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## **CURRENT ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. July 2025 - present.

## **PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, August 2023 - June 2025.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Covid States Project, Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 2021 - August 2023.

- Affiliate at the Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University

Postdoctoral Researcher with the National Internet Observatory (NIO) and the Covid States Project, Network Science Institute, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, September 2021 - August 2023.

Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, September 2020 - August 2021.

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Political Science, minor in Political Psychology, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, August 2021.

M.A. in Political Science, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, June 2019.

B.A. in Art History and Studio Art, Carleton College, June 2012.

## **ACADEMIC INTERESTS**

*General:* Public opinion; political behavior; political psychology; public health; political geography; experimental methods; political and health communication

*Specific:* Rural politics and attitudes; identity; trust; urban-rural division; public health and policy attitudes; misinformation

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

[34] Druckman, J., Ognyanova, K., Safarpour, A., Schulman, J., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Uslu, A., Green, J., Baum, M., Quintana, A., Qu, H., Perlis, R., & Lazer, D. 2025. "Representation in Science and Trust in Scientists in the United States." Preprint: <https://www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-4892837/v1>. *Conditionally Accepted at Nature Human Behaviour*.

[33] Motta, M., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., Ophir, Y., & Walter, D. 2025. "The Opinion Dynamics of Public Risk Perceptions & Policy Attitudes Toward Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)." *Forthcoming at the Journal of Health Policy, Politics, and Law*. Preprint: <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/j94zq>.

[32] **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, & Lin, J. 2025. "American Urban-Rural Differences in Political Values." *Political Research Quarterly*, 78(3). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129251324464>

[31] Lin, J., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** 2025. "Urban-Rural Differences in Respect for the Norms of American Civil-Military Relations." *American Politics Research*, 53(1): 36-47. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X241263085>

[30] Cologna, V., ... **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, ... *et al.* 2025. "Extreme weather event attribution predicts climate policy support across the world". *Nature Climate Change*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-025-02372-4>

[29] Mede, N., ... **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, ... *et al.* Forthcoming. "Public communication about science in 68 countries: Global evidence on how people encounter and engage with information about science." *Science Communication*. Preprint: [https://osf.io/preprints/osf/xb3ha\\_v4](https://osf.io/preprints/osf/xb3ha_v4)

[28] Cologna, V., ... **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, ... *et al.* 2025. "Trust in scientists and their role in society across 68 countries." *Nature Human Behaviour*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-024-02090-5>  
- Research covered in *Nature News*, *National Geographic*, and many more.

[27] Mede, N., ... **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, ... *et al.* 2025. "Perceptions of Science, Science Communication, and Climate Change Attitudes in 68 Countries: The TISP Dataset." *Scientific Data*, 12(114). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-024-04100-7>

[26] Druckman, J., Schulman, J., Safarpour, A., Baum, M., Ognyanova, K., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Quintana, A., Qu, H., Uslu, A., Perlis, R., & Lazer, D. 2025. "Continuity and Change in Trust in Scientists in the United States: Demographic Stability and Partisan Polarization." *Accepted at Public Opinion Quarterly*.

[25] **Lunz Trujillo, K.** 2024. "Beyond Anti-Urban Sentiment: Rural Consciousness and Affect Toward Undocumented Immigrants." *Political Geography*, 115: 103231. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2024.103231>

[24] Perlis, R. H., Ognyanova, K., Uslu, A., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Santillana, M., Druckman, J., Baum, M., & Lazer, D. 2024. "Trust in Physicians and Hospitals During the COVID-19 Pandemic in a 50-State Survey of US Adults." *JAMA Network Open*, 7(7): e2424984-e2424984. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2024.24984>

- Research covered in *The New York Times*, *US News and World Report*, and *Forbes*, among several others.

