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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.
Interviews (select): The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen (August, 2018); Give and Take with Scott Jones (August, 2018); New Books in Political Science with Heath Brown and Andy Lewis (August, 2018); Dave Ross Commentary (September, 2018); Connecting Faith with Carmen LaBerge (September, 2018); The Alabama Baptist with Jennifer Rash (October, 2018); Radio Times on WHYY with Marty Moss-Coane (October, 2018); Impolite Conversation with Dan Clanton and Tim Hill (November, 2018); Political Research Digest with Matt Grossman (November, 2018); Why We Argue with Robert Talisse (February, 2019)
- PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES** “Born Again but Not Evangelical” How the (Double-Barreled) Questions You Ask Affect the Answers You Get.” 2022. *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 86(3): 621-642.
- “Reversing the Causal Arrow: Politics’ Influence on Religious Choices.” 2022. *Advances in Political Psychology*. 43(1): 261-290.

“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). 2022. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 10(4): 511-535.

“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.

**SELECT
OTHER
WRITING**

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

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.

“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*.

**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.

**FELLOWSHIPS
AND GRANTS**

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.

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

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.

**INVITED
PRESENTATIONS**

- **Hicker Series of Renewing Democratic Community (keynote address):** Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2023 (scheduled)
- **American Politics Workshop:** Stanford University, 2023 (scheduled)
- **Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory:** Kadish Center for Morality, Law, & Public Affairs, UC Berkeley, 2023 (scheduled)
- **Castelfranco Lecture:** Department of Religious Studies, UC Davis, 2022
- **Katz Center for Judaic Studies Seminar Series:** University of Pennsylvania, 2021
- **American Politics Workshop:** University of Virginia, 2021
- **Political Science Department Workshop:** College of William and Mary, 2020
- **Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Public Life:** Calvin College, 2019
- **Marginalization in American Politics Conference:** University of Pittsburgh, 2019
- **Symposium Speaker for the Political Affairs Society:** Brigham Young University, 2019
- **The Center for Study of Democratic Politics Seminar Series:** Princeton University, 2019
- **The Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy Research Workshop:** Notre Dame University, 2018
- **Political Economy Speaker Series:** Harris School, University of Chicago, 2018
- **American Politics Workshop:** Columbia University, 2018
- **American Politics Conference:** MIT, 2017
- **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 Pennsylvania, 2016
- **American Politics and Policy Workshop:** Yale University, 2015
- **Center for American Political Studies Seminar:** Harvard University, 2015
- **Carnegie Foundation:** 2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **American Political Science Association:** 2012-2018; 2022
- **Midwestern Political Science Association:** 2011-2015
- **International Society of Political Psychology Conference:** 2017
- **National Capital Area Political Science Association (NCAPSA):** University of Maryland, 2015
- **New Faces in Political Methodology Conference:** Pennsylvania State University, 2012
- **NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference:** New York University, 2011

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, & ACTIVITIES

Political Science Department

Director of Undergraduate Studies: 2020-present
 Coordinator, American Politics Workshop: 2018-present
 Member, Diversity in the Seminar Series Committee: 2018-2019; 2022-present
 Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee for American Politics: 2019; 2022
 Member, Teaching Committee: 2017-2018; 2021-2022
 Member, Graduate Executive Committee: 2018-2019
 Member, Secondary Appointment Committee: 2014-2016

University of Pennsylvania

Governing board member, Katz Center for Judaic Studies: 2022-present
 Member, Undergraduate Council: 2020-present
 Member, Common Cause for the Common Ground (C2G2): 2016-present
 Pre-major adviser: 2015-2017; 2018-present
 Member, Vice Provost for Education Fellowship Selection Committee: 2018-2022
 Member, Curriculum Committee: 2018-2019
 Member, Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy Planning Committee: 2016-2017 (for 2017-2018 year)

Broader discipline

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 (webmaster) 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).

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; Fall 2022.

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; Fall 2022.