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Academic appointments

Professor of Government Dartmouth College	2016–2018, 2019–
Adjunct Research Professor Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan	2019–2020
Professor of Public Policy Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan	2018–2019
Faculty Associate Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research	2018–2019
Professor (by courtesy) School of Information, University of Michigan	2019
Assistant Professor of Government Dartmouth College	2011–2016
Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research University of Michigan	2009–2011

Education

Ph.D., Political Science Duke University	2009
M.A., Political Science Duke University	2005
B.A. with High Honors, Political Science Swarthmore College	2000

Peer-reviewed publications

[“Exposure to Untrustworthy Websites in the 2016 U.S. Election.”](#) Forthcoming, *Nature Human Behaviour*. (with Andrew Guess and Jason Reifler)

[“Real Solutions for Fake News? Measuring the Effectiveness of General Warnings and Fact-Check Banners in Reducing Belief in False Stories on Social Media.”](#) Forthcoming, *Political Behavior*. (with the students in my 2017 Experiments in Politics seminar at Dartmouth)

[“Taking Fact-Checks Literally But Not Seriously? The Effects of Journalistic Fact-Checking on](#)

[Factual Beliefs and Candidate Favorability.](#)” Forthcoming, *Political Behavior*. (with Ethan Porter, Jason Reifler, and Thomas J. Wood)

[“Treatment Versus Punishment: Understanding Racial Inequalities in Drug Policy.”](#) 2020. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 45(2): 177–209. (with Jin Woo Kim and Evan Morgan)

[“The Effects of Corrective Information about Epidemics: Evidence from Zika and Yellow Fever in Brazil.”](#) 2020. *Science Advances* 6(5). (with John Carey, Victoria Chi, D.J. Flynn, and Thomas Zeitzoff)

[“ ‘Fake news’ may have limited effects beyond increasing beliefs in false claims.”](#) 2020. *Misinformation Review* 1(1). (with Andrew M. Guess, Dominique Lockett, Benjamin Lyons, Jacob M. Montgomery, and Jason Reifler)

[“A consensus-based transparency checklist.”](#) 2020. *Nature Human Behaviour* 4: 4–6. (with 65 co-authors)

[“Searching for a Bright Line: The First Year of the Trump Presidency.”](#) 2019. *Perspectives on Politics* 17(3): 699–718. (with John M. Carey, Gretchen Helmke, Mitchell Sanders, and Susan C. Stokes)

[“Counting the Pinocchios: The Effect of Summary Fact-Checking Data on Perceived Accuracy and Favorability of Politicians.”](#) 2019. *Research & Politics* July–September 2019: 1–10. (with the students in my 2016 Experiments in Politics seminar at Dartmouth)

[“The Role of Information Deficits and Identity Threat in the Prevalence of Misperceptions.”](#) 2019. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* 29(2): 222–244. (with Jason Reifler)
-Finalist, 2015 Prize in Public Interest Communications Research, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications

[“Conspiracy and Misperception Belief in the Middle East and North Africa.”](#) 2018. *Journal of Politics* 80(4): 1400–1404. (with Thomas Zeitzoff)

[“How Conditioning on Posttreatment Variables Can Ruin Your Experiment and What to Do About It.”](#) 2018. *American Journal of Political Science* 62(3): 760–775. (with Jacob Montgomery and Michelle Torres)

-One of the twenty most downloaded articles published in the journal from 2017–2018; featured in a [2019 virtual issue](#) of twenty highly-cited articles from the journal.

[“Fighting the Past: Perceptions of Control, Historical Misperceptions, and Corrective Information in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.”](#) 2018. *Political Psychology* 39(3): 611–631. (with Thomas Zeitzoff)

[“The Science of Fake News.”](#) 2018. *Science* 359(6380): 1094–1096. (with David M. J. Lazer, Matthew A. Baum, Yochai Benkler, Adam J. Berinsky, Kelly M. Greenhill, Filippo Menczer, Miriam J. Metzger, Gordon Pennycook, David Rothschild, Michael Schudson, Steven A. Sloman, Cass R. Sunstein, Emily A. Thorson, Duncan J. Watts, and Jonathan L. Zittrain)

“Revisiting White Backlash: Does Race Affect Death Penalty Opinion?” 2018. *Research & Politics*. (with Ryden Butler, Jacob Montgomery, and Michelle Torres)

“Redefine Statistical Significance.” 2018. *Nature Human Behaviour* 2(1): 6–10. (with 71 co-authors)

“Critical Dynamics in Population Vaccinating Behavior.” 2017. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 114(52): 13762–13767. (with A. Demetri Pananos, Thomas Bury, Clara Wang, S.P. Mohanty, Marcel Salathé, and Chris T. Bauch)

“The Effects of Congressional Staff Networks in the U.S. House of Representatives.” 2017. *Journal of Politics* 79(3): 745–761. (with Jacob Montgomery)

“Differential Registration Bias in Voter File Data: A Sensitivity Analysis Approach.” 2017. *American Journal of Political Science* 61(3): 744–760. (with Chris Skovron and Rocío Titunik)

“Media Scandals Are Political Events: How contextual factors affect public controversies over alleged misconduct by U.S. governors.” 2017. *Political Research Quarterly* 70(1): 223–236.