[23] **Lunz Trujillo, K.** 2024. "Feeling out of place: Who are the non-rural rural identifiers, and are they unique politically?" *Political Behavior*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-024-09915-z>

[22] **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Green, J., Safarpour, A., Lazer, D., Lin, J., & Motta, M. 2024. "Covid-19 Spillover Effects onto General Vaccine Attitudes." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 88(1), 97-122. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/pog/nfad059>.

- Research covered in *Bloomberg News*.

[21] Myers, C.D., Zhirkov, K., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** 2024. "Who is "On Welfare"? Validating the Use of Conjoint Experiments to Measure Stereotype Content." *Political Behavior*, 46(1): 89-110. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-022-09815-0>

[20] Safarpour, A., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Green, J., Lin, J., Pippert, C., & Druckman, J. 2024. "Divisive or Descriptive?: How Americans Understand Critical Race Theory." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 9(1): 157-181. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2023.39>

- Report version of paper mentioned in John Oliver's *Last Week Tonight* - "Critical Race Theory" segment, February 2022 (time mentioned in show: 3:37-3:50).

[19] Callaghan, T., Ferdinand, A., Motta, M., Lockman, A., Shrestha, A., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** 2024. "Public Attitudes and Inequities in the Launch of the 988 Lifeline." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, 49(3): 473-493. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1215/03616878-11066312>

[18] Perlis, R., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Green, J., Safarpour, A., Druckman, J., Santillana, M., Ognyanova, K., & Lazer, D. 2023. "Misinformation, Trust, and Use of Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19." *JAMA Health Forum*, 4(9):e233257. DOI: [doi.org/10.1001/jamahealthforum.2023.3257](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamahealthforum.2023.3257)

- Research covered in various news outlets, including *Politico* and *The Daily Mail*.

[17] Perlis, R., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Safarpour, A., Quintana, A., Simonson, M., Perlis, J., Druckman, J., Santillana, M., Baum, M., Ognyanova, K., & Lazer, D. 2023. "Community Mobility and Depressive Symptoms During the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States." *JAMA Network Open*, 6(9):e2334945. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.34945>

[16] Lin, J., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** 2023. "Are Rural Attitudes Just Republican?" *Political Science Research and Methods*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2023.48>

- [15] Zhirkov, K., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, & Myers, C. D. 2023. "Measuring Support for Welfare Policies: Implications for the Effects of Race and Deservingness Stereotypes." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2023.31>
- [14] Motta, M., Callaghan, T., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** 2023. "'The CDC Won't Let Me Be:' The Opinion Dynamics of Support for Health Agencies' Regulatory Authority." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*. 10852592. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1215/03616878-10852592>
- [13] Motta, M., Callaghan, T., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, & Lockman, A. 2023. "Erroneous Consonance: How Inaccurate Beliefs About Physician Opinion Influence COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy." *Vaccine*, 41(12): 2093-2099. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2023.02.052>
- [12] Lin, J. & **Lunz Trujillo K.** 2023. "Urban-Rural Differences in Non-Voting Political Behaviors." *Political Research Quarterly*, 76(2): 851-868. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129221119195>
- [11] Sylvester, S., Motta, M., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, & Callaghan, T. 2023. "Vaccinating Across the Aisle: Using Co-Partisan Source Cues to Encourage COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in the Ideological Right." *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 46(1): 311-323. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10865-022-00323-4>  
 - Research covered in *The Washington Post*.
- [10] Perlis, R. H., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Safarpour, A., Santillana, M., Ognyanova, K., Druckman, J., & Lazer, D. 2023. "Association of post-COVID-19 condition symptoms and employment status." *JAMA Network Open*, 6(2): e2256152. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.11.17.22282452>  
 - Research covered in *Forbes*.
- [9] Callaghan, T., M. Motta, S. Sylvester, & **K. Lunz Trujillo**. 2023. "Identifying the Prevalence, Correlates, and Policy Consequences of Anti-Vaccine Social Identity." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 11(1): 108-122. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2021.1932528>  
 - Research covered in various outlets, including *The Atlantic*, *CNBC*, and several others.
- [8] Perlis, R. H., Santillana, M., Ognyanova, K., Safarpour, A., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Simonson, M. D., ... & Lazer, D. 2022. "Prevalence and correlates of long COVID symptoms among US adults." *JAMA Network Open*, 5(10), e2238804-e2238804.  
 - Research covered in over 100 outlets, including *Time*, *The Atlantic*, *NBC News*, and *CNN*.  
 - Research cited in official [CDC information](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s221117-long-covid-symptoms.html) on long COVID signs and symptoms.
- [7] **Lunz Trujillo, K.** & Crowley, Z. 2022. "Symbolic Versus Material Concerns of Rural Consciousness in the United States." *Political Geography*, 96(1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2022.102658>  
 - Research covered in *The New York Times*.
- [6] **Lunz Trujillo, K.** 2022. "Rural Identity as a Contributing Factor to Anti-Intellectualism in the U.S." *Political Behavior*, 44(2): 1509-1532. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-022-09770-w>  
 - Research covered in *Newsweek* (twice), *The Atlantic*, *FiveThirtyEight*, and more.

