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Academic Appointments

2014-present Assistant Professor of Government, School of Public Affairs, American University
2012-2013 Visiting Scholar, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
2009-2014 Assistant Professor of Government, Lafayette College

Education

2000-2008 PhD in Political Science, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
1991-1995 BA in Political Science and History, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
High Honors in Political Science and Distinction in History and Political Science

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Accepted Benjamin Toff and **Elizabeth Suhay**. Partisan Conformity, Social Identity, and the Formation of Policy Preferences. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*.
- Accepted Cengiz Erisen and **Elizabeth Suhay**. The Role of Anger in the Biased Assimilation of Political Information. *Political Psychology*.
- Accepted **Elizabeth Suhay** and Jeremiah Garretson. Science, Sexuality, and Civil Rights: Does Information on the Causes of Sexual Orientation Change Attitudes? *The Journal of Politics*.
- Accepted **Elizabeth Suhay**, Emily Bello-Pardo, and Brianna Maurer. The Polarizing Effects of Online Partisan Criticism: Evidence from Two Experiments. *International Journal of Press/Politics*.
- 2017 Alexandre Morin-Chassé, **Elizabeth Suhay**, and Toby Jayaratne. Discord over DNA: Politically Contingent Responses to Scientific Research on Genes and Race. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*. (First View)
- 2017 **Elizabeth Suhay**. The Politics of Scientific Knowledge. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Communication*, Jon Nussbaum, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2016 **Elizabeth Suhay**, Mark Brandt, and Travis Proulx. Lay Belief in Biopolitics and Political Prejudice. *Social Psychological and Personality Science* 8(2): 173-182.
- 2016 Jeremiah Garretson and **Elizabeth Suhay**. Scientific Communication about Biological Influences on Homosexuality and the Politics of Gay Rights. *Political Research Quarterly* 69(1): 17-29.

- 2016 **Elizabeth Suhay**, Brian Calfano, and Ryan Dawe. Social Norms, Dual Identities, and National Attachment: How the Perceived Patriotism of Group Members Influences Muslim Americans. *Politics, Groups, & Identities* 4(1): 63-83.
- 2015 **Elizabeth Suhay**, Allyson Blackwell, Cameron Roche, and Lucien Bruggeman. Forging Bonds and Burning Bridges: Polarization and Incivility in Blog Discussions about Occupy Wall Street. *American Politics Research* 43(4): 643-679.
- 2015 **Elizabeth Suhay**. Explaining Group Influence: The Role of Identity and Emotion in Political Conformity and Polarization. *Political Behavior* 37(1): 221-251.
- 2013 **Elizabeth Suhay** and Toby Jayaratne. Does Biology Justify Ideology? The Politics of Genetic Attribution. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77(2): 497-521.
- 2011 Marc Hetherington and **Elizabeth Suhay**. Authoritarianism, Threat, and Americans' Support for the War on Terror. *American Journal of Political Science* 55(3): 546-560.
- 2008 Ted Brader, Nicholas Valentino, and **Elizabeth Suhay**. What Triggers Public Opposition to Immigration? Anxiety, Group Cues, and Immigration Threat. *American Journal of Political Science* 52(4): 959-978. [Reprinted in Howard Lavine, ed. 2010. *Political Psychology, Volume II: Public Opinion and Mass Political Behavior*. Sage.]

Edited Volume & Special Journal Issue

- Under contract Bernard Grofman, **Elizabeth Suhay**, and Alex Trechsel, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*. Oxford University Press.
- 2015 **Elizabeth Suhay** and James N. Druckman, eds. The Politics of Science: Political Values and the Production, Communication, and Reception of Scientific Knowledge. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 658.

