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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Northwestern University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2017-present

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, 2016-present

College Fellow, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, 2016-2017

EDUCATION

Yale University, Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2016

Dissertation: "The Effect of Collaboration on Distributive Preferences: Behavioral Games and a Field Experiment"

Committee: Alan Gerber (Chair), Eitan Hersh, Gregory Huber

Field Certifications: American Politics, Political Economy, Quantitative Methods

Certificate of College Teaching Preparation

Yale University, M.E.M. in Social and Political Ecology, May 2011

Certificate in Science Writing

University of Chicago, B.A. in Political Science, June 2005

PUBLICATIONS

- "Political sectarianism in America." 2020. Eli J. Finkel, Christopher A. Bail, Mina Cikara, Peter H. Ditto, Shanto Iyengar, Samara Klar, Lilliana Mason, Mary C. McGrath, Brendan Nyhan, David G. Rand, Linda J. Skitka, Joshua A. Tucker, Jay J. Van Bavel, Cynthia S. Wang, James N. Druckman. *Science* 370(6516): 533-536.
- "Experiments on Problems of Climate Change." 2020. Mary C. McGrath. *Advances in Experimental Political Science*, Druckman, J., & Green, D. (Eds.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- "Experimental evidence for a pure collaboration effect." 2019. Mary C. McGrath and Alan S. Gerber. *Nature Human Behaviour*. 3: 354-360.
- "The Evidence for Motivated Reasoning In Climate Change Preference Formation." 2019. James N. Druckman and Mary C. McGrath. *Nature Climate Change*. DOI: 10.1038/s41558-018-0360-1
- "Economic Behavior and the Partisan Perceptual Screen." 2017. Mary C. McGrath. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 11(4): 363-383.
- "Ideologically Extreme Candidates in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1948-2012." 2016. Marty Cohen, Mary C. McGrath, Peter Aronow, and John Zaller. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 667(September): 126-142.
- "The Dynamic Election: Patterns of Early Voting across Time, State, Party, and Age." 2016. Vivekinan Ashok, Daniel Feder, Mary C. McGrath, and Eitan Hersh. *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*. 15(2): 115-128.
- "Chocolate Scents and Product Sales: A Randomized Controlled Trial in a Canadian Bookstore and Cafe." 2016. Mary C. McGrath, Peter M. Aronow, and Vivien Shotwell. *SpringerPlus* 5:670.
- "Field Experiments and the Study of Voter Turnout." 2013. Donald P. Green, Mary C. McGrath, and Peter M. Aronow. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties* 23(1): 27-48.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Voter Bias and the Partisan Gender-gap in Office” Sara Saltzer & Mary C. McGrath
- “Group Identification in the Collaboration Effect: The Role of Racial Out-Group Status and Cultural Worldview.” Mary C. McGrath
- “Social vs. Efficiency-based Processes of Opinion Formation: Shifting Opinion on Climate Change” Mary C. McGrath
- “Instrumentality and the Voter’s Paradox: A Laboratory Experiment on the Turnout Decision” Mary C. McGrath

TEACHING

American Government & Politics – Undergraduate Lecture
Northwestern University

Evaluating Evidence – Undergraduate Lecture
Northwestern University

Theories of Political Behavior – Graduate Seminar
Northwestern University

American Political Institutions & Behavior – Graduate Field Seminar
Northwestern University

Linear Models – Graduate Quantitative Methods Sequence, Course II
Northwestern University

Quantitative Methods – Graduate Quantitative Methods Sequence, Course II
Teaching Fellow, Yale University

Statistics – Graduate Quantitative Methods Sequence, Course I
Teaching Fellow, Yale University

Introduction to American Politics – Undergraduate General Education Course
Teaching Fellow, Yale University

SERVICE & RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Northwestern Cognitive Science Program, *Director of Graduate Studies*, 2021-present

Chair’s Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, *Committee member*, 2021-present

NU Votes Advisory Committee, *Committee member*, 2020-present

Northwestern Cognitive Science Program Committee, *Committee member*, 2019-present

Northwestern American Politics Workshop, *Co-coordinator*, 2018-present

Computational Social Sciences Research Group, *Group leader*, Fall 2017

Skoll Global Threats Fund, *Social Science Research Advisor*, 2017

Icelandic Research Fund, *Grant reviewer*, 2016

Yale ISPS Experiments Workshop, *Coordinator*, 2012 & 2013

ISPS Data Archive, *Lead data archivist*, 2010-2013

Yale Project on Climate Change, *Research assistant*, 2009-2010

White House Council on Environmental Quality, *Communications intern*, May-August 2009

Yale Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry, *Writer/editor*, January-September 2009

SELECTED AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AFFILIATIONS

Weinberg College Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research, *Northwestern University*, 2021-22

R. Barry Farrell Faculty Award for Excellence in Mentorship, *Northwestern University, Department of Political Science*, 2020

Searle Teaching Fellow, *Northwestern University Center for Advanced Learning & Teaching*, 2018-19
Seed Grant, *Northwestern University, Institute for Policy Research*, 2018

Educational Technology Teaching Fellow, *Northwestern University*, 2017-2018

Farrell Fellow Research Mentorship Program, *Northwestern University Political Science*, 2017

Hilles Fellowship, *Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*, 2015-2016

Falk Fellowship, *Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*, 2013-2015

Policy Fellow, *Institution for Social and Policy Studies*, 2012-2013

Institution for Social and Policy Studies Scholarship, 2011-2013

Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 2011-2013

Center for the Study of American Politics Research Grant, 2011, 2014, 2016

Science Communication Fellow, *Consortium for Science, Policy & Outcomes*, 2010

Environmental Internship Award Recipient, *Edna Bailey Sussman Fund*, 2009

INVITED TALKS, COLLOQUIA, & MEDIA

American Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2022 Social Psychology speaker series, Northwestern University, Nov 2021

Not Another Politics Podcast, “How Much Should We Believe Surveys?” Aug 2021

Chicago Area Political & Social Behavior Workshop, “Political Effects of Collaboration,” May 2021

Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, “Prospects for U.S. and Global Climate Action,” Jan 2021

VSA Partners Strategy Group, “Partisanship and the 2020 Election,” Nov 2020

NU Political Union, Northwestern University, March 2020

American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, December 2019

Data-Driven Strategies to Promote Youth Turnout (Discussion chair), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, August 2018

Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics, New York University Law School, October 2017

Institute for Policy Research Colloquium, Northwestern University, April 2017

Political Economy Workshop, Harris School of Public Policy, March 2017

Experiments in the Public Interest (Invited Participant), Research4Impact, January 2017

Harris School of Public Policy Election Panel (“Making Sense of the Election Results: From Politics to Policy”), November 2016

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Psychology & Behavior; Political Economy; American Politics – *partisanship; ideology; political decision-making; group-identification; race; attitudes toward taxation & redistribution; turnout; campaigns & elections; environmental politics; science & policy; attitudes toward scientific information*

Quantitative Methods – *survey, lab, and field experiments; causal inference*