“The Nature and Origins of Misperceptions: Understanding False and Unsupported Beliefs about Politics.” 2017. *Advances in Political Psychology* 38(S1): 127–150. (with D.J. Flynn and Jason Reifler)

-One of the twenty most downloaded articles published in the journal from 2017–2018; featured in a 2019 virtual issue of twenty highly-cited articles from the journal.

“Classified or Coverup? The Effect of Redactions on Conspiracy Theory Beliefs.” 2016. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 3: 109–123. (with the students in my 2014 Experiments in Politics seminar at Dartmouth)

“An Inflated View of the Facts? How Preferences and Predispositions Shape Conspiracy Beliefs about the Deflategate Scandal.” 2016. *Research & Politics*. (with John Carey, Benjamin Valentino, and Mingnan Liu)

“Does Public Financing Affect Judicial Behavior? Evidence from the North Carolina Supreme Court.” 2016. *American Politics Research* 44(4): 587–617. (with Morgan Hazelton and Jacob Montgomery)

“Understanding Innovations in Journalistic Practice: A Field Experiment Examining Motivations for Fact-Checking.” 2016. *Journal of Communication* 66(1): 102–138. (with Lucas Graves and Jason Reifler)

“Displacing Misinformation about Events: An Experimental Test of Causal Corrections.” 2015. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2(1): 81–93. (with Jason Reifler)

“The Effect of Fact-checking on Elites: A Field Experiment on U.S. State Legislators.” 2015. *American Journal of Political Science* 59(3): 628–640. (with Jason Reifler)

“Connecting the Candidates: Consultant Networks and the Diffusion of Campaign Strategy in

[American Congressional Elections.](#)” 2015. *American Journal of Political Science* 59(2): 292–308. (with Jacob Montgomery)

-Winner, Political Ties Award for best published article on political networks, APSA Political Networks section (2015)

[“Scandal Potential: How Political Context and News Congestion Affect the President’s Vulnerability to Media Scandal.”](#) 2015. *British Journal of Political Science* 45(2): 435–466.

[“Does Correcting Myths about the Flu Vaccine Work? An Experimental Evaluation of the Effects of Corrective Information.”](#) 2015. *Vaccine* 33(3): 459–464. (with Jason Reifler)

[“Effective Messages in Vaccine Promotion: A Randomized Trial.”](#) 2014. *Pediatrics* 133(4): e835–e842. (with Jason Reifler, Sean Richey, and Gary Freed)

[“Beliefs Don’t Always Persevere: How Political Figures Are Punished When Positive Information about Them Is Discredited.”](#) 2013. *Political Psychology* 34(3): 307–326. (with Michael Cobb and Jason Reifler)

[“The Hazards of Correcting Myths about Health Care Reform.”](#) 2013. *Medical Care* 51(2):127–132. (with Jason Reifler and Peter Ubel; lead article with [accompanying editorial](#) by Aaron E. Carroll)

[“The Role of Social Networks in Influenza Vaccine Attitudes and Intentions Among College Students in the Southeastern United States.”](#) 2012. *Journal of Adolescent Health* 51(3): 302–304. (with Jason Reifler and Sean Richey)

[“One Vote Out of Step? The Effects of Salient Roll Call Votes in the 2010 Election.”](#) 2012. *American Politics Research* 40(5): 844–879. (with Eric McGhee, John Sides, Seth Masket, and Steven Greene)

[“The Limited Effects of Testimony on Political Persuasion.”](#) 2011. *Public Choice* 148(3–4): 283–312.

[“The ‘Unfriending’ Problem: The Consequences of Homophily in Friendship Retention for Causal Estimates of Social Influence.”](#) 2011. *Social Networks* 33(3): 211–218. (with Hans Noel)

[“When Corrections Fail: The Persistence of Political Misperceptions.”](#) 2010. *Political Behavior* 32(2): 303–330. (with Jason Reifler)

-One of the ten most cited articles in [the top 20 political science journals](#) 2010–2015 and the most-cited article in *Political Behavior* 2009–2014 and 2010–2015 (Google Scholar)

[“Bayesian Model Averaging: Theoretical Developments and Practical Applications.”](#) 2010. *Political Analysis* 18(2): 245–270. (with Jacob Montgomery)

Other publications

[“National News, Local Lens? Findings from the 2019 Poynter Media Trust Survey.”](#) The Poynter Institute. 2019. (with Andrew Guess and Jason Reifler)

