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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Rice University Ph.D., Department of Political Science	<i>2006</i>
Rice University M.A., Department of Political Science	<i>2004</i>
University of North Texas B.A., Political Science	<i>1999</i>

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Department of Political Science Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University	<i>2023–present</i>
Research Director, Institute for Democracy, Journalism, & Citizenship Syracuse University, Washington, D.C.	<i>2023–present</i>
Professor, Department of Political Science Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University	<i>2022–2023</i>
Associate Professor, Texas A&M University Department of Political Science	<i>2020–2022</i>
Associate Professor, Texas A&M University Department of Communication	<i>2016–2020</i>
Joan Shorenstein Fellow, Harvard University Shorenstein Center for Media, Politics, and Public Policy	<i>Spring 2015</i>
Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Department of Political Science and Manship School of Mass Communication	<i>2013–2015</i>
Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University Department of Political Science and Manship School of Mass Communication	<i>2008–2012</i>
Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University Department of Political Science	<i>2006–2008</i>

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Substantive: Political communication; news media and politics; local news; partisan media and polarization; mobile and digital news consumption; trust in media and misinformation; political knowledge, attitudes, and behavior.

Methods: Survey design and question wording; survey and laboratory experiments; cross-platform (mobile versus desktop) experimental design; large-scale content analysis; eye tracking; psychophysiological measurement; local news data and mapping.

BOOKS

Arceneaux, K., Dunaway, J.L., Johnson, M., and Vander Wielen, R.J. (2025). *The House that Fox News Built? Representation, Political Accountability, and the Rise of Partisan News*. New York: Cambridge University Press. [Cambridge Core](#)

Reviewed in Lelkes, Yphtach. (2026). *Political Science Quarterly* 141(2): 429–430.

Reviewed in Jenkins, Clinton M. (2025). *Congress & the Presidency* 52(3): 334–335.

Dunaway, J.L. and Searles, K.N. (2022). *News and Democratic Citizens in the Mobile Era*. Digital Politics Series, Andrew Chadwick, Ed. New York: Oxford University Press.

Reviewed in Macdonald, Maggie. (2023). *Public Opinion Quarterly*: 1054–1056.

Reviewed in Milewicz, Mark C. (2023). *Perspectives on Politics* 21(3): 1092–1094.

Reviewed in Melro, Ana. (2024). *International Journal of Communication*.

Reviewed in Sousa, João Carlos. (2024). *methaodos.revista de ciencias sociales*.

Darr, J.P., Hitt, M.P., and Dunaway, J.L. (2021). *Home Style Opinion: How Local Newspapers Can Slow Polarization*. Elements in Politics and Communication Series, Stuart Soroka, Ed. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Reviewed in Jennings, Jay. (2021). *Public Opinion Quarterly*: 1155–1157.

TEXTBOOKS

Dunaway, J.L. and Graber, D.A. (2022). *Mass Media and American Politics*, 11th edition. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.

Dunaway, J.L. and Graber, D.A. (2017). *Mass Media and American Politics*, 10th edition. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.

Dunaway, J.L. and Graber, D.A. (2014). *Mass Media and American Politics*, 9th edition. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

* denotes a graduate student co-author.

Abus,* M., Bai,* K., and Dunaway, J.L. (2025). “Local News, Partisanship, and Perceptions about Election Administration.” *Electoral Studies* 97: 102970.

[doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2025.102970](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2025.102970)

- Arceneaux, K., Dunaway, J.L., Goidel,* S., Nickerson, D., and Settle, J.E. (2025). “Popularity or Partisanship? Cue Taking on Social Media Among Teens and Adults.” *American Politics Research* 53(5): 399–413. doi:10.1177/1532673X251343035
- Carbone,* M.G., Dunaway, J.L., and Soroka, S.N. (2024). “Physiological Responses and News Avoidance: Does Negative Affect Drive both Attention and Inattention to News?” *Journalism Studies* 25(12): 1460–1475. doi:10.1080/1461670X.2024.2310672
- Peterson, E. and Dunaway, J.L. (2024). “The ‘New’ News Barons: Investment Ownership Reduces Newspaper Political Reporting Staff.” *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 707(1): 74–89. doi:10.1177/00027162231211426
- Dunaway, J.L. and Soroka, S.N. (2021). “Smartphone-size screens constrain cognitive access to video news stories.” *Information, Communication, & Society* 24(1): 69–84. doi:10.1080/1369118X.2019.1631367
- Collier, J., Stroud, N.J., and Dunaway, J.L. (2021). “Pathways to Deeper News Engagement: Factors Influencing Click Behaviors on News Sites.” *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* 26(5): 265–283.
- Ploger, G., Dunaway, J.L., Fournier, P., and Soroka, S.N. (2021). “The psychophysiological correlates of cognitive dissonance.” *Politics and the Life Sciences* 40(2): 202–212.
- Darr, J.P., Dunaway, J.L., Perry, B., and Sui,* M. (2020). “Seeing Spanish: The Effects of Language Based Media Choices on Resentment and Belonging.” *Political Communication* 37(4): 488–511.
- Arceneaux, K., Dunaway, J.L., Johnson, M., and Vander Wielen, R.J. (2020). “Strategic Candidate Entry and Congressional Elections in the Era of Fox News.” *American Journal of Political Science* 64(2): 398–415.
- Padgett,* J., Dunaway, J.L., and Darr, J.P. (2019). “As Seen on TV? How Gatekeeping Makes the U.S. House Seem More Extreme.” *Journal of Communication* 69(6): 696–719.
- Darr, J.P., Hitt, M., and Dunaway, J.L. (2018). “Newspaper Closures Polarize Voting Behavior.” *Journal of Communication* 68(6): 1007–1028.
- Dunaway, J.L., Searles, K., Sui,* M., and Paul,* N. (2018). “News Attention in a Mobile Era.” *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* 23(2): 107–124.
- Arceneaux, K., Dunaway, J.L., and Soroka, S.N. (2018). “Elites are people, too: The effects of threat sensitivity on policymakers’ spending priorities.” *PLoS ONE* 13(4): e0193781.
- Sui,* M., Paul,* N., Shah, P., Spurlock,* B., Chastant,* B., and Dunaway, J.L. (2018). “The Role of Minority Journalists, Candidates, and Audiences in Shaping Race-Related Campaign News Coverage.” *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly* 95(4): 1079–1102.
- Darr, J.P. and Dunaway, J.L. (2018). “Resurgent Mass Partisanship Revisited: The Role of Media Choice in Clarifying Elite Ideology.” *American Politics Research* 46(6): 943–970.
- Sui,* M., Dunaway, J.L., Sobek, D., Abad,* A., Goodman,* L., and Saha,* P. (2017). “U.S. News Coverage of Global Terrorist Incidents.” *Mass Communication and Society* 20(6): 895–908.