Additional Publications

- Accepted **Elizabeth Suhay** and Brianna Maurer. Authoritarianism in the Public. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, Sandy Maisal, ed.
- 2017 **Elizabeth Suhay**. Genetic Essentialism. In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. Fathali M. Moghaddam, ed. Sage Publications: 323-325.
- 2017 **Elizabeth Suhay**. Review of *Anxious Politics: Democratic Citizenship in a Threatening World* by Bethany Albertson and Shana Kushner Gadarian. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 81(1): 196-198.
- 2016 **Elizabeth Suhay**. Review of *The Hidden Agenda of the Political Mind: How Self-Interest Shapes Our Opinions and Why We Won't Admit It* by Jason Weeden and Robert Kurzban. *Perspectives on Politics* 14(1): 36-38.
- 2015 Toby Jayaratne and **Elizabeth Suhay**. Genetic, environmental, and choice causal attribution survey measures. Published in PsycTESTS database.

- 2011-2012 **Elizabeth Suhay**. Review of *Behind the Backlash: Muslim Americans After 9/11* by Lori Peek. *Political Science Quarterly* 126(4): 708-710.
- 2006 Scott E. Page and **Elizabeth Suhay**. *A Decision-Making Guide to the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan.

Articles in Progress

Elizabeth Suhay, Marko Klasnja, and Gonzalo Rivero. Ideology of Affluence: Explanations for Inequality and Political Attitudes among Rich Americans.

Marko Klasnja, Paul Smeets, **Elizabeth Suhay**, and Gonzalo Rivero. The Political Preferences of the Wealthy in the U.S. and the Netherlands.

Elizabeth Suhay and Cengiz Erisen. Individual Differences in Politically Motivated Reasoning.

Elizabeth Suhay and Ryan Dawe. Gender Attitudes in the 2016 Primaries.

Elizabeth Suhay, Toby Jayaratne, and Alicia Giordimaina Carmichael. Understanding the Roots of Americans' Health Care Spending Preferences.

Sarah Croco, **Elizabeth Suhay**, Rachel Blum, Lilliana Mason, Hans Noel, and Jon Ladd. Innovations in Methods Teaching: Student-Run Exit Polls. Prepared for *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

Book Project in Progress

Elizabeth Suhay. How Americans Explain Inequality, and Why It Matters.

External Grants

- 2017-8 National Academy of Sciences (with support from Rita Allen Foundation) grant for *Evidence-Based Science Communication to Policymakers* (\$37,500)
- 2016-8 Russell Sage Foundation grant for *The Politics of Genetic Explanations for Social Inequality* (\$40,799)
- 2013 Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) award, with Jeremiah Garretson
- 2003 Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) award, with Ted Brader/Nick Valentino

Internal Grants

- 2015 Excellence with Impact grant for "Politics of Science" events, SPA, American Univ
- 2012/3 Academic Research Committee Grants, Lafayette College
- 2006/7 Thesis Grants, Political Science & Rackham Graduate School, Univ of Michigan

Awards & Fellowships

- 2015 Excellence with Impact Award, School of Public Affairs, American University
- 2010 Richard King Mellon Research Fellowship, Lafayette College
- 2008 Roberta Sigel Early Career Scholar Paper Award, Int'l Society of Political Psychology
- 2008 Rackham Graduate School One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2006 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Political Science, University of Michigan
- 2005-7 Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, Political Science, University of Michigan
- 2004 Connelly Award Fellowship, Political Science, University of Michigan
- 2003/4 Summer Awards for Faculty/Student Collaboration, with Professor Donald R. Kinder, Political Science, University of Michigan
- 2002-3 Angus B. Campbell Research Fellowship, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
- 2002 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 2000-2 Horace H. Rackham Regents Fellowship, University of Michigan

Invited Lectures, Talks, & Webinars

- 2017 "The Ideology of Affluence: How the Rich Explain Inequality, and Why It Matters." Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, May 3
- 2017 "The Politics of Causal Explanations for Inequality." Center for Neuroscience & Society, University of Pennsylvania, Jan 24
- 2016 "Science, Ideology, & the Public." Consortium for Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science and Engineering, University of Texas, Dallas, May 20
- 2016 "Bias, Research, and the Art and Science of Effective Communication." AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, Washington, D.C., Feb 2
- 2016 "Science, Sexuality, and Civil Rights: Does Research on the Causes of Homosexuality Have a Political Impact?" Political Psychology Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, Jan 28
- 2016 "Political Conformity: Evidence & Mechanisms." Political Persuasion Conference, University of California, Irvine, Laguna Beach, CA, Jan 9
- 2015 "Politics in Science/Science in Law: Consuming Science Responsibly in the Courtroom, Legislature, and Public Sphere" (with Dan Kahan & Francis Shen). Sage Webinar, May 14
- 2015 "The Politics of Biology: Political Opinion & the Perceived Causes of Inequality." Department of Government, Georgetown University, Feb 2
- 2012 "United in our Differences: Ideological Polarization in On-Line Posts about Occupy Wall Street." Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 19