- “Why Fears of Fake News Are Overhyped.” Medium. 2019.
- “Fake news, Facebook ads, and misperceptions: Assessing information quality in the 2018 U.S. midterm election campaign.” Public report. (with Andrew Guess, Benjamin Lyons, Jacob Montgomery, and Jason Reifler)
- “All Media Trust Is Local? Findings from the 2018 Poynter Media Trust Survey.” The Poynter Institute. 2018. (with Andrew Guess and Jason Reifler)
- “Social Media, Political Polarization, and Political Disinformation: A Review of the Scientific Literature.” Hewlett Foundation. 2018. (with Joshua Tucker, Andrew Guess, Pablo Barbera, Cristian Vaccari, Alexandra Siegel, Sergey Sanovich, and Denis Stukal)
- “Avoiding the Echo Chamber About Echo Chambers: Why Selective Exposure To Like-Minded Political News Is Less Prevalent Than You Think.” The Knight Foundation. 2018. (with Andrew Guess, Benjamin Lyons, and Jason Reifler)
- “You’re Fake News! The 2017 Poynter Media Trust Survey.” The Poynter Institute. 2017. (with Andrew Guess and Jason Reifler)
- “A Checklist Manifesto for Peer Review.” 2016. *The Political Methodologist* 23(1): 4–6.
- “Increasing the Credibility of Political Science Research: A Proposal for Journal Reforms.” 2015. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 48(S1): 78–83.
- “APSA as Amplifier: How to Encourage and Promote Public Voices within Political Science.” 2015. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 48(S1): 90–93. (with John Sides and Joshua A. Tucker)
- “Estimating Fact-checking’s Effects: Evidence from a long-term experiment during campaign 2014.” 2015. American Press Institute. (with Jason Reifler)
- “The Diffusion of Fact-checking: Understanding the growth of a journalistic innovation.” 2015. American Press Institute. (with Lucas Graves and Jason Reifler)
- “Which Corrections Work? Research Results and Practice Recommendations.” 2013. New America Foundation Media Policy Initiative Research Paper. (with Jason Reifler)
- “The Effects of Fact-checking Threat: Results From a Field Experiment in the States.” 2013. New America Foundation Media Policy Initiative Research Paper. (with Jason Reifler)
- “Does the US Media Have a Liberal Bias? A Discussion of Tim Groseclose’s *Left Turn: How Liberal Media Bias Distorts the American Mind*.” 2012. *Perspectives on Politics* 10(3): 767–771.
- “Misinformation and Fact-checking: Research Findings from Social Science.” 2012. New America Foundation Media Policy Initiative Research Paper. (with Jason Reifler)
- “How Political Science Can Help Journalism (and Still Let Journalists Be Journalists).” 2011. *The Forum* 9(1). (with John Sides)

“Why the ‘Death Panel’ Myth Wouldn’t Die: Misinformation in the Health Care Reform Debate.” 2010. *The Forum* 8(1).

“Party and Constituency in the U.S. Senate, 1933–2004.” 2008. In *Why Not Parties?*, Nathan W. Monroe, Jason M. Roberts, and David Rohde, eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (with John Aldrich, Michael Brady, Scott de Marchi, Ian McDonald, David Rohde, and Michael Tofias)

All the President’s Spin: George W. Bush, the Media and the Truth. 2004. New York: Touchstone. (with Ben Fritz and Bryan Keefe)

-*New York Times* bestseller, September 5, 2004

-One of the top ten political books of 2004, Amazon.com, November 10, 2004

Grants

Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning (\$7,000) 2018, 2020
GOVT 83: Experiments in Politics

National Science Foundation (with GL Ciampaglia, A Flammini, F Menczer; \$150,000) 2019–2021
“Advances in Socio-Algorithmic Information Diversity”

Russell Sage Foundation (with A Guess, J Reifler, R Robertson, C Wilson; \$172,057) 2019–2020
“Assessing Algorithmic and Human Selective Exposure to Political Information”

Anti-Defamation League (with A Guess, J Reifler, R Robertson, and C Wilson; \$50,000) 2019–2020
“Exposure to Hateful and Conspiratorial Content on YouTube”

Facebook Integrity Foundational Research Award (with Lerner, Reifler, Sircar; \$100,000) 2019
“Evaluating the Effectiveness of WhatsApp Fact-Checking in India”

Carnegie Corporation of New York (\$200,000) 2018–2019
“Increasing media trust and countering misinformation in the era of ‘fake news’ ”

Democracy Fund (with John Carey, Gretchen Helmke, and Susan Stokes; \$90,000) 2018–2020
Bright Line Watch general support

Democracy Fund (with A. Guess, B. Lyons, J. Montgomery, and J. Reifler; \$82,070) 2018
Support to YouGov for midterm election research on Facebook ads and fake news

Hewlett Foundation (with John Carey, Gretchen Helmke, and Susan Stokes, \$167,721) 2017–2020
Bright Line Watch general support

The Newmark Philanthropies (with Andrew Guess and Jason Reifler, \$82,500) 2017–2019
Support for the 2017, 2018, and 2019 Poynter Media Trust Surveys

National Academy of Sciences (with DJ Flynn, B. Ahrens, C. Finley, S. Levine, \$37,500) 2017–2019
“Evaluating New Approaches to Promoting Vaccination”

Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College (with Andrew Guess & Jason Reifler, \$14,800) 2017–2018

“Governing in the era of ‘fake news’ ”