- Potter, J.D. and Dunaway, J.L. (2017). "Voters' Perceptions of Party Platforms: The Role of Changing Information Contexts." *Social Science Quarterly* 98: 804–817.
- Turcotte,* J., Kirzinger,* A., Dunaway, J.L., and Goidel, R.K. (2017). "Influences on News Coverage of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill." *Social Science Quarterly* 98: 993–1009.
- Davis,* N.T. and Dunaway, J.L. (2016). "Party Polarization, Media Choice, and Mass Partisan-Ideological Sorting." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80(S1): 272–297.
- Potter, J.D. and Dunaway, J.L. (2016). "Reinforcing or Breaking Party Systems? Internet Communication Technologies and Party Competition in Comparative Context." *Political Communication* 33(3): 392–413.
- Dunaway, J.L., Davis,* N.T., Padgett,* J., and Scholl, R.M. (2015). "Objectivity and Information Bias in Campaign News." *Journal of Communication* 65(5): 770–792.
- Dunaway, J.L. and Lawrence, R.G. (2015). "What Predicts the Game Frame? Media Ownership, Electoral Context, and Campaign News." *Political Communication* 32(1): 43–60.
- Wilkinson,* B., Garand, J., and Dunaway, J.L. (2015). "Skin Tone and Individuals' Perceptions of Commonality and Competition with Other Racial and Ethnic Groups." *Race and Social Problems* 7(3): 181–197.
- Dunaway, J.L. (2013). "Media Ownership and Story Tone in Campaign News Coverage." *American Politics Research* 41: 24–53.
- Dunaway, J.L., Lawrence, R.G., Rose, M., and Weber, C.R. (2013). "Traits versus Issues: News Coverage of Female Candidates for Senatorial and Gubernatorial Office." *Political Research Quarterly* 66: 715–726.
- Dunaway, J.L. and Stein, R.M. (2013). "Early Voting and Campaign News Coverage." *Political Communication* 30(2): 278–296.
- Weber, C.R., Dunaway, J.L., and Johnson, T. (2012). "It's All in the Name: Source Cue Ambiguity and the Persuasive Appeal of Campaign Ads." *Political Behavior* 34(3): 561–584.
- Dunaway, J.L., Goidel, R.K., Kirzinger,* A., and Wilkinson,* B. (2011). "Rebuilding or Intruding? News Media Coverage and Public Opinion on Immigration in Louisiana." *Social Science Quarterly* 92(4): 917–937.
- Dunaway, J.L. (2011). "Institutional Influences on the Quality of Campaign News Coverage." *Journalism Studies* 12(1): 27–44.
- Johnson, T., Dunaway, J.L., and Weber, C. (2011). "Consider the Source: Variations in the Effects of Negative Campaign Information." *Journal of Integrated Social Sciences* 2(1): 98–127.
- Dunaway, J.L., Branton, R.P., and Abrajano, M.A. (2010). "Agenda Setting, Public Opinion and the Issue of Immigration Reform." *Social Science Quarterly* 91(2): 359–378.
- Branton, R.P. and Dunaway, J.L. (2009). "Spatial Proximity to the US-Mexico Border and Local News Coverage of Immigration Issues." *Political Research Quarterly* 62(2): 289–302.

- Branton, R.P. and Dunaway, J.L. (2009). "Slanted Newspaper Coverage of Immigration: The Importance of Economics and Geography." *Policy Studies Journal* 37(2): 257–273.
- Dunaway, J.L. (2008). "Markets, Ownership, and the Quality of Campaign News Coverage." *Journal of Politics* 70(4): 1193–1202.
- Branton, R.P. and Dunaway, J.L. (2008). "English and Spanish Language Newspaper Coverage of Immigration: A Comparative Analysis." *Social Science Quarterly* 89(4): 1006–1022.
- Branton, R.P., Dillingham, G., Dunaway, J.L., and Miller, B. (2007). "Anglo Voting on Nativist Ballot Initiatives: The Partisan Impact of Spatial Proximity to the Border of Mexico." *Social Science Quarterly* 88(3): 882–897.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Dunaway, J.L. and Ray, N. (2023). "Communication Technology and Threats to Democracy." In *News Quality in the Digital Age*, R. Lawrence and P. Napoli, Eds. New York: Routledge.
- Dunaway, J.L. and Settle, J.E. (2021). "Opinion Formation and Polarization in the News Feed Era: Effects from Digital, Social, and Mobile Media." In *The Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology*, D. Osborne and C. Sibley, Eds. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Dunaway, J.L. (2021). "Polarisation and Misinformation." In *The Routledge Companion to Media Disinformation and Populism*, H. Tumber and S. Waisbord, Eds. New York: Routledge.
- Dunaway, J.L., Searles, K., Fowler, E.F., and Ridout, T.N. (2018). "The Effects of Political Advertising: Assessing the Impact of Changing Technologies, Strategies, and Tactics." In *Mediated Communication*, P. Napoli, Ed. Mouton de Gruyter, Handbook of Communication Science Series.
- Dunaway, J.L., Searles, K., Sui, M., and Paul, N. (2018). "The Move to Mobile: What are the Consequences for Citizen News Attention?" In *New Directions in Media and Politics*, 2nd ed., T.N. Ridout, Ed. New York: Routledge.
- Dunaway, J.L. (2011). "Causes and Consequences of Poll-Centered News Coverage in the Digital Age: An Exploratory Analysis." In *By the People, For the People: The Meaning and Measurement of Public Opinion in a Digital Age*, R.K. Goidel, Ed. Baton Rouge: LSU Press.
- Branton, R.P., Dillingham, G., Dunaway, J.L., and Miller, B. (2010). "Anglo Voting on Bilingual Education: The Partisan Nature of the Impact of Spatial Proximity to the Border of Mexico." In *The Politics of Latino Education*, D. Leal and K. Meier, Eds. Austin: University of Texas Press.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Influence from Abroad*, by Danny Hayes and Matt Guardino. Cambridge University Press, 2014. *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

Conditional Press Influence in Politics, by Adam J. Schiffer. Rowman and Littlefield, 2008.
Political Communication 27(1): 111–113, 2010.

