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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Expected May 2024

- Fields: American Politics & Political Methodology
- Minor: Comparative Politics
- Dissertation: *Political Sadness: Democratic Institutions & Citizens in a Depressing World*
- Committee: Jeff Mondak (Chair), Aleks Ksiazkiewicz, Brian Gaines, & Cara Wong
- Affiliations: Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory; Center for Teaching and Innovation in Learning; Center for Social & Behaviors Sciences

MA in Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

August 2019

BA in Political Science & Honors, Westminster College (Salt Lake City, UT)

May 2016

- Minors in Applied Mathematics and English

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Psychology, Political Behavior, American Politics, Emotions, Quantitative Methods, Mixed Methods, Experimental Methods, Research Design, Pedagogy, Public Policy

PUBLICATIONS

2023. “We Don’t Talk About Bruno or Politics: Facilitating Respectful Conversations in the Political Science Classroom,” *The Political Science Educator*, 26 (2): 25-30.

2015. “Who’s Got the Guilt? We Got the Guilt! Analyzing Pedagogical Preferences Relating to Writing Center Consultant Guilt,” *The Myriad*, 1.

Policy Publications

2019. University of Illinois System Task Force. “University of Illinois System Task Force on Sexual Misconduct Prevent & Response Recommendations,” University of Illinois System (2019). Primary contributor with Dr. Nicole Allen of Appendix A: includes over 125 research citations.

Working Papers

Ksiazkiewicz, A., & Steur, J. “Chrononormativity: A Novel Measure about Proper Times of Day to do Activities.”

Steur, J., Moreira, J., & Khan, A. “Vicarious Elite Contact & Reducing Affective Polarization in the United States: A Nationally Representative Survey Experiment.”

In Preparation

“The Stability of Trait-based Anger: Hotheaded Political Participation.”

“The Role of Sadness in Political Participation”

“Eroding Democratic Norms: The Consequences of Partisan Dehumanization in the U.S.”

BLOGS

Midwest Political Science Association Blogger *April 2019–Present*
 University of Illinois Global Studies Department [Blog Post](#) April 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, IL
Introduction to Political Science *Fall 2022*
The U.S. Supreme Court (Online) *Summer 2022*
Instructor for U.S. Racial & Ethnic Politics (Online) *Summer 2021*
Math Camp, Political Science Department *Fall 2018–2020*

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, IL
Grader for Justice in the Law *Spring 2022*
Grader for International Law *Spring 2019*
TA for U.S. Racial & Ethnic Politics *Fall 2019*
TA for Introduction to Political Theory *Fall 2018*
TA for Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics *Fall 2017*

Graduate Affiliate, Illinois Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning Champaign-Urbana, IL
Co-Instructor for ATLAS Tech-Enhanced Certificate Cohort (Online) *August 2022–Present*
Co-Instructor for Backwards Course Design Workshop Series (Hybrid) *Summer 2022 & Summer 2023*
Facilitator for “What the Best College Teachers Do” Reading Group *Fall 2021*
Teaching Affiliate & Teaching Consultant *Summer 2021–Present*

Mentor, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, IL
Political Science Undergraduate Internship Program *Fall 2022–Spring 2023*
Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program *Spring 2022 & Spring 2023*

Guest Lecturer, University of Illinois Community Health Department Champaign-Urbana, IL
First Year Campus Acquaintance Rape Education *Fall 2019 & Spring 2020*

Undergraduate Grader Salt Lake City, UT
Introductory Statistics *Summer 2015*

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Illinois Department of Political Science Travel Grant (\$325) 2023
 Rapoport Family Foundation Doctorial Dissertation Grant (\$15,000) 2023
 Center for Social & Behavioral Sciences Legislative Fellowship at Illinois (\$22,000) 2022
 Princeton Dissertation Scholar: Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice (\$12,000) 2022
 Polarization Lab 2022 Request for Proposals Award (~\$2000 with Moreira, J., & Khan, A.) 2022
 APSA 2022 First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant (\$200) 2022
 American Political Science Association Travel Grant (\$150) 2022
 Illinois Department of Political Science Research Award (\$300) 2022
 Charles E. Merriam Travel Grant (\$170) 2019
 Illinois Political Science Summer Research Fellowship (\$2000) 2018
 Westminster Gore Undergraduate Research Grant (\$3000) 2015

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association

2022. “The Role of Sadness in Political Trust,” Individual Paper Presentation (Montreal).

