

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Affairs, University of Mary Washington, Fall 2026 – Present

Faculty Fellow, University of Maryland Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement, Spring 2024 – Present

Conference Manager, Southern Political Science Association, Fall 2024 – Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Affairs, University of Mary Washington, Fall 2022 – Spring 2026

Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Communication, and TomKat Fellow with the Political Psychology Research Group (under Jon Krosnick), Stanford University, Summer 2020 – Summer 2022

Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Summer 2019 – Summer 2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park. 2019

Specialization: American Politics, Political Behavior, Survey Methodology

Dissertation: *Empathy and Electoral Accountability* (Committee: Michael Hanmer, Antoine Banks, Lilliana Mason, Sarah Croco, Frederick Conrad, Janelle Wong)

M.A. Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park. 2015

B.A. Political Science & Spanish Language and Literature, The George Washington University. 2009

BOOKS

McDonald, Jared. *Feeling their Pain: Why Voters Want Leaders Who Care*. 2024. New York: Oxford University Press.

Rouse, Stella, Jared McDonald, Richard Engstrom, Michael Hanmer, Roberto Gonzalez, Siugmin Lay, and Daniel Miranda. 2023. *Citizens of the World: Political Engagement and Policy Attitudes of Millennials across the Globe*. New York: Oxford University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- (23) McDonald, Jared, Alauna Safarpour, Lisa Bryant, and Michael Hanmer. "[Evaluating Partisan Registrations Amid the Electronic Registration Information Center Controversy](#)." (Forthcoming in *PS: Political Science & Politics*).
- (22) Tyree-Herrmann, Sarah, Jared McDonald, and Rosalyn Cooperman. "[Hostile Sexism and the 2024 Blame Game](#)." (Forthcoming in *The Forum*).
- (21) Piatak, Jaclyn, Jared McDonald, Shannon Portillo, Zachary Mohr. "[Race, gender, and rules: How intersectionality and congruence shape leadership perceptions](#)." (Forthcoming in *International Public Management Journal*)
- (20) MacInnis, Bo, Jon Krosnick, and Jared McDonald. "[Resistance to Purchasing All-Electric Vehicles: Evidence from a National Survey](#)." (Forthcoming in *Journal of Environmental Psychology*).
- (19) McDonald, Jared, and Michael Hanmer. 2025. "[Evaluating Methods for Examining the Relative Persuasiveness of Policy Arguments](#)." *Political Science Research and Methods*, 13(1): 229-236.
- (18) Mohr, Zach, Jared McDonald, Suzanne Leland, and Jaclyn Piatak. 2023. "[Is Government Escaping Blame? The Effect of Contracting and Victim Attributes in a Prisoner Transportation Experiment](#)." *Public Management Review*, 26(11): 3082–3103.
- (17) McDonald, Jared and Melissa Deckman. 2023. "[New Voters, New Attitudes: How Gen Z Americans Rate Candidates with Respect to Generation, Gender, and Race](#)." *Politics, Groups, & Identities*, 11(2): 345-365.
- (16) Melissa, Deckman and Jared McDonald. 2023. "[Uninspired by Old White Guys: The Mobilizing Factor of Younger, More Diverse Candidates for Gen Z Women](#)." *Politics & Gender*, 19(1): 195-219.
- (15) Scott, Zachary and Jared McDonald. 2022. "[Tell Us How You Feel: Emotional Appeals for Votes in Presidential Primaries](#)." *American Politics Research*, 50(5): 609-622.
- (14) McDonald, Jared and Jaclyn Piatak. 2022. "[Penalties for Going Against Type: How Candidate Gender Shapes Leadership Perceptions](#)." *Behavioral Science and Policy*, 8(2): 47-56.
- (13) Croco, Sarah E., Jared McDonald, and Candace Turitto. 2022. "[The Face of the Problem: How Subordinates Shield Executives from Blame](#)." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 9(3): 359–368.
- (12) Piatak, Jaclyn, Zachary Mohr, and Jared McDonald. 2022. "[Rule Formalization and Gender Congruence: Examining Prosocial Rule Breaking for Internal and External Stakeholders](#)." *International Public Management Journal*, 25(4): 566-584.
- (11) Piatak, Jaclyn, Zachary Mohr, and Jared McDonald. 2022. "[The Role of Gender in Government and Nonprofit Workplaces: An Experimental Analysis of Rule Compliance and Supervisor Trust](#)." *Public Administration Review*, 82(3): 556-569.
- (10) Bryant, Lisa, Michael Hanmer, Alauna Safarpour and Jared McDonald. 2022. "[The Power of the State: How Postcards from the State Increased Registration and Turnout in Pennsylvania](#)." *Political Behavior*, 44(2): 535-549.