PUBLIC WRITING AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Dunaway, J.L. and Soroka, S.N. (2019). “Smartphone-size screens make it harder to pay attention to and understand news stories.” *LSE Impact Blog*, August 23, 2019.
- Darr, J.P., Hitt, M.P., and Dunaway, J.L. (2019). “Survey shows Desert Sun readers approve of local-news-only editorial page in July.” *Desert Sun*, August 16, 2019.
- Hitt, M.P., Darr, J.P., and Dunaway, J.L. (2019). “Why Losing Our Newspapers Is Breaking Our Politics.” *Scientific American*, March 26, 2019.
- Darr, J.P., Hitt, M.P., and Dunaway, J.L. (2019). “When newspapers close, voters become more partisan.” *The Conversation*, February 11, 2019.
- Dunaway, J.L. (2018). “Doris A. Graber’s Contributions to Political Communication.” *Political Communication* 35(3): 506–507.
- Dunaway, J.L. (2016). “Mobile vs. Computer: Implications for News Audiences and Outlets.” Discussion Paper D-103. Cambridge: Shorenstein Center, August 2016.
- Dunaway, J.L. (2015). “Why Hillary Clinton is Smart to Play Up her Gender.” *Observer*, July 2015.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

- “Information Infrastructures Explain Polling Error.” With Spencer Goidel. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.
- “Media Institutions, Clarity of Responsibility, and Political Corruption.” With Ana Beatriz Dutra,* Spencer Goidel, Thiago Moreira,* and Ali Kagalwala. Under review.
- Arceneaux, K., Bakker, B., Dunaway, J.L., and Phillips, M. “Measuring the Effects of Empathetic and Threat Responses to News Coverage of Refugees.” Under review.

COMPLETE DRAFTS UNDERGOING REVISION FOR REVIEW

- “Polling Brands and Partisan Response Bias.” With Spencer Goidel.
- “Local News and Political Competition.” With Murat Abus.*
- “Declining Local Media and Voter Confidence.” With Murat Abus.*
- “Local News Declines, Incumbency Effects and the Electoral Fortunes of Women and Candidates of Color.” With Murat Abus* and Paru Shah.
- “Broadcast Local TV News Ownership and Legislator Responsiveness.” With Bradley Madsen.*

“Do Legislators of Color Deracialize their Political Communication?” With Spencer Goidel and Paru Shah.

“State Identity, Local News, and Affective Polarization.” With Joshua Darr and Emily Sydnor.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Database development. Mapping and Tracking Geospatial and Economic Characteristics of Local News, 1996–2021. With Murat Abus, Kexin Bai, Joshua Darr, Spencer Goidel, and Erik Peterson.

Database development. Mapping and Tracking Cross-National Media, Party, and Electoral System Characteristics and their Attitudinal and Behavioral Correlates, 1996–2023. With Murat Abus, Joshua Darr, Ana Beatriz Dutra,* Spencer Goidel, Ali Kagalwala, and Thiago Moreira.*

Database development. Mapping and Tracking Cross-National Media Use, Institutional Trust, and Attitudes toward Democracy, 1996–2023. With Murat Abus, Kevin Arceneaux, and Ali Kagalwala.

“Spatial Analysis of News Deserts: The Distribution of U.S. Local Newspapers.” With Murat Abus.*

“Media Consolidation and Representation.” With Bradley Madsen.*

“Partisan Animus, Political Violence, and Disregard for Democratic Norms.” With Murat Abus, Kexin Bai, and Tim Groeling.

“Cross-National Comparative Studies of Political Communication.” With Ana Beatriz Dutra,* Sunhee Kim, and Nicholas Ray.*

“AI as a Civic Information Agent: Accuracy, Trust, and Authoritative Election Data.” With Adam Peruta and Democracy Works.

PUBLICLY ENGAGED RESEARCH AND REPORTS

Syracuse University/Ipsos American Identity Poll. Helped develop and field a national public opinion poll with IDJC colleagues Margaret Talev, Joshua Darr, and Emily Sydnor, and Chris Jackson (Ipsos). *2024–present*

DC Area Local News Report. With Murat Abus. *2023–present*

Newsroom Census Working Group, Local News Impact Consortium. Leading development of shared data standards and a common codebook for databases tracking local news outlets, their audiences, ownership, and delivery mode. *2025–present*

GRANTS AND FUNDING PROPOSALS

Funded

\$200,000. Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, Carnegie Corporation of New York. “Nationalized News Increases Polarization and Weakens Democratic Norms.” PI. Grant G-F-24-61688. Project period July 2024–June 2027 (no-cost extension approved September 2025).	2024–2027
\$6,201. Syracuse Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Engagement (SOURCE) Research Assistant Grant. “Tracking and Evaluating the Health of Local News Ecosystems in the US and Micro Studies of New York, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.” PI, with Joshua Darr.	2025–2026
\$5,000. Local Journalism Funding Model Research, DeWitt Wallace Center for Media and Democracy, Duke University.	2023
\$6,300. Glasscock Summer Research Fellowship, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University. With Spencer Goidel.	2022
TESS Youth Study Grant. With Kevin Arceneaux, Spencer Goidel, David Nickerson, and Jaime Settle.	
\$5,000. Center for Media Engagement, Moody College of Communication, University of Texas at Austin. With Joshua Darr and Matthew Hitt.	
\$4,000. TAMU LASSC Proof of Concept Grant, “The Political Effects of Language Based Media Choice.” With Brittany Perry and Brooksie Chastant.	
\$48,900. Louisiana Board of Regents ATLAS Grant [LEQSF(2009-2010)-RD-ATL-14].	2009–2010
\$6,000. LSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences Summer Grant.	2011
\$5,000. LSU Summer Stipend Grant.	2009
\$750. LSU Faculty Travel Grant.	2009, 2012
\$500. LSU Junior Faculty Travel Grant.	2008
\$4,960. Sam Houston State University Faculty Research Grant.	2006–2007

