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EMPLOYMENT

Boise State University (Boise, ID)

Assistant Professor: July 2015- July 2021
Associate Professor: July 2021-
Director, Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration: May 2020 -

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)

Ph.D., Political Science: 2015
Dissertation committee: Cindy Kam (Chair), Joshua Clinton, John Geer, Neil Malhotra (Stanford University)
Concentrations: American Politics, Political Methodology

Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA)

B.S., Public Policy; highest honors: 2007

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

24. Fowler, Luke and Stephen M. Utych. 2021. "Are People better Employees than Machines? Dehumanizing Language and Employee Performance Appraisals." *Social Science Quarterly* forthcoming.
23. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2021. "No, Face Masks Aren't Dehumanizing." *Political Studies Review* forthcoming.
22. VanDusky-Allen, Julie and **Stephen M. Utych.** 2021. "The Effect of Partisan Representation at Different Levels of Government on Satisfaction with Democracy in the United States." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* forthcoming.
21. Lyons, Jeffrey and **Stephen M. Utych.** 2021. "You're Not From Here!: The Consequences of Urban and Rural Identities." *Political Behavior* forthcoming.
20. **Utych, Stephen M.** and Luke Fowler. 2020. "More Human than Human: The Consequences of Positive Dehumanization." *Administrative Theory & Praxis* 43(2): 190-208.
19. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2020. "Race, Dehumanization, and the NFL National Anthem Protests." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* forthcoming.
18. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2020. "Human or Not? Political Rhetoric and Foreign Policy Attitudes." *Political Science Research and Methods* forthcoming.
17. Rhodes-Purdy, Matthew, Rachel Navarre and **Stephen M. Utych.** 2020. "Populist psychology: economics, culture, and emotions." *Journal of Politics* forthcoming.

+ = Current Graduate Student or Current/Former Undergraduate Student at time of writing
Updated: July 2021

16. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2020. "Sexism Predicts Favorability of Women in the 2020 Democratic Primary... and Men?" *Electoral Studies* 71.
15. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2020. "Messaging mask wearing during the COVID-19 crisis: Ideological differences." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 8(2): 91-101.
14. **Utych, Stephen M.** and Luke Fowler. 2020. "Age-based Messaging Strategies for Communication about COVID-19." *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration* 3(1)
13. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2020. "Powerless Conservatives or Powerless Findings?" *PS: Political Science & Politics* 53(4): 741-745.
12. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2020. "A Voter-Centric Explanation of the Success of Ideological Candidates for the U.S. House." *Electoral Studies* 65.
11. Rhodes-Purdy, Matthew, Rachel Navarre and **Stephen M. Utych.** 2020. "Measuring Simultaneous Emotions: Existing Problems and A New Way Forward" *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 8(1): 1-14.
10. Fowler, Mariah+, Arash Mondarresi Rad+, **Stephen M. Utych**, Andrew Adams+, Sanazsadat Alamian, Jennifer Pierce, Philip Dennison, John T. Abatzoglou, Amir AghaKouchak, Luke Montrose and Mojtaba Sadegh. 2019. "A Dataset on Human Response to Wildfire Smoke." *Scientific Data* 6(1): 1-10.
9. Roberts, Damon C.+ and **Stephen M. Utych.** 2020. "Linking Gender, Language and Partisanship: Developing a Database of Masculine and Feminine Words." *Political Research Quarterly* 73(1):40-50.
8. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2019. "Speaking Style and Candidate Evaluations." *Politics, Groups and Identities.* Forthcoming.
7. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2020. "Man Bites Blue Dog: Are Moderates Really More Electable than Ideologues?" *Journal of Politics.* 82(1): 392-396.
6. Engelhardt, Andrew M. and **Stephen M. Utych.** 2020. "Grand Old (Tailgate?) Party: Partisan Discrimination in Apolitical Settings." *Political Behavior* 42(3): 769-789.
5. Michelitch, Kristin and **Stephen M. Utych.** 2018. "Electoral Cycle Fluctuations in Partisanship Intensity: Global Evidence from 86 countries." *Journal of Politics.* 80(2): 412-427.
4. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2018. "How Dehumanization Influences Attitudes toward Immigrants." *Political Research Quarterly.* 71(2): 440-452.
3. **Utych, Stephen M.** 2018. "Negative Affective Language in Politics." *American Politics Research* 46(1): 77-102.
2. **Utych, Stephen M.** and Cindy D. Kam. 2014. "Viability, Information Seeking, and Vote Choice." *Journal of Politics* 76(1): 152-166.
1. Kam, Cindy D. and **Stephen M. Utych.** 2011. "Close Elections and Cognitive Engagement." *Journal of Politics* 73(4): 1251-1266.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Under Review