Democracy Fund (with John Carey, Gretchen Helmke, and Susan Stokes, \$90,000) Bright Line Watch general support	2017–2018
Kempf Memorial Fund (with John Carey, Gretchen Helmke, and Susan Stokes, \$15,000) Support for Bright Line Watch conference at Yale University	2017
Dartmouth College Undergraduate Advising and Research (\$17,500) GOVT 83: Experiments in Politics	2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017
National Science Foundation (with J. Carey, V. Chi, D.J. Flynn, and T. Zeitzoff, \$56,732) “RAPID: The Prevalence and Causes of Conspiracy Beliefs about Disease Outbreaks”	2016
Dickey Center (with John Carey, Victoria Chi, D.J. Flynn, and Thomas Zeitzoff, \$3,500) “The Prevalence and Causes of Conspiracy Belief about Disease Outbreaks”	2016
John and Laura Arnold Foundation (co-PI with Arthur Lupia, \$155,020) Election Research Preacceptance Competition grant to the Center for Political Studies	2016
Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College (with Thomas Zeitzoff, \$14,800) “The Causes and Consequences of Historical Misperceptions in Intergroup Conflict”	2015–2016
John Sloan Dickey Center at Dartmouth College (with Thomas Zeitzoff, \$3,500) “Lack of Control and Historical Misperceptions”	2014–2015
Democracy Fund/American Press Institute (with Jason Reifler, \$193,000) Research to improve political factchecking	2014–2015
Center on the American Governor (\$4,500) “Governors and the Politics of Scandal”	2013–2014
Democracy Fund/New America Foundation (with Jason Reifler, \$82,600) “Countering Misinformation and Strengthening Online Discourse”	2012–2013
Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College (with Marit Rehavi, \$7,360) “Political Influence on Public Corruption Prosecutions”	2012–2013
Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (with Jason Reifler, survey time) “Race and the Obama Muslim Myth”	2012
University of Michigan RWJ Scholars Programs (with Reifler, Richey, and Freed, \$23,000) “Information processing about the MMR vaccine”	2011
Duke Undergraduate Research Support (\$1,000) PS 199AS: Experimental analysis of the 2008 election	2008
Duke Interdisciplinary Initiative in Social Psychology (\$500)	2008

PS 199AS: Experimental analysis of the 2008 election

Dirksen Congressional Center (with Michael Tofias, \$3,465) 2007
 “Parties and Leaders in the Congressional Network”

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (survey time) 2005
 “An Experimental Test of Verification Threats in Political Debate”

Honors and awards

Belfer Fellow (Anti-Defamation League) 2019

Andrew Carnegie Fellow (Carnegie Corporation of New York) 2018

Emerging Scholar Award for the top scholar in the field who is within 10 years of Ph.D. 2017
 (APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior section)

Paul Lazarsfeld Award for the best political communication paper at the previous year’s 2017
 annual meeting (APSA Political Communication section; with Jason Reifler)

Melville and Leila Straus 1960 Faculty Fellowship (Dartmouth College) 2016

Karen E. Wetterhahn Memorial Award for Distinguished Creative or Scholarly Achievement 2016
 (Dartmouth College)

Political Ties Award for best published article (APSA Political Networks section) 2015

Junior Faculty Fellowship (Dartmouth College) 2014

Walter and Constance Burke Junior Faculty Research Grant (Dartmouth College) 2011, 2014

Invited visitor, Young Scholars Forum (North Carolina State University) 2010

Bass Advanced Instructorship in the Arts & Sciences (Duke University) 2008–2009

Summer Research Fellowship (Duke University) 2007

Fellow, Program for Advanced Research in Social Science (Duke University) 2006–2007

Fellow, Public Institutions and Political Choice Program (Duke University) 2005–2009

James B. Duke Fellowship (Duke University) 2003–2007

Work in progress

“Tipping the Scales? Testing for Political Influence on Public Corruption Prosecutions” (with Marit Rehavi) [R&R at *American Law and Economics Review*]

[“More Accurate, But No Less Polarized: Comparing the Factual Beliefs of Government Officials and the Public”](#) (with Nathan Lee, Jason Reifler, and D.J. Flynn) [R&R at *British Journal of Political Science*]

[“Who Will Defend Democracy? Evaluating Tradeoffs in Candidate Support Among Partisan Donors and Voters”](#) (with John Carey, Katherine Clayton, Gretchen Helmke, Mitchell Sanders, and Susan Stokes) [under review]

[“Do People Actually Learn From Fact-Checking? Evidence from a Longitudinal Study During the 2014 Campaign”](#) (with Jason Reifler)

-Winner, Paul Lazarsfeld Award for best political communication paper at the previous year’s annual meeting, APSA Political Communication section (2017)

Scholarly reviews and reference articles

[Review](#) of Milton Lodge and Charles S. Taber, *The Rationalizing Voter* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013). 2014. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(S1): 365–367.

“Bush, George W.” and “Miller, Warren.” 2008. *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. Ed. William A. Darity, Jr. Detroit: Macmillan Reference. Vol. 5 (2nd ed.): 180–181, 399–400.

[Review](#) of Thráinn Eggertsson, *Imperfect Institutions: Possibilities and Limits of Reform* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2005). 2006. *Public Choice* 129: 239–241.

Political writing

Contributor to [The Upshot](#) at *The New York Times* (March 2014–) and [GEN](#) (January 2019–) and former [media critic](#) for *Columbia Journalism Review* (November 2011–February 2014) and cross-posted blogger for [HuffPost Pollster](#) and *Washington Monthly*. Wrote [New York Times op-ed](#) on misperceptions about health care reform, [Politico op-ed](#) on state fact-checking with Jason Reifler, and [Boston Review article](#) on 2010 election with Eric McGhee and John Sides.