Not Funded

\$16,000. Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University. “AI as a Civic Information Agent: Accuracy, Trust, and Authoritative Election Data.” With Adam Peruta; collaborator Democracy Works.	2026
\$474,100. Arnold Ventures, Building/Strengthening Evidence RFP (letter of intent). “Assessing Impact of Local Journalism Policy.” Co-PI, with Emily Sydnor and Joshua Darr; sub-award to Washington State University (Jennifer Henrichsen). Not invited to full proposal.	2026
\$181,191. National Science Foundation. “Collaborative Research: Creating a High School Curriculum to Improve Civic Dialogue.” PI of the Syracuse award; lead PI Daniel Butler, Washington University in St. Louis.	2026

\$150,000. PPE Society Research Consortium (John Templeton Foundation). “Restoring Trust in Media.” With Emily Sydnor (lead) and Joshua Darr. Stage 1 proposal.	2026
\$9,000,000. Lever for Change, Trust in American Institutions Challenge. “Making and Rebuilding Trust in News Media.” With Margaret Talev and the Trust in Media Cooperative; advanced through multiple review rounds.	2025
\$474,000. National Science Foundation. “Collaborative Research: The Psychological Foundations of Policymaking.” Proposal 1756593. With Kevin Arceneaux and Stuart Soroka.	
\$501,570. National Science Foundation CAREER. “Political News Content and Complex Information Environments.” SES 1255166.	
\$308,974. National Science Foundation, SES 1060449. With Regina Lawrence, Melody Rose, and Christopher Weber.	2010
\$132,218. National Science Foundation, SES 0957934. With Regina Lawrence and Melody Rose.	2009

AWARDS AND HONORS

Public Policy Fellow, Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, Louisiana State University.	2025–2026
Andrew Carnegie Fellow, Carnegie Corporation of New York.	2024
Walter Lippmann Best Published Article Award, Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association. With Kathleen Searles, Mingxiao Sui, and Newly Paul, “News Attention in a Mobile Era.”	2019
Lynda Lee Kaid Best Published Article in Political Communication, Political Communication Division, AEJMC. With Joshua Darr and Matthew Hitt, “Newspaper Closures Polarize Voting Behavior.”	2018
\$1,000. Common Ground Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University.	2018–2019
\$8,000. Howard and Nantelle Mitchiner Gittinger Professorship, LSU Manship School.	2015–2016
\$8,500. William K. “Bill” Carville Professorship of Communication and Political Empowerment, LSU Manship School.	2014–2015
\$7,000. William K. “Bill” Carville Professorship of Communication and Political Empowerment, LSU Manship School.	2013–2014
\$7,000. Doris Westmoreland Darden Professorship, LSU Manship School.	2012–2013
\$5,750. Doris Westmoreland Darden Professorship, LSU Manship School.	2011–2012
\$17,000. Manship School Professorship. With Regina Lawrence and Christopher Weber.	2010–2011

TEACHING

Syracuse University

Graduate: Political Science 700, Seminar in Political Behavior (Fall 2024)

Undergraduate: Political Science 315, Media and Politics, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2025, Fall 2026); team-taught with Margaret Talev's COM 300, Democracy, Journalism & Citizenship

Undergraduate: Political Science 470, Undergraduate Research Experience (Spring 2024)

Curriculum development: Developing a minor in political communication with IDJC faculty and the Maxwell and Newhouse Schools; designed a team-teaching model linking PSC 315 and COM 300 (2025–present)

Texas A&M University

Graduate: Political Science 611, Seminar in Political Behavior (Spring 2022, Fall 2022, 2023); Political Science 670, Proseminar in American Politics (Spring 2021, Fall 2022, 2023); Communication 616, Social Science Approaches to Communication (Fall 2020); Communication 662, Graduate Survey in Media Studies (Fall 2017, Fall 2019)

Undergraduate: Aggie Research Program Project and Team Leader (2021–2023); Political Science 302, Mass Media and Politics (Fall 2021); Communication 302, Mass Media and Politics (Fall 2017/2018, Spring 2018/2019); Communication 375, Media Audiences (Spring 2017); Communication 415, New Media and Civil Society (2017–2020); Communication 407, Race, Gender, and Media (Fall 2016); Communication 365, International Communication (Fall 2016)

Louisiana State University

Graduate: Political Science 7935, Legislative Politics: Institutions (Fall 2015); Mass Communication 7000, Content Analysis (Fall 2015); Political Science 7935, Legislative Politics: Elections and Representation (Spring 2015); Mass Communication 7004, News Media and Governance (Fall 2010–2012, Spring 2015); Political Science 7900, Proseminar in American Politics (Fall 2014); Political Science 7903, Political Communication Seminar (Spring 2014); Mass Communication 7033, Race, Gender, and Media (Spring 2014); Mass Communication 7001, Introduction to Research Methods (Fall 2013); Political Science 7961, Approaches to Studying Social Science (Fall 2010–2013)

Undergraduate: Mass Communication 3333, Multiculturalism and Media (Fall 2014); Political Science 3998, Mass Media and American Politics (Spring 2013); Mass Communication 3405, Introduction to Political Communication (Spring 2009/2010); Mass Communication 3505, Media and the Policy Process (Fall 2008, Spring 2011/2013); Political Science 4030, Political Attitudes and Public Opinion (Fall 2008)

Sam Houston State University

Undergraduate: Political Science 364, Media and Politics (Spring 2007); Political Science 472, Public Opinion and Political Behavior (Fall 2006/2007, Spring 2007/2008); Political Science 261, Intro to American Government (Fall 2007, Spring 2008); Political Science 285, Intro to Public Policy (Fall 2006)

STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING

Ph.D. Dissertation Chair, Syracuse

Murat Abus (Political Science, “Papers on American Elections,” Ph.D. May 2026),
Postdoctoral Fellow, Arkansas State University.

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member, Syracuse

Sarah Elizabeth Jones (Political Science, “Feed-ing Political Engagement: Studying the
Influence of Algorithm-Based Social Media Micro-Niches on Politicized Identity,” in
progress).

Devin Caramma (Political Science, in progress).

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member, Texas A&M

Max Allamong (Political Science, Ph.D. May 2021).

