**Proseminar in Political Psychology**

*Political Science 8307 and Psychology 8211*

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*Fridays, 11:00 am to 12:55 pm, in 1314 Social Sciences, except where noted.*

**Seminar Topics and Assignments**

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| Sept 6 | BEGINNING OF SEMESTER ORIENTATION |
| Sept 13 | FRAGMENTATION OF THE INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT  Gil de Zúñiga, Homero, and Trevor Diehl. 2019. "News Finds Me Perception and Democracy: Effects on Political Knowledge, Political Interest, And Voting." *New Media & Society* 21(6): 1253-1271. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1461444818817548>  Webster, James G., and Thomas B. Ksiazek. 2012. "The Dynamics of Audience Fragmentation: Public Attention in an Age of Digital Media." *Journal of Communication* 62(1): 39-56. <https://academic.oup.com/joc/article/62/1/39/4085792>  DUE: Submit early ideas for presenting topics |
| Sept 20 | DEHUMANIZATION AND DUAL PROCESSING  Max Bai, presenting work on two projects   * “Animalistic Black and Mechanical Asian: the Dual Process of Dehumanization and Implications for Preferences in Romantic Partners and Biases in Job Selections” * “Value versus Identity: Citizens’ Ideological Alignment with Politicians Predicts Evaluation of Politicians More Than Their Party Alignment” |
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| Sept 27 | SELECTIVE EXPOSURE TO PARTISAN MEDIA  Stroud, Natalie Jomini. 2010. "Polarization and partisan selective exposure." *Journal of Communication* 60(3): 556-576. <https://academic.oup.com/joc/article-abstract/60/3/556/4098564>  Garrett, R. Kelly, Dustin Carnahan, and Emily K. Lynch. 2013. "A turn toward avoidance? Selective exposure to online political information, 2004–2008." Political Behavior 35(1): 113-134. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11109-011-9185-6>  Prior, Markus. 2013. "Media and political polarization." Annual Review of Political Science 16: 101-127. <https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev-polisci-100711-135242> |
| Oct 4 | HOSTILE MEDIA EFFECTS AND THIRD-PERSON EFFECTS  Gunther, Albert C., and J. Douglas Storey. 2003. “The Influence of Presumed Influence.” *Journal of Communication* 53(2): 199-215. <https://academic.oup.com/joc/article/53/2/199/4102885>  Cohen, Jonathan, Yariv Tsfati, and Tamir Sheafer. 2008. “The Influence of Presumed Media Influence in Politics: Do Politicians’ Perceptions of Media Power Matter?” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 72(2): 331-344. <https://academic.oup.com/poq/article/72/2/331/1921043>  Arceneaux, Kevin, Martin Johnson, and Chad Murphy. 2012. "Polarized political communication, oppositional media hostility, and selective exposure." *The Journal of Politics 74*(1): 174-186. <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1017/S002238161100123X> |
| Oct 11 | POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE AND NEWS CONSUMPTION  Barabas, Jason, Jennifer Jerit, William Pollock, and Carlisle Rainey. 2014. “The Question(s) of Political Knowledge.” *American Political Science Review* 108(4): 840-855. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/american-political-science-review/article/questions-of-political-knowledge/F614E4AA4C65E0A23195705DA99D1EFE>  Weaver, Vesla, Gwen Prowse, and Spencer Piston. 2019. “Too Much Knowledge, Too Little Power: An Assessment of Political Knowledge in Highly Policed Communities.” *The Journal of Politics* 81(3). <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/703538> |
| Oct 18 | MINORITY RACIAL IDENTITY - Wen Bu, presenting  Ufkes, Elze G., Justine Calcagno, Demis E. Glasford, and John F. Dovidio. 2016. “Understanding How Common Ingroup Identity Undermines Collective Action among Disadvantaged-Group Members.” *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* 63: 26–35. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2015.11.006>  Dovidio, John F., Samuel L. Gaertner, and Tamar Saguy. 2009. “Commonality and the Complexity of ‘We’: Social Attitudes and Social Change.” *Personality and Social Psychology Review* 13(1): 3–20. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1088868308326751> |
