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Appointments

2019 - Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, University of Utah
2017-19 Research Fellow, Department of Politics, University of Exeter
2016-17 Martin Fishbein Postdoctoral Fellow, Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania

AFFILIATIONS

2023 - Member, Cancer Control Population Sciences, Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah
2016 - Associate, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at University of Canberra

Education

2016 *PhD*, Mass Communication, Southern Illinois University
Dissertation: *Unbiasing Information Search and Processing through Personal and Social Identity Mechanisms*.
• Top Paper, Intergroup Communication, ICA, 2017
2013 *MA*, Media Theory and Research, Southern Illinois University
2010 *BA*, Psychology & English-Writing, *summa cum laude*, Illinois College

Publications & talks

BOOK

Stöckel, F., Stöckli, S., **Lyons, BA.**, Kroker, H., & Reifler, J. *The Power of the Crowd: How the Public Can Both Spoil and Improve Social Media as a Source of Information*. Book manuscript under contract with *Cambridge Elements* (Experimental Political Science Series).

JOURNAL ARTICLES (41)

2023 **Lyons, BA.** (2023). "How orientations to expertise condition acceptance of misinformation and corrections." Accepted to special issue of *Current Opinion in Psychology*. (Invited)

Stoeckel, F., Stöckli, S., Ceka, B., **Lyons, BA.**, Reifler, J. (2023). "The double-edged sword of user comments: Social corrections reduce the perceived accuracy of both false and real news in the UK, Germany, and Italy." Accepted to *Communications Psychology*

Lyons, BA. (2023). "Older Americans are more vulnerable to prior exposure effects in news evaluation." *Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*. doi:10.37016/mr-2020-118 [Data]

Lyons, BA., Mérola, V., Reifler, J., Spälti, A., Stoeckel, F., Stednitz, C. (2023). "When experts matter: Variations in consensus messaging for vaccine and GMO safety." *Public Understanding of Science*. doi:10.1177/09636625231188594 [Pre-reg + data]

Schmierbach, M., Andsager, J., Banning, S., Chung, M., **Lyons, BA.**, McLeod, DM., Meirick, PC, Pan, Z., Rojas, H. Sun, Y. (2023). "Another Point of View: Scholarly Responses to the State of Third-Person Research." *Mass Communication & Society*. doi:10.1080/15205436.2023.2193512 (Invited).

Spälti, A., **Lyons, BA.**, Stoeckel, F., Szwach, P., Mérola, V., Stednitz, C., López González, P.,* Reifler, J. (2023). "Partisanship and anti-elite worldviews as correlates of science and health beliefs in the multi-party system of Spain." *Public Understanding of Science*. doi:10.1177/09636625231154131 [Pre-reg + data]

Thompson, J., Spälti, A., Barnfield, M., Stöckli, S., Phillips, J., Stoeckel, F., **Lyons, BA.**, Mérola, V., Szwach, P., Reifler, J. (2023). "Vaccine attributes and vaccine uptake in Hungary: Evidence from a conjoint experiment." *European Journal of Public Health*. doi:10.1093/eurpub/ckado43/7099642. [Pre-reg + data]

Stoeckel, F., Thompson, J., Szwach, P., Stöckli, S., Barnfield, M., Phillips, J., **Lyons, BA.**, Mérola, V., Reifler, J. (2023). "Correlates of support for international vaccine solidarity during the COVID-19 pandemic: Cross-sectional survey evidence

from Germany.” *PLoS ONE*. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0287257. [Pre-reg + data]

Stoeckel, F., Thompson, J., Merola, V., Szewach, P., **Lyons, BA**, & Reifler, J. (2023). “Public Misperceptions of European Integration: A Comparative Study of Six EU Member States.” *European Union Politics*. doi:10.1177/14651165231193 [Data]

2022

Lyons, BA. (2022). “Why We Should Rethink the Third Person Effect: Disentangling Bias and Earned Confidence Using Behavioral Data.” *Journal of Communication*. doi:10.1093/joc/jqac021 [Pre-reg + data]

Lyons, BA, & Workman, K.* (2022). “Explicit voter fraud conspiracy cues increase belief among co-partisans but have broader spillover effects on confidence in elections” *Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*, 3(3). doi:10.37016/mr-2020-99 [*Undergrad]. [Pre-reg + data]