Conference Papers & Presentations (*since 2010*)

Ideology of Affluence: Explanations for Inequality and Political Attitudes among Rich Americans
(w/ Marko Klasnja, Gonzalo Rivero)

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2017

National Capital Area Political Science Association workshop, Georgetown University, June 2, 2017

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 6-9, 2017

How Americans Explain Inequality, and Why It Matters

Cooperative Congressional Election Study conference, Sundance, UT, May 18-20, 2017

What to Do about Inequality? It Depends on Who (or What) Is to Blame

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2017

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 6-9, 2017

Individual Differences in Politically Motivated Reasoning (w/ Cengiz Erisen)

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2017

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 6-9, 2017

Social and Elite Influences on Partisan Conformity (w/ Benjamin Toff)

American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, Sept 1-4, 2016

The Role of Anger in Politically Motivated Reasoning (w/ Cengiz Erisen)

American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, Sept 1-4, 2016

Earlier version presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 7-10, 2016

Understanding the Roots of Americans' Health Care Spending Preferences

(w/ Toby Jayaratne, Alicia Giordimaina Charmichael)

American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, Sept 1-4, 2016

Earlier version presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 7-10, 2016

Nature, Nurture, or Choice? Political Intolerance and the Perceived Causes of Ideology

(w/ Mark Brandt, Travis Proulx)

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Sept 3-6, 2015

European Consortium for Political Research, Montreal, Canada, Aug 26-29, 2015

International Society of Political Psychology, San Diego, CA, July 3-6, 2015

Does Online Incivility Polarize Readers? Evidence from Two Experiments (w/ Brianna Maurer)

International Society of Political Psychology, San Diego, CA, July 3-6, 2015

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 16-19, 2015

Science, Sexuality, and Civil Rights: Does Research on the Causes of Homosexuality Have a Political Impact? (w/ Jeremiah Garretson)

8th Annual NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, Mar 6, 2015

Discord over DNA: Politically Contingent Responses to Scientific Research on Genes and Race

(w/ Alexandre Morin-Chassé, Toby Jayaratne)

American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Aug 28-31, 2014

Earlier version presented at Penn-Temple Philadelphia Region American Politics Conference, Sept 20, 2013

The Polarizing Effect of Incivility in the Political Blog Commentsphere
American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Aug 29-Sept 1, 2013
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 11-14, 2013

Polarization, Social Judgment, and Emotion in On-Line Posts about Occupy Wall Street
American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, Aug 30-Sept 2, 2012
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 11-15, 2012

The Persuasive Power of Partisan Majorities
International Society of Political Psychology, Chicago, IL, July 6-9, 2012

Born that Way, Baby? The Politics of Changing Causal Attributions for Sexual Orientation
 (w/ Jeremiah Garretson)
International Society of Political Psychology, Chicago, IL, July 6-9, 2012
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 11-15, 2012

Influence without Reason: The Role of Identity and Emotion in Political Conformity
American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, Sept 1-4, 2011
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Mar 31-Apr 3, 2011

Patriotism under Pressure: The Influence of Perceived Norms on American Muslim Patriotism
 (w/ Brian Calfano, Ryan Dawe)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Mar 31-Apr 3, 2011
American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Sept 2-5, 2010

When Does Biology Justify Ideology? The Influence of Political Ideology on Genetic Explanations for Behavior (w/ Toby Jayaratne)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 22-25, 2010
New York Area Political Psychology Meeting, New York, NY, May 1, 2010