[5] **Lunz Trujillo, K.** & M. Motta. 2021. "How Internet Access Drives Global Vaccine Skepticism." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 33(3): 551-570. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.1093/ijpor/edab012>

- Winner of the 2021 Robert M. Worcester Prize at the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*.
- Winner of the Leonard S. Robins Award for Best Paper on Health Politics and Policy presented to the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA).

[4] Callaghan, T., J. Lueck, **K. Lunz Trujillo**, & A. Ferdinand. 2021. "Rural and Urban Differences in COVID-19 Prevention Behaviors." *Journal of Rural Health*, 37(2): 287-295. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.1111/jrh.12556>

- Winner of the 2021 Best Article of the Year at the *Journal of Rural Health*.
- The top cited article in 2021 through 2022 at the *Journal of Rural Health*.
- Research covered in *Forbes* and *FiveThirtyEight*.

[3] **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, M. Motta, T. Callaghan, & S. Sylvester. 2021. "Correcting Misinformation Endorsement about the MMR Vaccine: Identifying Psychological Risk Factors and Effective Communication Strategies." *Political Research Quarterly*, 74(2): 464-478. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912920907695>

- Research covered in *FiveThirtyEight*.

[2] Motta, M., S. Sylvester, T. Callaghan, & **K. Lunz Trujillo**. 2021. "Encouraging COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Through Effective Health Communication." *Frontiers in Political Science - Politics of Technology*, Special Issue, 28. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpos.2021.630133>

[1] Callaghan, T., M. Motta, S. Sylvester, **K. Lunz Trujillo**, & C. Crudo Blackburn. 2019. "Parent psychology and the decision to delay childhood vaccination." *Social Science & Medicine*, 238: 112407. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.112407>

- Research covered in various outlets, including *The Washington Post*.

## **PUBLISHED BOOK CHAPTERS**

**Lunz Trujillo, K.** & Lin, J. *Forthcoming*. "In-Group Pride or Out-Group Resentment? Urban-Rural Emotions and Political Attitudes." In *Rethinking Rural*, ed. Nicholas Jacobs. De Gruyter. *In preparation*.

Lin, J. & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** *Forthcoming*. "Urban-Rural Residency, Place Identity, and Affective Partisan Polarization in the US" In *The Politics of Rural America: No Longer Flyover Country*, eds. Karen Kedrowski and Leah Murray. Routledge. Preprint DOI: <https://osf.io/97a3x/>.

Callaghan, T., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Lockman, A., & Falia, G. 2023. "Rural Healthcare Access and Quality." In *Rural Healthy People 2030*, pp. 33-44.