Midwest Political Science Association

2023. “The Public Health Costs of Political Sadness,” Individual Paper Presentation (Chicago).

2023. “Political Dehumanization in the U.S.,” Individual Paper Presentation (Chicago).

2023. “The Causes of Political Sadness in the U.S.,” Individual Paper Presentation (Chicago).

2022. “The Impact of Sadness on Political Trust,” Junior Scholars Symposium Presentation (Chicago).

2022. “The Consequences of Partisan Dehumanization in the U.S.,” Junior Scholars Symposium Presentation (Chicago).

2021. “The Causes & Potential Consequences of Sadness in Politics,” Individual Paper Presentation (Chicago).

2019. “Last Week Tonight: Citizen Competence & Memory Decay,” Individual Paper Presentation (Chicago).

Southern Political Science Association

2021. “The Causes & Consequences of Political Sadness,” Southern Political Science Association, Individual Paper Presentation (Virtual Conference).

Internal Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting

2023. Moreira, Jair, Khan, Aleena, & Steur, James R. “Vicarious Elite Contact: Reducing Affective Polarization,” Individual Paper Presentation (Montréal, Québec, Canada).

Additional Conference Presentations

2018. Steur, James R., Baublitz, Colleen, Reddan, Marianne, & Whynacht, Chris. “#MeToo in Higher Ed,” Coalition of Graduate Employees Unions Conference, Graduate Student Panel (New York City).

2018. Xavier, Laberge, & Steur, James R. “Challenging Business Unionism,” Coalition of Graduate Employees Unions Conference, Graduate Student Panel (New York City).

2016. “No Child Left Behind: Implications for Special Education Students,” Westminster College Undergraduate Research Fair, Individual Paper Presentation (Salt Lake City).

2016. Steur, James R., and Williams, Hannah. “Engaging with Vulnerability: Reorienting Faculty, Staff, and Students’ Conception of Failure,” Continuing Conversations Series (Salt Lake City).

2015. Steur, James R. “Assessing Professors’ Comments & Influence on Student Writing in First Year English Composition Courses,” National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing, Individual Paper Presentation (Salt Lake City).

2015. “Assessing Professors’ Comments & Influence on Student Writing in First Year English Composition Courses,” National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing, Individual Paper Presentation (Salt Lake City).

2014. Steur, James R., & Cavender, Erin M. “Reconfiguring Student Success in Honors,” National Collegiate Honors Conference, Student Panel Thread (Denver).

SELECTED TEACHING PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Backwards Course Design Workshop Series: University of Illinois Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning

2023 & 2022. “Who Is in Your Class? A Student-Centered Approach to Teaching,” *Hybrid*, (Champaign, IL).

2023 & 2022. “Crafting Learning Objectives,” *Hybrid*, (Champaign, IL).

2022. Krueger, Sarah & Steur, James R. “Supporting Your Students in Collaborative Learning,” *Hybrid*, (Champaign, IL).

The Graduate Academy for College Teaching: University of Illinois Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning

2023–2019. “Best Practices for First Time Teaching Assistants,” (Champaign, IL).

2023–2021. “Strategies for Achieving Work-Life Balance in Graduate School: Considering Mental Health,” (*Online*) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, Graduate Academy, (Champaign, IL).

2023–2021. “Bloom’s Taxonomy, Active Learning, & Common Teaching Strategies,” (*Online & In-person*) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Center for Innovation in Teaching, Graduate Academy (Champaign, IL).

Workshop Series: University of Illinois Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning

2022. “Academic Writing: Process Oriented Approaches for Student Assessment & Improvement,” (*Online*) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning Workshops, (Champaign, IL).

2022. “Trigger Warnings: An Evidence Based Approach for College Classrooms,” (*Online*) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning Workshops, (Champaign, IL).

Savvy Researcher Workshop: University of Illinois Library

2021 & 2020. Steur, James R., Bajjalieh, Joseph, & Shalmon, Dan. “Introducing the Cline Center Global News Index & Archer Application: Over 170 Million News Stories,” *Online*, (Champaign, IL).

