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Academic Appointments

University of Delaware

Political Science & International Relations

Associate Professor 2021-Present

Assistant Professor 2016-2021

Provost Teaching Fellow 2022-Present

Current Faculty Affiliations:

Data Science Institute (DSI) 2023-Present

Master of Science in Data Science (MSDS) 2023-Present

Center for Political Communication (CPC) 2016-Present

Center for the Study of Diversity (CSD) 2016-Present

Former Faculty Affiliations:

Race, Justice, Policy Research Initiative (RJPRI) 2017-2023

Education

University of Washington

Ph.D., 2016

Department of Political Science

General Fields: American Politics & Political Methodology

Specialized Field: Minority and Race Politics

University of Washington

M.A., 2013

Department of Political Science

Center for Statistics & the Social Sciences (CSSS)

Political Methodology Field Certificate (2013)

University of Washington

B.A., 2008

Major: Political Science

Minors: Human Rights and Law, Societies, & Justice

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

“Social Mobility Through Immigrant Resentment: Explaining Latinx Support for Restrictive Immigration Policies and Anti-Immigrant Candidates.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*. w/ Hickel, F., and Collingwood, L. (Conditionally Accepted)

“[The Participatory Implications of Racialized Policy Feedback.](#)” *Perspectives on Politics*. w/ Garcia-Rios, S., Lajevardi, N. and Walker, H. (FirstView)

- “Undermining Sanctuary? When Local and National Partisan Cues Diverge.” 2023. *Urban Affairs Review*, 59(1): 133-169. w/ Collingwood, L. & Martinez, G.
- “Fight Not Flight: The Effects of Explicit Racism on Minority Political Engagement.” 2022. *Electoral Studies*, 80: 102515. w/ Besco, R., Garcia-Rios, S., Lagodny, J., Lajevardi, N., Tolley, E.
- “Hate, Amplified? Social Media News Consumption and Anti-Muslim Policy Support.” 2022. *Journal of Public Policy*, 42: 656-683. w/ Lajevardi, N. and Walker, H. (FirstView)
- “Estimating Candidate Support in Voting Rights Act Cases: Comparing Iterative EI and EI-RxC Methods.” 2022. *Sociological Methods and Research*, 51(1): 271-304. w/ Barreto, M., Collingwood & Garcia-Rios, S.
- “Beyond Generalized Ethnocentrism: Islam-Specific Beliefs and Prejudice toward Muslim Americans.” 2021. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 9(3): 538-565. w/ Dana, K. & Barreto, M.
- “Opinion Shift and Stability: The Information Environment and Long-Lasting Opposition to Trump’s Muslim Ban.” 2021. *Political Behavior*, 43: 301–337. w/Lajevardi, N. & Collingwood, L.
Covered in: *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*
- “The Role of Identity Prioritization: Why Some Latinx Support Restrictionist Immigration Policies and Candidates.” 2020. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 84: 860–891. w/ Hickel, F., Alamillo, R. & Collingwood, L.
- “Perceived Discrimination and Political Behavior.” 2020. *British Journal of Political Science*, 50(3): 867-892.
- “The Paradox Between Integration and Perceived Discrimination Among American Muslims.” 2020. *Political Psychology*, 41(3): 587-606. w/ Lajevardi, N., Walker, H. & Westfall, A.
Winner of the 2019 American Political Science Association Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section Best Paper Award.
- “Veiled Politics: Experiences with Discrimination among Muslim Americans.” 2019. *Politics and Religion*, 12(2): 629-677. w/ Dana, K., Lajevardi, N., & Walker, H.
- “Partisan Attitudes toward Sanctuary Cities: The Asymmetrical Effects of Political Knowledge.” 2018. *Politics and Policy*, 46 (6): 951-984. w/ Dreier, S. & Collingwood, L.

“A Change of Heart? Why Individual-Level Public Opinion Shifted against Trump’s Muslim Ban.” 2018. *Political Behavior*, 40: 1035-1072. w/ Collingwood, L. & Lajevardi, N.

Covered in: *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*, *Vox*, *ThinkProgress*, *NPR*, *Al Jazeera*, *Middle East Eye*, *Psychology Today*, & *Social Psych Online*

“Old-Fashioned Racism, Contemporary Islamophobia, and the Political Isolation of Muslim Americans in the Age of Trump.” 2018. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 3(1): 112-152. w/ Lajevardi, N.

