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## EMPLOYMENT

- 2017-present: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut
- 2020-present: Instructor, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan
- 2016-17: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University
- 2014-17: Managing Editor, *American Journal of Political Science*
- 2013-14: Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan-Dearborn

## EDUCATION

### Michigan State University

- 2015: Ph.D., Political Science  
2009: M.A., Political Science

### University of Michigan

- 2007: B.A., Political Science

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

American politics; political psychology; public opinion; political parties; elections and voting behavior; elite and mass political attitudes; Southern politics; polarization; core values; ideology; partisanship; issue salience; attitude structures; research methods

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Enders, Adam M., and Robert N. Lupton. "Value Extremity Contributes to Affective Polarization in the U.S." *Political Science Research and Methods*. Forthcoming.

Lupton, Robert N., and Seth C. McKee. 2020. "Dixie's Drivers: Core Values and the Southern Republican Realignment." *Journal of Politics*.  
<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/full/10.1086/707489>.

- Lupton, Robert N., Steven M. Smallpage, and Adam M. Enders. 2020. "Values and Predispositions in the Age of Polarization: Examining the Relationship Between Partisanship and Ideology in the U.S., 1988-2012." *British Journal of Political Science* 50 (1): 241-60.
- Lupton, Robert N., and Judd R. Thornton. 2019. "Partisan Ambivalence, Partisan Intensity, and Racial Attitudes: The Impact of Shifting Policy Positions on Partisan Evaluations in the 1960s." *American Politics Research* 47 (6): 1259-82.
- Enders, Adam M., Steven M. Smallpage, and Robert N. Lupton. 2018. "Are All 'Birthers' Conspiracy Theorists? On the Relationship Between Conspiratorial Thinking and Political Orientations." *British Journal of Political Science*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123417000837>.
- Ciuk, David J., Robert N. Lupton, and Judd R. Thornton. 2018. "Values Voters: The Conditional Effect of Income on the Relationship Between Core Values and Political Attitudes and Behavior." *Political Psychology* 39 (4): 869-88.
- Hare, Christopher, Tzu-Ping Liu, and Robert N. Lupton. 2018. "What Ordered Optimal Classification Reveals about Ideological Structure, Cleavages, and Polarization in the American Mass Public." *Public Choice* 176 (1-2): 57-78.
- Lupton, Robert N., William M. Myers, and Judd R. Thornton. 2017. "Party Animals: Examining Asymmetric Attitudinal Constraint among Democratic and Republican Party Activists." *Political Research Quarterly* 70 (4): 889-904.
- Lupton, Robert N., and Judd R. Thornton. 2017. "Disagreement, Diversity, and Participation: Examining the Properties of Several Measures of Political Discussion Network Characteristics." *Political Behavior* 39 (3): 585-608.
- Lupton, Robert N., Shane P. Singh, and Judd R. Thornton. 2015. "The Moderating Impact of Network Heterogeneity on the Relationships among Core Values, Partisanship, and Candidate Evaluations." *Political Psychology* 36 (4): 399-414.
- Lupton, Robert N., William M. Myers, and Judd R. Thornton. 2015. "Political Sophistication and the Dimensionality of Elite and Mass Attitudes, 1980-2004." *Journal of Politics* 77 (2): 368-80.

## **PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTER**

- Lupton, Robert N., Adam M. Enders, and William G. Jacoby. 2017. "Chapter 26: Ideology and Core Values." In *The Sage Handbook of Electoral Behaviour, Volume II*, eds. Kai Arzheimer, Jocelyn Evans, and Michael S. Lewis-Beck. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Revisiting the Sophistication Interaction Theory of Mass Political Reasoning,” with David J. Ciuk and Judd R. Thornton. *Revise and resubmit at Political Behavior.*

“Polarized Priorities: Issue Salience in the American Electorate,” with Christopher Hare. *Under review.*

“Values and Political Polarization: The Over Time Influence of Core Values on Issue Attitudes.”

“The Reliability of the ANES Feeling Thermometers: An Optimistic View,” with William G. Jacoby.

