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TEACHING/RESEARCH FIELDS

American Politics; Comparative Politics (Advanced Democracies); Political Behavior/Public Opinion; Research Methodology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Causes and implications of political identity; immigration, assimilation, and citizenship policies; the politics of ethnic diversity; national identity and patriotism; religion and politics; political culture; social capital, civic engagement, and trust; voting behavior.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Political Science August 2011-Present
School of Public Affairs
American University
Washington, D.C.

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow August 2010-July 2011
John F. Kennedy School of Government
Cambridge, Massachusetts

EDUCATION

Ph.D, Political Science Fall 2010
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, California

M.A., Political Science May 2005
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, California

B.A., 1st Class Honours, Political Science, History June 2003
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

- (Forth.) Reeskens, T., & Wright, M. "Host Country Patriotism Among European Immigrants: An Investigation of its Individual and Societal Roots," *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- (Forth.) Citrin, J., Levy, M., & Wright, M. "Multicultural Policy and Political Support in European Democracies" *Comparative Political Studies*
- (Forth.) Wright, M. "Economic Inequality and the Social Capital Gap in the United States Across Time and Space," *Political Studies*
- 2013 Lublin, D., & Wright, M. "Engineering Inclusion: Assessing the Effects of Pro-Minority Representation Policies," *Electoral Studies*. Published online at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2013.06.001>
- 2013 Wright, M., & Reeskens, T. "Of What Cloth are the Ties That Bind? A Multi-level Analysis of the Relationship Between Normative Conceptions of Nationalism and Support for the Welfare State," *Journal of European Public Policy*. Published online at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2013.800796>
- 2013 Reeskens, T., & Wright, M. "Nationalism and the Cohesive Society: The Interplay Between Diversity, National Identity, and Social Capital Across 27 European Societies," *Comparative Political Studies* (46:2), 153-181.
- 2012 Citrin, J., Johnston, R., & Wright, M. "Do Patriotism and Multiculturalism Collide? Competing Perspectives from the U.S. and Canada," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (45:3), 531-552.
- 2012 Wright, M., Citrin, J., & Wand, J. "Alternative Measures of American National Identity: Implications for the Ethnic/Civic Distinction," *Political Psychology* (33:4), 469-482.
- 2012 Wright, M., & Bloemraad, I. "Is There a Tradeoff Between Multiculturalism and Immigration? Policy Regimes and Immigrant Incorporation in Comparative Perspective," *Perspectives on Politics* (10:1), 77-95.
- 2012 Hanley, J., Salamone, M., & Wright, M. "Reviving the Schoolmaster: Re-Evaluating Public Opinion in the Wake of Roe v. Wade," *Political Research Quarterly* (62:2), 408-421.
- 2011 Wright, M. "Diversity and the Imagined Community: Immigrant Diversity and Conceptions of National Identity," *Political Psychology* (32:5), 837-862.

- 2011 Reeskens, T., & Wright, M. "Subjective Well-Being and National Satisfaction: Taking Seriously the 'Proud of What' Question," *Psychological Science* (22:11), 1460-1462.
- 2011 Wright, M. "Policy Regimes and Normative Conceptions of Nationalism in Mass Public Opinion," *Comparative Political Studies* (44:5), 598-624.
- 2011 Wright, M., & Citrin, J. "Saved by the Stars and Stripes? Patriotic Imagery and Mass Public Responses to Immigrant-Rights Protests," *American Politics Research* (39:2), 323-343.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER NON-PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- (Forth.) Helbling, M., Stolle, D., Reeskens, T., and Wright, M. "Enabling Immigrant Participation: Redirecting our Attention to the Role of Integration Regimes," in *The Political Immigrant: A Comparative Portrait*. Bilodeau, A. (ed.). Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- (Forth.) Reeskens, T., & Wright, M. "Shifting Loyalties? Globalization and National Identity in the 21st Century," in *European Values Study*, Halman L., & Arts, W. (eds.). Leiden: Brill.
- (Forth.) Citrin, J., & Wright, M. "E Pluribus Europa," in *Europe's Contending Identities: Supranationalism, Ethnoregionalism, Religion, and New Nationalism*, A. Messina and A. Gould (eds.), Cambridge University Press.
- 2013 Citrin, J., & Wright, M. "The Politics of Immigration in a Nation of Immigrants," in *New Directions in American Politics*, R. Laraja (ed.), NY: Routledge.
- 2009 Citrin, J., & Wright, M. "Defining the Circle of We: American Identity and Immigration Policy," *The Forum* (7:3). <http://dx.doi.org/10.2202/1540-8884.1319>
- 2008 Mate, M., & Wright, M. "The 2000 Presidential Election Controversy," in N. Persily, J. Citrin, and P.J. Egan, eds., *Public Opinion and Constitutional Controversy*, (New York: Oxford University Press)
- 2005 Michelletti, M., Stolle, D., Nishikawa, L., & Wright, M. "A Case of Discursive Political Consumerism," in *Political Consumerism: Its Motivations, Power, and Conditions in the Nordic Countries and Elsewhere*, (Copenhagen: Temanord)