Farhart, C., Douglas-Durham E., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, & Vitriol, J. 2022. "Vax Attacks: How Conspiratorial Thinking and Misinformation Undermines COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake." In *Molecular Biology and Clinical Medicine in the Age of Politicization*, eds. Toby Bolsen and Risa Palm (pp. 137-170). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/bs.pmbts.2021.11.001>.

## **PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

**Lunz Trujillo, K** & Trujillo, M. "American Distrust in Political and Scientific Entities." *Under Review at American Politics Research; Invited to Revise & Resubmit*. Preprint: <https://osf.io/4u2yh>

Motta, M., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., Ophir, Y., & Walter, D., "Dropping Out for Turnout? A Naturally-Occurring Experiment Surrounding President Biden's Decision to Exit the 2024 Presidential Race." Preprint: <https://osf.io/34myr> *Under Review at Political Studies; Invited to Revise & Resubmit*.

Shepherd, M., Lockman, A., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** "Don't Take Your Guns to Town? Rural Socialization and the Long-term Politics of Firearms." *Under Review at Journal of Health Policy, Politics, and Law*.

Pippert, C., Lin, J., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** "The Pressures of Place: Urban-Rural Variation in Considerations for Political Participation." *Under Review at Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*.

Jin, R., Lin, J., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** "Can place identities reduce hostility between Democrats and Republicans?" *Under Review*.

Quintana-Mathe, A., Uslu, A., Radford, J., Druckman, J., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Safarpour, A., Ognyanova, K., Baum, M., Schulman, J., Perlis, R., Santillana, M., & Lazer, D. "Using Opt-in Non-Probability Surveys for Over-Time State Level Estimates: The Role of Guardrails and Data Quality." *Under Review at Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology; Invited to Revise & Resubmit*.

Shrestha, A., Ferdinand, A., Motta, M., Lockman, A., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, & Callaghan, T. "Public Knowledge of the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision, and Its Reflection on Abortion Attitudes." *Under Review at Social Science & Medicine*.

## **IN-PROGRESS PAPERS AND PROJECTS**

**Lunz Trujillo, K.** & Lin, J. "Investigating Rural Frames Through the 2024 US Presidential Election."

**Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Darmofal, D., Connors, L., & Shaw, T. "Artificial Intelligence and Misinformation in American Politics."

Stecula, D. & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** "Urban-Rural Differences in News Deserts and Trust in Media."

Lin, J. & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** "The Public's Stance on the Apolitical Military."

Thompson, J., and **Lunz Trujillo, K.** "Rural identity and firearm policy." <https://osf.io/kempy/>.

Shepherd, M., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, and Lockman, A. "The Long-term Influence of Rural Identity on Health and Political Attitudes."

Williamson, A., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Willen, S., & Walsh, C. "Whose Health Deserves Investment? Hidden Consensus in a Crowdfunding Conjoint Experiment."

- Honorable Mention for the Leonard S. Robins Award for Best Paper on Health Politics and Policy presented to the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA).

Bornstein, Q., Lin, J., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** "Who Cares about the USDA?"

Lin, J., Spindel, J., & **Lunz Trujillo, K.** "Americans' Conceptualization of the Reserve Officer Training Corps Programs."

Motta, M., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., Ophir, Y., & Walter, D. "A Scaffolded Experimental Paradigm for Improving Vaccine Confidence."

Brehm, R., Motta, M., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Stecula, D., Walter, D., & Ophir, Y. "Injected with Skepticism: RFK's Role in Political Mobilization Around Vaccines"

BOOK PROJECT: **Lunz Trujillo, K.** *The Rural Mind: How Place Shapes Psychology and Political Behavior*. In preparation.

BOOK PROJECT: Shepherd, M., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, & Lockman, A. *Growing Up Rural: How Place-Based Socialization Affects Lifelong Behavior*. In preparation.