“Principled Sorting: Value Sorting in American Politics,” with Adam M. Enders.

“Analyzing Democratic Convention Delegates’ Ideological Alignment with Constituent Groups,” with Jamil S. Scott.

“Party Principles: Commitment to Group-Specific Policy Proposals,” with William M. Myers and Judd R. Thornton.

“Party Convention Delegates’ Value Orientations,” with Mark D. Brockway.

“Carriers of the Creed? Affective Polarization among Party Activists,” with Kerem Ozan Kalkan.

“Suspicion and Conspiratorial Thinking in the American Mass Public,” with Adam M. Enders, Steven M. Smallpage, and Christopher Hare.

“Crowded Coalitions: How Demographics, Ideology, and Issue Priorities Divide and Sustain the Contemporary American Parties,” with Ryan Bakker, Christopher Hare, and Keith T. Poole.

“A Comparison of Elite and Mass Attitudes toward Government Spending.”

## POPULAR MEDIA

Lupton, Robert N., William M. Myers, and Judd Thornton. "[The Republican Party is unified over political rhetoric, but not policy.](#)" March 14, 2019. *LSE USAPP – American Politics and Policy*.

Lupton, Robert N., William M. Myers, and Judd Thornton. "[Republicans are the party of ideological inconsistency.](#)" October 2, 2017. *The Washington Post*.

Hare, Christopher and Robert N. Lupton. "[No, Sanders voters are not more conservative than Clinton voters. Here's the data.](#)" May 31, 2016. *The Washington Post*.

Lupton, Robert N. and Christopher Hare. "[Is Ted Cruz too conservative for Republican primary voters?](#)" March 25, 2015. *The Washington Post*.

Lupton, Robert N. and Christopher Hare. "[Conservatives are more likely to believe that vaccines cause autism.](#)" March 1, 2015. *The Washington Post*.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Connecticut

#### *Instructor, Graduate Level*

- Political Behavior, Spring 2019

#### *Instructor, Undergraduate Level*

- Campaigns and Elections, Spring 2020
- Political Polarization in the United States, Fall 2018
- American Political Parties, Spring 2018
- Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2018, 2020
- Public Opinion, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2020
- Quantitative Analysis in Political Science, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2020

### ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan

#### *Instructor, Graduate Level*

- Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models, 2020

### Michigan State University

#### *Instructor, Undergraduate Level*

- Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior, Spring 2017
- Campaigns and Elections, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
- American Executive Process, Summer 2011 (online), Spring 2012

*Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Level*

- Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis, Fall 2011
- American Legislative Process, Spring 2011
- Public Bureaucracy and the Policy Process, Spring 2011
- The American Legislative Process, Fall 2009
- Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis, Spring 2009
- Introduction to American Government, Fall 2008

**University of Michigan-Dearborn**

*Instructor, Undergraduate Level*

- Methods of Political Analysis, Fall 2013, Winter 2014

**ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan**

*Teaching Assistant, Graduate Level*

- Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Categorical Data Analysis, 2015, 2016
- Simultaneous Equations Models, 2012, 2013

## **Additional Training**

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor – ICPSR**

Simultaneous Equation Models; Causal Inference

**Michigan State University CSTAT Workshops**

Multidimensional Scaling; Statistical Graphics; Time Series

## **PRESENTED RESEARCH**

- 2019: American Political Science Association annual meeting (Washington, D.C.); European Political Science Association annual meeting (Belfast, U.K.); Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (Chicago)
- 2018: Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (Chicago); The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics (Charleston, SC); Southern Political Science Association annual meeting (New Orleans)
- 2017: European Political Science Association annual meeting (Milan, Italy); Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (Chicago); Southern Political Science Association annual meeting (New Orleans)
- 2016: Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (Chicago); Southern Political Science Association annual meeting (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
- 2015: Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (Chicago); Southern Political Science Association annual meeting (New Orleans)
- 2014: Southern Political Science Association annual meeting (New Orleans)

- 2013: Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (Chicago); Southern Political Science Association annual meeting (New Orleans)
- 2012: Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (Chicago)
- 2011: Southern Political Science Association annual meeting (New Orleans)
- 2010: Southern Political Science Association annual meeting (Atlanta, GA)

