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Educational and Professional History

Education:

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Iowa, 2009.
Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Methodology

M.A. Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, 2003.
Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics, International Relations

B.S. Political Science/Philosophy, University of Wisconsin LaCrosse, 2001.

Dissertation:

“A Test of Multiple Frame Environments and Mediating Factors on Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Marriage and Civil Unions”

Committee: Michael S. Lewis-Beck (co-chair), David Redlawsk (co-chair), Tracy Osborn, Caroline Tolbert, Kevin Leicht (Sociology)

Abstract: This dissertation examines the effects of issue frames and individual-level mediating factors on attitudes towards same-sex marriage and civil unions. It employs three survey experiments to test both competing and non-competing frames, an advance which will clarify the effect of these environments on public opinion. It will also help unify the literature on factors, such as respondents' levels of political sophistication, which mediate the reception and processing of these frames by citizens. Finally, the dataset collected for this research will be of interest to scholars across the social sciences who are studying the factors affecting public opinion on highly divisive issues like same-sex marriage.

Scholarship:

Published Articles:

“The End of Dichotomy: The Effect of Social Proximity to Prototype and Periphery Group Members on Political Attitudes.” with Francisco I. Pedraza. *Social Science Quarterly* 99(2) 762-773.

“From Swelter to Swagger: Expressions of Hostility in Survey Response,” with Alexander H. Cohen. *Field Methods* (2016):1 pp. 1-20.

“Ties that Bind: Revisiting context, identity, and attitudes.” with Francisco I. Pedraza. *Research & Politics* (2015):2(3) pp. 1-7.

“Missing Voices? War Attitudes Among Civilians in Military Households,” with Francisco I. Pedraza. *Armed Forces Society* Volume 28, Issue 3 (July 2012) pp. 391-412.

“Is OLS Dead?” with Michael S. Lewis-Beck. *The Political Methodologist* Volume 15, Issue 2 (Winter) 2008

“Goodness-of-Fit: R-Squared, SEE and ‘Best Practice’.” with Michael S. Lewis-Beck. *The Political Methodologist*. Volume 15, Issue 1 (Summer) 2007

Under Review:

“Psychological Proximity and the Use of Force: A Group-Psychological Explanation for Support of Military Interventions,” with Marissa Theys and Francisco I. Pedraza. *Political Research Quarterly*.

Working Papers:

“State-Level Adoption of Family Medical Leave” with Megan Sholar.

Conference Presentations:

“Paid Family Leave in the States: Understanding Policy Variation in the United States” Delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2018. (with Megan Sholar)

“Identity Fusion Effects on Group Salient Political Attitudes” Delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2017. (with Marissa Theys)

“Union Household and Military Veteran Identity Fusion: An Exploration.” Delivered at the Wisconsin Sociological Association-Wisconsin Political Science Association Annual Meeting, October 2016. (with Marissa Theys)

“The Effects of Childhood Socialization on Support for Family Leave Policies.” (with Megan Sholar) Accepted for presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association’s annual meeting, April 2014.

“The Continuum Logic of Group Identity and Political Attitudes.” Delivered at the Wisconsin Political Science Association’s annual meeting, October 11th, 2013.

“Family Matters: the effect of family-mediated ties on political attitudes in union and military households.” (with Francisco I. Pedraza) Delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association’s annual meeting, April 12th, 2013.

“Where you live and who you know: veteran population density effects on war support.” Delivered at the Southern Political Science Association’s annual meeting, January 11th, 2013.

“From Swelter to Swagger: Measuring the Effect of Temperature on War Attitudes.” (with Alexander Cohen) Delivered at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Portland, OR March 2012.

“Ties That Bind: Revisiting Context, Identity, and Behavior.” (with Francisco I. Pedraza) Delivered at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association in Chicago, IL April 2011.

“Mimicking Public Debate? How Do Multiple Frame Environments Affect Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Marriage and Civil Unions?” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2010.

Core Values and Political Sophistication: How Do Individual Characteristics Affect Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Marriage and Civil Unions? Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.

“Civilians in military households: Missing voices in public opinion studies.” (with Francisco I. Pedraza) Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.

“Competitive Frames and Public Opinion: Evidence from the Same-Sex Marriage Debate.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008.

“Bridging and Bonding in Cyberspace? The Impact of Online Communities on Social Capital and Political Participation” with Scott Cody and Matthew Peckham. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2006.

“Framing the Debate: The Impact of Alternate Justification Frames on Evaluations of Same-Sex Marriage.” Poster Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2005.

“The Place of Prediction in Politics.” With Michael Lewis-Beck. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association September 2005.

“Democratic Values and the Status of Women in Ukraine: Moving towards Congruence?” With Jill Wittrock and Vicki Hesli. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2005.

“A Green Constituency? Examining the Effect of Third Party Strength on European Environmental Policy,” (with Brian Disarro) poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2004.

“Environmental Policy Convergence? The unintended consequence of the Treaty of Rome,” (with Brian Disarro) paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2004.

Grants and Fellowships:

Faculty Development Grant (Research), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, 2015-2016 [\$7,500]
Project title: Socialization’s Influence on Family Leave Policy

Faculty Development Grant (Research), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, 2010-2011 [\$7,000]
Project title: “Military Identity Effects on Civilian Public Opinion”

Ballard-Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2008-2009 [\$22,000]

Fulbright-Hayes Group Fellowship, Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian and Malay, Summer 2007 [\$5,000]

Committee on Institutional Cooperation Traveling Scholar, 2006-2007 [\$4,000]

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, Indonesian, 2006 [\$4,000]

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, Indonesian, 2005 [\$4,000]

University of Iowa Instructional Technology Grant: “Upgrading the ITC to Allow for Practical Experiential Learning in Survey Research”, with David Redlawsk and Andrew Civettini, 2004

Teaching Experience:

Teaching Concentrations:

American: Public Opinion, Civil-Military Relations, Voting Behavior, Elections, Minority Politics, Political Psychology, State and Local Politics

Methods: Experimental Methods, descriptive statistics, OLS, Logit, Probit, advanced modeling; SPSS

Comparative: Southeast Asian politics, nationalism, ethnic conflict, elections and electoral systems

Courses at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh:

Political Science 105, Introduction to American Politics
Political Science 108, Introduction to Civic Engagement
Political Science 114, The Politics of Race and Sex
Political Science 225, State and Local Politics
Political Science 245, Political Methodology
Political Science 304, Race and Ethnicity in US Politics
Political Science 311, Politics of Southeast Asia
Political Science 329, Political Psychology
Political Science 346, Queer Politics and Policy
Political Science 350, Political Behavior and Elections
Political Science 401, Senior Capstone Course

Courses at the University of Iowa:

Summer 2008: 030:119 Instructor: Voting Behavior and Elections

Selected Service:

Department:

Outreach Committee (2009-present)
Budget Committee (2009-present)
Political Science Student Association Advisor (2010-present)
Search Committee: Public Law (2010)
Assistant Department Chair (2016-2017)
Department Chair (2017-present)

University:

American Democracy Project Committee (2009-present)
Social Justice Steering Committee (2009-2016)
Harvey Milk Commemorative Dinner Committee (2010-present)
LGBTQ Certificate Committee (2010-present)
University Curriculum Committee (2012-present)
COLS Program Array Team (2016-present)

Professional Affiliations:

American Political Science Association (2001-)
Midwest Political Science Association (2001-)