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**Current Position:**

* Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University at Newark

# Education:

# The University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign

* Ph.D. in Political Science, October, 2009

Dissertation Title: *“Seeing is Believing: The Strategy behind Campaign Imagery and its Impact*

*on Voters”*

*Committee*: Dr. James Kuklinski (chair), Dr. Scott Althaus, Dr. Brian Gaines, Dr. Tracy Sulkin

* Subfield Qualifying Exam, January, 2006

Fields: Campaigns and Elections, Political Psychology

* Master of Arts, Political Science, May, 2005
* General Qualifying Exam, August, 2004

Field: American Politics

Trinity University

B.A., History, May, 2001

### Peer Reviewed Publications:

* “Ohio Swings Toward the GOP.” 2022. In David Schultz’s (eds.) *Presidential Swing States (3rd edition*.) Lexington Books.
* “Partisans hear, but they don’t listen: Testing the limits of partisanship in risky decision making.” With Melissa Buelow, Brad Okdie, and Jim Wirth. 2022. *American Politics Research*, 50(4): 464-478.
* “Gender Essentialism and Responses to Candidates’ Messages.” With Meredith Meyer. 2019. *Political Psychology*. 4(40): 719-738.
* “The Effect of Gender Norms in Sitcoms on Support for Access to Abortion and Contraception.” 2017. *American Politics Research*. 45(1): 109-127.
* “Sexual Responsibility and the Politics of Abortion and Contraception.” 2016. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. 13(3): 263-275.
* “Uplifting Manhood to Wonderful Heights? News Coverage of the Human Costs of Military Conflict from World War One to Gulf War Two.” with Scott Althaus, David Hendry, Svitlana Chernyhk, and Sergio Wals. 2014. *Political Communication*. 31:193-217.
* “The Online Citizen: Is Social Media Changing Citizens’ Beliefs about Democratic Values?” 2013. *Political Behavior*. 35(3): 589-603.
* “What You See is What You Get: Drawing Inferences from Campaign Imagery.” 2012. *Political Communication.* 20(4): 367-386.
* “Assumed Transmission in Public Opinion Research: A Case Study of Communicating the Costs of War and a Call for Bringing Description Back In,” with Scott Althaus, David Hendry, Svitlana Chernyhk, Sergio Wals and Chris Tiwald. 2011. *Journal of Politics*. 73(4): 1065-1080.
* “Is There Truth in Advertising? Campaign Ad Images as Signals about Legislative Behavior” with Tracy Sulkin. 2008. *Journal of Politics*. 70(1): 232-244

**Manuscripts in Progress**

* “Beliefs About Gender and Public Policy: Gender Essentialism Predicts Support for Punitive Policies and Opposition Toward Rehabilitation-Focused Candidates.” With Meredith Meyer. In preperation
* "Self-Absorption During an Emerging Crisis: Exploring Narcissism during the Early Stages of the COVID-19 Pandemic.” With Amy Brunell. In preparation.
* “Is it Them versus Us or do we just think it’s Them versus Us?” With Melissa Buelow and Bradley Okdie. Revised submission at *Current Psychology*

**Fellowships and Awards:**

* 2014 OSU-Newark Scholarly Accomplishment Award
* Nominated for 2014 Service Excellence Award from OSU-Newark
* Nominated for 2013 Teaching Excellence Award from OSU-Newark
* Nominated for 2013 Service Excellence Award from OSU-Newark
* 2010 Burkholder Award for best dissertation for the 2007-2010 period from the University of Illinois Department of Political Science
* 2009 Paul Lazarsfeld Award for best paper in Political Communication at the 2008 meeting of the American Political Science Association for “Uplifting Manhood to Wonderful Heights: Newspaper Framing of Casualties and Combatfrom World War One to Gulf War Two,” with Scott Althaus, Chris Tiwald, David Hendry, Svitlana Chernyhk and Sergio Wals
* Named to University of Illinois’ List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, Spring 2009, Fall 2008, Spring 2005
* 2008 Peter F. Nardulli award for research related travel for graduate students
* 2008 Marvin G. Wienbaum award for excellence in undergraduate teaching as an independent instructor

**Grants:**

*Awarded:*

* 2024. With Amy Brunell. Partisanship means never having to say you’re sorry. OSU-Newark Scholarly Activities Grant. $4000.
* 2019. With Melissa Buelow, Brad Okdie, and Jim Wirth. I’m just not listening to you: Investigating political partisanship in the decision making process. OSU-Newark Scholarly Activities Grant. $4000.
* 2017. With Bill MacDonald, Virginia Cope, David Brillhart, Karen Goodell, Andy Roberts, Brian Raison, Jazz Glastra, Matt Russo, Anne Peterson, and Jeremy King. Canal Market District and Enterprise Hub Feasibility Study. Linkage and Leverage Grant through OSU INFact. $25,000.
* 2016. Sexism and the 2016 Presidential Election**.** OSU-Newark Scholarly Activities Grant. $1500
* 2015. Social desirability bias in measures of gender attitudes. OSU-Newark Scholarly Activities Grant. $4000.
* 2013. Rape myth acceptance and religious practices. OSU-Newark Scholarly Activities Grant. $4000.
* 2012. Rape myth acceptance and political attitudes. OSU-Newark Scholarly Activities Grant. $4000.
* 2011. Online Citizenship. OSU-Newark Scholarly Activities Grant. $4,000.

