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- EMPLOYMENT**      **Department of Political Science**  
Associate Professor (with tenure), University of Pennsylvania      2020-present  
Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania      2014-2020
- EDUCATION**      **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**      2014  
Ph.D. in Political Science
- London School of Economics**      2007  
MS.c. in Politics and Communication
- University of California, Berkeley**      2006  
B.A. in Political Science and Social Welfare
- BOOK**      *From Politics to the Pews: How Partisanship and the Political Environment Shape Religious Identity.* 2018. University of Chicago Press.  
Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2019.  
Op-eds: *New York Times*, July 11, 2018 (online) and July 14, 2018 (print).  
Reviews: *Religious Studies Review*, 2021. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 2020. *Sociology of Religion*, 2019. *Political Science Quarterly*, 2019. *Journal of Church and State*, 2019. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2019. *Review of Religious Research*, 2019. *Politics & Religion*, 2019. *Perspectives on Politics*, 2019. *CHOICE*, 2019. *Christianity Today*, 2019. *Intercollegiate Review*, 2018. *Religion News Services*, 2018. *Washington Monthly*, 2018.  
“Author Meets Critics” Roundtable at Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Public Life, 2019.
- PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**      “Born Again but Not Evangelical” How the (Double-Barreled) Questions You Ask Affect the Answers You Get.” Forthcoming. *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
- “Reversing the Causal Arrow: Politics’ Influence on Religious Choices.” Forthcoming *Advances in Political Psychology*.
- “Nobody’s Free Until Everybody’s Free: How Feminist Identification Influences White Americans’ Willingness to Recognize and Respond to Racial Discrimination” (with M. Brielle Harbin). Forthcoming. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.
- “The Religious Sort: The Causes and Consequences of the Religiosity Gap in America.” 2021. In *Democratic Resilience: Can the United States Withstand Rising Polarization?* Edited by Robert C. Lieberman, Suzanne Mettler, and Kenneth P. Roberts. New York: Cambridge University Press (226-245).

“Using Screeners to Measure Respondent Attention on Self-Administered Surveys: Which Items and How Many?” (with Adam J. Berinsky, Michael W. Sances, and Chris S. Warshaw). 2021. *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(2): 430-437.

“The Effect of Associative Racial Cues in Elections” (with Adam J. Berinsky, Justin de Benedictis-Kessner, and Megan Goldberg). 2020. *Political Communication* 37(4): 512-529.

“Who Wants to Make America Great Again? Understanding Evangelical Support for Trump.” 2020. *Politics & Religion*. 13(1): 89-118.

Media Coverage: *The Christian Post*, August 14, 2019.

“How Far Does Social Group Influence Reach? Elites, Evangelicals, and Immigration Attitudes.” 2018. *The Journal of Politics*. 80(3): 772-85.

Media Coverage: *The Christian Post*, September 5, 2014.

“How Politics Affects Religion: Partisanship, Socialization, and Religiosity in America.” 2018. *The Journal of Politics*. 80(1): 30-43.

“Partisan Differences in Nonpartisan Activity: The Case of Charitable Giving.” (with Michael W. Sances). 2017. *Political Behavior*. 39(4): 839-64.

Media Coverage: *The Christian Science Monitor*, November 26, 2018. *The Fiscal Times*, October 17, 2014. *The Los Angeles Times*, March 31, 2014. *The Atlantic*, November 20, 2013. *Boston Globe* (print), November 4, 2012. *Pacific Standard*, November 4, 2012. *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, October 24, 2012. *Washington Post*, October 20, 2012. *The Monkey Cage*, October 18, 2012.

“Can We Turn Shirkers into Workers?” (with Adam J. Berinsky and Michael W. Sances). 2016. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*. 66: 20-28.

“Cognitive Dissonance, Elections, and Religion: How Partisanship and the Political Landscape Shape Religious Behaviors.” 2016. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80(3): 717-40.

Media Coverage: *Pacific Standard*, August 8, 2016. *The Boston Globe* (print), July 10, 2016.