Previously co-editor of [Spinsanity](#), a non-partisan watchdog of political spin (2001–2004) featured in [Salon.com](#) (2002) and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (2004). Co-author of *All the President’s Spin*, a *New York Times* bestseller that was [named](#) one of Amazon.com’s top 10 political books of 2004. Articles for Spinsanity were widely cited in leading outlets including *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and CNN. Received an Award of Distinction in the 2003 Paul Mongerson Prize for Investigative Reporting on News Coverage from the Center on Media and Public Affairs.

Invited speaker

Selected presentations and panels:

-“The Challenge of Vaccine Myths: Recommendations for Practice,” Northern New England Travel Medicine Symposium, Meredith, NH, November 22, 2019.

-“Digital media literacy intervention reduces belief in false news,” Comparative Approaches to Disinformation conference, Harvard University, October 4, 2019.

-“Understanding and stopping misinformation in India: Survey and experimental evidence,” Integrity Research Academic Workshop, Facebook HQ, June 27, 2019.

-“Who Will Defend Democracy? Public opinion in the United States,” Boundaries of Democracy

- conference, University of Chicago, June 1, 2019.
- “Can digital literacy save us from fake news? Evidence from the 2018 U.S. midterm elections,” Stanford University Graduate School of Business, May 28, 2019.
 - “Strengthening the Science of Vaccine Communication: Lessons Learned from a Research-Practice Partnership,” Arthur M. Sackler Colloquium on the Science of Science Communication, National Academy of Sciences, April 3, 2019.
 - “The Science Behind Practices for Correcting Misinformation,” Arthur M. Sackler Colloquium on the Science of Science Communication, National Academy of Sciences, April 3, 2019.
 - “Fake News in the 2016 and 2018 Campaigns: Prevalence, Detection, and Effects,” Dreher Family Lecture, Center for Ethics and Human Values, The Ohio State University, March 7, 2019.
 - “The Consumers of Fake News: Evidence From the 2016 and 2018 Campaigns,” American Association for the Advancement of Science annual conference, February 15, 2019.
 - “Treatment versus Punishment: Understanding Policy Responses to Drug Epidemics,” The Politics of the Opioid Epidemic conference, Taubman Center at Brown University, February 1, 2019.
 - “Can Digital Literacy Save Us from Fake News?”, UW-Madison Election Research Center Election Symposium, December 7, 2018.
 - “Selective Exposure to Misinformation: Evidence from the consumption of fake news during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign,” Walker Ames Lecture, University of Washington, November 14, 2018.
 - “Selective Exposure to Misinformation,” Credibility on the Web Workshop keynote address, Google NYC, October 9, 2018.
 - “The Challenge of False Beliefs: Understanding and Countering Misperceptions in Politics and Beyond,” Anti-Defamation League, October 9, 2018.
 - “Selective Exposure to Misinformation: Evidence from the consumption of fake news during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign,” Harvard Kennedy School, Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy, April 23, 2018.
 - “Selective Exposure to Misinformation: Evidence from the consumption of fake news during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign,” Cornell University, April 19, 2018.
 - “Selective Exposure to Misinformation: Evidence from the consumption of fake news during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign,” University of Chicago Theory and Models Workshop, April 4, 2018.
 - “Selective Exposure to Misinformation: Evidence from the consumption of fake news during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign,” American University Politics of Truth conference, March 28, 2018.
 - “Selective Exposure to Misinformation: Evidence from the consumption of fake news during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign,” Harvard University Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior, February 2, 2018.
 - “Why Facts and Science Don’t Always Change People’s Minds,” The Albright Institute, Wellesley College, January 11, 2018.
 - “ ‘You’re Fake News!’ Findings from the Poynter Media Trust Survey,” Poynter Journalism Ethics summit on “The Press & the President: Trust and Media in a New Era,” National Public Radio headquarters, Washington DC, December 4, 2017.
 - “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” University of California Santa Barbara, December 1, 2017.
 - “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” Center on Democracy, Development and The Rule of Law, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, November 30, 2017.
 - “Evaluating New Approaches to Promoting Vaccination,” Arthur M. Sackler Colloquium on the

Science of Science Communication, National Academy of Sciences, November 17, 2017.