BOOK PROJECT: Schneider, M., Callaghan, T., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, & Sylvester, S. *Development and Political Consequences of Identity in Parents of Disabled Children*. In preparation.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### **National Science Foundation (NSF)**

\$448,823 | "Assessing the Effectiveness of Common Health Messaging Tactics on Self-Reported and Validated Vaccine Uptake: A Multi-Method Approach." National Science Foundation (NSF): Science of Science - Discovery, Communication, and Impact Grant (#2318512). *W/ Matt Motta, Tim Callaghan, Dominik Stecula, Dror Walter, & Yotam Ophir.* 9/1/2023 - 8/31/2025.

### **Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)**

\$8,000 | Institute for Humane Studies Academic Mentorship Grant (#IHS018468), *w/ Jennifer Lin.* 10/1/2024 - 9/31/2025.

\$5,000 | "Rural Resentment, Democratic Backsliding and Eroding Trust in American Political Institutions." Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support Grant (#IHS017317), *w/ Jennifer Lin.* 7/1/2023 - 1/1/2024.

### **Polarization Research Lab (PRL)**

"Can crosscutting identities reduce intergroup hostility between Democrats and Republicans in the US?" Accepted proposal (PRL-2023-6-2) for survey space. *w/ Rongbo Jin and Jennifer Lin.* 7/6/2023 - 7/6/2024.

### **Utah Valley University**

\$8,000 | Presidential Faculty Fellowship, *w/ Steven Sylvester (PI), Tim Callaghan, & Matt Motta.* 2018.

### **University of South Carolina (Internal Grants and Fellowships)**

\$19,880 | McCausland Innovation Fund - Engaging with Artificial Intelligence, w/ *David Darmofal, Todd Shaw, and Elizabeth Connors*, 2024.

\$2,000 | Excellence in Collaboration (EIC) Grant for Faculty Mentorship (#24-4253), w/ *Chelsea Estancona and Todd Shaw*, 2024.

### **University of Minnesota (Internal Grants and Fellowships)**

\$2,000 | Claggett Graduate Fellowship, *Political Science Department*. 2021.

\$3,700 | Graduate Research Partnership Program (GRPP) Summer Fellowship, w/ *C. Daniel Myers*, *Political Science Department*. 2019.

\$3,200 | Research Grant, *Center for the Study of Political Psychology*. 2019.

\$1,845 | Pre-Dissertation Research Tools Fellowship, *Political Science Department*. 2018.

\$4,150 | Pre-Dissertation Research Tools Fellowship, *Political Science Department*. 2017.

\$1,200 | Conference Travel Grant, *Center for the Study of Political Psychology*. 2020.

\$400 | Conference Travel Grant, *Political Science Department*. 2020.

\$600 | Conference Travel Grant, *Political Science Department*. 2019.

### **American Political Science Association (APSA)**

\$200 | APSA 2022 Annual Meeting Travel Grant, *Montreal, Canada*. 2022.

\$200 | APSA 2019 Annual Meeting Travel Grant, *Washington, D.C.* 2019.

### **Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)**

\$300 | Prestage-Cook Travel Award, SPSA 2020 Annual Meeting, *San Juan, PR*. 2020.

## **AWARDS**

Winner of the 2021 Robert M. Worcester Prize at the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, awarded in 2022.

Honorable Mention for the Leonard S. Robins Award for Best Paper on Health Politics and Policy presented to the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), awarded in 2022.

Best Paper Award at the *Journal of Rural Health in 2021*, awarded in 2022.

Winner of the Leonard S. Robins Award for Best Paper on Health Politics and Policy presented to the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), awarded in 2021.