| Oct 25 | DECLINE OF LOCAL NEWS  Hayes, Danny, and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2018. "The Decline of Local News and Its Effects: New Evidence from Longitudinal Data." *The Journal of Politics* 80(1): 332-336. <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/694105>  Darr, Joshua P., Matthew P. Hitt, and Johanna L. Dunaway. 2018. "Newspaper Closures Polarize Voting Behavior." *Journal of Communication* 68(6): 1007-1028. <https://academic.oup.com/joc/article/68/6/1007/5160090> |
| Nov 1 | INFORMATION NETWORKS AND MEDIA ECOLOGIES  Prof. Matthew Weber, Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication: Presentation (Title TBA) |
| Nov 8 | SOCIAL DIFFUSION OF INFORMATION  Huckfeldt, Robert, and John Sprague. 1987. “Networks in context: The social flow of political information.” *American Political Science Review* *81*(4): 1197-1216. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1962585>  Bode, Leticia, and Emily K. Vraga. 2015. “In related news, that was wrong: The correction of misinformation through related stories functionality in social media.” *Journal of Communication* 65(4): 619-638. <https://academic.oup.com/joc/article-abstract/65/4/619/4082315>  Minozzi, William et al. Forthcoming. “The Incidental Pundit: Who Talks Politics with Whom, and Why?” *American Journal of Political Science* <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ajps.12469> (October 7, 2019). |
| Nov 15 | MISINFORMATION AND ONLINE CORRECTION  Prof. Emily Vraga, Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication: Presentation ("The Challenges of Detecting and Correcting Misinformation on Social Media") |
| Nov 22 | RACIAL RESENTMENT, SEXISM AND POLITICAL PREFERENCES - Max Bai, presenting  Mechanical Asians and Animalistic Blacks: the Symmetry of Two Forms of Dehumanization in Racial Perception, and Implications for Close Relationships and Leadership Selections  Bai, H., & Federico, C. M. (2019). Collective existential threat mediates White population decline’s effect on defensive reactions. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, 1368430219839763.  Zou, L. X., & Cheryan, S. (2017). Two axes of subordination: A new model of racial position. *Journal of personality and social psychology*, 112(5), 696. |
| Nov 29 | THANKSGIVING – NO PRO-SEMINAR |
| Dec 6 | RURAL IDENTITY, VOTING BEHAVIOR, AND POLITICAL ATTITUDES - Kristin Lunz Trujillo, presenting  Ballard-Rosa, C., Jensen, A., & Scheve, K. (2019). Economic decline, social identity, and authoritarian values in the United States. Stanford University working paper. <http://web.stanford.edu/group/scheve-research/cgi-bin/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/AuthorUS_Mar-19.pdf>  Craig, M. A., & Richeson, J. A. (2014). On the precipice of a “majority-minority” America: Perceived status threat from the racial demographic shift affects White Americans’ political ideology. *Psychological Science,* 25(6), 1189-1197.  Cramer Walsh, K. (2012). Putting inequality in its place: Rural consciousness and the power of perspective. *American Political Science Review*, 106(3), 517-532. |

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| Jan 24 | BEGINNING OF SEMESTER ORIENTATION |
| Jan 31 | EMOTION AND NEWS EXPOSURE  [Knobloch-Westerwick, Silvia, and Scott Alter. 2006. "Mood adjustment to social situations through mass media use: How men ruminate and women dissipate angry moods." *Human Communication Research* 32(1): 58-73.](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1468-2958.2006.00003.x)  [Park, Chang Sup. "Does Too Much News on Social Media Discourage News Seeking? Mediating Role of News Efficacy Between Perceived News Overload and News Avoidance on Social Media." 2019. *Social Media+ Society* 5(3).](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2056305119872956)  [Brady, William J., Julian A. Wills, John T. Jost, Joshua A. Tucker, and Jay J. Van Bavel. 2017. "Emotion Shapes The Diffusion of Moralized Content In Social Networks." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 114(28): 7313-7318.](https://www.pnas.org/content/114/28/7313.short)  [Woodstock, Louise. 2014. "The news-democracy narrative and the unexpected benefits of limited news consumption: The case of news resisters." *Journalism* 15(7): 834-849.](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1464884913504260) |