“Gender and Justification in Political Scandal.” (with Ashley Stilwell+). Revise and resubmit, *American Politics Research*.

“Partisanship, Policy, and Americans’ Evaluations of State Level COVID-19 Policies Prior to the 2020 Election.” (with Michael Catalano+ and Julie VanDusky-Allen). Revise and resubmit, *Political Research Quarterly*.

“Fear or Loathing? The Affective Political Economy of Prejudice.” (with Rachel Navarre and Matt Rhodes-Purdy). Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*.

“Partisan discrimination without partisan cues.” (with Jeff Lyons). Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*.

Discontent: Populism, extremism, and conspiracy theories in the age of the Great Recession. Book project, Under review. (with Matt Rhodes-Purdy and Rachel Navarre).

“Polarized Social Distancing: Residents of Republican-Majority Counties Spend More Time Away from Home During the COVID-19 Crisis.” (with Damon Roberts+). Under review.

“A Delicate Hand, or Two-Fisted Aggression? How Gendered Language influences Candidate Perceptions.” (with Damon Roberts+). Under Review.

“Government Messaging and Separatist Movements.” (with Trevor Kamena+). Under review.

“Anxiety and big brother: the role of emotions in attitudes toward big data technologies.” (with Kimberly Gardner+ and Eric Lindquist). Under review.

“Assessing the effect of corrective information on estimates of police and protester violence: Evidence from a survey experiment.” (with James Fahey+, Peter Licari, LaRaven Temoney+). Under review.

“Principled or Partisan? The Effect of Cancel Culture Framings on Support for Free Speech.” (with Damon Roberts+ and James Fahey+). Under review.

“Contemporary Social Welfare Policies and Racial Attitudes Among Whites: Positive White or Anti-Black Evaluations?.” (with Damon Roberts+ and Drew Engelhardt). Under review.

“Indigenous Inclusion and Ethics in Political Science.” (with Melanie Fillmore+). Under review.

In Preparation

“Can Natural Disaster Have a ‘Rally-Round-the-Flag’ Effect? The Consequences of Nepal’s 2015 Earthquake on System Support” (with Margaret Boittin and Cecilia H. Mo). Working paper.

“To Cover Yourself in (Old) Glory: Political and Psycho-ideological Determinants of Normative Desecration of the American Flag.” (with Jasmine Platt+). Working paper.

“Does Increased Mobilization and Descriptive Representation Intensify Partisanship Over Election Campaigns? Evidence from 3 US Elections.” (with Kristin Michelitch). Working paper.

“Dehumanization of Immigrants in the United Kingdom.” (with Neil Visalvanich). Working paper.

“Opening the Floodgates? How Dehumanization Influences Support for Refugees.” (with Shantal Marshall). In progress.

“Anger, Fear and Conspiratorial Beliefs.” (with Rachel Navarre and Matt Rhodes-Purdy). In progress.

“Measuring Cultural Discontent.” (with Rachel Navarre and Matt Rhodes-Purdy). In progress.

“Framing Syllabus Late Policy Requirements.” (with Ashley Orme Nichols+). In progress.

“Racialization of COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake and Distribution.” (with Amy Holly+). In progress.

“Zero-Sum Thinking/Framing and Populist Attitudes.” (with Matt Rhodes-Purdy and James Fahey+). In progress.