“The Politics of Choice Reconsidered: Partisanship, Ideology, and Minority Politics in Washington’s Charter School Initiative.” 2018. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 18(1): 61-92. w/ Collingwood, L. & Jochim, A.

“Muslims in Great Britain: The Impact of Mosque Attendance on Political Behaviour and Civic Engagement.” 2018. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 44(9): 1479-1505. w/ Dana, K.

“eiCompare: Comparing Ecological Inference Estimates across EI and EI: RxC.” 2016. *R Journal*, 8(2): 92-101. w/ Collingwood, L., Barreto, M. & Garcia-Rios, S.

“How Discrimination Impacts Sociopolitical Behavior: A Multidimensional Perspective.” 2016. *Political Psychology*, 37(5): 613-640.

“Mosques as American Institutions: Mosque Attendance, Religiosity and Integration into the Political System among American Muslims.” 2011. *Religions*, 2(4): 504-524. w/ Dana, K. & Barreto, M.

Book Chapters
Encyclopedic
Entries

“Discrimination.” In *Edward Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Sociology* edited by Maria Grasso and Marco Giugni. (Forthcoming)

“Race and Racism in U.S. Campaigns.” 2020. In *Oxford Handbook on Electoral Persuasion* edited by Liz Suhay, Bernie Grofman, and Alex Trechsel, 15:278–295. w/ Christopher Parker, Christopher Towler, and Loren Collingwood.

Book Reviews

“Understanding Muslim Political Life in America: Contested Citizenship in the Twenty-First Century.” Edited by Brian R. Calfano and Nazita Lajevardi. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2019. 248p. *Perspectives on Politics*.

Public Writing

“Biden reverses Trump’s ‘Muslim Ban.’ Americans support the decision.” ***The Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*** (27 January, 2021). w/ Lajevardi, N. and Collingwood, L.

“Targeted: Veiled Women Experience Significantly More Discrimination in the U.S.” ***Religion in Public*** (21 January, 2020). w/ Dana, K., Lajevardi, N., and Walker, H.

“Here’s what the Democrats need to do to get the DREAM Act through Congress.” ***LSE American Politics and Policy Blog*** (29 January, 2018). Also covered by Newsweek U.S. Edition. w/ Walker, H. and Garcia-Rios, S.

“Why Individual-Level Opinion Rapidly Shifted Against Trump’s ‘Muslim Ban’ Executive Order.” ***Religion in Public*** (17 January, 2018). w/ Collingwood, L. and Lajevardi, N.

“Allies in name only? Latino-only leadership on DACA may trigger implicit racial biases among White liberals.” ***LSE American Politics and Policy Blog*** (28 September, 2017). w/ Garcia-Rios, S. and Walker, H.

“Protests against Trump’s immigration executive order may have helped shift public opinion against it” ***LSE American Politics and Policy Blog*** (12 February, 2017). w/ Collingwood, L. and Lajevardi, N.

Select Works In Progress

“The Influence of American Identity on Anti-Muslim Policy Preferences Across Partisans.” w/ Lajevardi, N. (Invited for R&R)

“Distinct Threats and Differential Support for Public Policies That Harm Muslims.” w/ Lajevardi, L. and Salim, M. (In Progress)

“Neighboring Identities: Psychological and Political Reactions to Xenophobic Campaign Attacks.” w/ Basco, R., Fisher, S., Garcia-Rios, S., Lagodny, J., Lajevardi, N., Tolley, E. (In Progress)

“Partisan Winners and Losers: Testing Alternative Frames of Congressional Election Results Among White and Latino Voters.” w/ Valenzuela, A. and Collingwood, L. (In Progress)

“Polarizing Cues Revisited: The Role of Partisan Benchmarking.” w/ Kipp, S., Medenica, V., and Walker, H. (In Progress)

“Voting for Violence? Tracing Ethno-Racial and Partisan Differences in Support for Anti-Democratic Violence Before and After the 2020 Presidential Election.” w/ Valenzuela, A. and Collingwood, L. (In Progress)

“White Candidates and Latino Voters: The Significance of Symbolic vs Substantive Ethnic Cues.” w/ Collingwood, L. and Alamillo, R. (In Progress)