Math Camp: University of Illinois Political Science Department & Graduate Student Association

2020 & 2019. “Introduction to Regression: Ordinary Least Squares (OLS),” (Champaign, IL).

2020 & 2019. “Introduction to Linear Algebra,” (Champaign, IL).

2019 & 2018. “Limits, Continuity, & Derivatives: Calculus I,” (Champaign, IL).

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

2023. “A Synthesis of the Land Banking Literature: Addressing Blighted Properties in Illinois District 104,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Chancellor’s Office for Public Engagement & Center for Social & Behavioral Sciences, Graduate Fellow Presenter (Champaign, IL).

2023. Marron, M., & Steur, J. “The Possibility of Land Banking: Addressing Blighted Properties in Illinois District 104,” Illinois State Capitol Presentations, Graduate Fellow Speaker (Springfield, IL).

2022. “The Possibility of Land Banking: Addressing Blighted Properties in Illinois District 104,” Exchange Club of Rantoul, Guest Speaker (Rantoul, IL).

2022. “The Possibility of Land Banking: Addressing Blighted Properties in Illinois District 104,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Chancellor’s Office for Public Engagement & Center for Social & Behavioral Sciences, Graduate Fellow Presenter (Champaign, IL).

2021. “Beyond the Obvious: The Strengths of Being a First-Generation Student,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, The Office of Inclusion & Intercultural Relations, Lecture (Champaign, IL).

2019. “Cultivating Bravery, Changing Culture: The Illinois Summit on Sexual Harassment,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Graduate Student Presenter (Champaign, IL).

2019. “Step Out: A Step Showcase for Sexual Assault Awareness Month,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Lecture (Champaign, IL).

2019. Steur, James R., Macias, Agustin, Sinha, Samit, Stephens, Nathan, & Wantland, Ross. “Men’s Perspectives About Assault,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Panel (Champaign, IL).

2018. Steur, James R., Rao, Suda, & Wong, Megan. “Relationships in the Age of Apps,” University of Illinois Domestic Violence Awareness Month Lineup, Student Panel (Champaign, IL).

DEPARTMENT & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

University of Illinois	<i>Champaign-Urbana, IL</i>
<i>Member, Coordinated Community Response Team Trauma-Informed Care Group</i>	<i>Dec. 2022–Present</i>
<i>GEO Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>	<i>August 2022–August 2023</i>
<i>Graduate Student Rep., Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Task Force</i>	<i>August 2022–Present</i>
<i>Graduate Student Rep., Coordinated Community Response Team Steering Committee</i>	<i>June 2021–Present</i>
<i>Graduate Student Organizer, Political Psychology Lab</i>	<i>January 2022–May 2022</i>
<i>Graduate Student Rep., Hiring Committee for Associate Director of Advocacy</i>	<i>October 2021–January 2022</i>
<i>Faculty-Student & Staff-Student Relationships System Policy Committee</i>	<i>December 2019–January 2021</i>
<i>Graduate Student Rep., Political Science Department Grievance Committee</i>	<i>August 2020–August 2021</i>
<i>Mentoring Program Coordinator, Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>	<i>August 2019–Sept. 2020</i>
<i>Math Camp Committee Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>	<i>August 2019–August 2020</i>
<i>Methods Committee Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>	<i>August 2019–August 2020</i>
<i>Climate Committee Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>	<i>August 2019–August 2020</i>
<i>Participant, General Education Assembly on Learning Outcomes</i>	<i>March 2019</i>
<i>Member, System Wide Task Force Against Sexual Assault</i>	<i>December 2018–December 2019</i>
<i>GEO Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>	<i>August 2018–September 2019</i>
<i>Executive Board Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>	<i>August 2018–August 2021</i>
<i>Peer Mentor, Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>	<i>August 2018–August 2021</i>

Western Governors University	<i>Salt Lake City, UT</i>
<i>Member, Information Technology Committee</i>	<i>January 2017–July 2017</i>
<i>Peer Mentor, Information Technology Department</i>	<i>January 2017–July 2017</i>

