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Academic Appointments

American University

Associate Professor, Department of Government, School of Public Affairs 2018–present

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, School of Public Affairs 2014–2018

Lafayette College

Assistant Professor, Department of Government & Law 2009–2014

Administrative Positions and Research Affiliations

Graduate Program Director, Department of Government, American University 2019–present

Fellow, Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies, American University 2017–present

Visiting Scholar, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania 2012–2013

Education

PhD in Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2000–2008

American Politics; Political Theory; Methodology

BA in Political Science and History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 1991–1995

High Honors in Political Science and Distinction in History and Political Science

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Elizabeth Suhay, Marko Klasnja, and Gonzalo Rivero. Forthcoming. Ideology of Affluence: Explanations for Inequality and Political Attitudes among Rich Americans. *The Journal of Politics*. Winner 2018 APSA Class & Inequality “best paper” award

Sarah Croco, **Elizabeth Suhay**, Rachel Blum, Lilliana Mason, Hans Noel, Jonathan Ladd, and Michael Bailey. 2019. Student-Run Exit Polls 101. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 52(2): 361–366.

Benjamin Toff and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2018. Partisan Conformity, Social Identity, and the Formation of Policy Preferences. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 31(2): 349–367.

Elizabeth Suhay and Cengiz Erisen. 2018. The Role of Anger in the Biased Assimilation of Political Information. *Political Psychology* 39(4): 793–810.

Elizabeth Suhay and Jeremiah Garretson. 2018. Science, Sexuality, and Civil Rights: Does Information on the Causes of Sexual Orientation Change Attitudes? *The Journal of Politics* 80(2): 692–696.

Elizabeth Suhay, Emily Bello-Pardo, and Brianna Maurer. 2017. The Polarizing Effects of Online Partisan Criticism: Evidence from Two Experiments. *International Journal of Press/Politics* 23(1): 95–115.

Alexandre Morin-Chasse, **Elizabeth Suhay**, and Toby Jayaratne. 2017. Discord over DNA: Politically Contingent Responses to Scientific Research on Genes and Race. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 2(2): 260–299.

Elizabeth Suhay. 2017. The Politics of Scientific Knowledge. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Communication*, Jon Nussbaum, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.

Elizabeth Suhay, Mark Brandt, and Travis Proulx. 2016. Lay Belief in Biopolitics and Political Prejudice. *Social Psychological and Personality Science* 8(2): 173–182.

Jeremiah Garretson and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2016. Scientific Communication about Biological Influences on Homosexuality and the Politics of Gay Rights. *Political Research Quarterly* 69(1): 17–29.

Elizabeth Suhay, Brian Calfano, and Ryan Dawe. 2016. Social Norms, Dual Identities, and National Attachment: How the Perceived Patriotism of Group Members Influences Muslim Americans. *Politics, Groups, & Identities* 4(1): 63–83.

Elizabeth Suhay, Allyson Blackwell, Cameron Roche, and Lucien Bruggeman. 2015. Forging Bonds and Burning Bridges: Polarization and Incivility in Blog Discussions about Occupy Wall Street. *American Politics Research* 43(4): 643–679.

Elizabeth Suhay. 2015. Explaining Group Influence: The Role of Identity and Emotion in Political Conformity and Polarization. *Political Behavior* 37(1): 221–251.

Elizabeth Suhay and Toby Jayaratne. 2013. Does Biology Justify Ideology? The Politics of Genetic Attribution. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77(2): 497–521.

Marc Hetherington and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2011. Authoritarianism, Threat, and Americans' Support for the War on Terror. *American Journal of Political Science* 55(3): 546–560.

Ted Brader, Nicholas Valentino, and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2008. 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 Work

Elizabeth Suhay, Bernard Grofman, and Alex Trechsel, eds. Forthcoming. *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*. Oxford University Press.

Elizabeth Suhay and James N. Druckman, eds. 2015. 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

Elizabeth Suhay, Emily Cloyd, Erin Heath, and Erin Nash. 2019. *Recommended Practices for Science Communication with Policymakers*. School of Public Affairs/American University and American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Elizabeth Suhay and Brianna Maurer. 2018. Authoritarianism in the Public. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, Sandy Maisal, ed.

Elizabeth Suhay. 2017. Genetic Essentialism. In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. Fathali M. Moghaddam, ed. Sage Publications: 323–325.

Elizabeth Suhay. 2017. Review of *Anxious Politics: Democratic Citizenship in a Threatening World* by Bethany Albertson and Shana Kushner Gadarian. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 81(1): 196–198.

Elizabeth Suhay. 2016. 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.

