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Education

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (2012-2020):

- M.A., Political Science, December 2013
- Ph.D., Political Science, May 2020
 - 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

Professional Experience

University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL (2020-present).

- Assistant Professor of Political Science

Oakland Parks and Recreation, Oakland, CA (2020).

- Analyst: Helped draft their 2020 report on public engagement.

Impact Tree, San Francisco, CA (2020-2021).

- Consultant: Initiative for improving citizen participation and deliberation.

D-Lab at University of California, Berkeley (2017-2020).

- Consultant/educator: Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, Survey/Experiment Design

Congressman Jim McDermott, Seattle, Washington (2010).

- Campaign Manager: I managed the Congressman's 2010 reelection campaign.

Research Interests

American Politics, Political Psychology, Affective Polarization, Voting Behavior, Public Opinion, Democratic Accountability, Political Communication, Experimental Design

Academic Articles

Publications

- "The More You Know: Voter Heuristics and the Information Search" (w/ Rachel Bernhard). *Political Behavior*, 2020.
- "The Importance of Knowing What Goes with What: Reinterpreting the Evidence on Policy Attitude Stability" (w/ Gabe Lenz and Shad Turney). *Journal of Politics*, 2019.
- "The Effect of Mandatory Mail Ballot Elections in California" (with Gabrielle Elul and Jake Grumbach). *Election Law Journal*, 2017.

Works in Progress

- "Malice and Stupidity: Outgroup Attribution and Affective Polarization". Under review.
- "It's No Longer the Economy, Stupid: Selective Perception and Attribution of Economic Outcomes". Under review.
- "Political Accountability and Selective Perception in the Time of COVID" (with Neil O'Brian). Under review.
- "Learning What Goes With What" (with Shad Turney). In progress.
- "Effects of COVID on Anxiety and Well-Being" (with Michael Binder and Erin Largo-Wight). In progress.
- "Correct Me if I'm Wrong" (With Colette Lowry). In progress.

Honors

Awards

- Best Article in Political Behavior (with Rachel Bernhard). Awarded by the American Political Science Association for "The More You Know". 2021.
- David M. Howard Memorial Prize in American Politics. Awarded for outstanding work in public opinion, Institute of Governmental Studies. 2015.
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. Awarded in recognition for exceptional undergraduate teaching, by University of California, Berkeley. 2015.
- Daniel S. Lev Award for Outstanding Honors Thesis. Awarded by the University of Washington for "Electoral Spending Shifts in a Post-Citizens United America". 2011.

Fellowships and Grants

- Citrin Center for Public Opinion Research Grant. UC Berkeley. 2019.
- Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship. UC Berkeley. 2017.
- International Conference Travel Grant. UC Berkeley. 2016-17.
- Dean's Normative Time Fellowship. UC Berkeley. 2016.

Research Presentations

"It's No Longer the Economy, Stupid: Selective Perception & Attribution".

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2019
- Western Political Science Association, San Diego, April 2019
- International Society of Political Psychology, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2019
- American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 2019

"Mailing In, Rolling Off: Effects of Convenience Voting on Down-ballot Participation".

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2019

"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 Cycles and Police Levels" (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" (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.

Teaching

Assistant Professor, University of North Florida

- [POS2041: Introduction to American Government](#) (Spring & Fall 2021)
- [POS3424: Congress and Legislative Procedure](#) (Fall 2020; Fall 2021)
- [POS3444: Parties, Campaigns and Elections](#) (Fall 2020; Fall 2021)
- [POS3413: The American Presidency](#) (Spring 2021)
- [POS4033: Controversial Political Issues](#) (Spring 2021)

Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley

- [PS109S: Parties and Polarization](#) (Spr 2019, Spring 2020)
- [PSN164: Introduction to Political Psychology](#) (Summer, 2018-2020)
- [PS1AC: Introduction to American Politics](#) (Summer, 2018-2019)

Department, University and Professional Service

University of North Florida Department of Political Science and Public Administration

- [Political Science Committee, Co-Chair.](#) (2021)
- [Political Science Graduate Teaching Assistant Committee, Member.](#) (2021)
- [Political Science and Public Administration Scholarship Committee, Member.](#) (2021)

Referee for the following publications (2017-2021):

- [American Political Science Review](#)
- [American Journal of Political Science](#)
- [Journal of Politics](#)
- [Political Behavior](#)
- [Political Research Quarterly](#)
- [Social Science Quarterly](#)
- [International Journal of Public Opinion Research](#)

University presentations (UNF, 2020-present):

- [Popcorn and Politics.](#) (Fall 2020; Fall 2021)
- [Science Cafe – “The Role of Attribution in American Politics”.](#) (Fall 2021)
- [Campus Vote Project, “The Importance of Your Vote” w/ Adrienne Lerner.](#) (Spr 2021)
- [UNF Faculty Panel, “How We Teach About Misinformation”](#) (Spr 2021)

University pedagogical training and presentations:

- [First Year Students Workshop](#) (UNF; Summer 2021)
- [Teaching Online Foundation Course A Certified](#) (UNF; Summer 2021)
- [Introduction to Qualtrics Workshop](#) (UC Berkeley; Spring, 2017-2020)

Membership

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

Media

Media Coverage:

- Drutman, Lee. May 2020. [“There is No Evidence That Voting by Mail Gives One Party an Advantage.”](#) *Five Thirty Eight.*
- Stein, Jeff. November 2019. [“As recession threat fades, President Trump grows optimistic economy can propel reelection bid.”](#) *Washington Post.*
- Bernstein, Jonathan. August 2019. [“That Democratic Fight Over Impeachment? It’s a Useful Fiction.”](#) *Bloomberg News.*

- Gailmard, Sean. November 2018. ["For progress on big issues, learn to love the other side."](#) *The Hill*.
- 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*.

Media Appearances & Commentary:

- Tromberg, Fred. "Life, the Law, and Legal Issues". Radio appearances (August 2021; May 2021; February 2021). PURE Radio Jax.
- Civil Discord. Podcast appearance (February 2021).
- News 4 Jacksonville. February 2021. Television Appearance.
- Ross, Melissa. "The Florida Roundup". Radio appearance (February 2021). WJCT Jax.
- Thought Monkey. February 2021. ["Republicans vs. Democrats."](#) Video Appearance.
- Heydi, Ortiz. November 2020. ["Young, Tired and Fed Up."](#) FOLIO Magazine.
- Zhou, Li. August 2019. ["How bad would a recession be for Trump in 2020?"](#) *Vox*.
- Grossman, Matt. July 2019. ["Will a Good Economy Save Trump?"](#) The Science of Politics Podcast.