Lyons, BA. (2022). “Insidiously Trivial: Meme Format Reduces Perceived Influence and Intent to Debate Partisan Claims” *Media and Communication*, 10(3). doi:10.17645/mac.v10i3.5388 [Data]

Stoeckel, F., Carter, C., **Lyons, BA**, & Reifler, J. (2022). “The Politics of Vaccine Hesitancy in Europe.” *European Journal of Public Health*, 32(4): 636–642, doi:10.1093/eurpub/ckaco41.

Stoeckel, F., Stöckli, S., Spälti, A., Phillips, J., **Lyons, BA**, Mérola, V., Reifler, J., Szewach, P. (2022). “Stamping the vaccine passport? Public support for lifting COVID-19 related restrictions for vaccinated citizens in Germany, France, and Sweden.” *Vaccine* 40(38): 5615–5620. doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2022.08.009. [Data]

Spälti, A., Stöckli, S., Phillips, J., Stoeckel, F., Reifler, J., **Lyons, B**, Mérola, V., & Szewach, P. (2022). “Which vaccine attributes foster vaccine uptake? A cross-country conjoint experiment.” *PLoS ONE*, 17(5): e0266003. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0266003 [Pre-reg + data]

2021

Lyons, BA, Montgomery, J., Guess, A., Nyhan, B., & Reifler, J. (2021). “Overconfidence in News Judgements is Associated with Susceptibility to False News.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(23). doi:10.1073/pnas.2019527118 [Pre-reg + data]

• Coverage (selected): *The Guardian*. *Snopes*. *CNN*. *The Independent*. *New York Daily News*. *Ars Technica*. *CNN* (2).

Stoeckel, F., Carter, C., **Lyons, BA**, & Reifler, J. (2021). “Association of vaccine hesitancy and immunization coverage rates in the European Union.” *Vaccine*, 39(29): 3945–3949. doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2021.05.062

Stoeckel, F., **Lyons, BA**, & Reifler, J. (2021). “Public Misperceptions of European Integration in the U.K.” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*. doi:10.1080/17457289.2021.1945612

Berlinski, N.,* Doyle, M.,* Guess, A., Levy, G.,* **Lyons, BA**, Montgomery, J., Nyhan, B., & Reifler, J. (2021). “The Effects of Unsubstantiated Claims of Voter Fraud on Confidence in Elections.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. doi:10.1017/XPS.2021.18 [*Undergrad] [Pre-reg + data]

• Coverage: *CNN*. *The Atlantic*. *ProPublica*. *The Guardian*.

Spälti, A., **Lyons, BA**, Mérola, V., Reifler, J., Stednitz, C., Stoeckel, F., & Szewach, P. (2021). “Partisanship and public opinion of COVID-19: Does emphasizing Trump and his administration’s response to the pandemic affect public opinion about the coronavirus?” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, 31:sup1, 145–154. doi:10.1080/17457289.2021.1924749. [Pre-reg + data]

Lyons BA, Farhart, C., Hall, M., Kotcher, J., Levendusky, M., Miller, J., Nyhan, B., Raimi, K., Reifler, J., Saunders, K., Skytte, R., & Zhao, X. (2021). “Self-Affirmation and Identity-Driven Political Behavior” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 1–15. doi:10.1017/XPS.2020.46 [Data]

• Recipient of the Rebecca Morton Best Article Award for the best article published in *JEPS* in 2022.

2020

Guess, A., Lerner, M., **Lyons, BA**, Montgomery, J., Nyhan, B., & Reifler, J., Sircar, N. (2020). “A digital media literacy intervention increases discernment between mainstream and false news in the United States and India.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(27): 15536–15545. doi:10.1073/pnas.1920498117. [equal co-authors] [Pre-reg+ data]

• Awarded “Honorable Mention” for APSA Political Communication section Walter Lippmann award for “Best article published in the field of political communication in the previous calendar year.”

• Coverage: *Consumer Reports* (1, 2). *Ars Technica*. *Hindustan Times*. *Nieman Lab*. *Healthline*. *The Conversation*. *Der Spiegel*. *The New York Times*.