- “Echo Chambers and the Challenges of Communicating in the 21st Century,” The Vaccine Confidence Meeting, Emory University, August 15, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fake News in Election 2016,” virtual panel on “Fake News Inoculation and Enhanced Population Resilience: A Defense of Democracy Project Perspective,” US Department of Defense Strategic Multilayer Assessment program, June 19, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” Center for the Study of American Politics, Yale University, June 2, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” Talks at Google, Google Cambridge, May 12, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” The OCLC/Frederick G. Kilgour Lecture, Conference on “What Should We Be Worried About? Information and Media in the Trump Era,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 31, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” The Margolis Lecture on Digital Citizenship, University of Cincinnati, March 20, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” Stony Brook University, March 8, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” New York Institute for the Humanities, New York University, March 3, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” Conference on “Combating Fake News: An Agenda for Research and Action,” Harvard University Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy and Northeastern University, February 17, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” Jacob Marschak Interdisciplinary Colloquium On Mathematics In The Behavioral Sciences, UCLA, February 7, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” Conference on “Fact-Checking: What happened in 2016; finding our way in 2017,” National Press Club, Washington, DC, January 31, 2017.
- “Factual Echo Chambers? Fact-checking and Fake News in Election 2016,” Boston University, January 27, 2017.
- Discussant for “Communicating Science Effectively: A Research Agenda,” National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, January 10, 2017.
- “Taking Corrections Literally But Not Seriously? The Effects of Information on Factual Beliefs and Candidate Favorability,” 2016 Post-Election Conference, Wesleyan Media Project, Wesleyan University, December 5, 2016.
- “The Prevalence and Causes of Conspiracy Belief about Disease Outbreaks,” EGAP18 conference, Yale University, October 15, 2016.
- “Why Facts and Science Don’t Always Change People’s Minds,” Pediatric Hospital Medicine 2016 conference keynote plenary, Chicago, IL, July 29, 2016.
- “The Challenge of False Beliefs: Understanding and countering misperceptions in politics and health care,” Exploring Determinants of Public Trust in Science, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, June 27, 2016.
- “[The Challenge of False Beliefs: Understanding and countering misperceptions in politics and health care](#),” How We Can Improve Health Science Communication conference, University of Michigan, June 17, 2016.
- “The Science of Fact-checking in a Polarized Age,” Behavioral Exchange conference, Harvard Kennedy School, June 8, 2016.
- “The Challenge of Vaccine Myths: Recommendations for Practice,” Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology-New England, Springfield, MA, April 28, 2016.

- “Do People Actually Learn From Fact-Checking? Evidence from a longitudinal study during the 2014 campaign,” University of Connecticut, April 20, 2016.
- “The Science of Fact-checking in a Polarized Age,” Political Analytics Conference, Harvard University, April 1, 2016.
- “Assessing the Efficacy of Public Communication on Vaccines,” University of Michigan, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research program, December 10, 2015.
- “The Challenge of Vaccine Myths: Recommendations for Practice,” Vermont Immunization and Infectious Disease Conference, November 12, 2015.
- “From WMDs to the vaccine-autism myth: Understanding misperceptions in politics and health care,” Ideas42, New York City, NY, October 20, 2015.
- “Why Facts and Science Don’t Always Change People’s Minds,” Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Population Health Improvement, National Academy of Sciences, September 30, 2015.
- “Countering Myths About Vaccines: Are Facts the Answer?,” Iowa State University Nanovaccine Initiative Seminar, September 17, 2015.
- “Congressional Staff and the Extended Party Network in the U.S. House of Representatives,” PIPC 20th anniversary conference, Duke University, May 16, 2015.
- “Countering Myths About Vaccines: Are Facts the Answer?,” Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting topic symposium, April 25, 2015.
- “The Challenge of Vaccine Myths: Recommendations for Practice,” Cambridge Health Alliance and Mount Auburn Hospital Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, April 2, 2015.
- “The Challenge of Vaccine Myths: Recommendations for Practice,” NH Immunization Conference, Concord, NH, March 25, 2015.
- “Classified or Coverup? The effect of redactions on conspiracy theory beliefs,” University of Miami Conspiracy Theory Conference, March 13, 2015.
- “From WMDs to the vaccine-autism myth: Understanding misperceptions in politics and health care,” University of Florida Clinical and Translational Science Institute, February 27, 2015.
- “The Psychology of False Beliefs,” FRANK Conference on Public Interest Communication, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications, February 26, 2015.
- “Why ‘Myth-Busting’ (Usually) Doesn’t Work,” FRANK Conference on Public Interest Communication, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications, February 26, 2015.
- “The Challenge of Health Care Misperceptions,” PATH conference on myths and misperceptions about contraception, Washington, DC, February 10, 2015.
- “The Challenge of Health Care Misperceptions,” Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Pediatrics Grand Rounds, January 28, 2015.
- “The Challenge of Vaccine Myths: Recommendations for Practice,” Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Infectious Disease Clinical Conference, January 13, 2015.
- “From Death Panels to the Vaccine-Autism Myth: The Challenge of Health Care Misconceptions,” Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University, December 9, 2014.
- “Blank Slates or Closed Minds? The role of information deficits and identity threat in the prevalence of misperceptions,” Manship School Political Communication Research Group 2014 Mini-Conference keynote speaker, Louisiana State University, November 14, 2014.
- “From WMDs to vaccines and GMOs: Understanding misperceptions in politics and science,” Dartmouth College Department of Biology, Cramer Series Seminar, November 7, 2014.
- “The Challenge of Denial: Why People Refuse to Accept Unwelcome Facts,” Clark University/Worcester State University conference on “Manufacturing Denial and the Assault on Scholarship and Truth” keynote address, October 24, 2014.
- “The Challenge of Vaccine Myths: Recommendations for Practice,” Massachusetts Immunization Action Partnership (MIAP) Pediatric Immunization Skills Building Conference morning keynote

address, October 23, 2014.

-“From Death Panels to the Vaccine-Autism Myth: The Challenge of Health Care Misperceptions,” Dartmouth College Back to Class public lecture, October 17, 2014.

-“From Death Panels to the Vaccine-Autism Myth: The Challenge of Health Care Misperceptions,” Autumn in New England Otolaryngology Update, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, October 5, 2014.

