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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 - Associate Member, Cancer Control and 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 and English-Writing, *summa cum laude*, Illinois College

## Publications and talks

### BOOK PROJECTS

**Lyons, BA.** *Shades of Gray: How Older Adults Make Sense of Misinformation*. Book manuscript under contract with Oxford University Press.

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 University Press, *Cambridge Elements in Experimental Political Science Series*.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES (46)

2024 **Lyons, BA.**, Montgomery, J., Reifler, J. (Accepted). "Partisanship and older Americans engagement with dubious political news." Accepted to *Public Opinion Quarterly*. [[Data](#)]

Altay, S.\*, **Lyons, BA\***, Modirrousta-Galian, A. (Accepted). "Exposure to Higher Rates of False News Erodes Media Trust and Fuels Overconfidence." Accepted to *Mass Communication and Society*. [\*equal co-authors] [[Pre-reg](#) + [data](#)]

Barnfield, M., Stoeckel, F., Phillips, J., Stöckli, S., Thompson, J., Mérola, V., Szwach, P., **Lyons, BA**, Reifler, J. (Accepted). "Forecasts Can Both Improve and Harm the Accuracy and Precision of Expectations." Accepted to *Public Opinion Quarterly*. [[Pre-reg](#) + [data](#)]

**Lyons, BA.**, Hasell, A. (2024). "Communicating Republicans level of support for climate policy briefly increases personal support in the United States." *Science Communication*. doi: 10.1177/10755470241253 [[Pre-reg](#) + [data](#)]

Stoeckel, F., Stöckli, S., Ceka, B., **Lyons, BA.**, Reifler, J. (2024). "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." *Communications Psychology*. doi:10.1038/s44271-024-00057-w [[Pre-reg](#) + [data](#) (UK)] [[Pre-reg](#) + [data](#) (Germany)] [[Pre-reg](#) + [data](#) (Italy)]

2023 **Lyons, BA.** (2023). "How orientations to expertise condition acceptance of (mis)information." *Current Opinion in Psychology*. doi:10.1016/j.copsyc.2023.101714. (Invited)

**Lyons, BA.** (with the students of COMM 5820). (2023). "The effects of narrative and statistical messaging about the health impacts of air quality." *Communication Research Reports*. doi:10.1080/08824096.2023.2282037 [[Pre-reg](#) + [data](#)]

**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 and Society*. doi:10.1080/15205436.2023.2193512 (Invited).

Spälti, A., **Lyons, BA,** Stoeckel, F., Szewach, 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., Szewach, 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/ckad043/7099642. [Pre-reg + data]

Stoeckel, F., Thompson, J., Szewach, 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): 636642, doi:10.1093/eurpub/ckac041.

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 and 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 and 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*. 115. 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 and 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): 320338. 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): 789807. 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): 583606. 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 and 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 and 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. Conservationism: 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 and 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 and 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

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**, King, A., Kaphingst, K. ["A health media literacy intervention increases skepticism of both inaccurate and accurate cancer news among U.S. adults."](#) Revise and resubmit to *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*.

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*.

King, A., **Lyons, BA**, Rivera, YM, Kogan, M., Hernandez, LH, Liao, Y, Kaphingst, K. ["Accurate and Inaccurate Beliefs about Cancer Risk Factors among Spanish-Speaking Adults in the United States."](#) Revise and resubmit to *PEC Innovation*.

Fazio, L, Rand, DG, Lewandowsky, S, Susmann, M, Berinsky, A, Guess, A, Kendeou, P, **Lyons, BA**, Miller, J, Newman, E, Pennycook, G, Swire-Thompson, B, and Building a Better Toolkit Team. ["Combating misinformation: A megastudy of nine interventions designed to reduce the sharing of and belief in false and misleading headlines."](#)

Barnfield, M., Szewach, P., Stöckli, S., Stoeckel, F., Thompson, J., Phillips, J., **Lyons, BA**, Mérola, V., Reifler, J. ["Information on public climate attitudes has lasting effects on second-order beliefs, but limited and ephemeral effects on first-order beliefs."](#) Under review.