## **UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING**



**Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA, USA

Media and Politics, *Fall 2025*

Urban-Rural Politics, *Fall 2025*

Psychology and Politics, *Spring 2026 (anticipated)*

**University of South Carolina**, Columbia, SC, USA

Mass Media and Politics, *Spring 2025*

Psychology and Politics, *Fall 2024, Spring 2025*

American National Government, *Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Summer 2025*

**Carleton College**, Northfield, MN, USA

Politics in the Post-Truth Era, *Spring 2021*

Psychology of Identity Politics and Group Behavior, *Winter 2021*

Politics in America: Liberty & Equality (Intro to American Politics), *Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021*

**University of Minnesota - Twin Cities**, Minneapolis, MN, USA

Political Psychology of Mass Behavior, *Spring 2020*

Political Economy of Development, *Summer 2020*

**Universidad del Desarrollo**, Santiago, Chile

Art and Media Under European Regimes, *Summer 2013*

## **GRADUATE TEACHING**

**University of South Carolina**, Columbia, SC, USA

American Government and Politics, *Fall 2024*

## **MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**

### **Media Features**

"How Rural Studies is Thinking About the Heartland." By Emma Goldberg. *The New York Times*. 29 June 2024. [Available here](#).

- An in-depth look at rural studies as a field; includes several paragraphs on my personal background and my work on rural political behavior.

### **Articles Written**

"RFK Jr. Is Not What the Doctor Ordered." By D. Stecula, **K. Lunz Trujillo**, and M. Motta. *US News and World Report*. 29 January 2025. [Available here](#).

"Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s nomination signals a new era of anti-intellectualism in American politics." By D. Stecula, **K. Lunz Trujillo**, and M. Motta. *The Conversation*. 29 January 2025. [Available here](#).

"'White Rural Rage' Cites My Research. It Gets Everything About Rural America Wrong." By **K. Lunz Trujillo**. *Newsweek*. 11 March 2024. [Available here](#).

“4 reasons why abortion laws often clash with the majority’s preferences in the US, from constitutional design to low voter turnout” By M. Baum, A. Safarpour, and **K. Lunz Trujillo**. *The Conversation*. 25 August 2022. [Available here](#).

“Does returning abortion policy to the states make democratic representation better or worse?” By M. Baum, A. Safarpour, and **K. Lunz Trujillo**. *The Conversation*. 25 July 2022. [Available here](#).

“A majority of vaccine skeptics plan to refuse a COVID-19 vaccine, a study suggests, and that could be a big problem.” By **K. Lunz Trujillo** and M. Motta. *The Conversation*. 4 May 2020. [Available here](#).

- Reprinted in various outlets, including *Time*, *US News & World Report*, *the Boston Globe*, *Salon*, *National Interest*, and others.

## **Interviews**

Interviewed for academic research at *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Bloomberg News*, *FiveThirtyEight*, *The Star Tribune (Minnesota)*, *The Times Radio (UK)*, *La Presse (Montréal)*, *WBEZ (Chicago NPR)*.

## **SELECT UNPUBLISHED POLICY REPORTS**

Pippert, C., **Lunz Trujillo, K.**, Safarpour, A., Perlis, R., Lazer, D., Urmi, T., ... Green, J. (2022, May 16). The Covid States Project #87: The COVID States Project# 87: Parent Information Sources and Child COVID Vaccination. The COVID States Project. <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/5m2jf>

- Research covered in *Axios*, *Yahoo News*, and other outlets.

**Trujillo Lunz, K.** Baum, M., Lazer, D., Ognyanova, K., Druckman, J., Perlis, R., ... Shere, A. (2022, January 15). The COVID States Project #77: Healthcare workers' perception of COVID-19 misinformation. The COVID States Project. <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/6pzqi>

**Trujillo Lunz, K.**, Perlis, R. H., Santillana, M., Baum, M., Lin, J., Lazer, D., ... Simonson, M. D. (2021, December 23). The COVID States Project #74: Parental Concerns Over COVID Vaccines for Kids. The COVID States Project. <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/a6vmq>

**Trujillo Lunz, K.**, Shere, A., Klein, B., Ognyanova, K., Lazer, D., Baum, M., ... Pippert, C. H. (2021, November 16). The COVID States Project #69: Student Attitudes About University COVID-19 Policies. The COVID States Project. <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/dtxv3>

- Research covered in *NPR*, *Inside Higher Ed*, and other outlets.