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2013 Pinder, Sherrow O., *The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States*, reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics* (11:1), 325-326.
- 2013 Triandafyllidou, Modood & Meer (eds.) *European Multiculturalisms*, reviewed in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (36:6), 1116-1118.

WORK CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

Wright, M., Levy, M., & Citrin, J. "American Public Opinion on a Path to Citizenship: Categorical Opinion, National Identity, and Economic Threat."

Helbling, M., Wright, M., and Reeskens, T. "Elite Rhetoric and Public Opinion on National Identity in Developed Democracies."

Wright, M., & Citrin, J. "Asymmetrical Information and Immigration Attitude Formation in U.S. Public Opinion."

Lublin, D., and Wright, M. "Don't Start the Party: Assessing the Electoral Effect of Legal Provisions Impeding Ethnoregional Parties."

Wright, M. "God and Country: Religion, Religiosity, and Normative Definitions of the 'True American' in U.S. Public Opinion."

Reeskens, T., Wright, M., & Abts, K. "Motivations, Values, and National Identity in a Multinational State."

Reeskens, T., DeSchutter, H., & Wright, M. "And Justice For All? Toward a Better Understanding of Global Justice, Its Relationship to Nationalism, and Its Importance for Politics."

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS – LAST THREE YEARS

INVITED TALKS

- 2013 Wright, M., Levy, M., and Citrin, J. "Who Should Be Allowed to Stay? American Public Opinion on Legal Status for Illegal Immigrants." Paper presented at *Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religious and Ethnic Diversity*, workshop held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 5/24-5/25.
- 2013 Citrin, J., Levy, M., & Wright, M. "Multicultural Policy in European Democracies: What Impact on Political Support?" Paper presented at *Identity Politics: The New World versus New (and Old) Europe*, conference held at University of Texas at Austin, 3/22.

- 2012 Wright, M. "Economic Inequality and the Social Capital Gap in the United States Across Time and Space," paper presented for DC-Area American Politics Workshop, George Washington University, Washington DC, 1/9.
- 2011 Wright, M. "Economic Inequality and the Social Capital Gap in the United States Across Time and Space," paper presented for Department of Government Research Seminar Series, American University, Washington DC, 11/16.
- 2011 Reeskens, T., De Schutter, H., & Wright, M. "And Justice For All? Toward a Better Understanding of Global Justice, Its Relationship to Nationalism, and Its Importance to Politics," paper presented at Tilburg University, Netherlands, 6/16.
- 2011 Wright, M., & Reeskens, T. "Of What Cloth are the Ties That Bind? A Multi-level Analysis of the Relationship Between Normative Conceptions of Nationalism and Support for the Welfare State," paper presented at the Social Science Research Center (Wissenschaftszentrum), Berlin, Germany, 3/17.
- 2011 Reeskens, T., & Wright, M. "Nationalism and the Cohesive Society: The Interplay Between Diversity, National Identity, and Social Capital Across 27 European Societies," paper presented at Nuffield College, Oxford, UK, 2/17.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2013 Helbling, M., Wright, M., and Reeskens, T. "Elite Rhetoric and Public Opinion on National Identity in Developed Democracies." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Canadian Political Science Association, Victoria, B.C., 6/3-6/6.
- 2013 Citrin, J., Levy, M., & Wright, M. "Multicultural Policy in European Democracies: What Impact on Political Support?" paper presented at the annual meetings of the International Society of Political Psychology, IDC Herzliya, Israel, 6/8-6/11.
- 2013 Wright, M., Levy, M., and Citrin, J. "Who Should Be Allowed to Stay? American Public Opinion on Legal Status for Illegal Immigrants," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., 4/10-4/14.
- 2013 Helbling, M., Wright, M., and Reeskens, T. "Elite Rhetoric and Public Opinion on National Identity in Developed Democracies," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., 4/10-4/14.
- 2013 Lublin, D., and Wright, M. "Engineering Inclusion: Assessing the Effects of Pro-Minority Representation Policies," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., 4/10-4/14.