“Separating the Shirkers from the Workers? Making Sure Respondents Pay Attention on Self-Administered Surveys.” (with Adam J. Berinsky and Michael W. Sances). 2014. *American Journal of Political Science* 58(3): 739-53.

“The Political Consequences of Uninformed Voters.” (with Anthony Fowler). 2014. *Electoral Studies* 34: 100-10.

Media Coverage: *Al Jazeera America*, February 25, 2016. *Huffington Post*, February, 1, 2016. *Salon*, January 16, 2016. *The Weekly Challenger*, December 3, 2015. *Al Jazeera America*, March 17, 2015. Brigham Young University Radio, November 6, 2014.

“Missing Voices: Polling and Health Care.” (with Adam J. Berinsky). 2011. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law* 36(6): 975-987.

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

National Science Foundation, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS).  
“Evangelical or Born-Again Christian: Unpacking a Double-Barreled Question.” 2019.

National Science Foundation. “Religion in America: Gauging Change and Continuity

with the General Social Survey.” 2019. (with Melissa Wilde). \$350,000.

University Research Foundation, University of Pennsylvania. “Who is a Christian in the Age of Trump? Understanding the Consequences of Religious Identification in Politics.” 2019. \$50,000.

Louisville Institute. “Fixing the State of Research on American Evangelicals.” 2019. (with Melissa Wilde). \$30,000.

University Research Foundation, University of Pennsylvania. “Competing Identities, Values, and Preferences: White Evangelical Christians in American Politics.” 2018. \$5,000.

School of Arts and Sciences Research Opportunity Grant, University of Pennsylvania. “Competing Identities, Values, and Preferences: White Evangelical Christians in American Politics.” 2018. \$3,770.

Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (SES 1219787). “Doctoral Dissertation in Political Science: The Intersection of Core Values and Political Identities.” 2012. \$13,969.

National Science Foundation, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS). “The Intersection of Religion and Politics: A Two-Way Street.” 2012.

Kenan Sahin Presidential Fellowship, MIT, 2008-2009.

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Distinguished Book Award given by Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2019.

Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by an Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania, 2019.

Henry Teune Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Pennsylvania chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, 2017.

Aaron Wildavsky Award for best dissertation in the field of religion and politics, American Political Science Association, 2015.

Lucian Pye Award for best dissertation in the department of political science, MIT, 2014.

#### **INVITED TALKS**

“Persecuted Christians? Understanding Evangelical Support for Trump.”  
Katz Center for Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2021  
American Politics Workshop, University of Virginia, 2021  
Political Science Department Workshop, William and Mary, 2020

“A New Minority Group? Perceptions of Discrimination Among Evangelical Christians.”  
Marginalization in American Politics Conference, University of Pittsburgh, 2019

“Competing Identities, Values, and Preferences: Evangelical Christians in American Politics.”  
The Center for Democratic Politics, Princeton University, 2019

The Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy Research Workshop,  
Notre Dame University, 2018  
Political Economy Speaker Series, University of Chicago, Harris School, 2018  
American Politics Workshop, Columbia University, 2018  
American Politics Conference, MIT, 2017

“From Politics to the Pews: How Partisanship Affects Religious Identity.”  
Symposium speaker for the Political Affairs Society, Brigham Young University,  
2019  
Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics, University of Michigan, 2017  
Conference on Identity and Inequality, Princeton University, 2017  
Behavioral Research Speaker Series, Vanderbilt University, 2017  
Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society, University of Penn-  
sylvania, 2016  
Center for the Study of American Politics, Yale University, 2015  
Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2015

“Who Wants to Make America Great Again? Understanding Evangelical Support for  
Trump.”  
Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society, University of Penn-  
sylvania, 2016

“Evangelical Immigration Table: An Assessment of its Impact.”  
Carnegie Foundation, 2015

“Disentangling the Relationship between Religion and Politics: How Partisanship  
Affects Religious Beliefs.”  
New Faces in Political Methodology Conference, Pennsylvania State University,  
2012

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

“Alleviate or Agitate? Assessing Religion’s Effect on Racial Attitudes” (with Jay  
Jennings).  
American Political Science Association Meetings, 2018