Shere, A., **Trujillo Lunz, K.**, Quintana, A., Lazer, D., Ognyanova, K., Perlis, R. H., ... Pippert, C. H. (2021, October 15). “Who are the Masked Unvaccinated and the Unmasked Vaccinated? Concern, Trust, and Demographic Features relating to Mask-wearing and Vaccination Status.” The COVID States Project. <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/4cr7a>

## **INVITED TALKS OUTSIDE OF DEPARTMENT**

University of California - Los Angeles, Political Psychology Lab, *October 2024*.

Network for Responsible Public Policy (NFRPP), Identity in Urban-Rural Political Division: Consequences and Solutions, *May 2024*.

University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Rural Politics Course - Invited Speaker, *February 2024*.

Rural Urban Bridge Initiative (RUBI), Speaker Series, *July 2022*.

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Leadership in Education & Neurological Disabilities (LEND) Program, *Feb. 2022*.

The American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Register of Health Service Psychologists, Webinar Series on COVID Vaccine Attitudes, *Dec. 2021*.

U.S. Naval Academy, Senior Capstone in Political Science on Survey Research, *Sept. 2021*.

University of Toronto, Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL), *April 2021*.

Claremont Graduate School, Inequality and Poverty Research Center, *March 2021*.

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Leadership in Education & Neurological Disabilities (LEND) Program, *Dec. 2020*.

## **CONFERENCES**

### **Years Presented**

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2019-2024

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2019; 2021-2024; 2025

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA): 2020, 2025

Science and Politics Workshop (Conducted by APLS): 2021

Rethinking Rural: Rural Politics Conference, at Colby College: 2024

The Political Economy of Geographic Polarization in Rich Democracies Conference, at Stanford University (Hoover Institution): 2025

### **Years Serving as Panel Discussant and/or Chair**

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2022-2024

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2019; 2022-2024; 2025 (anticipated)

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA): 2025

## **EXTERNAL SERVICE**

### **APSA Section Leadership**

Secretary for the Health Politics and Policy section of APSA, 2024-present.

Newsletter Co-Editor for the Experimental Research section of APSA, with Kevin Munger, 2024-present.

#### Council Member

Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (APLS) Council Member, 2024-present.

#### Peer Reviewer

**Journals:** *American Journal of Political Science; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Current Psychology; Electoral Studies; Environmental Politics; Governance; Health Affairs; Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law; Journal of Politics; Journal of Rural Studies; The Milbank Quarterly; Nature Human Behaviour; Nature Reviews Psychology; Party Politics; Perspectives on Politics; PLOS One; PNAS Nexus; Politics and the Life Sciences; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Political Behavior; Political Geography; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; Political Studies; Political Studies Review; Public Opinion Quarterly; Rural Sociology; Scientific Reports; Social Currents; Social Science & Medicine; Social Science Quarterly; Vaccine*

**Book Presses:** *Bloomsbury Academic; De Gruyter; Oxford University Press*

**Other:** *National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine expert consultant; National Science Foundation (NSF) grants; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS);*

#### Committee Work

Committee member for the Leonard S. Robins Award for Best Paper on Health Politics and Policy presented to the 2022, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), committee convened in 2023.

Committee member for small grants, Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (APLS) in 2023.

### **INTERNAL SERVICE**

#### Department Committees and Service

Committee Member for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2023-25.

Committee member for the American Politics Tenure Track Assistant Professor Search, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2023.

### **MENTORING**

#### PhD Dissertation Committee Member

Quinn Bornstein, Government PhD candidate (Public Policy), Georgetown University

Edwina Chen, Political Science PhD candidate (Comparative Politics), University of South Carolina

Heather McRorie, Political Science PhD candidate (American Politics), University of South Carolina