- 2013 Reeskens, T., Abts, K., and Wright, M. "The Nationalist Personality: The Relation Between Human Values and Dimensions of National Identity," presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., 4/10-4/14.
- 2012 Wright, M., & Reeskens, T. "The Pious Patriot? Establishing and Explaining the Link Between Religiosity and National Pride Among European Mass Publics," paper presented at the 19th International Conference of the Council for European Studies, Boston, MA, 3/22-3/24.
- 2012 Wright, M., & Bloemraad, I. "Is There a Trade-Off Between Multiculturalism and Socio-Political Integration? Policy Regimes and Immigrant Incorporation in Comparative Perspective," paper presented at the 19th International Conference of the Council for European Studies, Boston, MA, 3/22-3/24.
- 2012 Citrin, J., Levy, M., & Wright, M. "Immigration, Multiculturalism, and Political Support," paper presented at the 19th International Conference of the Council for European Studies, Boston, MA, 3/22-3/24.
- 2012 Reeskens, T., & Wright, M. "Transnational or National Identity? Explaining Host-Country Attachment Among European Immigrants," paper presented at the 19th International Conference of the Council for European Studies, Boston, MA, 3/22-3/24.
- 2011 de Rooij, E., Reeskens, T., & Wright, M. "Does Pride in One's Nation Foster Participation?" paper presented at the 6th General Conference of the European Consortium For Political Research, Reykjavik, Iceland, 8/25-8/27.
- 2011 Reeskens, T., De Schutter, H., & Wright, M. "And Justice For All? Toward a Better Understanding of Global Justice, Its Relationship to Nationalism, and Its Importance to Politics" paper presented at the annual meeting of the Belgian and Dutch Political Science Association, Ghent, Belgium, 5/26.
- 2011 Wright, M., & Citrin, J. "Assymetrical Information and Immigration Attitude Formation in U.S. Public Opinion," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., 3/31-4/3.
- 2010 Wright, M., & Reeskens, T. "A Multilevel Analysis of the Relationship Between Normative Conceptions of Nationalism and Welfare State Attitudes Across 24 European Countries," paper presented at the Conference of the European Values Survey, Bilbao, Spain, 10/19-10/21.
- 2010 Helbling, M., T. Reeskens, C. Stark, D. Stolle, and M. Wright, "Social Cohesion and Integration Regimes: Redirecting our Attention to Immigrant-Native Born Gaps," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 9/2-9/5.

AWARDS

2012 APSA Migration and Citizenship Section Best Article, for: "Is There a Tradeoff Between Multiculturalism and Immigration?" *Perspectives on Politics* (10:1), 77-95.

FELLOWSHIPS & FUNDING

2013-2014	Faculty Research Support Grant, American University (Competitive)	\$10,000
2013-2014	International Travel Award, American University (Competitive)	\$1,200
2012, 2013	Junior Faculty Summer Support Grant, American University	(X2) \$5,000
2009-2010	Department Finishing Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley	\$14,500
2008-2009	Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley	\$14,500

TEACHING

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY - GRADUATE

2013F	American Politics Field Seminar (GOVT-710)
2013S	Introduction to Quantitative Methods (GOVT-610)

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY - UNDERGRADUATE

2013S	The Psychology of Politics (GOVT-396)
2013F, 2013S	The Politics of Immigration in the U.S. (GOVT-396)
2012F, 2012S	Introduction to Political Research (GOVT-310)
2012F, 2011F	American Political Parties (GOVT-322)

LECTURER/PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

2009/2010 Sum.	Introduction to American Politics (PS1)
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (INTERNAL)

2013-2014 Hiring committee member (one junior, one senior faculty position)

2012-2013 Hiring committee member (two different senior faculty positions)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (EXTERNAL)

ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED FOR:

Political Analysis

Journal of Politics

British Journal of Political Science

Comparative Political Studies

Political Behaviour

Political Psychology

Demography

Perspectives on Politics

Ethnic & Racial Studies

Political Studies

Political Research Quarterly

Social Science Research

American Politics Research

Social Science Quarterly

Politics & Gender

Journal of European Social Policy

Int. Jour. of Comparative Sociology

Congress & the Presidency

Politics, Groups, and Identities

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED FOR:

Routledge Press

CQ Press

GRANT PROPOSALS REVIEWED FOR:

Danish Council for Independent Research

Israel Science Foundation

Government of Quebec