- (9) McDonald, Jared. 2021. "[Who Cares? Explaining Perceptions of Compassion in Candidates for Office.](#)" *Political Behavior*, 43(4): 1371-1394.
- (8) Croco, Sarah, Michael Hanmer, and Jared McDonald. 2021. "[At What Cost? Reexamining Audience Costs in Realistic Settings.](#)" *Journal of Politics*, 83(1): 8-22.
- (7) McDonald, Jared and James Igoe Walsh. 2021. "[The Costs of Conflict and Support for the Use of Force: Accounting for Information Equivalence in Survey Experiments.](#)" *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 8(2): 195-202.
 - Recipient of the 2021 Award for Best Replication Published in the *Journal of Experimental Political Science* (by the Experimental Research Section of APSA)
- (6) Croco, Sarah, Jared McDonald, and Candace Turitto. 2021. "[Making them Pay: Using the Norm of Honesty to Generate Costs for Political Lies.](#)" *Electoral Studies*, 69: 1-12.
- (5) Deckman, Melissa, Jared McDonald, Stella Rouse, and Mileah Kromer. 2020. "[Gen Z, Gender, and COVID-19.](#)" *Politics & Gender*, 16(4): 1019-1027.
- (4) McDonald, Jared, David Karol, and Lilliana Mason. 2020. "[An Inherited Money Dude from Queens County?: How Unseen Candidate Characteristics Affect Voter Perceptions.](#)" *Political Behavior*, 42(3): 915-938.
- (3) McDonald, Jared. 2020. "[Avoiding the Hypothetical: Why 'Mirror Experiments' are an Essential Part of Survey Research.](#)" *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 32(2): 266-283.
- (2) McDonald, Jared, Sarah Croco, and Candace Turitto. 2019. "[Teflon Don or Politics as Usual? An Examination of Foreign Policy Flip-Flops in the Age of Trump.](#)" *Journal of Politics*, 81(2): 757-766.
- (1) McDonald, Jared, Zachary Scott, and Michael Hanmer. 2017. "[Using Self-Prophecy to Combat Vote Overreporting on Public Opinion Surveys.](#)" *Electoral Studies*, 50: 137-141.

EDITED VOLUMES

McDonald, Jared, and Zachary Scott. 2023. "Strong Men, Caring Women? How Gender Shapes Emotional Political Rhetoric." In Robert X. Browning (Ed.), *Political Rhetoric and the Media: The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research* (Volume 8, pp. 155-188). Purdue University Press.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- McDonald, Jared, Sebastian Lundmark, Adina Abeles, Jon Krosnick, and Bo MacInnis. "Testing the Effect and Causal Pathway of Elite Cues on Global Warming Attitudes." (Under review).
- McDonald, Jared, Jordy Santana, and Andrew Palczewski. "Messaging in a Crisis: How Mythic Frames Shape American Perceptions of Foreign Conflicts." (Under review).
- McDonald, Jared, Zachary Mohr, and Jaclyn Piatak. "Gender, Position, and Messaging: An Examination of Policy Support and Perceptions of Leaders." (Under review).

MacInnis, Bo, Jared McDonald, Jon Krosnick, and Chris Field. “The Impact of Real-World Scientific Communication on Public Opinions: The Case of the IPCC AR6 Report.”

McDonald, Jared, Bo MacInnis, and Jon Krosnick. “Americans’ Support for Environmental Justice Policies: The Case of Climate Change.”

McDonald, Jared, Daniel Biggers, and Michael Hanmer. “Who Should be Heard? Exploring the Conditions under Which Americans Support Lowering the Voting Age to 16.”

McDonald, Jared, Taylor Orth, Jon Krosnick, and Bo MacInnis. “Explaining the Gap between American Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Attitudes and Beliefs on Global Warming.”

RESEARCH REPORTS

McDonald, Jared, Bo MacInnis, and Jon A. Krosnick. 2024. “Climate Insights 2024: Perceptions of Environmental Justice.” Washington, DC: Resources for the Future.

Krosnick, Jon, Bo MacInnis, and Jared McDonald. 2021. “More from the Climate Insights 2020 Survey.” *Resources Magazine*, 206: 46-48.

McDonald, Jared and Michael Hanmer. 2021. “Barriers facing youth political participation in America.” College Park, MD: Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement.

McDonald, Jared, Bo MacInnis, and Jon A. Krosnick. 2020. “Climate Insights 2020: Opinion in the States.” Washington, DC: Resources for the Future.

McDonald, Jared. 2020. “Inclusive and Representative Government Could be the Key to Unlocking the Youth Vote.” Washington, DC: American Political Science Association.

MEDIA REPORTS

[“After Super Tuesday, exhausted Americans face 8 more months of presidential campaigning”](#)
The Conversation. March 5, 2024.

[“A Gen Z awakening at the ballot box”](#) (with Melissa Deckman, Mileah Kromer, and Anne Moses). *The Hill*. June 25, 2020.