Westminster College	<i>Salt Lake City, UT</i>
<i>Chair, ASWC External Committee</i>	<i>April 2015–May 2016</i>
<i>Member, Curriculum Committee</i>	<i>January 2015–May 2016</i>
<i>Member, Institutional Planning & Effectiveness Committee</i>	<i>January 2015–April 2015</i>
<i>Member, Commission on Women’s Success</i>	<i>August 2014–June 2015</i>
<i>Member, Technology & Learning Resource Committee</i>	<i>August 2014–April 2015</i>
<i>Member, Inclusion Strategic Planning Committee</i>	<i>August 2013–April 2014</i>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair & Discussant, American Political Science Association Conference	2022
Chair & Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Conference	2021, 2022
Editorial Assistant, <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>	January 2019–June 2021
Proposal Reviewer, National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing Proposal	2015

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

University of Illinois	Champaign-Urbana, IL
<i>Undergraduate Student Mentor</i> , Women's Resources Center	August 2018–May 2019
<i>Data Scientist & Survey Research Consultant</i> , Women's Resources Center	August 2018–August 2021
<i>Volunteer</i> , Writer's Workshop	September 2018–December 2018

RESEARCH & EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois	Champaign-Urbana, IL
<i>Legislative Fellow</i> , Center for Social & Behavioral Sciences	May 2022–May 2023
<i>Subject Pool Coordinator (under Jake Bowers)</i> , Political Science Department	July 2021–May 2022
<i>Research Assistant</i> for Tom Rudolph, Political Science Department	May 2020–August 2020
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Cline Center for Advanced Social Research	May 2020–May 2021
<i>Research Assistant</i> for Aleks Ksiazkiewicz, Political Science Department	January 2020–May 2020
<i>Research Assistant</i> for Tracy Sulkin, Political Science Department	August 2019–June 2021
<i>Research Assistant (under Belinda De La Rosa)</i> , Student Success Office	August 2019–February 2022
<i>Research Assistant (under Nicole Allen)</i> , Task Force Against Sexual Assault	May 2019–December 2019

Westminster College	Salt Lake City, UT
<i>Assistant Director & Writing Center Consultant</i> , Writing Center	January 2014–June 2016
<i>Mentoring Fellow</i> , Coaching & Mentoring Center	August 2015–June 2016

Write Here Community Writing Center	City of South Salt Lake, UT
<i>Writing Center Consultant</i> , Write Here	May 2015–August 2015

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Best Dissertation Prospectus in The Past Two Calendar Years: William Bernhard Award	2022
TA Excellence in Teaching Nominee, Illinois Student Government	2020
Outstanding Graduate for Diversity & Social Justice, Illinois Diversity & Social Justice Education	2020
Special Recognition in Graduate Student Leadership, Illinois Graduate College	2020
List of Teachers Ranked Excellent, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall 2017 & Fall 2018
Honorary Member of the Associated Students of Westminster	2016
Distinguished Political Science Graduate at Westminster College	2016
Who's Who Recipient	2015–2016

SOFTWARE

Beamer, GeoDa, GitHub, LaTeX, R, Salesforce, Sona, Stata, SPSS, Python, QGIS, Qualtrics

CERTIFICATIONS

Education: University of Illinois	Champaign-Urbana, IL
Political Science Seminar Series on Pedagogy, University of Illinois Political Science Department	2023
Illinois Summer Teaching Institute, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning	2022
Master Course in Online Teaching, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning	2022
Graduate College Mentoring Certificate, Graduate College	2022
Technology-Enhanced Teaching, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning	2021
Teacher Scholars Certificate, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning	2020
Graduate Teaching Certificate, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning	2019

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion: University of Illinois	Champaign-Urbana, IL
Undocumented Student Ally Training, La Casa Cultural Latina	2020
Veteran Ally Workshop Training, Veteran Student Support Services	2019
Advanced Racial Justice Allies & Advocates Training, Office of Inclusion & Intercultural Relations	2019
Basic Racial Justice Allies & Advocates Training, Office of Inclusion & Intercultural Relations	2019
Disability Allyship Program, Disability Resources & Educational Services	2019
Transgender Ally Training, LGBT Resource Center	2018
Advanced LGBT Ally Training, LGBT Resource Center	2018
Basic LGBT Ally Training, LGBT Resource Center	2018

Assault

40-hour Crisis Intervention, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault	2019
Rape Crisis Counselor, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault	2017

MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Political Methodology, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, American Political Science Association

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request