-“Beliefs, Facts, and Vaccination,” Fondation Mérieux conference on “From package to protection — how do we close global coverage gaps to optimise the impact of vaccination?” closing lecture, September 24, 2014.

-“The Challenge of Health Care Misperceptions,” Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Primary Care Grand Rounds, September 19, 2014.

-“Vaccine Myths and Health Conspiracy Theories: Research from Social Science,” American College of Medical Toxicology Grand Rounds Webinar, August 12, 2014.

-“Effective Messages in Vaccine Promotion: A Randomized Trial,” Association of Immunization Managers Best Practice Webinar, June 17, 2014.

-“Effective Messages in Vaccine Promotion: A Randomized Trial.” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Childhood Immunization Communication Partner Call, April 29, 2014.

-“Tipping the Scales? Testing for Political Influence on Public Corruption Prosecutions,” Ohio State University, March 19, 2014.

-“[How to Keep Misinformation from Spreading](#),” Poynter Institute News University webinar, November 21, 2013.

-“[‘Vibrations’ versus data: What media coverage gets wrong about presidential elections](#),” DeWitt Wallace Center for Media & Democracy, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, November 5, 2013.

-“The Politics of Scandal: Why do some scandals break and others fade away?,” Northeastern University Department of Communication Studies, October 21, 2013.

-“Tipping the Scales? Testing for Political Influence on Public Corruption Prosecutions,” MIT American Politics conference, September 20, 2013.

-“Which Messages are Effective in Vaccine Promotion? A Randomized Survey Experiment,” New York City Coalition for Immunization Initiatives, June 14, 2013.

-“The Effect of Fact-checking on Elites: A field experiment on state legislators,” Duke University, March 20, 2013.

-“Who Does Government Work For?,” Scholar Strategy Network of the Research Triangle, Duke University, March 20, 2013.

-“Challenges for the fact-checking movement: 2013–”, 2016 Roundtable on Media and Journalism, New America Foundation, March 5, 2013.

-“Misinformation and the 2012 Campaign,” Wesleyan Media Project conference, Wesleyan University, November 30, 2012.

-“[What Now? Post-Election Opportunities & Challenges](#),” Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College, November 8, 2012.

-“Unconventional Wisdom about Election 2012: What the Media Get Wrong About Presidential Campaigns,” Amherst LEADS, Amherst College, October 29, 2012.

-“The Challenge of Political and Health Misperceptions,” Northeast Epidemiology Conference, October 4, 2012.

-“[How Can Journalists Increase the Likelihood That the Facts Will Win Out?](#),” National Press Club, Sept. 26, 2012.

-“[Truthiness in Digital Media](#),” Berkman Center for Internet and Society and MIT Center for Civic Media, Harvard University, March 6, 2012.

- “Vaccines, Vaccine Policy, and Public Distrust,” The Dartmouth Center for Health Care Delivery Science seminar, January 25, 2012.
- “Misinformation and Corrections: Research findings from social science,” New America Foundation, December 14, 2011.
- “[The Challenge of Political Misperceptions](#),” University of Minnesota, December 8, 2011.
- “Scandal Potential: How political and media context affect the president’s vulnerability to allegations of misconduct,” Washington University in St. Louis, December 3, 2011.
- “The Challenge of Political Misperceptions,” AARP Michigan Thought Leader Forum, Jackson, MI, March 29, 2011.
- “Opening the Political Mind? The effects of self-affirmation and graphical information on factual misperceptions,” Michigan State University, March 25, 2011.
- “Scandal Potential: How political and media context affect the president’s vulnerability to allegations of misconduct,” Université de Montréal, March 9, 2011.
- “[Who Decides? Democracy and Divide](#),” Illinois Humanities Council, January 27, 2011.
- “[Misperceptions About Politics and Health Care: Can they be corrected?](#)”, Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, Michigan State University, December 8, 2010.
- “Beliefs Don’t Always Persevere: How political figures are punished when positive information about them is discredited,” North Carolina State University, November 19, 2010.
- “Barack Obama and the 2010 Election: What Political Science Can Teach Us,” North Carolina State University, November 16, 2010.
- “The Challenge of Political Misperceptions,” Dartmouth College, October 15, 2010.
- “Correcting Misperceptions About Health Care Reform,” Patient Decision Making Group, Center for Behavioral and Decision Sciences in Medicine, University of Michigan, February 1, 2010.
- “Two Degrees of Bob Dornan: The scandal allegation network in Congress,” Triangle Political Methodology Group, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 5, 2009.
- “The 2008 Election and the Muslim Vote,” Duke University, October 17, 2008.
- “[Mass Communication for the Masses](#),” Dartmouth College, April 19, 2007.
- “Why Are Misperceptions About Iraq So Persistent?,” American Politics Research Group, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, January 20, 2006.
- “Re-establishing Trust in the Media,” Fuqua School of Business Conference on Leadership, Duke University, October 20, 2004. Broadcast on WUNC Public Radio.