Lyons, BA, Merola, VM, Reifler, J., & Stoeckel, F. (2020). “How politics shape views toward fact-checking: Evidence from Six European countries.” *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 25(3). doi:10.1177/1940161220921732. [Data]

• Coverage: *Thompson Reuters*. *The Independent*. *Nieman Lab*.

Lyons, BA, Merola, V., & Reifler, J. (2020). “Shifting medical guidelines: Compliance and spillover effects for revised antibiotic recommendations.” *Social Science & Medicine*, 255. doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.112943. [Pre-reg + data]

- Hasell, A, **Lyons, BA**, Tallapragada, M, & Jamieson, KH. (2020) “Improving GM consensus acceptance through reduced reactance and climate change-based message targeting.” *Environmental Communication*, 4(7): 987-1003. doi:10.1080/17524032.2020.1746377. [Data]
- Guess, A, Lockett, D, **Lyons, BA**, Montgomery, J, Nyhan, B, & Reifler, J. (2020). “Fake news” may have limited effects beyond increasing beliefs in false claims.” *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*, 1(1). doi:10.37016/mr-2020-004. [Data]
- Coverage: *The Washington Post*. *Lawfare*.
- Lyons, BA**, McKay, A, & Reifler, J. (2020). “High-status lobbyists are most likely to overrate their success.” *Nature Human Behaviour*, 4(2): 153-159. doi:10.1038/s41562-019-0761-9. [Data]
- Coverage: *National Affairs*.
- Lyons, BA**, Akin, H., & Stroud, T. (2020). “Proximity (mis)perception: Public awareness of nuclear, refinery, and fracking sites.” *Risk Analysis*, 40(2): 385-398. doi:10.1111/risa.13387. [Data]
- 2019 **Lyons, BA**. (2019). “Discussion Network Activation: An Expanded Approach to Selective Exposure.” *Media and Communication*, 7(3): 32-41. doi:10.17645/mac.v7i3.2112. [Pre-reg + data]
- Lyons, BA**, Hasell, A, Tallapragada, M., & Jamieson, KH. (2019). “How Conversion Messages Change Attitudes: Strong Arguments, Not Costly Signals.” *Public Understanding of Science* 28(3): 320–338. doi:10.1177/0963662518821017. [Data]
- Coverage: *Scientific American*. *The Skeptical Inquirer*. *Wissenschaftskommunikation.de*. *Genetic Literacy Project*.
- Lyons, BA**, Merola, V & Reifler, J. (2018). “Not Just Asking Questions: Effects of Implicit and Explicit Conspiracy Information about Vaccines and Genetic Modification.” *Health Communication*, 34(14): 1741-1750. doi: 10.1080/10410236.2018.1530526. [Pre-reg + data]
- Coverage: *Psychology Today*.
- 2018 **Lyons, BA**. (2018). “Reducing Group Alignment in Factual Disputes? The Limited Effects of Social Identity Interventions.” *Science Communication*, 40(6): 789–807. doi:10.1177/1075547018804826. [Data]
- Lyons, BA**, Hasell, A. & Stroud, T. (2018). “Enduring Extremes? Polar Vortex, Drought, and Climate Change Beliefs.” *Environmental Communication*, 12(7): 876-894. doi:10.1080/17524032.2018.1520735. [Data]
- Coverage: *Reuters*. *NPR*. *El País* (1, 2). *Pacific Standard*. *Huffington Post*.
- Lyons, BA**. (2018). “When Readers Believe Journalists: Effects of Adjudication in Varied Dispute Contexts.” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 30(4): 583–606. doi:10.1093/ijpor/edx013
- Coverage: *Wired [UK]*.
- 2017 **Lyons, BA**. (2017). “From Code to Discourse: Social Media and Linkage Mechanisms in Deliberative Systems,” *Journal of Public Deliberation* 13(1): 4. doi:10.16997/jdd.270
- Veenstra, AS, **Lyons, BA**, & Degim, A. (2017) “Intraparty Hostility: Social Identity, Sub-Identity, and the Hostile Media Effect in a Contested Primary,” *Journal of Political Marketing*, 16(3-4): 365-385. doi:10.1080/15377857.2017.1334255
- Reprinted in C. Williams (ed.), *Social Media, Political Marketing & the 2016 U.S. Election*, Routledge, 2018.
- 2016 **Lyons, BA**, & Veenstra, AS. (2016). “How (Not) to Talk on Twitter: Effects of Politicians’ Tweets on Perceptions of the Twitter Environment,” *Cyberpsychology, Behavior & Social Networking* 19(1): 8-15. doi:10.1089/cyber.2015.0319
- Coverage: *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*.
- Veenstra, AS, **Lyons, BA**, & Fowler-Dawson, A. (2016). “Conservatism vs. Conservatism: Counteractive Influences of Social Affiliation on Beliefs About Fracking,” *Environmental Communication*, 10(3): 322-336. doi:10.1080/17524032.2015.1127851.
- 2015 **Lyons, BA**. (2015). “Is Online Citizen News Really Alternative? A Multiplatform Analysis of BP Oil Spill Coverage,” *Web Journal of Mass Communication Research*, 49. http://wjmc.org/vol49.
- Veenstra, AS, Park, CS, **Lyons, BA**, Kang, CY, & Iyer, N. (2015). “Intramedium Interaction and the Third-Person Effect: How Partisans Respond to YouTube Ads and Comments,” *CyberPsychology, Behavior & Social Networking*, 18(7): 406-410. doi:10.1089/cyber.2014.0588.
- 2014 Veenstra, AS, Hossain, MD, & **Lyons, BA**. (2014). “Partisan Media and Discussion as Enhancers of the Belief Gap,” *Mass Communication & Society*, 17(6): 874-897. doi:10.1080/15205436.2013.855791.
- Coverage: *National Affairs*.

