulau Award for Best Article in the *American Political Science Review*, Committee Member (2020).

Midwest Political Science Association, Award for Best Paper in American Politics, Committee Member (2020).

American Political Science Association, Political Psychology Section, Robert E. Lane Best Book Award Committee, Chair (2019).

American Political Science Association, Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section, Emerging Scholar Award. Committee Chair (2019).

International Society for Political Psychology, Roberta Sigal Award, Committee Member (2019).

Social Science One (<https://socialscience.one/>). Polarization Committee Member (2018-Present).

American Political Science Association, Political Organizations and Parties, Emerging Scholar Award, Committee Member (2017).

American Political Science Association, Political Communication Executive Committee, Member-at-Large (2017).

American Political Science Association, Experiments Section, Public Service Award, Committee Member (2016).

American Association of Public Opinion Research, Book Award, Committee Member (2016).

American Political Science Association, Political Networks Section, Best Paper Committee, Chair (2016).

American Association of Public Opinion Research, Diversity Committee (2016).

American National Election Studies Board Meeting Participant (2015).

American Political Science Association, Political Psychology Dissertation Award Committee (2015).

American Political Science Association, Sprague Award Committee (2014).

Editorial Boards

American Political Science Review, Editorial Board Member (present).

American Journal of Political Science, Editorial Board Member (2023-2025).

Advances in Political Psychology, Editorial Board Member (2020-2022).

Cambridge Elements in Political Psychology, Editorial Board Member (2019-2022).

Journal of Experimental Political Science, Editorial Board Member (2017-2020).

WomenAlsoKnowStuff, Founding Editorial Board Member (2016-2023).

Political Psychology, Co-Editor (2020-2021).

Public Opinion Quarterly, Editorial Board Member (2020-2021).

Political Behavior, Editorial Board Member (2019-2022).

Journal of Politics, Editorial Board Member (2019-2020).

Conference Organizer:

University of Arizona American Politics Mini-Conference (2019).

Pacific Coast American Politics Conference, Co-Organizer (with Andy Hall and Seth Hill) (2017).

Conference Section Chair:

Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association 2020, Media and Political Communication Section Chair (with Vanessa Cruz Nichols)

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association 2018, Political Psychology Section Chair (with Jennifer Wolak)

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association 2018, Political Psychology Section Chair (with Lilliana Mason)

Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association 2017, Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movements Section Chair

Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology 2015, Political Communication Section Chair (with Chris Weber)

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association 2014, Experiments Section Chair (with Thomas Leeper).

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; British Journal of Political Science; Group Processes & Intergroup Relations; International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Journal of Communication; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Official Statistics; Journal of Personality and Social Psychology; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Policy; Nature Human Behavior; Political Analysis; Perspectives on Politics; PLOS One; Policy Studies Journal; Political Behavior; Political Communication; Political Psychology; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; Political Studies; Political Studies; Politics & Gender; Politics, Groups, & Identities; PS: Political Science & Politics; Public Opinion Quarterly; Research & Politics; Science Advances; Social Networks; Social Science Quarterly; Social Science Research; Social Psychology; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*