“Does Feminist Identity Prompt Racial Awareness?”  
American Political Science Association Meetings, 2018

“Who Wants to Make America Great Again? Understanding Evangelical Support for  
Trump.”  
American Political Science Association Meetings, 2017  
International Society of Political Psychology Conference, 2017

“Religion, Secularism, and Politics. How do Voters Respond?”  
American Political Science Association Meetings, 2016

“How Far does Social Group Influence Reach? Elites, Evangelicals, and Immigration  
Attitudes.”  
American Political Science Association Meetings, 2015  
Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 2015

“Implicit Racial Cues in Elections.”  
Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 2016  
American Political Science Association Meetings, 2014

“From Politics to the Pews: How Partisanship Affects Religious Behaviors and Identities.”

National Capital Area Political Science Association (NCAPSA) Meeting, 2015

“What are the Reaches and Limits of Religious Influence? Religious Messages and Immigration Attitudes.”

American Political Science Association Meetings, 2014

“The Reciprocal Relationship between Religion and Politics: A Test of the Life Cycle Theory”

American Political Science Association Meetings, 2013

“Don’t Lose Control: How Partisanship and the Political Landscape Shape Religious Behaviors”

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 2013

“The Political Economy of Charitable Giving” (scheduled)

American Political Science Association Meetings, 2012

“Disentangling the Relationship between Religion and Politics: An Experimental Approach”

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 2013

“Separating the Shirkers from the Workers: Making Sure Respondents Pay Attention on Internet Surveys”

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 2012

NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, 2011

“The Bias of Uniformed Voters”

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 2011

“Partisanship and Information Processing: Perceptions and Expectations”

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 2011

**OTHER  
WRITING**

Review of *Generating Generosity in Catholicism and Islam: Beliefs, Institutions, and Public Goods Provision*. By Carolyn M. Warner, Ramazan Kilinc, Christopher Hale, and Adam B. Cohen. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018. *Review of Religious Research* 60(4): 593-94.

“When Politicians Determine Your Religious Beliefs.” July 11, 2018 (online) and July 14, 2018 (print). *New York Times*.

“Republicans Give More to Charity – But Not Because They Oppose Income Redistribution” (with Michael W. Sances). November 2017. *Democratic Audit*, London School of Economics.

“A More Informed Electorate Would Benefit the Democratic Party” (with Anthony Fowler). April 2014. *American Politics and Policy*, London School of Economics and Political Science.

“Knowing Where You Stand: How Informing the Voters Helps the Democrats” (with Anthony Fowler). July 2012. *Boston Review*.

“The Politics of Easter” (with Adam J. Berinsky). April 2012. *YouGov Model Politics Blog*.

**TEACHING**

The Struggle for America’s Soul: Evangelicals in American Politics, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2018. Fall 2020.

Political Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Spring 2019; Fall 2021

Religion and Politics, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2015; Spring 2016.

Public Opinion and American Democracy, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2014; Spring 2016; Spring 2019. Fall 2020.

Introduction to American Politics, University of Pennsylvania: Fall 2021.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Editorial board

*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*: 2020-present

*Journal of Politics*: 2020-present

*Political Behavior*: 2019-present

*Politics & Religion*: 2018-present

Executive Council member for the Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior section of the American Political Science Association: 2019-present

Communications officer for the Political Psychology section of the American Political Science Association: 2018-present

Referee

*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Migration Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics and Religion*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Research & Politics*, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS).

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Political Science Department**

Director of Undergraduate Studies: 2020-present

Coordinator, American Politics Workshop: 2018-present

Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee for American Politics: 2019; 2021

Member, Teaching Committee: 2017-2018; 2021-2022

Member, Graduate Executive Committee: 2018-2019

Member, Diversity in the Seminar Series Committee: 2018-2019

Member, Secondary Appointment Committee: 2014-2016

**University**

Pre-major adviser: 2015-2017; 2018-present

Member, Vice Provost for Education Fellowship Selection Committee: 2018-present

Member, Curriculum Committee: 2018-2019

Member, Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy Planning Committee: 2016-2017 (for 2017-2018 year)