**Conferences:**

* “Can Co-Partisan Messaging Change the Willingness to Social Distance?” With Amy Brunell. Annual Conference for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. January 2025.
* “Beliefs About Gender and Public Policy: Gender Essentialism Predicts Support for Punitive Policies and Opposition Toward Rehabilitation-Focused Candidates.” With Meredith Meyer. Gender and Political Psychology, Brandeis University, 2024.
* “Democratic unaccountability: How fatalism, misinformation, and partisanship prevent voters from holding elected officials accountable.”Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago 2022.
* “Gender Essentialism and Attitudes Towards Policy Change.” With Meredith Meyer. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2019.
* “Party Polarization and Attitudes Towards Muslims: Sorting or Opinion Change?” With David Nield. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, Tx, 2019.
* “Party Polarization and Attitudes Towards Muslims: Sorting or Opinion Change?” With David Nield. Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2018.
* Gender essentialism moderates responses to candidates’ messages,” with Meredith Meyer. Presented at the New Research on Gender and Political Psychology Conference, New Orleans, 2017.
* “Measuring gender bias while minimizing the impact of social desirability bias.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2016.
* “It’s not just a joke: The impact of situation comedies on support for women’s rights.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2015.
* “Roundtable: Technology, Communication, and Research in the Information Age” with Phil Habel, Ted Brader, David E. Broockman, Brian J. Gaines, and Diana C. Mutz. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2014.
* “Rape Myth Acceptance in the American Public and Its Influence on Political Attitudes.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2014.
* “Self-Selection and the Utility of Viral Video.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2012.
* “Support for Civil Liberties in the Age of Social Media” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2011.
* “Picture Perfect: Influencing Voters with Imagery in Congressional Campaigns” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston 2008
* “Uplifting Manhood to Wonderful Heights: Newspaper Framing of Casualties and Combatfrom World War One to Gulf War Two,” with Scott Althaus, Chris Tiwald, David Hendry, Svitlana Chernyhk and Sergio Wals. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston 2008
* “Picture Perfect: Influencing Voters with Imagery in Congressional Elections” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2008
* "The Tone of American War News from Verdun to Baghdad,” with Scott Althaus, Chris Tiwald, David Hendry, Svitlana Chernyhk and Sergio Wals. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2008
* “Roundtable: Teaching Graduate Students to Teach,” with Dick Weldon Simpson, Eric Juenke and Constance Mixon. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2008
* "Is a Picture Worth a Dozen Roll Calls? Campaign Ad Images and Interest Group Voting Scores," with Tracy Sulkin. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia 2006
* “Points for Subtlety: Influencing Voter Perceptions with Background Imagery.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia 2006
* "Campaign Ad Images as Signals about Legislative Voting Behavior,” with Tracy Sulkin. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2006
* “Points for Subtlety: Influencing Voter Perceptions with Background Imagery.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2006

### Teaching Experience:

* Ohio State University
	+ “Introduction to American Government” Fall 2009, -present
	+ “Public Affairs and Civic Engagement” Spring 2023-present
	+ “Introduction to Political Behavior” Winter 2010, Fall 2010, Winter 2012
	+ “Voters and Elections” Autumn 2012-present
	+ “Campaign Politics” Winter 2010-Spring 2016
	+ “Political Psychology” Winter 2012, Spring 2016-present
	+ “Honors Seminar: Presidential Primaries” Winter 2012
* University of Illinois:
	+ *Independent Instructor*

“Introduction to American Politics-Transition Program,” Fall 2007-Spring 2009

“Introduction to Political Science,” Summer 2007

“Introduction to American Politics,” Summer 2004, Summer 2006

“Introduction to Political Behavior,” Summer 2009

* + *Teaching Assistant*

“Introduction to Racial and Ethnic Politics,” Fall 2004, Fall 2005

“Introduction to American Politics,” Spring 2005

**Service**

* Coordinator of OSU-Newark Student Research Forum (2012-present)
* Member of OSU-Newark Student Matters committee (2020-present)
* Emeritus Chair of OSU-Newark Faculty Assembly (2019-2020)
* Chair of OSU-Newark Faculty Assembly (2018-2019)
* Vice-Chair of OSU-Newark Faculty Assembly (2017-2018)
* Member of OSU-Newark Professional Standards Committee (2015-2017)
* Chair of OSU-Newark Student Matters Committee (Summer 2012-2014)
* Member of Department of Political Science Undergraduate Studies Committee (Fall 2010-present)
* Member of OSU-Newark Academic Standards Committee (Spring 2011-present)
* Member of OSU-Newark Honors Committee (Winter 2011-present)
* Member of OSU-Newark Student Matters Committee (Autumn 2011-Summer 2012)

**Advising**

*Doctoral Students (Dissertation Committee Member)*

* Mack B. “Roles of Linked Fate and Black Political Knowledge in Shaping Responses to Group Messages.” Graduated 2018.
* Miller J. “Public Response to Deception of Officials.” Graduated 2017.
* Bryner, Sarah. “Politicians Behaving Badly: The Determinants and Outcomes of Political Scandal in Post-Watergate America.” Graduated 2013.

*Undergraduate Honors Students (Thesis Advisor)*

* Nield D. “The Misperceiving Voter.” Graduated 2017.

**Professional Activities:**

* Member, American Political Science Association’s CQ Teaching Recognition Award Committee
* Program Chair of Information Technology section at 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
* Member, Midwest Political Science Association
* Member, American Political Science Association
* Member, American Association of Political Consultants
* Reviewer, Journal of Politics
* Reviewer, Political Psychology
* Reviewer, British Journal of Political Science
* Reviewer, Journal of Political Marketing
* Reviewer, Perspectives on Politics
* Reviewer, Canadian Journal of Political Science
* Reviewer, Political Research Quarterly
* Reviewer, Political Behavior
* Reviewer, American Politics Research