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Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests American Politics, Political Behavior, Social Influence, Political Psychology, Experimental Methods, Survey Methods

Academic Positions Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 2019 – present

- Faculty Affiliate, Women’s and Gender Studies Program

Education Ph.D., Political Science, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, 2019

M.A., Political Psychology, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, 2014

B.A., Political Science, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, 2010

Book Elizabeth C. Connors, Matthew T. Pietryka, and John Barry Ryan. *Examining Motivations in Interpersonal Communication Experiments*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Elements in Experimental Political Science, forthcoming.

Peer-Reviewed Papers Steven W. Webster, Elizabeth C. Connors, and Betsy Sinclair. 2022. “The Social Consequences of Political Anger.” *The Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.

Chandler Case*, Christopher Eddy*, Rahul Hemrajani*, Christopher Howell*, Daniel Lyons*, Yu-Hsien Sung*, and Elizabeth C. Connors. 2021. “The Effects of Source Cues and Issue Frames During COVID-19.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

- Funded by University of South Carolina internal grant

Elizabeth C. Connors. 2020. “The Social Dimension of Political Values.” *Political Behavior*.

- Earlier draft awarded American Political Science Association’s 2018 John Sullivan Award for best paper delivered by a graduate student on an Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) panel at the 2017 meeting

Yanna Krupnikov, Kerri Milita, John Barry Ryan, and Elizabeth C. Connors. 2020. “How Gender Affects the Efficacy of Discussion as an Information Shortcut.” *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Elizabeth C. Connors, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. 2019. “How Transparency Affects Survey Responses.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

- Partly funded by TESS

Book Chapter Yanna Krupnikov and Elizabeth C. Connors. 2018. “Negative Campaigns: Are They Good for American Democracy?” in *New Directions in Media and Politics, 2nd Edition* (Ridout, ed). Routledge.

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Other Published Work

Elizabeth C. Connors. “Do Republicans Really Believe the Election was Stolen – or Are They Just Saying That?” *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*. December 22, 2020.

Elizabeth Connors, Samara Klar, and Yanna Krupnikov. “There May Have Been Shy Trump Supporters After All.” *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*. November 12, 2016.

Under Review

Elizabeth C. Connors. “Party Foul: The Effectiveness of Political Value Rhetoric is Constrained by Party Ownership.” [*revise and resubmit*]

Elizabeth C. Connors and Christopher Howell*. “‘You Need to Calm Down’: How Tone Shapes Political Discussions.”

Elizabeth C. Connors. “Social Desirability and Affective Polarization.”

- Partly funded by TESS
- Earlier draft awarded American Political Science Association’s 2021 Best Paper Award for best paper in political psychology delivered at the 2020 meeting

Elizabeth C. Connors, Jacob A. Martin*, and John Barry Ryan. “Revisiting the Link between Expected Election Outcomes and Turnout.”

Select Working Papers

“What’s Wrong with Being Confident? A Lot: How Confidence Shapes Political Interactions” with Christopher Howell*. [*draft in progress*]

“Trusted Sources: Why Social Influence Trumps Media Influence.” [*draft in progress*]

“How Low Candidate Approval Affects Partisanship” with Robert Bird, Yanna Krupnikov, and Samara Klar. [*draft completed*]

“Individuating Immigrants: Can Empathy Overcome the Effects of Negative Group Stereotypes” with Leonie Huddy, Romeo Gray*, and Stanley Feldman. [*draft completed*]

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Best paper in Political Psychology at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2020

University of South Carolina, Office of Research COVID-19 Research Initiative Grant, 2020

National Science Foundation, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), 2020

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2020

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Milton Lodge Award for outstanding graduate student researcher in Political Science, co-recipient class of 2019

John Sullivan Award for the best paper presented by a graduate student in the field of Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2018

Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2018

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2018

Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science Graduate Student Travel Award, 2018

National Science Foundation, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS; with Yanna Krupnikov and John Barry Ryan), 2015

Teaching Assistantship, Stony Brook University, 2016 – 2019

Graduate Assistantship, Stony Brook University, 2014 – 2016

Full Tuition Scholarship, Stony Brook University, 2014 – 2019

Conference Papers and Invited Talks

Presented research at NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, 2017; Toronto Political Behavior Workshop, 2019; PolNet 2021; APSA 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020; MPSA 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022; SPSA 2020, 2022

Invited talk at Gothenburg University's Party Research Seminar, 2022: "Social Desirability and Affective Polarization."

Invited talk at the Online Hot Politics Lab Meetings, 2021: "Partisan Social Pressure and Affective Polarization."

Contributor to the Niskanen Center's *The Science of Politics* podcast, 2021: "How Political Values and Social Influence Drive Polarization."

Contributor to the University of South Carolina's Post-Election Forum, 2021: "Interpreting the Results of the 2020 Election."

Invited talk at the Rapid Innovation Task Force with Prisma Health, 2020: "The Effects of Source Cues and Issue Frames During COVID-19" (research with Chandler Case*, Christopher Eddy*, Rahul Hemrajani*, Christopher Howell*, Daniel Lyons*, and Yu-Hsien Sung*).

Contributor to *A Public Affair*, *WORT Community Radio*, 2019: "Political Polarization and Talking Across Differences."

Teaching Experience

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Graduate

American Government and Politics (University of South Carolina)

- Spring 2022

Experiments (University of South Carolina)

- Spring 2020

Research Design (Stony Brook University)

- Fall 2017

Undergraduate

Political Psychology (University of South Carolina)

- Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020

American National Government (University of South Carolina)

- Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

American Government (Stony Brook University)

- Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Current Political Events (Stony Brook University)

- Summer 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2018

The Politics of Trump (Stony Brook University)

- Winter 2018, Summer 2017

Graduate Students

Christopher Howell (University of South Carolina), committee co-chair

Christopher Eddy (University of South Carolina), committee member

Participation and Service

Member of APSA's Political Psychology section best dissertation award committee, 2022

Member of SPSA's Marian Irish award committee, 2021

Member of EPOVB John Sullivan award committee, 2020 & 2021

Member of Graduate Committee, University of South Carolina, Fall 2020 – present

Member of Search Committee, University of South Carolina, Fall 2021

Member of Undergraduate Committee, University of South Carolina, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Thesis Director for Undergraduate at the University of South Carolina Honors College, 2019 – 2020

Co-organizer for Speaker Series, Stony Brook University, 2018 – 2019

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Organizer for Graduate Colloquium & In-House Speaker Series, Stony Brook University 2016 – 2018

Invited Participant & Program Assistant at Visions in Methodology 2017 Conference

Assistant to Women Also Know Stuff, 2017

Poster Presentation at MPSA 2016

Alternate Graduate Academic Judiciary Member at Stony Brook University, 2014 – 2015

Conference Discussant and/or Chair at APSA 2017, MPSA 2018, APSA 2018, APSA 2019, APSA 2020, MPSA 2021

Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Political Behavior*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*; *Political Communications*; *Politics & Gender*; *Political Science & Politics*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Research & Politics*; *American Politics Research*; *Party Politics*; *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*