CHAPTERS, REPORTS, ETC. (6)

- 2020 **Lyons, BA**, Merola, V. & Reifler, J. (2020). “How bad is the fake news problem? The effect of baseline information in public perceptions,” in: Greifeneder, R., Jaffé, M., Newman, E., Schwarz, N. (eds.) *The psychology of fake news: Accepting, sharing, and correcting misinformation*. London, UK: Routledge. doi:10.4324/9780429295379-3.
- Guess, A & **Lyons, BA** (2020). “Disinformation, Misinformation and Online Propaganda,” in: N Persily & J Tucker (eds.), *Social Media and Democracy: The State of the Field*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2019 Guess, A, **Lyons, BA**, Montgomery, J, Nyhan, B, & Reifler, J. (2019). “Fake news, Facebook ads, and misperceptions: Assessing information quality in the 2018 U.S. midterm election campaign.” Democracy Fund report.
- Coverage: *Scientific American*. *The Atlantic*. *Los Angeles Times*. *Facebook*. *Columbia Journalism Review*. *The Verge*. *Washington Post*.
- 2018 Guess, A, **Lyons, BA**, Nyhan, B, & Reifler, J. (2018). “Avoiding the Echo Chamber about Echo Chambers: Why Selective Exposure to Like-Minded Political News Is Less Prevalent Than You Think.” Knight Foundation report.
- Coverage: *The Washington Post*. *Lawfare*. *Nieman Lab* (1, 2). *FiveThirtyEight* (1, 2). *Christian Science Monitor*. *The Conversation*. *The Verge*. *Reason*. *New York Times*.
- Veenstra, AS, **Lyons, BA**, Sapienza, Z, & Kang, CS. (2018). “Social Identities and the Illinois Pension Problem: Roles of Politics, Geography, and Media.” *Illinois Municipal Policy Journal*, 3(1), 97-116.
- 2015 Veenstra, AS, Iyer, N, Xie, W, **Lyons, BA**, Park, CS, & Feng, Y. (2015). “Come Together, Right Now: Retweeting in the Social Model of Protest Mobilization,” in N Rambukkana (ed.), *Hashtag Publics: The Power and Politics of Networked Discourse Communities*. New York: Peter Lang.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Barnfield, M., Stöckli, S., Spälti, A., Phillips, J., Stoeckel, F., Thompson, J., **Lyons, BA**, Mérola, V., Szewach, P., Reifler, J. “The Limited Effect of Moral Framing on Vaccine Uptake: An Online Experiment in the Context of COVID-19.” Revise and Resubmit to *Collabra: Psychology*.