Popular Writing

- 2017 Why politicians think they know better than scientists – and why that’s so dangerous, *The Conversation US*, Feb 12
- 2016 Left-right disagreement over whether people are ‘born gay’ is both a cause and consequence of polarized gay rights attitudes, *USApp/London School of Economics*, Feb 22
- 2015 Science Denial is Bipartisan, *U.S. News & World Report*, Apr 6
- 2015 A scientific perspective on politics and science, *Monkey Cage/WaPo*, Feb 23
- 2014 Comment threads are messy, but so is democracy, *Monkey Cage/WaPo*, Dec 18
- 2014 Newspaper-based bloggers and commenters are far less polarized and more civil than their independently-based counterparts, *USApp/London School of Economics*, Nov 19

External Workshops

- 2017 Encountering Science in Everyday Life, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Cambridge, MA, June 1-2 (by invitation)
- 2016 Integrating Biopolitics and Political Psychology, UC Merced, June 20
- 2016 St. Louis Area Methods Meeting, American Univ, Washington, D.C., April 20
- 2015 Understanding Science Denialism, Wake Forest, Winston-Salem, NC, July 9-10 (by invitation)
- 2010 Methodology of Twin and Family Studies, Univ of Colorado, Boulder, Mar 1-5 (competitive/NSF funded)

Teaching

- American University Politics in the U.S.; Introduction to Political Research; Political Opinion in the U.S.; Capstone in Political Communication (MA); Political Behavior (PhD)
- Lafayette College Introduction to American Government; Campaigns & Elections in the U.S.; Political Parties and the Electoral Process; Political Opinion and Participation in the U.S.; Emotions and Politics
- University of Michigan Campaigns and Elections (Lecturer); Contemporary Issues in American Politics (GSI); Introduction to Political Theory (GSI)
- Other GMAT and GRE Instructor, The Princeton Review, Ann Arbor, MI

Additional Work Experience

- Consulting Communicating Science to Policymakers Module, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C. (2016)
- Research Research Associate, American National Election Studies, Univ of Michigan (2008)
- Research Assistant, Arthur Lupia, Dept of Political Science, Univ of Michigan (2004)
- Research Assistant, Ted Brader/Nicholas Valentino, Dept of Political Science, Univ of Michigan (2003)
- Research Assistant, Ted Brader, Dept of Political Science, Univ of Michigan (2001/2)
- Editorial Assistant Editor, Univ of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor (2000-1)
- Editorial Assistant, Univ of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor (1998-2000)
- Editorial Assistant, W.W. Norton, New York (1996-7)

Professional Service

Peer Reviewer

Journals: American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; British Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Social Psychology; Climatic Change Letters; Comparative Political Studies; Economics & Politics; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Journal of Communication; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Homosexuality; Journal of Politics; Journal of Risk Research; Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy; Latin American Research Review; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Political Research Quarterly; Politics, Groups, & Identities; Politics & Gender; Politics & Religion; Polity; Public Opinion Quarterly; Research & Politics; Royal Society Open Science; Social Problems; Social Science Quarterly; Sociological Forum

Book Publishers: Oxford University Press; Routledge

Funders: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research; NSF; Russell Sage Foundation; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences

Professional Associations

Program Committee: Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference (2017)

Section Chair for Political Psychology: MPSA annual meeting (2013)

Panel Discussant: APSA (2017, 2015, 2011, 2010, 2008); MPSA (2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2007, 2006); ISPP (2012); NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (2013, 2011)

Roundtables: APSA (2014)

Award Committees: Best Dissertation, APSA Political Psychology (2016); Roberta Sigel Chair, ISPP (2014); Best Poster, MPSA (2014); Best Dissertation, APSA Experiments (2012)

Member

American Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology, Midwest Political Science Association, National Capital-Area Political Science Association

American University

Committees: Assessment, Government (2017-present); Teaching Evaluation, SPA (2015-2016); Honors Capstone Conference Selection, SPA (2015); Academic Integrity, SPA (2014-15)

Lafayette College

Committees: Task Force on Integrated Student Experience (2013-14); Faculty Academic Policy (2013-14); Curriculum & Educational Policy (2011-12); Student Life (2010-11)