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards	Nominee of UD's Excellence in Teaching Award	(2023)
	UD Provost Teaching Fellow	(2022-)
	APSA Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Best Paper Award w/ Nazita Lajevardi, Hannah Walker and Aubrey Westfall	(2019)
	AAPOR Student-Faculty Diversity Pipeline Award	(2019)
	CTAL Instructional Improvement Grant: Engaging Diversity in Political Science w/ Kara Ellerby (\$11,000)	(2018)
	POSCIR Seed Research Grant (\$1,500)	(2018)
	DEL General University Research Grant (\$7,500)	(2017)
	UW Political Science Research Fellowship (est. \$13,000)	(2016)
	Dissertation Improvement Research Grant, UCLA (\$3000)	(2015)
	Dean Recognition for Exceptional Pedagogical Contribution, UW	(2014)
	Best Graduate Paper in PoliSci (w/Hannah Walker), UW	(2014)
	UW Center for Democracy & VRA Research Fellowship (\$5,000)	(2014)
	UW Center for Democracy & VRA Research Fellowship (\$5,000)	(2013)
	Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Grant (\$1,000)	(2013)
	UW WISER Research Grant (\$2500)	(2011-14)
	UW WISER Survey Research Fellowship (\$20,000)	(2011-14)
	Grad. Opportunities & Minority Achievement Fellowship (\$4,000)	(2010-11)
Donald R. Matthews Graduate Fellowship (\$40,000)	(2010-11)	
Jody Deering Nyquist Award for Excellence in Public Speaking	(2008)	

Research Center Affiliations	Race, Justice, Policy Research Initiative, UD	(2017 -)
	Center for Political Communication, UD	(2016 -)
	Center for the Study of Diversity, UD	(2016 -)
	UW Center for Democracy and Voting Rights Research	(2013-14)
	Washington Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity (WISER)	(2010-16)
	Center for Social Science and Statistics (CSSS)	(2010-16)
	Washington Survey Research Center (WASRC)	(2010-15)

Teaching Experience	University of Delaware (2016 -)
	POSC 150: Intro to American Politics (x10)
	POSC 230: Intro to Politics and Social Justice (x2)
	POSC 413: Minority Politics, Representation, and Voting Rights (x4)
	POSC 807: American Political Behavior (Graduate Seminar) (x1)
	POSC 867: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (Graduate Seminar) (x2)
	University of Washington (2011-2016)
	POLS 202: Intro to American Politics (x2)
	POLS 357: Minority Representation and the Voting Rights Act (x1)
	POLS 205: Political Science as a Social Science (TA)
	POLS 317: US Race and Ethnic Politics (TA)
	POLS 353: US Congress (TA)
	POLS 503: Advanced Research Design and Analysis (TA)
	LAW E 558: Voting Rights Research and the Law (TA)

External Invited Talks/Panels “Diversity and the State of Democratic Citizenship.” Featured invited roundtable sponsored by the **Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship**. April 23, 2021.

“Shocks to the System: Capturing Opinion Shift and Stability Toward Trump’s Muslim Ban.” Keynote Speaker at the Democracy and Diversity Triannual Conference at the **Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship** in Montreal, Canada. April 24-25, 2020. [Cancelled Due to COVID-19]

“The New American Electorate.” Panelist. **Princeton University**. Event sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics. April 3, 2020. [Cancelled Due to COVID-19]

“Neighboring Identities: Psychological and Political Reactions to Generalized and Particularized Anti-Immigrant Appeals.” w/Sergio Garcia-Rios. **University of Toronto**. Talk Sponsored by the Department of Political Science. March 6, 2020.

“History, Institutions, and Theory Research Coordination Network on Racial and Ethnic Politics.” Panelist. **University of Pennsylvania**. Event sponsored by the American Political Science Association’s Special Projects Fund and the Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Immigration at Penn. February 28-29, 2020.

“Using Observational and Experimental Data to Examine the Sociopolitical Consequences of Perceived Discrimination.” **Rutgers University**. Talk sponsored by the Emerging Trends Lecture Series & the Center for the Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology. April 27, 2018.

“A Change of Heart? Using Panel Designs to Establish Causality with Real Events.” w/Loren Collingwood. **Princeton University**. Talk sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics. April 26, 2018.

“Using Observational and Experimental Data to Examine the Sociopolitical Consequences of Perceived Discrimination.” **University of California Los Angeles**. Talk sponsored by the Race, Ethnicity and Politics Workshop. March 5, 2018.

