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| EMPLOYMENT                        | <b>Department of Political Science</b><br>Associate Professor (with tenure), University of Pennsylvania<br>Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania   | 2020-present<br>2014-2020 |
|                                   | <b>NBC Decision Desk</b><br>Election Analyst   | 2018-present              |
| EDUCATION                         | <b>Ph.D. Political Science</b> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology<br><b>MS.c. in Politics and Communication</b> , London School of Economics<br><b>B.A. in Political Science and Social Welfare</b> , UC Berkeley   | 2014<br>2007<br>2006      |
| BOOK                              | <i>From Politics to the Pews: How Partisanship and the Political Environment Shape Religious Identity</i> .<br>2018. University of Chicago Press.<br>Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2019.<br>Op-eds: <i>New York Times</i> , July 11, 2018 (online) and July 14, 2018 (print).<br>Reviews: <i>Religious Studies Review</i> , 2021. <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> , 2020. <i>Sociology of Religion</i> ,<br>2019. <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> , 2019. <i>Journal of Church and State</i> , 2019. <i>Journal for the<br/>Scientific Study of Religion</i> , 2019. <i>Review of Religious Research</i> , 2019. <i>Politics &amp; Religion</i> , 2019.<br><i>Perspectives on Politics</i> , 2019. <i>CHOICE</i> , 2019. <i>Christianity Today</i> , 2019. <i>Intercollegiate Review</i> ,<br>2018. <i>Religion News Services</i> , 2018. <i>Washington Monthly</i> , 2018.<br>“Author Meets Critics” Roundtable at Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Public Life,<br>2019.<br>Interviews (select): The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen (August, 2018); Give and Take with Scott<br>Jones (August, 2018); Dave Ross Commentary (September, 2018); Connecting Faith with Car-<br>men LaBerge (September, 2018); The Alabama Baptist with Jennifer Rash (October, 2018); Radio<br>Times on WHYY with Marty Moss-Coane (October, 2018); Impolite Conversation with Dan Clan-<br>ton and Tim Hill (November, 2018); Why We Argue with Robert Talisse (February, 2019).<br>Media coverage (select): <i>Gallup</i> , September 2023. <i>Katie Couric Media</i> , June 2023. <i>New York<br/>Times</i> , May 2023. <i>The Guardian</i> , April 2021. <i>USA Today</i> , April 2021. <i>Washington Post</i> , January<br>2021. <i>FiveThirtyEight</i> , December 2019. <i>NPR</i> , December 2019. <i>The Atlantic</i> , November 2019.<br><i>New York Magazine</i> , December 2019. <i>Gallup</i> , July 2019. <i>CNN</i> , May 2019. <i>FiveThirtyEight</i> , May<br>2019. <i>Washington Post</i> , October 2018. |                           |
| PEER-<br>REVIEWED<br>PUBLICATIONS | “The Long Shadow of the Big Lie: How Beliefs about the Legitimacy of the 2020 Election Spill Over onto<br>Future Elections.” (with Matt Levendusky, Shawn Patterson, Yotam Ophir, Dror Walter, and Kathleen<br>Hall Jamieson). Forthcoming. <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> .<br>“Measuring Attentiveness in Self-Administered Surveys.” (with Adam J. Berinsky, Alejandro Frydman,<br>Michael W. Sances, and D. Camilla Valerio). Forthcoming. <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> .<br>Has the Supreme Court Become Just Another Political Branch? Public Perceptions of Court Approval<br>and Legitimacy in a Post-Dobbs World.”(with Matt Levendusky, Shawn Pattern, Josh Pasek, Kenneth M.<br>Winneg, and Kathleen Hall Jamieson). 2024. <i>Science Advances</i> . 10 (10): eadk9590.   |                           |

- “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.  
Media Coverage: *Gallup*, June 9, 2023. *Gallup*, March 24, 2023. *The New York Times*, March 9, 2023.
- “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.

- AWARDS AND HONORS
- Emerging Scholar Award given by Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) section, American Political Science Association, 2023.
- 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.
- 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*.
- 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 TALKS

- **American Politics Workshop:** University of Rochester, 2024 (scheduled)
- **Hicker Series of Renewing Democratic Community (keynote address):** Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2023
- **American Politics Workshop:** Stanford University, 2023
- **Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory:** Kadish Center for Morality, Law, & Public Affairs, UC Berkeley, 2023
- **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

**Service to the profession**

Editorial board member

*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: 2019-2023

Communications officer (webmaster) for the Political Psychology section of the American Political Science Association: 2018-2023

Member, Hubert Morken Book Award of APSA's Religion and Politics section (2022)

**University of Pennsylvania**

Governing board member, Katz Center for Judaic Studies: 2022-present

Member, Undergraduate Council: 2020-2023

Member, Common Cause for the Common Ground (C2G2): 2016-present

Pre-major adviser: 2015-2017; 2018-2023

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)

**Political Science Department (UPENN)**

Director of Undergraduate Studies: 2020-2023

Coordinator, American Politics Workshop: 2018-2023

Member, Diversity in the Seminar Series Committee: 2018-2019; 2022-2023

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

**Referee**

*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cambridge University Press*, *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.