Toby Jayaratne and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2015. Genetic, environmental, and choice causal attribution survey measures. Published in PsycTESTS database.

Elizabeth Suhay. 2011-12. Review of *Behind the Backlash: Muslim Americans After 9/11* by Lori Peek. *Political Science Quarterly* 126(4): 708–710.

Scott E. Page and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2006. *A Decision-Making Guide to the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan.

Articles in Progress

The Political Preferences of the Wealthy in the U.S. (with Marko Klasnja and Gonzalo Rivero)

Communicating Science with Policymakers Effectively & Ethically (with Erin Nash)

How Partisan Politics Does and Doesn't Bias Scientific Communication in Congress (with Sara Yeganeh, Nathan Lee, and Erin Nash)

Gender Attitudes in the 2016 Primaries (with Meri Long and Ryan Dawe)

Book Project

How Americans Explain Inequality, and Why It Matters

External Grants

National Science Foundation grant for “Developing Approaches to the Study of Information” (\$40,500), with David Barker. 2018.

National Academy of Sciences (with support from Rita Allen Foundation) grant for “Evidence-Based Science Communication to Policymakers” (\$37,500). 2017.

Russell Sage Foundation grant for “The Politics of Genetic Explanations for Social Inequality” (\$40,799). 2016.

Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Sciences (TESS) award, with Jeremiah Garretson. 2013.

Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Sciences (TESS) award, with Ted Brader & Nicholas Valentino. 2003.

Internal Grants

Excellence with Impact grant for “Improving Science Communication with Policymakers” event, School of Public Affairs, American University. 2019.

Junior Faculty Research Grant, School of Public Affairs, American University. 2017 & 2018.

Excellence with Impact grant for “Politics of Science” event, School of Public Affairs, American University. 2015.

Academic Research Committee Grant, Lafayette College. 2012 & 2013.

Thesis Grant, Political Science & Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan. 2006 & 2007.

Awards & Fellowships

Excellence with Impact Faculty Award, School of Public Affairs, American University. 2015.

Richard King Mellon Research Fellowship, Lafayette College. 2010.

Roberta Sigel Early Career Scholar Paper Award, Int’l Society of Political Psychology. 2008.

Rackham Graduate School One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan. 2008.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Political Science, University of Michigan. 2006.

Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, Political Science, University of Michigan. 2005–7.

Connelly Award Fellowship, Political Science, University of Michigan. 2004.

Summer Awards for Faculty/Student Collaboration, with Professor Donald R. Kinder, Political Science, University of Michigan. 2003 & 2004.

Angus B. Campbell Research Fellowship, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. 2002–3.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention. 2002.

Horace H. Rackham Regents Fellowship, University of Michigan. 2000–2.

Invited Lectures, Talks, & Webinars

“How and Why Genetic Explanations Correlate with Political Attitudes.” Thinking Morally about Genetics & Agency Conference, Columbia University, December 13, 2019.

“Evidence-based Science Communication with Policymakers” (with Emily Cloyd, Erin Heath, & Erin Nash). Sage Webinar, July 25, 2019.

“How Parties Influence Science Communication in Congress.” School of Media & Public Affairs, George Washington University, April 2019.

“Ideology of Affluence: Explanations for Inequality and Political Attitudes among Rich Americans.” Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University, April 2019.

“Communicating Science in a Politically Polarized Environment.” Stem Cell Research Center, University of California, Irvine, Jan 2019.

“How Americans on the Left & Right Explain Socioeconomic Inequality.” Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, Nov 2018.

“How Americans on the Left & Right Explain Socioeconomic Inequality.” Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, McGill University, Nov 2018.

“Evidence-based Science Communication with Policymakers.” National Academy of Sciences Sackler Colloquium, Washington, D.C., Nov 2017.

“The Ideology of Affluence: How the Rich Explain Inequality, and Why It Matters.” Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, May 2017.

“The Politics of Causal Explanations for Inequality.” Center for Neuroscience & Society, University of Pennsylvania, Jan 2017.

“Science, Ideology, & the Public.” Consortium for Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science and Engineering, University of Texas, Dallas, May 2016.

“Bias, Research, and the Art and Science of Effective Communication.” AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, Washington, D.C., Feb 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 2016.

“Political Conformity: Evidence & Mechanisms.” Political Persuasion Conference, University of California, Irvine, Laguna Beach, CA, Jan 2016.

“Politics in Science/Science in Law: Consuming Science Responsibly in the Courtroom, Legislature, and Public Sphere” (with Dan Kahan & Francis Shen). Sage Webinar, May 2015.

“The Politics of Biology: Political Opinion & the Perceived Causes of Inequality.” Department of Government, Georgetown University, Feb 2015.