Barnfield, M., Stoeckel, F., Phillips, J., Stöckli, S., Thompson, J., Mérola, V., Szewach, P., **Lyons, BA**, Reifler, J. ["Expectations Converge When Uncertainty Subsides: Coalition Expectations Before and After the 2021 German Federal Election."](#) 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) " <a href="#">Large collaborative project to compare misinformation interventions.</a> " The Mercury Project. \$477,916. Co-I. (PI: F. Stoeckel) " <a href="#">Distrust, Conspiracies, and the Political Challenges of Coping with COVID-19.</a> " 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 <a href="#">midterm election research on Facebook ads and fake news.</a> \$82,070.
2016	Co-I (PI: J. Reifler) ERC Consolidator Grant: <a href="#">Debunker: The Problem of European Misperceptions in Politics, Health, and Science: Causes, Consequences, and the Search for Solutions.</a> approx \$2,189,616/€1,498,917.

## BOOK REVIEWS

2017	<i>Social Media: Principles and Applications</i> , by Pavica Sheldon. <a href="#">Reviewed</a> in <i>New Media and Society</i> , 19(5): 799-800.
2014	<i>Social Media in Disaster Response: How Experience Architects Can Build for Participation</i> , by Liza Potts. <a href="#">Reviewed</a> in <i>New Media and Society</i> , 16(7): 1191-1193.

## COMMENTARY (SELECTED)

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

## INVITED TALKS

2022	Annenberg Public Policy Center Speaker Series. Edna Anderson-Taylor Communication Institute.
2019	Association for Psychological Science. Invited symposium.
2018	U. of Illinois at Springfield. 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: 2013 (2), 2014 (3), 2017 (2), 2018, 2019, 2020(3), 2021, 2022, 2023
- MAPOR: 2011, 2013 (2), 2014 (2), 2015, 2018 (2), 2019
- MPSA: 2016 (2), 2018 (2), 2019, 2020
- AEJMC: 2014 (2), 2015, 2016
- APSA: 2016, 2018 (2), 2019
- AAPOR: 2012, 2016 (3)
- SPSP: 2020, 2024
- APS: 2019
- AAAS: 2018
- APLS: 2015
- APHA: 2014

## Awards

### TOP PAPER AWARDS AND OTHER RESEARCH PRIZES

2023	Rebecca Morton Best Article Award. <i>Best article published in Journal of Experimental Political Science.</i> (Lead author)
2022	Strengthening Democracy Challenge ( <a href="#">one of three interventions that significantly reduced anti-democratic attitudes, support for political violence, and partisan animosity</a> ) \$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. <a href="#">Preregistration Challenge Prize</a> , \$1,000 (Lead author)
2017	ICA. Top Paper. Intergroup Communication Interest Group. (Sole author)
2014	ICA. Top 4 Student Paper. Philosophy, Theory and Critique Division. (Sole author)
2014	NCA. Top Paper. Spiritual Communication Division. (Lead author)

### FELLOWSHIPS AND 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. <i>Awarded to students from families that have traditionally not had access to higher education with unique contributions to make to the discipline.</i>
2007	Illinois College Rammelkamp Scholar Award. <i>Schools highest academic honor.</i>

## Teaching

### COURSES TAUGHT

Utah	Persuasion and Political Communication, COMM 5200. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● S2021. F2021. S2023. ~ 30-35 students</li></ul> Strategic Comm Theory and Practice, COMM 2580. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● F2019, S2020, S2024. ~ 100-150 students</li></ul> Designing Experiments in Science Communication, COMM 5820 (Capstone). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● S2022. ~ 15 students</li></ul> PR Cases and Campaigns, COMM 5850 (Capstone). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● S2020. F2020. S2021. F2021. S2023. ~ 30-35 students</li></ul> Science and Risk Communication, COMM 7260 (Graduate). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● F2020. ~ 10 students</li></ul> Media Effects, COMM 7560 (Graduate). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● F2023. ~ 5-10 students</li></ul> Quant. Methods Special Topics: Research Design, COMM 7800 (Graduate). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● S2022. ~ 5-10 students</li></ul>
Exeter	Digital Media and Politics, POL2087. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● S2019. ~ 20 students</li></ul> American Politics, POL2047. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● S2018. ~ 190 students</li></ul>

### ASSISTANTSHIPS

SIU	Writing for the Media, JRNL 201: F2014 Sports, Media, and Society, RTD 321: S2013, F2013
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### ADVISING

Aly Hill - PhD committee member (2024- )  
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, <i>Gateway Journalism Review</i>
2010-11	Reporter; Staff Writer, <i>The Jacksonville Source</i>

# Service and 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 AND EDITING | [PUBLONS PEER REVIEW PROFILE](#) | 150 REVIEWS OF 113 MANUSCRIPTS

Associate Editor: *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review* (2024- ).

Editorial boards: *Health Communication* (2024- ). *The Social Science Journal* (2018- ). *International Communication Research Journal* (2019- )

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