

# Sean Freeder

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## Education

*University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (2012-present):*

M.A., Political Science, 2013

Ph.D., Political Science, expected May 2019

Fields: American Politics, Political Behavior (with distinction), Methodology

*University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2007-2011):*

B.A., Political Science, summa cum laude, with Honors in Political Science

## Research Interests

Polarization, Democratic Accountability, Voting Behavior, Public Opinion, Crime

## Publications

### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

"The More You Know: Voter Heuristics and the Information Search" (with Rachel Bernhard). *Political Behavior*, 2018.

"The Importance of Knowing What Goes with What: Reinterpreting the Evidence on Policy Attitude Stability" (with Gabriel S. Lenz and Shad Turney). *Journal of Politics*, 2018.

"The Effect of Mandatory Mail Ballot Elections in California" (with Gabrielle Elul and Jake Grumbach). *Election Law Journal*, August 2017.

### Under Review

"Malice and Stupidity: Outgroup Motive Attribution and Affective Polarization". Dissertation paper.

"Election Cycles and Police Levels: Constrained Politicians Respond to Myopic Voters." (with Gabriel S. Lenz).

### Works in Progress

"It's No Longer the Economy, Stupid: Selective Perception and Attribution of Economic Outcomes". Dissertation paper, manuscript available.

"Credit (and Blame) Where Due: Party Polarization and Attribution Errors". Dissertation paper.

"False Equivalence and Motivated Reasoning." manuscript available.

## Conference and Workshop Presentations

"Credit Where Due: Party Polarization and the Ultimate Attribution Error".

*Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2018*

"Malice and Stupidity: Outgroup Motive Attribution and Affective Polarization".

*Research Workshop in American Politics, UC Berkeley, October 2016 & August 2017*

*Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2017*

*Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, April 2017*

*International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2017*

"The More You Know: Voter Heuristics and the Information Search" (with Rachel Bernhard).

*International Society of Political Psychology, Warsaw, Poland, July 2016*

*Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, April 2017*

*International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2017*

"Elections and Politics: Constrained Politicians Respond to Myopic Voters" (with Gabriel Lenz).

*Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2016*

*American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016* *Research Workshop in American Politics, UC Berkeley, January 2017*

*Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2017.*

"The Importance of Knowing What Goes with What: Reinterpreting the Evidence on Policy Attitude Stability" (with Gabriel S. Lenz and Shad Turney).

*Research Workshop in American Politics, UC Berkeley, February 2016*

*American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017*

"The Effect of Mandatory Mail Ballot Elections in California".

*Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2015.*

*American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015.*

## Research Experience

*Consultant for Ezra Klein, Vox (Summer 2018).*

I am assisting Ezra Klein in the development of figures and content for his forthcoming book on polarization and partisan sorting.

*Graduate Student Researcher for Rob Van Houweling, UC Berkeley (Summer 2014).*

I provided literature review and memo writing for work on the strategic use of procedural voting in Congress.

*Graduate Student Researcher for Paul Pierson, UC Berkeley (Summer 2014/15).*

I helped Professor Pierson with literature review for his research on interest groups and finance networks, and provided analysis of existing campaign finance data.

*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Professor John Wilkerson (2010).* I assisted Professor Wilkerson with the creation of instructional materials for his LegSim teaching simulations.

## **Honors and Awards**

### Research Grants and Fellowships

*International Conference Travel Grant, UC Berkeley (2017, 2016)*

*Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2017)*. Awarded to distinguished graduate students for dissertation research.

*Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2016)*

*David M. Howard Memorial Prize in American Politics, UC Berkeley (2015)*. Awarded for outstanding work in public opinion, Institute of Governmental Studies.

*Travers Department Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2012)*

### University Awards

*Political Behavior Field Exam, Passage with Distinction (2015)*. Awarded by the Travers Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

*Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (2014-15)*. Awarded in recognition for exceptional undergraduate teaching, by University of California, Berkeley.

*Daniel S. Lev Award for Outstanding Honors Thesis (2011)*. Awarded by the University of Washington Department of Political Science

## **Teaching**

*Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley*

PS109S: Parties and Polarization (Spring 2018)

PSN164: Intro to Political Psychology (Summer 2018)

PS1AC: Intro to American Politics (Summer 2018)

*Head Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley*

PS1: Intro to American Politics, for Paul Pierson (Fall 2018)

*Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley*

PS1AC: Intro to American Politics, with Jacob Grumbach (Sum 2016/17)

PS166: Latinos in the US Political System, for Rodney Hero (Fall 2016)

PS109: Democratic Accountability, for Gabriel Lenz (Fall 2015; Spr 2015)

PS1: Intro to American Politics, for Paul Pierson (Spr 2014; Spr 2018)

PS164: Political Psychology, with Laura Stoker (Fall 2013)

*Guest Lectures and Presentations, University of California, Berkeley*

PS1AC: Intro to American Politics, for Jacob Grumbach

"How Voters Think, and Why They Don't" (July 2016; July 2017)

PS133: Experimental Survey Research in Political Science, for Laura Stoker

"Using Qualtrics and mTurk for Survey Research" (March 2017)

PUBPOL290: The Modern Campaign, for Meredith Sadin

"Campaign Messaging" (Feb 2017); "Campaign Finance" (April 2017)

## **Professional Activities**

*Panel Chair & Discussant, "Crime and Political Behavior", Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2018).*

*Panel Chair, "Coping with an Imperfect Citizenry", Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2017).*

*Consultant, D-Lab at University of California, Berkeley (2017-present).* I consult faculty and students on survey research design, survey instrument creation on Qualtrics, and data analysis in Stata, and regularly run workshops on the use of Qualtrics and Mechanical Turk. I am also compiling a database of information for UC-Berkeley to help new Qualtrics users.

*Co-Founder and organizer, Political Behavior Workshop, Institute of Governmental Studies (2016-17).* I created and managed (with Rachel Bernhard) a weekly dedicated workshop for political behavior, now standard in the department.

*Graduate student coordinator for undergraduate research, with Gabriel Lenz and Rachel Bernhard, UC Berkeley (2015-2017).* Over a number of semesters, I oversaw high-achieving undergraduates who helped faculty collect and code data for their ongoing research.

*Campaign Manager, Congressman Jim McDermott, Seattle, Washington (2010).* I managed the Congressman's 2010 reelection campaign for the duration of the general election.

## **Technical Skills**

Languages: R; Python; Javascript

Applications: Qualtrics; Stata; SPSS; Adobe Creative Suite

## **Media**

Matthews, Dylan. July 2018. "The 'do what you want theory of politics': why embracing 'abolish ICE' and Medicare-for-all won't doom the Democrats." Vox. Accessed at <https://www.vox.com/2018/7/18/17501310/abolish-ice-single-payer-swing-voters-political-science-ideology>

Gailmard, Sean. November 2018. "For progress on big issues, learn to love the other side." The Hill. Accessed at <https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/415711-for-progress-on-big-issues-learn-to-love-the-other-side>

## **Membership**

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association; International Society of Political Psychology

## **References (*in alphabetical order*)**

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Gabriel Lenz, Associate Professor, UC Berkeley; 1-510-575-9971; [glenz@berkeley.edu](mailto:glenz@berkeley.edu)

Paul Pierson, Professor, UC Berkeley; 1-510-643-6424; [pierson@berkeley.edu](mailto:pierson@berkeley.edu)

Laura Stoker, Associate Professor, UC Berkeley; 1-510-642-3396; [stoker@berkeley.edu](mailto:stoker@berkeley.edu)