“The ‘Democrat’ Party: Consequences of Linguistic Choices.” In progress.

“Attitudes towards White Privilege.” (with Nick Davis). In progress.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Fowler, Luke and **Stephen M. Utych**. 2020. “Who is Most Likely to Voluntarily Comply with COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations?” *The Blue Review*: Boise State University. April 3.

Fry, Sara W. and **Stephen M. Utych**. 2020. “Whip the Hutu or We Will Whip You.” *The Spiral of Injustice: Words Have Weight*. Wassmuth Center for Human Rights: Boise, ID: 34-42.

Utych, Stephen M. 2018. “Rethinking reporting on polls in time for midterm elections.” *The Conversation*: May 14.

Utych, Stephen M. 2018. “Study Explores how Dehumanizing Language Influences Attitudes toward Immigrants.” *Open Forest*: February 28.

Utych, Stephen M. 2017. “How Dehumanization Influences Attitudes toward Immigrants.” *The Blue Review*: Boise State University. August 21.

Utych, Stephen M., Dylan Mikesell and Matthew J. Kohn. 2017. “BOISE STATE STUDY SHOWS DISCREPENCIES IN WHITE HOUSE PETITION SIGNATURES.” Boise State University Press Release. May 5.

Utych, Stephen M. 2017. “As Donald Trump has shown, words matter in how voters make political decisions.” USAPP – American Politics and Policy: London School of Economics. March 23.

Engelhardt, Andrew and **Stephen M. Utych**. 2017. “The Gridiron or the Ballot Box: Partisan discrimination in apolitical settings.” *The Blue Review*: Boise State University. January 16.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2022: Four Corners Political Psychology Conference (Arizona State University)

2021: Idaho Library Association

2020: University of Idaho (cancelled), Idaho Humanities Council

2019: WPSA Immigration Pre-Conference (UC San Diego)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association: 2015, 2016, 2020, 2021

International Society of Political Psychology: 2012

Midwest Political Science Association: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (cancelled), 2021

Pacific Northwest Political Science Association: 2019, 2020

Southern Political Science Association: 2015

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

External

- Research Grant. Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences short study program. Project: “Cancel Culture for Friends, Consequence Culture for Enemies: The Effects of Ideological Congruence on Perceptions of Free Speech”. (2000 respondents). 2021. (Co-PIs: James Fahey, Damon Roberts)
- Research Grant. Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences short study program. Project: “The ‘Democrat’ Party: Consequences (or lack thereof) of Linguistic Choices”. (2000 respondents). 2021.
- APSA Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$250). 2014.
- John Sullivan Award for Best Paper Presented by a Graduate Student. APSA Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Section. 2015.

Internal

- Research Grants. School of Public Service Research Committee, Boise State University. (\$31,268). 2017-2020.
- Grant Proposal Development Fellow. School of Public Service. Boise State University. (\$5,000). 2017-2018.
- “Making Good Courses Great” Grant. Boise State University. (with Michael Allen, Lori Hausegger, Jeff Lyons and Brian Wampler). (\$11,000). 2016.
- Humanities and Social Science Dissertation Fellowship. Vanderbilt University Graduate School (\$22,200). 2014-2015
- Erwin Hargrove Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Vanderbilt University Department of Political Science. 2014.
- Grant for Experimental Research. Research on Individuals, Politics, and Society Lab (\$2,500). 2014.
- Dissertation Enhancement Grant. Vanderbilt University Graduate School (\$2,000). 2014.
- Vanderbilt Department of Political Science Travel Grant (\$1,000). 2013-2015.
- Political Science Statistics Fellow. Vanderbilt University Department of Political Science. 2012-2013.
- Best Graduate Student Conference Paper Award. Vanderbilt University Department of Political Science. 2012.
- Travel Grant. Vanderbilt University Graduate School. (\$2,000). 2012-2015.

