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Academic Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee Department of Political Science	August 2023 - Present
Adjunct Professor Loyola Marymount University Department of Political Science	Jan 2020 – June 2020
Teaching Assistant University of California — Irvine Department of Political Science	August 2017 – June 2023

Education

PhD <i>Political Science</i> University of California — Irvine Fields: American Politics, Methods Dissertation: The Existence and Impact of Partisan Political Intolerance	June 2023
MA <i>Political Science</i> , University of California — Irvine	Jan 2022
MA <i>Social Science</i> , University of California — Irvine Field: Behavioral Mathematics	June 2021
BA <i>Political Science</i> , Brigham Young University — Idaho	July 2016

Research Interests

American Politics, Methods, Public Opinion, Affective Polarization, Partisanship, Political Tolerance, Religion and Politics

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Breznau, Nate et al. 2022. "Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119(44): e2203150119.

Works In Progress

Under Review

"Affective Polarization and Anti-Democratic Attitudes: A Complex Relationship" McWagner, Kyle, and Will Kidd. 2024. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*. Second round of review

"Affective-leaning Independents: Capturing the partisan feelings of two-click independents" McWagner, Kyle, and Melina Much. 2024

"Threading the Needle: How individuals maintain a faith identity while giving preference to their political identities" McWagner, Kyle

In Preparation

"Moving Past Least Liked and Towards Primary Political Opponents: A Reimagining of Political Intolerance" McWagner, Kyle

"European Muslims Acceptance of Gays and Lesbians: The Effect of Political Context on Religious Views" Chaleshtari, Nasrin, Kyle McWagner, Tamika Wiesner

"The Very Real Impact of Support for Hypothetical violence" McWagner, Kyle, and Will Kidd

"Anti-Democratic Attitudes at very low levels of Affective Polarization: Signal or Noise" Kidd, Will, Kyle McWagner

Done with Conservative Christianity? Exploring Politically Disaffected Christians' Religious Identity Decisions Sieber, Alex, Kyle McWagner, Ahmet Ergunum, Noah Sisson

"Understanding the Political Incongruance Between The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and it's Members" McWagner, Kyle

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Techniques of Political Science Research
PolSci 701 (Graduate) UWM

Advanced Techniques of Political Science Research
PolSci 702 (Graduate) UWM

Seminar in the Study of American Political Behavior
PolSci 750 (Graduate) UWM

Current Topics in Political Science: Religion in American Politics
PolSci 711 (Graduate) UWM

Seminar in Advanced Political Science Methodology
PolSci 935 (Graduate) UWM

Introduction to Political Science Research
PolSci 203 (Undergraduate) UWM

Empirical Approaches
Pols 2100 (Undergraduate) LMU

TA Positions

Probability and Statistics
SOC SCI 10A, SOC SCI 10B, & SOC SCI 10C (Undergraduate) UCI

Research Methods
SOCIOL 110 (Undergraduate) UCI

Probability and Statistics
SOCIOL 10A, SOCIOL 10B (Undergraduate) UCI

International Urban Politics
POL SCI 157B (Undergraduate) UCI

Personality theory in Psychology
PSYCH 120P (Undergraduate) UCI

Intro to Psychology in Psychology
PSYCH 9A (Undergraduate) UCI

Contemporary Political Theory
POLSC 365 (Undergraduate) BYUI

Conference Presentations & Service

- “Affective-leaning Independents: Capturing the partisan feelings of two-click independents”, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 4-7, 2024.
- “Affective-leaning Independents: Capturing the partisan feelings of two-click independents” BYU Young Scholars Workshop Provo, UT May 17 2024
- “Partisan Political Intolerance”, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 13 -16, 2023.
- “Differential Effects of Affective Polarization Across Parties” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 13 -16, 2023.
- “The existence and impact of political intolerance towards the opposing party”, Biennial LDS Scholars Workshop, Provo, UT. May 19 -20, 2022
- “The existence and impact of political intolerance towards the opposing party”, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 7 – 10, 2022.
- Discussant, Virtual Created Panel: Religious Identities Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA. September 28 – October 3, 2021.
- “Threading the Needle: How and when members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints deal with conflict between their religious and political identities” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual. April 7, 2021.
- “Religiously Affiliated Higher Education and the Religious Identity of Students: An interactive model for political participation”, Southern California Political Behavior Conference, LA, CA. January 2020
- “Racial Attitudes & Education: Evidence for Education as Enlightenment”, Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, Irvine, CA. Oct 8, 2019
- “Patriotism - Its Dual Nature in Relationship to Societal Security”, Biennial 2019 LDS Scholars Workshop, Provo, UT. May 23 -24.
- “Patriotism - Its Dual Nature in Relationship to Societal Security”, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 4 -7, 2019.
- Discussant, Poster Session: Legislative Politics, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 4 -7, 2019.

University Service

Master’s Committee Member	2023-Present
Co-founder and Co-instructor for the political science department’s incoming graduates’ statistics and R bootcamp	2021-2022
Leader of the Center for the study of Democracies’ Graduate student writing group	2020-2023

Grants/Fellowships

Center for the Study of Democracy Seed Grant, June 2020

References

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