“United in our Differences: Ideological Polarization in On-Line Posts about Occupy Wall Street.” Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 2012.

Conference Papers & Presentations (since 2010)

How Partisan Politics Does and Doesn't Bias Scientific Communication in Congress (w/ Sara Yeganeh, Nathan Lee, Erin Nash)

American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, Aug 29–Sept 1, 2019

How Americans on the Left and Right Explain Inequality

American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, Aug 30–Sept 2, 2018

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 4–7, 2019

The Politics of Scientific Communication in Congress: An Analysis of Congressional Expert Testimony on Climate Science (w/ Sara Yeganeh, Nathan Lee, Erin Nash)

American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, Aug 30–Sept 2, 2018

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 4–7, 2019

The Political Preferences of the Wealthy in the U.S. and the Netherlands (w/ Marko Klasnja, Paul Smeets, Gonzalo Rivero)

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, Apr 5–8, 2018

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, 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-Chasse, 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

How worried are you about an impending trade war? That might depend on what your fellow party members think (with Ben Toff). *Monkey Cage/WaPo*, July 12, 2018.

Why politicians think they know better than scientists—and why that’s so dangerous, *The Conversation US*, Feb 12, 2017.

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, 2016.

Science Denial is Bipartisan, *U.S. News & World Report*, Apr 6, 2015.

A scientific perspective on politics and science, *Monkey Cage/WaPo*, Feb 23, 2015.

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, 2014.

External Workshops

Reconceptualizing the Challenges of Direct-to-Consumer Health Products, Banbury Center, Lloyd Harbor, New York, October 14–16, 2019 (by invitation).

Encountering Science in Everyday Life, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Cambridge, MA, June 1–2, 2017 (by invitation).

Integrating Biopolitics and Political Psychology, UC Merced, June 20, 2016.

St. Louis Area Methods Meeting, American University, Washington, D.C., April 20, 2016.

Understanding Science Denialism, Wake Forest, Winston-Salem, NC, July 9–10, 2015 (by invitation).

Methodology of Twin and Family Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder, March 1–5, 2010 (competitive/NSF funded).

Teaching

American University: Politics in the U.S. (BA); Inequality in the U.S. (BA/Complex Problems); Introduction to Political Research (BA); Political Opinion in the U.S. (BA & MA); Capstone in Political Communication (MA); U.S. Politics Proseminar (PhD); 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)

Professional Service

BOARDS, CONFERENCES, & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Editorial Board: Science, Values, and the Public series, University of Pittsburgh Press (2019–); *Political Behavior* (2019–)

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

Section Roles: Chair, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee, APSA Class & Inequality section (2019–); Nominations Committee, SPSA (2019); Section Chair, Political Psychology, MPSA (2013)

Award Committees: Warren Miller Prize, APSA EPOVB (2019); Best Dissertation, APSA Political Psychology (2016); Roberta Sigel Chair, ISPP (2014); Best Poster, MPSA (2014); Best Dissertation, APSA Experiments (2012)

Panel Discussant: APSA (2019, 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 (2019, 2014)

Member: American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Political Science Association; International Society of Political Psychology; Midwest Political Science Association; National Capital-Area Political Science Association

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 Policy Analysis and Management*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Risk Research*; *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*; *Latin American Research Review*; *Nature Human Behaviour*; *Personality & Social Psychology Bulletin*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Psychology*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups, & Identities*; *Politics & Gender*; *Politics & Religion*; *Polity*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*; *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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

American University: Gill Scholarship Committee, SPA (2019–); Methods Field Committee, Government (2018–); Academic Core Socio-Historical Subcommittee, AU (2018–19); Assessment, Government (2017–19); Faculty Development Leadership Cohort, AU (2017–18); Excellence with Impact, SPA (2017–18); Teaching Evaluation, SPA (2015–16); Honors Capstone Conference Selection, SPA (2015); Academic Integrity, SPA (2014–15)

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

Additional Work Experience

Consulting: Communicating Science to Policymakers Module, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C. (2016)

Editorial: Assistant Editor, University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor (2000–1); Editorial Assistant, University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor (1998–2000); Editorial Assistant, WW Norton, New York (1996–7)

Research: Research Associate, American National Election Studies, University of Michigan (2008); Research Assistant, Arthur Lupia, Dept of Political Science, University of Michigan (2004); Research Assistant, Ted Brader/Nicholas Valentino, Dept of Political Science, University of Michigan (2003); Research Assistant, Ted Brader, Dept of Political Science, University of Michigan (2001/2)

Teaching: GMAT and GRE Instructor, Princeton Review, Ann Arbor, MI (1998–9)