Kexin Bai (Political Science, in progress).

Spencer Goidel (Political Science, Ph.D. May 2023), Assistant Professor, Auburn University.

Bradley Madsen (Political Science, in progress).

Manuela Munoz (Political Science, Ph.D. May 2024), Assistant Professor, Texas Tech
University.

Lu Sun (Political Science, Ph.D. December 2024).

Jieun Song (Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, in progress).

Nour Zeid (Communication, in progress).

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, Outside Member

Jamie Wright (Political Science, University of Houston, Ph.D. May 2023).

M.A. Thesis Committee Member, Texas A&M

Justin Agan (College of Veterinary Medicine, 2024); Jennifer Wargin (Philosophy, 2019); Jean
Parella (Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications); Benjamin Beutel
(Political Science, 2019); Emily Damm (Political Science, 2018).

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Chair, LSU

Mingxiao Sui (Ph.D. 2017), Assistant Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Newly Paul (Ph.D. 2015), Assistant Professor, University of North Texas.

Jeremy Padgett (Ph.D. 2014), Assistant Professor, University of Mobile.

Tom Vizcorrondo (Ph.D. 2013).

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member, LSU

Nick Davis (2017), University of Alabama; Britt Christensen (2015); Jason Turcotte (2015), Cal Poly Pomona; Emily Pfetzer (2014); Victoria LaPoe (2013), Ohio University; Ashley Kirzinger (2012), KFF; Matthew Thornton (2012), Drake University; Betina Wilkinson (2010), Wake Forest University.

M.A. Thesis Committee, LSU

Chair: Andrew Abad (2016); Andrea Briscoe (2015); Elle Schmidt (2015); German Alvarez (2010). Member: Meghan Mernard (2016); Carlos Garcia (2016); Brian Watson (2015); Lauren Leist (2015).

Undergraduate Research Mentoring, Syracuse

SOURCE-funded research assistants: Samantha Ann Olander (Magazine, News and Digital Journalism; recipient, SOURCE Bridge award), Bijan Starr, Ellie Rand, and Diya Bardwell (Policy Studies). 2025–present

Summer research assistants: Alaina Kaslewicz (Carnegie-funded), Ben Steinberg, Samantha Ann Olander, and Bijan Starr. 2025–2026

Honors thesis advisor: Richard Condino (Political Science). 2025–2026

Postdoctoral and General Mentoring

Faculty mentor, Ali Kagalwala, IDJC Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Syracuse University. 2024–2026

Andrew Trexler (Duke University, Ph.D. 2024).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE (SELECTED)

Editorial

Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Political Communication* (with Travis Ridout). 2026–present

Associate Editor, *Political Communication*. 2021–2025

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*. 2023–2026

Editorial Board, *International Journal of Press/Politics*. 2019–present

Editorial Board, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 2017–present

Editorial Board, Voting, Elections, and the Political Process Series, Lexington Books. 2016–present

Editorial Board, *Political Communication*. 2017–2020

Editorial Board, *American Politics Research*. 2016–2019

Professional Associations

Best Article Committee, International Communication Association. 2024–2025

Mentor, American Political Science Association. 2022–present

ISPP Academy Instructor.	2018, 2020, 2022, 2023
Mass Media Section Program Organizer, Midwest Political Science Association.	2023
APSA Political Communication Mentor.	2017–2019
Chair, Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association.	2016–2018
Chair, Carey McWilliams Award Committee, American Political Science Association.	2016–2017
Vice Chair, Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association.	2014–2016
Program Committee and Section Head, Media and Politics, Southern Political Science Association.	2015, 2019
Member, APSA–ICA Joint Publications Committee.	2013
Executive Council Member, Southwestern Political Science Association.	2013–2014
Program Chair, Political Communication Pre-Conference, APSA, New Orleans.	2012
Program Committee and Section Head, Media and Politics, Western Political Science Association.	2011
Program Committee and Section Head, Mass Media and Political Communication, Midwest Political Science Association.	2009
<i>Panels, Roundtables, and Workshops</i>	
Author Meets Critics roundtables: “The Other Divide: Polarization and Disengagement in American Politics” (participant) and “News and Democratic Citizens in the Mobile Era” (author), MPSA, Chicago.	2023
Panel discussant: “Media in Political Campaigns” and “Media Effects in Times of Crisis and Change,” MPSA (2023); “Gender and Political Behavior,” Inaugural EPOVB Conference, Florida State University (2023).	
Panel chair and discussant: “Fragmentation, Polarization, and National Identity,” APSA, Montreal (2022); “New Frontiers in Media Research” and “Media Consolidation and Media Choice,” MPSA (2022); “Institutions, Affect, and Governance,” SPSA (2021).	
Invited panelist, CNPA webinar, “Home Style Opinion: What would happen if you dropped national politics from your opinion page?”	2021
Live moderator, “Navigating the Noise: Election Coverage in the Digital Age,” SSRC and Brooklyn Historical Society.	2020
Panel discussant, APSA Political Communication Pre-Conference (2019, 2020); APSA Annual Meeting, Boston (2018).	

Invited roundtable panelist, SPSA, “Notes from the Cracked Ceiling: Is White House Correspondent Anne E. Kornblut on Target?”	2011
Invited participant, NSF Local Elections in America Project (LEAP) Workshop, Macalester College.	2009
Immigration Working Group participant, APSA, Chicago.	2007

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

National Science Foundation; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*; *Nature Human Behaviour*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Communication*; *Political Communication*; *Political Behavior*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *American Politics Research*; *Electoral Studies*; *International Journal of Press/Politics*; *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*; *Health Communication*; *Digital Journalism*; *Information, Communication & Society*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*; *Journalism Practice*; *Journalism Studies*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *PLoS ONE*; *International Migration*; *Journal of Integrated Social Sciences*; *Mass Communication and Society*; *Human Communication Research*; *New Media & Society*; *Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *European Journal of Communication*; *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Politics & Policy*; University of Chicago Press; Oxford University Press; Westview Press; Columbia University Press; Cambridge University Press; NYU Press; International Communication Association; National Communication Association.

MEDIA COVERAGE AND PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Selected interviews, quotations, and coverage of research.