| Feb 7 | POLITICAL ADVERTISING  [Hager, Anselm. 2019. “Do Online Ads Influence Vote Choice?” *Political Communication* 36(3): 376–93.](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/10584609.2018.1548529)  [Huber, Gregory A., and Kevin Arceneaux. 2007. “Identifying the Persuasive Effects of Presidential Advertising.” *American Journal of Political Science* 51(4): 957–77.](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1540-5907.2007.00291.x)  [Krupnikov, Yanna. 2011. “When Does Negativity Demobilize? Tracing the Conditional Effect of Negative Campaigning on Voter Turnout.” *American Journal of Political Science* 55(4): 797–813.](https://onlinelibrary-wiley-com.ezp1.lib.umn.edu/doi/full/10.1111/j.1540-5907.2011.00522.x)  [Kalla, Joshua L., and David E. Broockman. 2018. “The Minimal Persuasive Effects of Campaign Contact in General Elections: Evidence from 49 Field Experiments.” *American Political Science Review* 112(1): 148–66.](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/american-political-science-review/article/minimal-persuasive-effects-of-campaign-contact-in-general-elections-evidence-from-49-field-experiments/753665A313C4AB433DBF7110299B7433) |
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| Feb 14 | SOCIAL MEDIA AND INFLUENCE CAMPAIGNS  [Vraga, Emily K. & Leticia Bode. (2020). "Defining Misinformation and Understanding its Bounded Nature: Using Expertise and Evidence for Describing Misinformation." *Political Communication*. DOI: 10.1080/10584609.2020.1716500](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10584609.2020.1716500)  [Keller, Franziska B., David Schoch, Sebastian Stier & JungHwan Yang. (2019). "Political Astroturfing on Twitter: How to Coordinate a Disinformation Campaign." *Political Communication*. DOI: 10.1080/10584609.2019.1661888](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10584609.2019.1661888)  [Kargar, Simin, and Adrian Rauchfleisch. (2019). "State-aligned trolling in Iran and the double-edged affordances of Instagram." *New Media & Society* 21(7) : 1506-1527. DOI: 10.1177/1461444818825133](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1461444818825133)  [Kreiss, Daniel & Shannon C. McGregor. (2018). "Technology Firms Shape Political Communication: The Work of Microsoft, Facebook, Twitter, and Google With Campaigns During the 2016 U.S. Presidential Cycle." *Political Communication* 35(2): 155-177, DOI: 10.1080/10584609.2017.1364814](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10584609.2017.1364814) |
| Feb 21 | ANOMIE AND ALIENATION – Zeke Wright Presenting  [Teymoori, A., Bastian, B., & Jetten, J. (2017). Towards a psychological analysis of anomie. *Political Psychology*, 38(6), 1009-1023.](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/pops.12377)  [Sprong, S., Jetten, J., Wang, Z., Peters, K., Mols, F., Verkuyten, M., ... & Badea, C. (2019). “Our Country Needs a Strong Leader Right Now”: Economic Inequality Enhances the Wish for a Strong Leader. *Psychological Science*, 30(11), 1625-1637.](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0956797619875472?journalCode=pssa)  [Zadro, L., Williams, K. D., & Richardson, R. (2004). How low can you go? Ostracism by a computer is sufficient to lower self-reported levels of belonging, control, self-esteem, and meaningful existence. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 40(4), 560-567.](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0022103103001823) |
| Feb 28 | PANEL STUDY - APM collaboration and Preregistration Reports  Check out examples at <https://osf.io/registries> and <https://egap.org/design-registrations>.  [Humphreys, Macartan, Raul Sanchez de la Sierra, and Peter van der Windt. 2013. “Fishing, Commitment, and Communication: A Proposal for Comprehensive Nonbinding Research Registration.” *Political Analysis* 21(1): 1–20.](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/political-analysis/article/fishing-commitment-and-communication-a-proposal-for-comprehensive-nonbinding-research-registration/BD935F7843BF07F338774DAB66E74E3C)  [van't Veer, Anna Elisabeth, and Roger Giner-Sorolla. 2016. "Pre-registration in social psychology—A discussion and suggested template." *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* 67: 2-12.](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0022103116301925)  [Nosek, Brian A., Charles R. Ebersole, Alexander C. DeHaven, and David T. Mellor. 2018. "The preregistration revolution." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 115(11): 2600-2606.](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1708274114) |