Professional activities

Conference presentations:

- Midwest Political Science Association (2006–2008, 2010–2011, 2013–2014, 2016–2019)
- American Political Science Association (2005, 2007–2011, 2013–2017)
- Pediatric Hospital Medicine (2016)
- Political Networks Conference (2010, 2016)
- Pediatric Academic Societies (2015)
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2012)
- RWJ Scholars in Health Policy Research (2010–2011)
- Society for Political Methodology (2007–2008, 2010)
- Southern Political Science Association (2006)

External service:

- Member, Editorial Board, *Misinformation Review* (2020–)
- Member, Disinformation Committee, *Social Science One* (2018–)

- Chair, APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior section, Emerging Scholar Award committee (2018)
- Co-founder, Bright Line Watch (2017–)
- Invited member, Experiments in Governance and Politics (2016–)
- Co-PI, Election Research Preacceptance Competition (2016)
- Program co-chair, Political Networks Conference, APSA Political Networks section (2016)
- Member, APSA Political Psychology section, Best Paper Award committee (2015–2016)
- Member, APSA Political Networks section, Political Ties Award for Best Published Article committee (2015–2016)
- Invited guest, American National Election Studies board meeting (2015)
- Section head, Electoral Campaigns, Midwest Political Science Association (2015)
- Board of Advisers, “Database Research for Computational Journalism,” Jun Yang (PI), Duke University (2014–)
- Member, [Registered Reports steering committee](#) (2014–2017)
- Member, [APSA Task Force on Public Engagement](#) (2013–2014)
- Member, APSA Political Networks section, Best Conference Paper Committee (2013–2015)
- Member, Research Impact Advisory Council, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program (2012–2014)
- Member, George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award Committee, Presidents and Executive Politics section, American Political Science Association (2012–2013)
- Co-section head, Political Networks, Midwest Political Science Association (2011)
- Panel organizer (APSA 2007, MPSA 2011)
- Referee for *Academic Pediatrics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *American Sociological Review*, *Big Data*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Communication Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Election Law Journal*, *Expert Review of Vaccines*, *Health Affairs*, *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics*, *Implementation Science*, *Information, Communication, and Society*, *International Journal of Communication*, *International Journal of Forecasting*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *International Organization*, *JAMA Pediatrics*, *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*, *Journal of Communication*, *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, *Journal of Magazine & New Media Research*, *Journal of Media Economics*, *Journal of Media Psychology*, *Journal of Political Marketing*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, *Journalism Practice*, *Journalism Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Mass Communication and Society*, National Science Board, National Science Foundation, *Nature Climate Change*, *Pediatrics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *PLOS One*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Politics & Policy*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Studies Review*, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, *Polity*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*, *Public Choice*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Research and Politics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Royal Society Open Science*, Russell Sage Foundation, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Statistics in Medicine*, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences, *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, *Vaccine*, and *World Politics*

-Peer reviews (last five years): 42 in 2015, 38 in 2016, 51 in 2017, 32 in 2018, 35 in 2019

Dartmouth service:

- Steering Committee, Program in Quantitative Social Science (2016–2018, 2019–)
- Member, Committee on Student Life (2016–2019)
- Chair, American politics faculty search (2017)
- Speaker, Dartmouth ISTS speaker series (2017)
- Moderator, Dartmouth Ethics Institute panel (2017)
- Speaker, Dartmouth Dimensions (2017)
- Moderator, Dickey Center Global Health Initiative conference panel (2017)
- Speaker, Dartmouth Political Times panel (2017)
- Speaker, Dickey Center Global Health Initiative (2017)
- Speaker, Tri-Kappa Society (2017)
- Organizer, Dartmouth Experiments Conference (2016)
- Speaker, Thayer Board of Overseers dinner (2016)
- Moderator, Mediating a New Cold War in the Digital Age conference panel (2016)
- Panelist, OSHER@Dartmouth panel on Election 2016 (2016)
- Speaker, First-Year Trips Lodge dinner (2015, 2016)
- Interviewer, Montgomery Endowment events for Hendrik Hertzberg (2015, 2016)
- Speaker, The Dartmouth Institute's Health Policy Fellows (2016)
- Speaker, Dartmouth Bioethics Group (2015, 2016)
- Sigma Phi Epsilon faculty fellow/guest speaker (2014–)
- First-year group advising (2013–2014) and first-year student adviser (2013, 2015–)
- Co-coordinator, [Dartmouth Interdisciplinary Network Research Group](#) (2012–2016)
 - Funding support from the Neukom Institute, the Office of the Provost, and a gift in support of the Quantitative Social Sciences at Dartmouth
- Speaker, Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning New Faculty Orientation (2012)
- Speaker, Dartmouth Library/DCAL Librarian Active Learning Institute (2012)
- Writing in the Disciplines committee member/fellow (2012)

University of Michigan service:

- Member, Behavioral Scientist Initiative Visioning Committee (2018–2019)
- Member, B.A. program committee, Ford School of Public Policy (2018–2019)
- Member, political science faculty search committee, Ford School of Public Policy (2018–2019)

Teaching experience

- [Political Misinformation and Conspiracy Theories](#) (Dartmouth College, University of Michigan)
- [Experiments in Politics](#) (Dartmouth College, Duke University)
- [The Presidency](#) (Dartmouth College, Duke University)
- [Quantitative Political Analysis](#) (Dartmouth College)

Previous experience

Marketing and fundraising consultant, [The Benetech Initiative](#) (2001–2003)

Deputy Communications Director, Bernstein for US Senate, Nevada (2000)