Interviews and Quotations

USA Today, “ Trump wants FCC to go after this TV host. What happens now. ” Quoted.	Sept. 2026
The Contrarian, “ The Crucial Point Missing From Primary Coverage. ” Quoted.	June 2026
Iowa Public Radio, Talk of Iowa, “ Media echo chambers create competing realities. ” Guest.	May 2026
Spirit & Sword, “ The politicization of the news media. ” Quoted.	Mar. 2026
Bloomberg Opinion (David M. Drucker), “ All these new independents are making politics more partisan. ” syndicated in the <i>Miami Herald</i> . Quoted.	Feb. 2026
ABC News Australia, “ Rupert Murdoch had a succession plan for his media empire. What happens now a court’s rejected it? ” Quoted.	Dec. 2024
Wall Street Journal, “ MSNBC and CNN Fight to Dig Out of a Postelection Ratings Hole. ” Quoted.	Dec. 2024
Bloomberg News (via BNN Bloomberg), “ While ‘Pod Save America’ Tries to Unite Democrats, Its Staff Rebels. ” Quoted.	Aug. 2024

<i>The Hill</i> , “ Ramaswamy’s new fight is with BuzzFeed .” Quoted.	June 2024
<i>PBS NewsHour</i> , “ America at a Crossroads with Judy Woodruff .” Interviewed on local news decline and civic health.	Dec. 2023
<i>PBS NewsHour</i> , “ How the Loss of Local Newspapers Fueled Political Divisions in the U.S. ” Interviewed.	Aug. 2023
<i>KPCC/LAist AirTalk</i> (NPR affiliate), “ Mobile news consumers likely to be less informed .” Guest.	Sept. 2016
<i>Coverage of Research</i>	
<i>Northwestern Medill Local News Initiative</i> . Research on local news and polarization cited.	2026
<i>CBS News Sunday Morning</i> , “ Charles M. Blow on the crisis facing local newspapers .” Cites Darr, Hitt, and Dunaway (2018).	Oct. 2025
Research on newspaper closures, nationalized news, and polarization (Darr, Hitt, and Dunaway) covered by <i>The New York Times</i> /Associated Press, <i>Axios</i> , <i>Seattle Times</i> , <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> , <i>Scientific American</i> , <i>Nieman Lab</i> , <i>Journalist’s Resource</i> , <i>Bloomberg Opinion</i> , <i>GBH</i> , <i>American Press Institute</i> , <i>Washingtonian</i> , <i>Texas Standard</i> , and others.	2018–2021
Research on mobile news attention covered by <i>Nieman Lab</i> , <i>Inverse</i> , <i>PsyPost</i> , <i>Journalism Research News</i> , <i>Free Press Journal</i> , <i>Irish Independent</i> , <i>Editor & Publisher</i> , and the <i>NewsLab</i> .	2016–2020

ADVISORY ROLES

Advisory Board, Trust in Media Cooperative (TIM). Designed and proposed research designs for testing the effects of the TIM dashboard; Co-PI on collaborative grant proposals between IDJC and TIM. Advised on public and strategic messaging and general research strategy, and provided updates on current scientific evidence on trust in media, mis- and disinformation, public awareness, and political knowledge.	2024–present
Steering Committee and Board of Advisors, Local News Impact Consortium (LNIC), a Knight-funded collaborative building shared standards and tools to track the health of local news ecosystems. Working group consultant and later elected leader of the Newsroom Census Working Group (2025–present, succeeding Regina Lawrence), developing measures for mapping local news ecosystems and assessing information ecosystem health; helped develop the plan for cooperative news surveys. Presenter, Press Forward / NY Funders Alliance webinar supporting new local Press Forward chapters (Dec. 2025).	2024–present
Advisory Board, Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, LSU Manship School of Mass Communication. Advised on question wording and measures of polarization, news consumption, political knowledge, and partisanship for the Reilly Center’s partnership with PAR Louisiana.	2023–present

Advisory Board, National Science Foundation proposal (not funded), 2025
 “Collaborative Research: Research Infrastructure: RUI: Cooperative Study of Public Leaders,” Lead PI Tim LaPira, James Madison University.

Worked with Tim LaPira to provide advice and suggested question wording for a cooperative study of news leaders, one of the proposal’s key modules for studying public leaders.

INVITED TALKS

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| Keynote, “Citizen Perceptions, Public Opinion, and Democratic Discontent,”
Conference on the Crisis of Democracy and the Future of Democratic
Governance, Basque Country Democracy Week, Bilbao, Spain. | <i>June 2026</i> |
| “Local Newspapers and Down-Ballot Political Competition,” Political
Behavior Workshop, CEVIPOF, Sciences Po, Paris. | <i>May 2026</i> |
| John Breaux Symposium, “America at 250,” Reilly Center, LSU Manship
School of Mass Communication, Baton Rouge. | <i>May 2026</i> |
| “Local News and Political Competition,” Conference on American Political
Institutions in a Changing Media Environment, Hoover Institution,
Stanford University. | <i>May 2026</i> |
| Pizza & Public Affairs series, Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs and
PAR Louisiana, Manship School of Mass Communication, Louisiana State
University, Baton Rouge. | <i>Mar. 2026</i> |
| “Media and Democracy,” Institute for Humane Studies Symposium on the
Future of Liberalism, Arlington, VA. | <i>June 2025</i> |
| “Losing Local News and Trustworthy Information,” SNF Ithaca x iMEDD
Media & Democracy Summit, University of Delaware. | <i>May 2025</i> |
| “News Access and Political Accountability,” Democracy Speaker Series,
University of New Mexico. | <i>Oct. 2024</i> |
| “News Access and Political Accountability,” Local News and the Future of
Democracy, Center for Communication and Civic Renewal, University of
Wisconsin–Madison. | <i>Oct. 2024</i> |
| “Nationalized News Increases Polarization and Weakens Democratic Norms,”
Andrew Carnegie Fellows Convening, Carnegie Corporation of New York. | <i>Sept. 2024</i> |
| “Causes and Consequences of Declining Local News,” American Politics
Workshop, University of Maryland. | <i>May 2024</i> |
| “Changing News Environments: Effects on Engagement and Democratic
Health,” International Meeting of the Political Communication Research
Group (GRCP), Université de Sherbrooke, Longueuil, QC. | <i>Apr. 2024</i> |
| “Mis/disinformation, trust, and the problem of miscommunication,”
Symposium, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR),
Toronto. | <i>Apr. 2023</i> |