[“Here’s another way Trump is different: Flip-flopping doesn’t affect his public approval”](#) (with Sarah Croco and Candace Turitto). *Washington Post*. March 12, 2019.

[“Many Voters Think Trump’s a Self-Made Man. What Happens When You Tell Them Otherwise?”](#) (with David Karol and Lilliana Mason). *Politico*. January 17, 2019.

[“The New York Times revealed how Fred Trump funneled \\$413 million to his son Donald. Will that change American opinion?”](#) (with David Karol and Lilliana Mason). *Washington Post*. October 4, 2018.

[“Honesty first: how to make politicians pay for lying”](#) (with Candace Turitto and Sarah Croco). *Vox*. July 2, 2018.

[“Trump’s supporters don’t care about his flip-flop on Syria. We checked”](#) (with Sarah Croco). *Washington Post*. May 3, 2017.

RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

John M. Kramer UMW PSIA Faculty Excellence Award. 2025.

Southern Political Science Association Professional Development Grant. 2025.

TomKat Fellowship in Sustainable Energy. Stanford University. 2020-2022.

Center for C-SPAN Scholarship and Engagement (Honorarium). 2021.

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Dean's Research Initiative. "Using the Norm of Honesty to Generate Costs for Political Lies," with Sarah E. Croco, 2019.

University of Maryland, Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, 2019. *Declined*.

Washington Post Fellowship in Political Polling. 2018.

Department of Government and Politics, American Politics Field Research Award, 2018.

University of Maryland, Dean's Research Fellowship. Dissertation Research, 2018.

University of Maryland, Conley Dillon Memorial Award for Doctoral Studies, 2018.

University of Maryland, Graduate School's Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award. 2016.

University of Maryland, Government and Politics Research Initiative. "Incentivizing the Issueless Campaign: The Role of Independents and Candidate Compassion," 2016.

University of Maryland, The Graduate School, Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship. "Investigations into the Importance of Realistic Survey Frames," 2015.

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Dean's Research Initiative. "Experiments on the Microfoundations of Audience Costs," with Michael J. Hanmer and Sarah E. Croco, 2014.

SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

"Who Should be Heard? Experiments to Understand Support for Lowering the Voting Age," (with Daniel R. Biggers, Sam Novey, Laura Wray-Lake, and Michael J. Hanmer). National Capital Area Political Science Association American Politics Workshop. January 5, 2026.

"Experiments to Understand Support for Lowering the Voting Age," (with Daniel R. Biggers, Sam Novey, Laura Wray-Lake, and Michael J. Hanmer). American Political Science Association Annual Conference. September 11-14, 2025.

"Messaging in a Crisis: How Mythic Frames Shape American Perceptions of Foreign Conflicts," (with Jordy Santana and Andrew Palczewski). Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. January 8-11, 2025.

"Gender, Position, and Messaging: An Examination of Policy Support and Perceptions of Leaders," (with Zachary Mohr and Jaclyn Piatak). Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. January 8-11, 2025.

"Americans' Support for Environmental Justice Policies: The Case of Climate Change," (with Bo MacInnis and Jon Krosnick). American Political Science Association Annual Conference. September, 2024.

- “Assessing the Validity of Attacks on the Electronic Registration Information Center,” (with Alauna Safarpour, Lisa Bryant, and Michael Hanmer). Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. January 10-13, 2024.
- “The Influence of Race, Gender, and Intersectionality on Leadership Perceptions: Examining Employee Rule Following, Trust, and Trait Assessments,” (with Jaclyn Piatak, Shannon Portillo, and Zachary Mohr). Public Management Research Conference. June 27-30, 2023.
- “Mood Swings: National Mood and Candidates’ Emotion Appeals,” (with Zachary Scott). American Political Science Association Annual Conference. September 15-18, 2022.
- “Explaining the Gap between American Hispanics’ and Non-Hispanic Whites’ Attitudes and Beliefs on Global Warming,” (with Jon Krosnick, Taylor Orth, and Bo MacInnis). American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference. May 11-13, 2022.
- “An Alternative Method for Examining the Relative Persuasiveness of Policy Arguments,” (with Michael Hanmer). American Political Science Association Annual Conference. September 30-October 3, 2021.
- “Testing the Effect and Causal Pathway of Elite Cues on Global Warming Attitudes,” (with Jon Krosnick). American Political Science Association Annual Conference. September 30-October 3, 2021.
- “Who Abides by Rules? An Examination of Gender and Gender Congruence in Rule Following,” (with Jaclyn Piatak and Zachary Mohr) *Public Administration Review* Symposium on Beyond Representative Bureaucracy: Race, Gender, and Social Equity in Governance. September 25-26, 2020.
- “New Voters, New Attitudes; Exploring Gen Z Views toward Women and Minority Candidates,” (with Melissa Deckman). American Political Science Association Annual Conference. September 9-13, 2020.
- “Tell Us How You Feel: Emotional Appeals for Votes in Presidential Primaries,” (with Zachary Scott). American Political Science Association Annual Conference. September 9-13, 2020.
- “The AOC Effect: How Younger, More Diverse Candidates Influence Gen Z Political Engagement,” (with Melissa Deckman) American Association of Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, May 16, 2020. *Cancelled due to COVID-19*.
- “The Costs of Conflict and Support for the Use of Force: Accounting for Information Equivalence in Survey Experiments,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. April 16-19, 2020. *Cancelled due to COVID-19*.
- “Making them Pay: Using the Norm of Honesty to Generate Costs for Political Lies.” Duke University Political Science Workshop, October 22, 2019.
- “Explaining How Voters Perceive Empathy in Candidates for Office.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. April 6, 2019.
- Hi, My Name is...Examining the impact of sponsorship on public opinion surveys (With Scott Clement, Emily Guskin, Seth Brohinsky, Raphael Nishimura, and Dean Williams). American Association of Public Opinion Research Annual Conference. May 18, 2018.