| March 6 | PERCEPTIONS OF CONSENSUS AND POLARIZED ELECTIONS - Penny Thomas Presenting  Jinguang Zhang, Scott A. Reid, A Self-Categorization Explanation for Opinion Consensus Perceptions, *Human Communication Research,* Volume 39, Issue 3, 1 July 2013, Pages 269–294, <https://doi-org.ezp1.lib.umn.edu/10.1111/hcre.12004>  Shira Dvir-Gvirsman, Size Matters: The Effects of Political Orientation, Majority Status, and Majority Size on Misperceptions of Public Opinion, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Volume 79, Issue 1, Spring 2015, Pages 1–27, <https://doi-org.ezp1.lib.umn.edu/10.1093/poq/nfu061> |
| March 20 | AUTHORITARIANISM – Zack Crowley Presenting  [Wronski, Julie, Alexa Bankert, Karyn Amira, April A. Johnson, and Lindsey C. Levitan. 2018. "A Tale of Two Democrats: How Authoritarianism Divides the Democratic Party." The Journal of Politics 80(4): 1384-1388.](https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/699338)  [Feldman, Stanley, and Karen Stenner. 1997. "Perceived threat and authoritarianism." Political Psychology 18(4): 741-770.](https://doi.org/10.1111/0162-895X.00077)  [Hetherington, Marc, and Elizabeth Suhay. 2011. "Authoritarianism, threat, and Americans’ support for the war on terror." American Journal of Political Science 55(3): 546-560.](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1540-5907.2011.00514.x) |
| March 27 | MEASUREMENT AND THE AMBIVALENT SEXISM INVENTORY - Molly Madzelan Presenting  [Glick, P., & Fiske, S. T. (1996). The Ambivalent Sexism Inventory: Differentiating hostile and benevolent sexism. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 70*(3), 491–512.](https://doi.org/10.1037/0022-3514.70.3.491)  [Ghavami, N., & Peplau, L. A. (2013). An intersectional analysis of gender and ethnic stereotypes: Testing three hypotheses. *Psychology of Women Quarterly, 37*(1), 113-127.](https://doi.org/10.1177/0361684312464203) |
| April 3 | THREAT AND MOBILIZATION - Hyerin Han  Smith, Brianna (2018) "It’s All Under Control: The Conditional Effects of Threat on Political Behavior"  John T. Jost, Chadly Stern, Nicholas O. Rule, and Joanna Sterling (2017) "The Politics of Fear: Is There an Ideological Asymmetry in Existential Motivation?" *Social Cognition*, 35, 324-353.  White, Ariel (2016) "When Threat Mobilizes: Immigration Enforcement and Latino Voter Turnout", *Political Behavior*, Vol.38(2), pp.355-382 |
| April 10 | SESSION ON RESEARCH IN THE AGE OF COVID-19 with Bethany Albertson (University of Texas) |
| April 17 | THREAT AND AFFECT – Hannah Kim Presenting  Gadarian, S. K. (2010). The politics of threat: How terrorism news shapes foreign policy attitudes. *The Journal of Politics*, *72*(2), 469-483.    Huddy, L., Feldman, S., Taber, C., & Lahav, G. (2005). Threat, anxiety, and support of antiterrorism policies. *American journal of political science*, *49*(3), 593-608.  Carver, C. S., & White, T. L. (1994). Behavioral inhibition, behavioral activation, and affective responses to impending reward and punishment: the BIS/BAS scales. *Journal of personality and social psychology*, *67*(2), 319.  MISPERCEPTIONS OF INEQUALITY – Minyoung Kim Presenting  Cruces, Guillermo, Ricardo Perez-Truglia, and Martin Tetaz. 2013. “Biased Perceptions of Income Distribution and Preferences for Redistribution: Evidence from a Survey Experiment.” *Journal of Public Economics* 98: 100–112.  Gimpelson, Vladimir, and Daniel Treisman. 2018. “Misperceiving Inequality.” *Economics & Politics* 30(1): 27–54. |
| April 24 | CSPP PANEL STUDY SHARED CONTENT WORKSHOP |
| May 2  May 6 | MPMC CONFERENCE  ANALYZING PANEL DATA – Paul Goren Presenting  SOCIAL CLASS AND REPRESENTATION – Ashley Sorenson Presenting  Grumbach, Jacob M. 2015. “Does the American Dream Matter for Members of Congress?: Social-Class Backgrounds and Roll-Call Votes.” *Political Research Quarterly* 68(2): 306–23.  Clayton, Amanda, Diana Z. O’Brien, and Jennifer M. Piscopo. 2019. “All Male Panels? Representation and Democratic Legitimacy.” *American Journal of Political Science* 63(1): 113–29.  Soss, Joe, and Lawrence R. Jacobs. 2009. “The Place of Inequality: Non-Participation in the American Polity.” *Political Science Quarterly* 124(1): 95–125. |