Plenary panel, “The Future of Conspiracy Theory Research,” International Conspiracy Theory Symposium, University of Miami.	Mar. 2023
“Declining Local News and Nationalizing News Environment” (with Joshua Darr and Matthew Hitt), Civic Dialogues Program, Marquette University.	Feb. 2023
“Nationalizing News Environment: Causes and Consequences,” Institute for Advanced Study Lecture Series, University of Minnesota (virtual).	Oct. 2022
“Internet Speed and Election Polling Error,” Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.	May 2022
Roundtable on Hayes and Lawless, <i>News Hole: The Demise of Local Journalism and Political Engagement</i> , George Washington University.	Apr. 2022
“Challenges for News and Democracy in the Platform Era,” Strengthening American Democracy Series, Institute of Politics, Florida State University.	Oct. 2021
Short-course instructor, “Media Effects in the Changing Information Environment,” ISPP Summer Academy, Berlin (virtual 2020) and San Antonio (2018).	2018, 2020
“No local news is not good news,” Tyler Junior College, Tyler, TX.	Apr. 2019
“Gaining Access and Losing Information? Mobile Effects on News Attention and Recall,” Departments of Political Science and Communication, Temple University.	Apr. 2019
Keynote, “Challenging Biases and Eliminating the Echo,” Student Affairs Conference, Binghamton University.	Nov. 2017
Panelist, “Truth, Twitter, and Fake News: Trump and the Media,” Public Media and Politics Symposium, Foley Institute and Murrow College, Washington State University.	Oct. 2017
“Clear Eyes, Full Hearts Can’t Lose! What we can learn about the politics of race, ethnicity, and gender from eyes, hearts, and skin,” ICPSR Summer Program Blalock Lecture Series, Ann Arbor.	Aug. 2017
“Mobile News Consumption: Constraints on Attention and Engagement,” Political Behavior and Political Institutions Research Group, Texas A&M University (May 2017); “The Challenges of Attention and Engagement for Mobile News Consumption,” Social Psychology Colloquia, Texas A&M University (Mar. 2017).	
“The Limits of Digital Citizenship: News Attention and Engagement in the Mobile Setting,” Political Communication Lecture Series, University of Texas at Austin.	Nov. 2016
Moderator, “Instavote: Boosting Poll Numbers through Social Media,” Wiley Lecture Series, Texas A&M University.	Nov. 2016
“Does (Screen) Size Matter? News Engagement on Computers, Tablets, and Smartphones,” keynote, Pi Sigma Alpha Induction, UMass Lowell (Mar. 2016); University of Alabama (Jan. 2016).	

- “Divided by Media? Examining the Links between Media Choice, Elite Polarization, and Sorting,” Department of Communication, Texas A&M University. *Apr. 2015*
- “Institutional Explanations for Partisan-Ideological Sorting,” Department of Political Science, University of Houston. *Apr. 2014*
- LSU campus talks: “Essential Social Media Tips for College Students,” “Who Owns the News? Does Foreign Ownership of U.S. Media Matter?” and “The Issues of Immigration.” *2014*

INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Abus, M., Dunaway, J.L., and Shah, P. “Local News Declines Depress the Emergence of Women and Minority Candidates.” NCAPSA Gender, Race, and Ethnicity Politics Workshop, Georgetown University. *May 2025*
- Abus, M. and Dunaway, J.L. “Local News Effects on Down-Ballot Electoral Competition.” Mini-conference on Information and Messages in Sociopolitical Life, University of Houston. *May 2025*
- Madsen, B. and Dunaway, J.L. “Legislative Responsiveness and Local Media Declines.” NCAPSA American Politics Workshop, Washington, DC. *Jan. 2024*
- Participant, Local News Researchers’ Workshop, UNC Hussman School of Journalism. *Feb. 2023*
- Dutra, A.B., Dunaway, J.L., Goidel, S., and Moreira, T. “Media Systems, Clarity of Responsibility, Corruption, and Political Accountability.” Inaugural EPOVB Conference, Florida State University. *Mar. 2023*
- Peterson, E. and Dunaway, J.L. “The New News Barons: Investment Ownership Reduces Newspaper Reporting Capacity.” SSRC Workshop on Local News, San Diego. *Jan. 2023*
- “Challenges for News and Democracy in the Platform Era: Technological Effects on Access, Exposure, Attention and Processing.” News Quality in the Platform Era: A Media and Democracy Workshop. *Nov. 2020*
- “Information Loss in a Mobile Era.” Visions in Methodology, Stony Brook University. *May 2017*
- “Threat Sensitivity and the Spending Priorities of State Legislators and their Staffs.” Experimental Approaches Mini-Conference: Experiments with Institutions and Elites, Chicago. *Apr. 2017*
- “Constant Access with Less Information: Voter Learning from Mobile Election News.” Wesleyan Media Project Post-Election Conference. *Dec. 2016*
- “Does (Screen) Size Matter? News Engagement on Computers, Tablets, and Smartphones.” Experimental Approaches to Studying Democratic Politics, Princeton University. *May 2016*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (RECENT, SELECTED)