Voelkel, JG, Stagnaro, MN, Chu, J [...] **Lyons, BA** [...] Willer, R. “Megastudy identifying successful interventions to strengthen Americans’ democratic attitudes” (2023). [Pre-reg] Invited to revise and resubmit to *Science*.

- Coverage: *MSNBC*. *Sinclair National Desk*. *C-SPAN*. *Tech Policy Press*. *Fox News*. *NPR*. *Washington Post*. *The Atlantic*. *The Hill*. *Deseret News*. *Washington Post* (2). *St. Louis Post Dispatch*. *The Hill* (2). *New York Times*.

Lyons, BA, Montgomery, J, Reifler, J. “Explaining older Americans’ vulnerability to dubious news: Partisanship, not illiteracy.” Revise and resubmit to *Public Opinion Quarterly*

Lyons, BA. (with the students of COMM 5820). “The effects of narrative and statistical messaging about the health impacts of air quality.” Revise and resubmit to *Communication Research Reports*.

Barnfield, M., Stoeckel, F., Phillips, J., Stöckli, S., Thompson, J., Mérola, V., Szewach, P., **Lyons, BA**, Reifler, J. “Forecasts Can Both Improve and Harm the Accuracy and Precision of Expectations.” Under review.

Altay, S*, **Lyons, BA***, Modirrousta-Galian, A. “Exposure to Higher Rates of False News Erodes Media Trust and Fuels Skepticism in News Judgment” [equal co-authors] Under review.

Lyons, BA, & Hasell, A. “Communicating Republicans’ level of support for climate policy briefly increases personal support in the United States.” Under review.

GRANT ACTIVITY

Funded

- 2023 Co-I (w/ A. King & K. Kaphingst). “Identifying and mitigating hereditary cancer risk misinformation in English and Spanish.” University of Utah. Huntsman Cancer Institute, Cancer Center Support Grant, P30CA042014. \$29,750.
- 2022 PI (w/ A. Hasell), “Can Increasing Perceptions of Public Support for Climate Policy Have Lasting Effects on Personal Support?” Annenberg Public Policy Center Alumni Grant. \$10,000.
- 2022 Co-I (PI: L. Fazio) “Large collaborative project to compare misinformation interventions.” The Mercury Project. \$477,916.
- Co-I. (PI: F. Stoeckel) “Distrust, Conspiracies, and the Political Challenges of Coping with COVID-19.” British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant. £9,995.
- 2021 PI, “How Voters React to Implicit and Explicit Conspiracy Cues.” U of Utah College of Humanities Seed Grant. \$23,500.
- 2018 Co-PI (w/ A. Guess, J. Montgomery, B. Nyhan and J. Reifler) Democracy Fund. Support to YouGov for [midterm election research on Facebook ads and fake news](#). \$82,070.
- 2016 Co-I (PI: J. Reifler) ERC Consolidator Grant: “Debunker: The Problem of European Misperceptions in Politics, Health, and Science: Causes, Consequences, and the Search for Solutions.” approx \$2,189,616/£1,498,917.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 *Social Media: Principles and Applications*, by Pavica Sheldon. [Reviewed](#) in *New Media & Society*, 19(5): 799-800.
- 2014 *Social Media in Disaster Response: How Experience Architects Can Build for Participation*, by Liza Potts. [Reviewed](#) in *New Media & Society*, 16(7): 1191-1193.