“Muslim-American Attitudes, Sociopolitical Behavior, and Identity.” Panelist/Section Presenter. **University of California Los Angeles**. Event sponsored by the Luskin School of Public Affairs & the National Science Foundation. December 15, 2017.

“Muslim-American Political Behavior.” Panelist/Section Presenter. **Menlo College**. Event sponsored by Menlo College & the National Science Foundation. December 16, 2016.

Internal or
Public
Invited
Talks/Panels

“How Democratic is the U.S. Constitution, and to What Extent did the Founding Fathers Oppose Majority Rule?” Speaker. University Day Public Lecture. March 18, 2023.

“Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the 2020 Election.” Speaker. Panel sponsored by the the University of Delaware POSCIR. December 14, 2020.

“Building Community: Scholarship and Connection among Faculty of Color.” Speaker. Panel sponsored by the Center for the Study of Diversity (CSD) at the University of Delaware. February 24, 2020.

“Executive Power and the U.S. Democracy.” Talk sponsored by the 2019 YALI Mandela Washington Fellows Program at the University of Delaware. July 2, 2019.

“Opinion Shift and Stability: Long-Lasting Opposition toward Trump’s Muslim Ban.” Talk sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Colloquium Speaker Series at the University of Delaware. April 24, 2019.

“Old-Fashioned Racism and the Roots of Contemporary Islamophobia.” Talk sponsored by the Center for the Study of Diversity (CSD) Colloquium Speaker Series at the University of Delaware. December 6, 2018.

“Understanding Executive Power in the United States.” Talk sponsored by the 2018 YALI Mandela Washington Fellows Program at the University of Delaware. July 2, 2018.

“The Inclusion and Exclusion of Minority Groups in the United States.” Talk sponsored by the 2017 YALI Mandela Washington Fellows Program at the University of Delaware. July 11, 2017.

“Inclusion and Exclusion: Perceptions of Discrimination in the Workplace.” Diversity Summit Presenter. Talk sponsored by the Office of Equity and Inclusion at the University of Delaware. June 20, 2017.

“What Happens Now Part II? A Forum to Discuss Bigotry & Closed Borders in the Trump Era.” Speaker. Panel sponsored by the Department of Women and Gender Studies, Sociology and Criminal Justice, Political Science and International Relations, & the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Delaware. February 13, 2017.

“Forum on the Travel Ban Executive Order.” Speaker. Panel sponsored by the University of Delaware Provost Office. February 7, 2017.

“What Happens Now Part I? Fear, Diversity, and Inclusion in Post-U.S. Election.” Speaker. Panel sponsored by Women and Gender Studies, Sociology and Criminal Justice, Political Science and International Relations, History, & the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Delaware. November

30, 2016.

“Race, Religion, and Gender.” Election Central Panelist. Event sponsored by the Center for Political Communication at the University of Delaware. November 8, 2016.

Select Conference Presentations 2021

“Partisan Winners and Losers: Testing Alternative Frames of Congressional Election Results Among White and Latino Voters.” Online Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA).

“Kissing Up and Kicking Down: How Immigrant Resentment Impacts Latinx Support for Donald Trump and Restrictive Immigration Policies.” Online Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA).

“How do Political Attacks Affect Racial and Ethnic Self-Identities?” Online Paper Presentation at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA).

“Kissing Up and Kicking Down: How Immigrant Resentment Impacts Latinx Support for Donald Trump and Restrictive Immigration Policies.” Online Paper Presentation at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA).

2019

“The Significance of Politicized Group Identities: Re-examining the Relationship between Contact with Punitive Political Institutions and Political Participation.” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) in Washington DC.

“Threat or Reassurance? Framing Midterm results among Latinos and Whites.” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) in Washington DC.

“When American Identity Trumps Latinx Identity: Explaining Support for Restrictive Immigration Policies.” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) in Washington DC.

“Anti-Minority Politics and Political Participation: Evidence from Four Countries.” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) in Washington DC.

2018

“Assessing the Link between Interactions with Punitive Political Institutions and Political Behavior.” Paper Presentation at the 2018 Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (SPIRE) Meeting in Philadelphia, PA (University of Pennsylvania).

“Are Integrated Muslim Americans More Likely to Perceive Discrimination?” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) in Boston, MA.

“Opinion Shift and Stability: Enduring Individual-Level Opposition to Trump’s Muslim Ban.” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) in Boston, MA.