“Examining the Accuracy of Likely Voter Models” (with Scott Clement, Emily Guskin, Mark Blumenthal, Seth Brohinsky, and Dean Williams). American Association of Public Opinion Research Annual Conference. May 17, 2018.

“Reexamining the Role of Hypotheticals and Approval in the Study of Audience Costs” (with Sarah Croco and Michael Hanmer). Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. April 8, 2017.

“Who Cares? Exploring the Role of Sympathetic and Empathetic Appeals in Cultivating Positive Perceptions of Candidate Compassion.” American Politics Workshop at the University of Maryland, December 2, 2016.

“Costly Retreats?: An Experimental Investigation into the Existence and Political Importance of Audience Costs” (with Sarah Croco and Michael Hanmer) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. April 3, 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Mary Washington

Instructor – PSCI 391 Research and Writing in Political Science (Fall 2022-Fall 2025)

Instructor – PSCI 333 American Public Opinion (Spring 2023-Spring 2026)

Instructor – PSCI 380 Race and Ethnicity in American Politics (Spring 2025-Spring 2026)

Instructor – PSCI 201 Introduction to American Government (Fall 2022-Fall 2025)

Instructor – PSCI 334A Political Parties and Elections in America (Spring 2024)

Instructor – FSEM100 American Political Polarization (Fall 2023-Fall 2026)

Instructor – PSCI 491(H) Independent Study in Political Science (Fall 2023-Spring 2026)

Instructor – URES 197 University Research (Spring 2023-Spring 2026)

Stanford University

Instructor – POLISCI 229 Directed Readings in Political Psychology (Fall 2020-Spring 2022)

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Instructor – Graduate Student Workshop on Survey Methodology (Fall 2019)

Guest Lecturer – POLS 3010 Behavioral Public Administration and Public Policy (Fall 2019)

University of Maryland, College Park

Guest Lecturer – GVPT 461 Seminar in Local Politics and Government (Spring 2019)

Instructor – GVPT 388 Center for American Politics and Citizenship Research Assistantship Methodology Course (Spring 2017-Fall 2018)

Teaching Assistant – GVPT 170 Introduction to American Government (Fall 2016)

TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to American Politics; Public Opinion; Participation and Voting Behavior; Campaigns and Elections; American Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Research Methods; Cognitive Aspects of Survey Methodology; Experimental Design

SERVICE

University of Mary Washington

University Faculty Council: 2025-2026

Committee Chair: 2025-2026 Speaking and Writing Intensive Committee

Committee Member: 2023-2025, Writing Intensive Committee.

Website Administrator: 2023-Present Department of Political Science and International Affairs.

Faculty Affiliate: 2022-Present, UMW Votes, University of Mary Washington Office of Community Engagement.

Faculty Liaison: 2024-Present, UMW Track and Field Team.

Committee Member: 2023, Virginia Day of Dialogue Planning Committee, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

Stanford University

Mentor: 2020-2021, Stanford Political Psychology Research Group Undergraduate Assistant Program.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Administrator, 2019-2020, Public Policy Research Support Lab (PoRSuL) at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

University of Maryland

Mentor, 2014-2017, Undergraduate - Graduate Mentoring Program, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Member, 2016-2017, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Government and Politics.

Community Outreach Coordinator, 2013-2016, Graduate Student Association, Department of Government and Politics.

Chair/Discussant: Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (2026, 2025, 2019), American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2021) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2019)

Reviewer: Cambridge University Press, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Political Psychology, Political Behavior, Electoral Studies, British Journal of Political Science, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Public Management Review, Behavioral Science and Policy, Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management, Journal of Peace Research, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, International Interactions, Journal of Refugee Studies, CITI Program Courses.