COMMENTARY (SELECTED)

- 2020 “We need universal digital ad transparency now.” (2020, Oct. 16) *TechCrunch*.
- 2018 “Avoiding the Echo Chamber about Echo Chambers.” (2018, Feb. 13) *Medium*.
- “Why People Believe in Conspiracy Theories.” (2018, Feb. 13) *Economic and Social Research Council*.
- 2015 “Using a Rumor Site to Investigate Scientific Fraud.” (2015, June 22). *Poynter*.
- “Human Nature and Science Journalism” (2015). *Gateway Journalism Review* 45 (338): 10-11
- “Facebook v. Science?” (2015). *GJR* 44 (337): 14
- “Ebola Reminds Us Perception Is Reality.” (2015). *GJR* 44 (336): 12-13
- 2014 “Should Journalists Be Responsible for Reporting Bad Science?” (2014) *GJR* 44 (335): 12-13.
- GJR author archive: <http://gatewayjr.org/author/benlyons/>

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Annenberg Public Policy Center Speaker Series.
Edna Anderson-Taylor Communication Institute.
- 2019 Association for Psychological Science. Invited symposium.
U. of Illinois at Springfield.
- 2018 Oxford Martin School at the U. of Oxford.
- 2017 London School of Economics.
- 2016 Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at U. of Canberra.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- ICA: 2023; 2022; 2021, 2020 (3), 2019, 2018, 2017 (2), 2014 (3), 2013 (2)
- MAPOR: 2019, 2018 (2), 2015, 2014 (2), 2013 (2), 2011
- MPSA: 2020, 2019, 2018 (2), 2016 (2)
- AEJMC: 2016, 2015, 2014 (2)
- APSA: 2019, 2018 (2), 2016
- AAPOR: 2016 (3), 2012
- SPSP: 2020
- APS: 2019
- AAAS: 2018
- APLS: 2015
- APHA: 2014

Awards

TOP PAPER AWARDS AND OTHER RESEARCH PRIZES

- 2023 Rebecca Morton Best Article Award. *Best article published in Journal of Experimental Political Science*. (Lead author)
- 2022 Strengthening Democracy Challenge ([one of three interventions that significantly reduced anti-democratic attitudes, support for political violence, and partisan animosity](#)) \$6,153 award (Sole author)
- 2021 Honorable Mention, APSA Political Communication Section Walter Lippmann Best Published Article Award. (Co-lead)
- 2018 Center for Open Science. [Preregistration Challenge Prize](#), \$1,000 (Lead author)
- 2017 ICA. Top Paper. Intergroup Communication Interest Group. (Sole author)
- 2014 ICA. Top 4 Student Paper. Philosophy, Theory & Critique Division. (Sole author)
- 2014 NCA. Top Paper. Spiritual Communication Division. (Lead author)

FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- 2023 Distinguished Junior Scholar Award. APSA Political Psychology Section
- 2021 Rising Star in the Humanities. University of Utah
- 2015-16 Doctoral Fellowship. Southern Illinois University
- 2011-13 PROMPT Fellowship. *Awarded to students from families that have traditionally not had access to higher education with unique contributions to make to the discipline.*
- 2007 Illinois College Rammelkamp Scholar Award. *School's highest academic honor.*

Teaching

COURSES TAUGHT

- Utah
- Persuasion & Political Communication, COMM 5200.
- S2021. F2021. S2023. ~ 30-35 students
- Strategic Comm Theory & Practice, COMM 2580.
- F2019, S2020. ~ 100-150 students
- Designing Experiments in Science Communication, COMM 5820 (Capstone).
- S2022. ~ 15 students
- PR Cases & Campaigns, COMM 5850 (Capstone).
- S2020. F2020. S2021. F2021. S2023. ~ 30-35 students
- Science & Risk Communication, COMM 7260 (Graduate).
- F2020. ~ 10 students
- Media Effects, COMM 7560 (Graduate).
- F2023. ~ 5-10 students
- Quant. Methods Special Topics: Research Design, COMM 7800 (Graduate).
- S2022. ~ 5-10 students
- Exeter
- Digital Media and Politics, POL2087.
- S2019. ~ 20 students
- American Politics, POL2047.
- S2018. ~ 190 students

ASSISTANTSHIPS

- SIU
- Writing for the Media, JRNL 201: F2014
Sports, Media, & Society, RTD 321: S2013, F2013

ADVISING

- Henry Allen - MA committee member (2022-23)
Laurie Simmons - MA committee member (PMST, 2021-22)
Sam O'Neill - UG dissertation chair (University of Exeter 2017-18)

Relevant experience

- 2014-15 Managing Editor, *Gateway Journalism Review*
2010-11 Reporter; Staff Writer, *The Jacksonville Source*

Service & public engagement

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (UTAH)

- 2019-2022 Student Media Council

DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE (COMM/HUMANITIES AT UTAH)

- 2023-24 Humanities Scholars Faculty Mentor
2023-24 Search committee, assistant professor of emerging media and technology
2022-24 Graduate committee
2021-22 Search committee, assistant professor of science communication
2020-22 College executive committee
2019-21 Undergraduate committee

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AAAS, AEJMC, APLS, APSA, ICA, MAPOR, MPSA, SPSP.