- Abus, M. and Dunaway, J.L. “Local News Effects on Down-Ballot Electoral Competition.” 3rd Annual EPOVB Conference, Stony Brook, NY. *May 2025*
- Darr, J., Dunaway, J.L., and Sydnor, E. “State Identity, Local News, and Affective Polarization.” State Politics and Policy Conference, Boston. *May 2025*
- Abus, M. and Dunaway, J.L. “Spatial Analysis of News Deserts: The Distribution of U.S. Local Newspapers.” Local Journalism Researchers Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill. *Mar. 2025*
- Abus, M. and Dunaway, J.L. “Declining Local News and Voter Confidence”; “Local News and the Down-Ballot Incumbency Advantage”; and with Shah, P., “Local News Declines, Incumbency Effects, and Emergence of Women Candidates and Candidates of Color.” MPSA, Chicago. *Apr. 2025*
- Abus, M. and Dunaway, J.L. “Declining Local Media and Local Officials’ Incumbency Advantage”; Dunaway, J.L. and Goidel, S. “Polling Brands and Partisan Nonresponse.” APSA, Philadelphia. *Sept. 2024*
- Madsen, B. and Dunaway, J.L. “Has the Watchdog Gone Missing? Broadcast Consolidation and Policy Incongruence”; Abus, M., Bai, K., and Dunaway, J.L. “Inequality, Media, and Voter Confidence” and “Media, Partisanship, and Perceptions about Election Administration.” MPSA, Chicago. *Apr. 2024*
- Dunaway, J.L., Abus, M., and Bai, K. “Local Media Access and Perceptions of Election Integrity.” Local News Researchers’ Workshop, Duke University. *Mar. 2024*
- Abus, M., Bai, K., and Dunaway, J.L. “Media, Partisanship, and Election Integrity.” EPOVB Conference, Florida State University (Feb. 2024); “Media Access and Perceptions of Election Integrity,” SPSA, New Orleans (Jan. 2024).
- Madsen, B. and Dunaway, J.L. “Has the Watchdog Gone Missing? Broadcast Consolidation and Policy Incongruence.” APSA, Los Angeles. *Aug. 2023*
- Shah, P., Goidel, S., and Dunaway, J.L. “Campaign Strategies of Black and Brown State Legislators”; Dutra, A., Dunaway, J.L., Goidel, S., and Moreira, T. “Clarity of Responsibility, Media, and Corruption.” MPSA, Chicago. *Apr. 2023*
- Goidel, S., Shah, P., and Dunaway, J.L. “Downplaying the Race Card: How Party Moderates Reference to Race in Strategic Campaign Communication.” SPSA, St. Pete Beach, FL. *Jan. 2023*
- Shah, P., Goidel, S., and Dunaway, J.L. “Campaign Strategies of Black and Brown Republicans: Evidence from State Legislative Primaries.” Women in Legislative Studies Conference, Rice University. *Oct. 2022*
- Arceneaux, K., Dunaway, J.L., Goidel, S., Nickerson, D., and Settle, J.E. “Political Cue Taking on Social Media Among Teens.” APSA, Montreal. *Sept. 2022*

- Goidel, S. and Dunaway, J.L. “Variable Internet Speed Explains Gaps Between Polling Estimates and Election Returns.” ICA, Paris; AAPOR, Chicago. *May 2022*
- Arceneaux, K., Bakker, B.N., and Dunaway, J.L. “The Effects of Visual Framing on Support and Empathy for Displaced Persons”; Arceneaux, K., Dunaway, J.L., and Vander Wielen, R.J. “Proliferation of Fox News and the Content of Its Messaging.” MPSA, Chicago. *Apr. 2022*
- Dunaway, J.L. and Settle, J.E. “Opinion Formation and Polarization in the News Feed Era: Effects from Digital, Social, and Mobile Media.” SPSA, New Orleans. *Jan. 2021*
- With Darr, J. and Hitt, M.: “A Path Through the Desert: Re-Localizing the News in a Nationalized Era,” News Coverage of US Elections Workshop (July 2020); “Effects of Re-localizing a Local Newspaper: Results from a Natural Experiment,” APSA (Sept. 2020). With Peterson, E.: “Changing Media Ownership and New News Barons,” APSA (2020). With Groeling, T.: “Facebook News Exposure and Acceptance in the 2016 Election,” APSA (2020).
- Earlier presentations (2016–2019) at APSA, MPSA, SPSA, SWPSA, ICA (Prague 2018; Washington 2019), and ISPP (Lisbon 2019) on mobile news, Spanish-language media, partisan media, empathy and legislating, and gatekeeping. Full list available on request.

DEPARTMENT AND COLLEGE SERVICE

Syracuse University

- Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science. *2025–2026*
- Chair, Promotion & Tenure Committee for Emily Thorson, Department of Political Science. *2024–2025*
- American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science. *2023–2024*
- IDJC/Newhouse Search Committee, Citizenship and Democratic Institutions. *2023–2024*

Texas A&M University

- Political Science: Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Chair 2022–2023; Member 2021–2022); Head’s Advisory Committee (2021–2023, elected at-large 2022–2023); Awards Committee (2022–2023); Faculty Mentor, Kristy Pathakis (2022–2023); Graduate Student Advisory Committee Chair (2022–2023); Omnibus Search Committee (2021–2022); P&T Committee for Erik Peterson (2020–2021).
- Communication: Graduate Committee (2018–2020); Co-director, Media Influence Research Internship (MIRI), with Hart Blanton; Health Communication Search Committee Co-Chair (2016–2017); ad hoc committees on area changes, journalism, and graduate assistantships. College of Liberal Arts Planning and Resources Committee (2017–2019).

Louisiana State University

Manship School: Graduate Committee; Political Communication Area Head (2011–2013); Political Communication Search Committee (Chair; member, multiple years); Reilly Chair Search Committee; Ad Hoc Committee on P&T Process Revisions. Political Science: Research Committee (Chair); Executive Committee; P&T Committee. CHSS Summer Stipend Award Committee.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Syracuse University

Research Director, Institute for Democracy, Journalism & Citizenship, Washington, D.C. Sets the IDJC research agenda with Director Margaret Talev. 2023–present

Developed and administer IDJC Maxwell-in-DC student grants for students on unpaid or low-paid D.C. internships (7 undergraduates, \$14,100 in 2025–26), with IDJC staff and Maxwell DC. 2023–present

Launched the IDJC Faculty Research Grants and Graduate Student Research Grants programs (3 awards, \$12,000 in the inaugural year). 2025–present

Appointed Reviewer, Carnegie Fellowship applications, Office of Sponsored Research. 2024–2025

Texas A&M University

Institute for Freedom, Responsibility, and Citizenship (IFRAC) Planning and Development Group; FIRST Faculty Mentor for first-generation students (2018–present); Common Ground Faculty Fellow (Fall 2018); Speaker, Bethancourt Lecture Series.

Louisiana State University

Faculty-in-Residence search committee (2014–2015); Inaugural Faculty-in-Residence, West Campus (2013–2014); Beacon Mentor (2013–2014); Impact Coach (2013–2014); Communicating Across the Curriculum Mentor.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NCAPSA workshop on teaching through community-engaged student projects. 2025–2026

Workshop on Using Tableau for Data Visualization, Syracuse University. 2024–2025

CITI Human Subjects Research Training. 2024–present