COURSES TAUGHT

Boise State University

Undergraduate

- Introduction to Politics
- Current Events in American Politics
- Introduction to Political Inquiry
- Advanced Political Science Methods (online and in-person)
- Political Psychology
- Political Communication
- Race and Ethnicity in American Politics
- Undergraduate Research Independent Study

Graduate

- Quantitative Research Methodology
- Experimental Methods
- Introduction to Philosophical Inquiry
- Survey Research Methods
- Graduate Research Independent Study

Workshops

- Experiments in Social Science
- Exit Polling
- Designing Internet Surveys

Vanderbilt University (as teaching assistant)

- Intro to American Government
- First Year Writing Seminar
- Public Policy Research Seminar
- Maximum Likelihood Estimation (graduate level)
- Mathematics for Social Scientists (graduate level)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Editorial Board Member.
 - *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 2021-Present.
- Discussant. Junior Americanist Workshop Series. 2020.
- Panelist. “How to use Experiments in Political Science.” 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- Discussant/Chair.
 - Midwest Political Science Association: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
 - American Political Science Association: 2016, 2020, 2021
- Member: American Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association.
- Reviewer: *Aggressive Behavior*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Journal of Preventative Medicine*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Electoral Studies*; *Frontiers in Political Science*; *Health Policy Open*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; National Science Foundation; *New Media and Society*; *PLOS ONE*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Geography*; *Political Psychology*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Political Studies Review*; *Politics, Groups and Identities*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Review of Public Personnel Administration*; *Social Psychological and Personality Science*; *The Social Science Journal*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Theory & Psychology*; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2021. Chair. Comprehensive Exam Grading Committee. PhD in Public Policy and Administration. Boise State University.
- 2020-Present. Voting Member. Graduate Council. Boise State University.
- 2019-Present. Faculty Advisor. Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society. Boise State University.
- 2017-Present. Director. Boise State School of Public Service Virtual Experimental Lab.
- 2017-Present. Program Director. Political Communication Minor, Boise State University.
- 2016-Present. Study Personnel. Treasure Valley Policy Survey, Boise State University.
- 2016-2020. School of Public Service Research Committee, Boise State University.
 - 2016-2018. Co-Chair.
 - 2018-2020. Member.
- 2016-2019. School of Public Service Curriculum Committee, Boise State University.
 - 2016-2017; 2018-2019. Chair.
 - 2017-2018. Member.
- 2016-2017. Voting Member. University Curriculum Committee, Boise State University.
- 2015-Present. Study Personnel. Idaho Poll, Boise State University.
- 2016-Present. Faculty Search Committees, School of Public Service, Boise State University (Criminal Justice and Political Science).
- 2015. Member. American Politics Curriculum Committee, Boise State University.
- 2011-2012. Co-Chair. Political Science Graduate Association, Vanderbilt University.
- 2010-2011; 2013-2014. Coordinator. George Graham Memorial Research Symposium, Vanderbilt University.
- 2009-2014. Faculty Advisor / Instructor. *Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature*. Vanderbilt University.

STUDENTS ADVISED

Chair

Ph.D.

Briana Krebs, Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration (in progress)

Kathleen Mullen, Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration (in progress)

Sasha O'Connell, Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration (in progress)

Ashley Orme Nichols, Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration (in progress)

Jasmine Platt, Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration (co-chair with Ana-Maria Dimand, in progress)

Masters

Derrick Hill, M.A. in Political Science (Completion: Spring 2017)

Taylor Kaserman, M.A. in Political Science (Completion: Spring 2018)

Matt Reiber, M.A. in Political Science (Completion: Spring 2019)

Committee Member

M.A. in Political Science (completed): Nico Diaz, Melanie Fillmore, Patrick Hughes, Qadir Khan, Savannah Renslow, Cassandra Solmons, Hannah Sharp, Eddie Stokes

Ph.D. in Public Administration (completed): Carson Howell, Jack Marr, Joel Vallett, Michael Wallner

M.S. in Civil Engineering (completed): Mariah Fowler

M.A. in Political Science (in progress): Brian Gould, Erik Person

Ph.D. in Public Administration (in progress): Kym Couch, Kathy Hurley, Lauren Golden, Alexandra McCann, Sunny Wallace

REFERENCES

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