REVIEWING | [PUBLONS PEER REVIEW PROFILE](#) | 131 REVIEWS OF 98 MANUSCRIPTS

Editorial boards: *The Social Science Journal* (2018-). *International Communication Research Journal* (2019-)

Ad hoc reviewing:

- Science
- Nature Human Behaviour, 4
- Nature Communications, 4
- Nature Climate Change, 2
- Science Advances, 2
- American Political Science Review
- Public Opinion Quarterly
- Journal of Communication, 4
- Political Communication
- Communication Research
- Human Communication Research
- International Journal of Press/Politics, 4
- Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly
- Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media
- International Journal of Communication, 2
- International Journal of Public Opinion Research, 4
- Climatic Change, 3
- Public Understanding of Science, 8
- Psychological Science, 1
- Health Communication, 8
- Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review, 6
- Journal of Experimental Political Science, 2
- Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
- Electoral Studies
- Research & Politics, 2
- Communication Monographs
- Communication Methods & Measures, 4
- Psychological Science
- American Politics Research
- Media Psychology, 2
- Mass Communication & Society, 7
- Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law
- Journalism, 3
- Digital Journalism
- Southern Communication Journal
- Motivation & Emotion
- Information Technology & Politics, 2
- Political Studies, 2
- Political Research Quarterly, 2
- CyberPsychology, Behavior & Social Networking, 4
- Environmental Sociology, 2
- Body & Society, 2
- Applied Environmental Education & Communication
- International Journal of Electronic Governance, 2
- Journal of Science Communication, 2
- Behavioural Public Policy, 2
- Behavior Research Methods, 2
- Policy & Internet
- Frontiers in Political Science
- PLOS One, 3
- PNAS Nexus, 5
- Cambridge Elements (Political Communication series)

Grant reviewing: Austrian Science Fund (FWF): Hertha Firnberg-Programme.
 Publons top reviewers in Social Science [2019] (Top 1% in field)

MEDIA APPEARANCES | [ALTMETRIC](#)

Research coverage/citation

Times-News. 7/22/2023. [We won't always agree — and that's OK — but we can disagree better.](#)
 PBS. 5/31/2023. [NewsHour 5/31 episode.](#)
 Reason. 5/18/2023. [“The Future of Media Literacy Education.”](#)
 Psychology Today. 4/19/2023. [“Strengthening Democracy, One Experiment at a Time.](#)
 Nature. 3/1/2023. [“How to tackle political polarization — the researchers trying to bridge divides.”](#)
 Psychology Today. 2/17/2023. [“How to Get People to Be More Civil.”](#)
 The New York Times. 2/8/2023. [“Meet the People Working on Getting Us to Hate Each Other Less.”](#)
 Forbes. 1/12/2023. [“Media Trends: Why Misinformation Is Here To Stay.”](#)
 The Hill. 11/4/2022. [“Democracy under attack: Time to condemn political violence.”](#)
 St. Louis Post Dispatch. 11/4/2022. [“Short takes on unfocused politicians, off-focus protests and unlawful law enforcers.](#)
 Washington Post. 11/1/2022. [“How can the U.S. help prevent more political violence?”](#)
 CNN. 10/31/2022. [“Misinformation and hate are trending in this election year.”](#)
 Deseret News. 10/27/2022. [“Perspective: How a bipartisan ad from Utah helped reduce partisanship.”](#)
 The Hill. 10/23/2022. [“Utah opponents made a campaign ad together. Here's what it achieved.”](#)
 The Atlantic. 10/21/2022. [“How to Save Democracy.”](#)
 Washington Post. 9/13/2022. [“Here's what persuades Americans to support democracy over party.”](#)
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