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2019: “Party Principles: Commitment to Group-Specific Policy Proposals,” with William M. Myers and Judd R. Thornton. University of California, Davis, Department of Political Science.
- 2019: “Party Principles: Commitment to Group-Specific Policy Proposals,” with William M. Myers and Judd R. Thornton. American Government Speaker Series, Georgetown University Department of Political Science.
- 2018: “Turnout and Demographic Divisions in the 2018 Midterm Elections.” Department of Political Science 2018 Midterm Elections Analysis Honors Dinner event, University of Connecticut.
- 2018: “How Quantitative Methods Improve the Research Enterprise.” Professor Ryan Bakker’s Research Methods in Political Science course, University of Georgia.
- 2017: “Party Animals: Examining Attitudinal Constraint Among Democratic and Republican Party Activists,” with Judd R. Thornton and William M. Myers. University of Georgia Department of Political Science Effects of the 2016 Elections Conference.
- 2016: “Party Animals: Examining Attitudinal Constraint Among Democratic and Republican Party Activists,” with Judd R. Thornton and William M. Myers. University of Georgia Department of Political Science.
- 2016: “Identifying Internal Party Divisions in the American Electorate,” with Christopher Hare. “Running Dog” methodology working group, University of California, Davis, Department of Political Science.
- 2011: “What it Means to be a Political Scientist.” Professor Mika LaVaque-Manty’s Introduction to Political Theory course, University of Michigan.
- 2009: “Presidential Campaigns and Partisan Activation: The Cases of 1980 and 2008,” with Judd R. Thornton. Michigan State University Department of Political Science Research Seminar Series.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Conference Service**

- 2020: Member, Phi Sigma Alpha Award Committee to select the best paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX
- 2019: Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- 2018: Junior Scholar Symposium Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

- 2018: Section Chair, Political Parties Section, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2018: Panel Discussant and Chair, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2017: Junior Scholar Symposium Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- 2017: Member, Malcolm Jewell Award Committee to select the best graduate student paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2017: Panel Discussant and Chair, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2016: Poster Session Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- 2015: Panel Chair, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- 2015: Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2014: Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- 2014: Panel Discussant and Chair, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA

## **University and Department Service**

### **University of Connecticut**

- Department of Political Science Advisory Committee member, 2019-20
- Department of Political Science Merit Review Committee member, 2019
- Department of Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee member, 2019
- Member of an M.A. thesis committee, 2019
- Panelist for the UConn Stamford “Why the 2018 Midterm Elections Matter” roundtable, 2018
- Moderator for the UConn Stamford Debate Club “Table Talk,” 2018
- Search committee member for the position of Assistant Director of Student Services, UConn Stamford, 2018
- Speaker and presenter at the annual UConn Stamford Student Excellence Awards Assembly, 2018, 2019
- Panel judge for the UConn Stamford “Great Debate,” 2017

### **Michigan State University**

- Vice President, Graduate Student Association, 2010-11
- Social Chair, Graduate Student Association, 2008-10

## **Service to Journals**

Editorial Board

2019-present: *Political Behavior*

2018-present: *Political Research Quarterly*

## **Reviewer**

*American Journal of Political Science; American Politics Research; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Communication Studies; Electoral Studies; European Union Politics; Government and Opposition; Journal of Communication; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties; Journal of Politics; New England Journal of Political Science; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; PS: Political Science & Politics*

## **Memberships**

American Political Science Association

Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior organized section

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

European Political Science Association

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

2018: Artinian Travel Award to Attend the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA

2014: University of Michigan-Dearborn Lecturer Professional Development Grant to Attend the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in, New Orleans, LA

2014: University of Michigan-Dearborn Department of Political Science Travel Grant to Attend the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA

2013: Michigan State University Graduate Studies Fellowship to Attend the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

2012: Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Fall 2012 Semester

2010: Michigan State University Department of Political Science Graduate Student Association Award for Teaching Excellence

2008: Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Traveling Scholar



## REFERENCES

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