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EMPLOYMENT	Department of Political Science Associate Professor (with tenure), University of Pennsylvania Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania	2020-present 2014-2020
	NBC Decision Desk Election Analyst	2018-present
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Political Science , Massachusetts Institute of Technology MS.c. in Politics and Communication , London School of Economics B.A. in Political Science and Social Welfare , UC Berkeley	2014 2007 2006
BOOK	<i>From Politics to the Pews: How Partisanship and the Political Environment Shape Religious Identity</i> . 2018. University of Chicago Press. Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2019. Op-eds: <i>New York Times</i> , July 11, 2018 (online) and July 14, 2018 (print). Reviews: <i>Religious Studies Review</i> , 2021. <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> , 2020. <i>Sociology of Religion</i> , 2019. <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> , 2019. <i>Journal of Church and State</i> , 2019. <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> , 2019. <i>Review of Religious Research</i> , 2019. <i>Politics & Religion</i> , 2019. <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> , 2019. <i>CHOICE</i> , 2019. <i>Christianity Today</i> , 2019. <i>Intercollegiate Review</i> , 2018. <i>Religion News Services</i> , 2018. <i>Washington Monthly</i> , 2018. “Author Meets Critics” Roundtable at Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Public Life, 2019.	
PEER- REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	“What Counts as Discrimination Against Whom? Understanding Perceived Discrimination Against Christians.” Forthcoming. <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> . “The Long Shadow of the Big Lie: How Beliefs about the Legitimacy of the 2020 Election Spill Over onto Future Elections.” (with Matt Levendusky, Shawn Patterson, Yotam Ophir, Dror Walter, and Kathleen Hall Jamieson). 2024. <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> . 88(3): 933-61. “Measuring Attentiveness in Self-Administered Surveys.” (with Adam J. Berinsky, Alejandro Frydman, Michael W. Sances, and D. Camilla Valerio). 2024. <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> . 88(1): 214-24. Has the Supreme Court Become Just Another Political Branch? Public Perceptions of Court Approval and Legitimacy in a Post-Dobbs World.”(with Matt Levendusky, Shawn Pattern, Josh Pasek, Kenneth M. 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. <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> . 86(3): 621-642. Media Coverage: <i>Gallup</i> , June 9, 2023. <i>Gallup</i> , March 24, 2023. <i>The New York Times</i> , March 9, 2023. “Reversing the Causal Arrow: Politics’ Influence on Religious Choices.” 2022. <i>Advances in Political Psychology</i> . 43(1): 261-290. “Nobody’s Free Until Everybody’s Free: How Feminist Identification Influences White Americans’ Will- ingness to Recognize and Respond to Racial Discrimination” (with M. Brielle Harbin). 2022. <i>Politics</i> ,	

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

“At the Nexus of Politics and Religion: Dialoguing Toward Democratic Renewal” October 2024. Spirited Debate Series. *Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society*.

“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

- **Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior**, Harvard University, 2025 (scheduled)
- **The Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy Research Workshop**, Notre Dame, 2025
- **American Politics Workshop**: University of Rochester, 2024

- **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

Chair, Rules and Elections Committee for the American Political Science Association: 2024-present

Division Program Co-Chair, Religion and Politics section of the American Political Science Association: 2025

Member, Rules and Elections Committee for the American Political Science Association: 2024

Executive Council member, Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior section of the American Political Science Association: 2019-2023

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

Committee member, Hubert Morken Book Award for the Religion and Politics section of the American Political Science Association: 2022

University of Pennsylvania

Member, UScholars faculty council: 2025-present

Member, first-year seminar committee: 2024-present

Advisory board member, SPARC: 2024-present

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

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

Selection committee member, Katz Center fellowship: 2025

Selection committee member, Newcombe fellowship: 2024-2025

Member, Undergraduate Council: 2020-2023

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; 2025-present

Co-chair, CASI director search committee: 2024-2025

Member, Graduate Executive Committee: 2018-2019; 2024-2025

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, 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*, *Inter-*

national 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), Templeton Foundation.

TEACHING

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

Decision 2024: Following and Understanding the Presidential Election, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2024.

Political Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Spring 2019; Fall 2021; Fall 2022; Fall 2024; Fall 2025.

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; Spring 2025.

Introduction to American Politics, University of Pennsylvania: Fall 2021; Fall 2022; Fall 2025.