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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

- Forthcoming Benjamin Toff and **Elizabeth Suhay**. Partisan Conformity, Social Identity, and the Formation of Policy Preferences. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*.
- 2018 **Elizabeth Suhay** and Cengiz Erisen. The Role of Anger in the Biased Assimilation of Political Information. *Political Psychology*. Early view
- 2018 **Elizabeth Suhay** and Jeremiah Garretson. Science, Sexuality, and Civil Rights: Does Information on the Causes of Sexual Orientation Change Attitudes? *The Journal of Politics* 80(2): 692-696.
- 2017 **Elizabeth Suhay**, Emily Bello-Pardo, and Brianna Maurer. The Polarizing Effects of Online Partisan Criticism: Evidence from Two Experiments. *International Journal of Press/Politics* 23(1): 95-115.
- 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* 2(2): 260-299.
- 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

- Forthcoming **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.

Erin Nash and **Elizabeth Suhay**. What We Know about Communicating Science to Policymakers.

Ryan Dawe, Meri Long, and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 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 Social Sciences (TESS) award, w/ J. Garretson
- 2003        Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Sciences (TESS) award, w/ T. Brader/N. Valentino

## Internal Grants

- 2017        Junior Faculty Research Grant, School of Public Affairs, American University
- 2015        Excellence with Impact grant for "Politics of Science" events, School of Public Affairs, American University
- 2012/3      Academic Research Committee Grants, Lafayette College

2006/7 Thesis Grants, Political Science & Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan

## Awards & Fellowships

- 2018 American Political Science Association Class & Inequality section “Best Paper” award
- 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 “Evidence-based Science Communication with Policymakers.” National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., Nov 16
- 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

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|------------------------|---|
| 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

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| 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; Cognition & Emotion; Comparative Political Studies; Economics & Politics; Information, Communication, & Society; 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; Perspectives on Politics; 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, etc.: Faculty Diversity Leadership Cohort, University level (2017-present); Excellence with Impact, SPA (2017-present); 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)



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