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## academic position

Bucknell University  
Department of Political Science  
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2022-

University of Houston  
Department of Political Science  
Lecturer, 2021

## education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Houston, 2020  
Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology

M.P.P., University of Chicago, 2013  
Concentration: Policy analysis, Econometrics  
\* Dean's Scholarship

## dissertation

Consequences of Conspiracy Theories  
Committee: Scott Basinger (Supervisor), Scott Clifford, Elizabeth Simas, Adam Enders

## publications

Yongkwang Kim. 2019. "How Conspiracy Theories Can Stimulate Political Engagement."  
*Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*

"An Improved Question Format for Measuring Conspiracy Beliefs." 2020.  
*Public Opinion Quarterly* (with Scott Clifford and Brian Sullivan)

## research interests

Political misinformation and conspiracy theories, information environments and elite cues, rumor spread, political engagement

## working papers/ works in progress

The Effects of Conspiracy Theories on Policy Stances  
Voting machine conspiracy: Election integrity, information seeking and sharing  
The Life Span of Government Conspiracy Theories: Is Belief in Conspiracy Theories Steadfast or Fluid?  
Misperception, Ignorance, and Partisan Ambivalence (with Scott Basinger)  
Estimating the Effects of Believing Conspiracy Theories (with Scott Basinger)

reviewer

Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Electoral Studies, Political Research Quarterly, Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review, International Journal of Press/Politics, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, SN Social Sciences

teaching  
interests

**Substantive:** American Government, Public Opinion, Political Psychology, Electoral Behavior, Political misinformation, Political Communication

**Methodological:** Introductory statistics, Research design, Regression, Maximum likelihood estimation, Experimental design, Survey methods

teaching  
experience

***Instructor of Record***

**Bucknell University**

POLS 140 American Politics: Section 3 (Fall 2022)

POLS 140 American Politics: Section 4 (Fall 2022)

POLS 140 American Politics: Section 5 (Fall 2022)

POLS 290 Political Misinformation and Conspiracy Theories (Spring 2023)

POLS 296 Quantitative Methods: Section 1 (Spring 2023)

POLS 296 Quantitative Methods: Section 2 (Spring 2023)

**University of Houston**

POLS 3312 Research Methods in Political Science

(Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2018)

POLS 3316 Statistics for Political Analysis (Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019)

***Laboratory Instructor***

**University of Houston**

POLS 6481 Quantitative Methods II (**Graduate**, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

***Graduate Teaching Assistantships***

**University of Houston**

POLS 6482 Maximum Likelihood Estimation (**Graduate**, Fall 2018, assistant to Prof. Jennifer Hayes Clark)

POLS 6481 Quantitative Methods II (**Graduate**, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, assistant to Prof. Scott Basinger)

POLS 3316 Statistics for Political Analysis (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, assistant to Prof. Scott Basinger)

POLS 3318 Introduction to Public Policy (Spring 2019, assistant to Prof. Michelle Belco)

POLS 3365 Public Opinion (Spring 2015, assistant to Prof. Kent Tedin)

POLS 1336 Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2017)

conference  
presentations

Estimating the Effects of Believing Conspiracy Theories (with Scott Basinger)  
The 117th American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, October 2021.

The Effects of Conspiracy Theories on Policy Stances

University of Miami Conspiracy Theory Conference, Miami, FL, 2020.

\*Invited oral presentation. Unable to deliver, meeting canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak.

Voting machine conspiracy: Election integrity, information seeking and sharing

The 77th Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2019.

The Life Span of Government Conspiracy Theories: Is Belief in Conspiracy Theories Steadfast or Fluid?

The 89th Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.

Misperception, Ignorance, and Partisan Ambivalence (with Scott Basinger)

The 89th Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.

Conspiracist Ideation: Government vs. Business

The 113th American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. August 2017.

Does Exposure to Conspiracy Theories Mobilize or Demobilize Voters?

The 75th Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2017.

The Effect of Conspiracy: Demobilizing or Mobilizing?

The 88th Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2017.

service to the  
profession

Staff: POLMETH XXXIII Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, Rice University (2016)

service to the  
university

Doctoral Student Representative: Committee on Dissertation Accelerator Pilot Program (2019)

additional training

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, Houston (2015, 2016, 2017)

technical skills

STATA, R, Qualtrics, Tableau, Prezi

references

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