“Assessing the Link between Interactions with Punitive Political Institutions and Political Behavior.” Paper Presentation at the 2018 Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Study (CMPS) Meeting in Los Angeles, CA (UCLA).

2017

“A Change of Heart? Why Individual-Level Public Opinion Shifted against Trump’s Muslim Ban.” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) in San Francisco, CA.

“Veiled Politics: Experiences with Discrimination among American Muslims.” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) in San Francisco, CA.

“The Racial Shield as Racism Exoneration: Explaining White Racist Support for Conservative Minority Candidates.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA) in Vancouver BC, Canada.

2016

“Assessing the Mechanism Linking Discrimination to Democratic Engagement.” Paper Presentation at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) in Philadelphia, PA.

“Estimating Candidate Support: Comparing EI and EI-RxC.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA) in Chicago, Illinois.

Student
Supervision

Sadie Ellington, Dissertation Committee Member (POSC)
Enes Aksu, Dissertation Committee Member (POSC)

Enes Tuzgen, Dissertation Committee Member (POSC)
Olga Gerasimenko, Dissertation Committee Member (POSC)
Furkan Karakayan, Dissertation Committee Member (POSC)
Richard Takyi Amoah, Dissertation Committee Member (ECON)
Sheila Afrakomah, Dissertation Committee Member (ECON)
Ahmet Ates, Dissertation Committee Member (POSC)
Charles Mays, Long Paper and Dissertation Chair (POSC)
Ian Mumma, Long Paper Committee Member (POSC)

Rachel Spruill, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Chair
Jessica Sack, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Chair
Jordan Spencer, Undergraduate Faculty Mentor for the McNair Program
Lauren Turenchalk, Undergraduate Research Supervisor

Professional
Service

Editorial Board Member

Politics and Religion (6/2018 - 12/2021)

Discipline Service

American Political Science Association (APSA) REP Section Chair (2021-2022)

Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Task Force on Equity, Inclusion, and Access in the Discipline (2020-2021)

APSA Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Best Paper Award Committee Member (2020)

University Service

2019 Summer Educational and Cultural Experience Program (SECEP)
Lecturer of Politics and Justice in the United States. (July 27 - August 20, 2019)

Manuscript Reviewer/Referee

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, British Journal of Political Science, Belgian Federal office for Science Policy, Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression, Cambridge University Press, Electoral Studies, European Political Science Review, International Journal of Public Opinion, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics, Migration Studies, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Politics and Religion, Public Opinion Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences

Conference Coordination

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) at the University of Delaware. (2020)

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) at the University of Washington. (2013)

Latinos and the Voting Rights Act. Center for Democracy and Voting Rights Research at the University of Washington Law School. (2013)

Islam in the Public Sphere Conference. Washington Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity (WISER). (2011)

Expert
Consulting
Experience

State of Maryland Attorney General's Office; 2021 MD Redistricting

Baltimore County Branch of the NAACP v. Baltimore County, 21-cv-03232-LKG (D. Md.)

Common Cause Florida v. Lee, 4:22-cv-109-AW-MAF (N.D. Fla.)

Common Cause Florida v. Byrd, 4:22-cv-109-AW-MAF (N.D. Fla.)

Dickinson Bay Area NAACP Branch v. Galveston County, Texas, 22-cv-117-JVB (S.D. Tex.)

Reyes v. Chilton, 4:21-cv-05075-MKD (E.D. Wash.)

Roswell Independent School District (RISD); 2022 Redistricting

Caroline County Branch of the NAACP v. Town of Federalsburg, Civ. Action No. 23-SAG-00484 (D.Md. 2023)

Previous
Research
Positions

Senior Researcher, Washington Poll 2010-2014
Public Opinion Survey Design, Programming, and Analysis.

Researcher, Center for Democracy & Voting Rights Research 2013-2014
Racially Polarized Voting (RPV) Analysis of jurisdictions in states such as: California, Florida, Texas, and Washington.

Investigator, Washington State Charter School Initiative

2013

*Precinct and school district level data collection and analysis
of the I-1240 Vote for S360 Polling Firm and Melinda & Gates Foundation.*

Skills &
Additional
Information

Software: R, STATA, \LaTeX

Languages: Farsi (Persian)–Native Speaker

R Packages: eiCompare (contributor)