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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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College of William and Mary, Assistant Professor of Government (2012- )  
College of William and Mary, Co-Director of the Social Science Research Methods Center (2014- ) and  
Director of the Social Networks and Political Psychology Lab (2013-)

## EDUCATION

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Doctor of Philosophy    Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2012  
  
Dissertation Title: Political Competition, Emotions and Voting: The Moderating  
Role of Individual Differences  
  
Committee: James Fowler (Chair), Trey Ideker (Medical Genetics), Gary  
Jacobson, Martin Johnson, Darren Schreiber

Master of Arts        Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2009  
  
Comprehensive Exams: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political  
Behavior (Focus Field), *with distinction*

Bachelor of Arts      Political Science, minor in Biology, University of Richmond, 2007, *honors and  
Summa Cum Laude*

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. "A Natural Experiment in Proposal Power and Electoral Success," with Peter J. Loewen, Royce Koop, and James H. Fowler, *American Journal of Political Science* 58(1): 189-196 (January 2014)
2. "Yahtzee: An Anonymized Group Level Matching Procedure," with Robert M. Bond, Christopher J. Fariss, James H. Fowler, Jason J. Jones, Adam D. I. Kramer, and Cameron Marlow, *PLoS ONE* 8(2): e55760 (February 2013)
3. "Inferring Tie Strength from Online Directed Behavior," with Robert M. Bond, Christopher J. Fariss, James H. Fowler, Jason J. Jones, and Cameron Marlow, *PLoS ONE* 8(1): e52168 (January 2013)
4. "A 61-Million-Person Experiment in Social Influence and Political Mobilization," with Robert M. Bond, Christopher J. Fariss, James H. Fowler, Jason J. Jones, Adam D. I. Kramer, and Cameron Marlow, *Nature* 489: 295-298 (13 September 2012)
5. "Integrating Social Science and Genetics: News from the Political Front," with Peter Hatemi, Christopher Dawes, Brad Verhulst, and Amanda Frost Keller, *Biodemography and Social Biology* 57(1): 67-87 (May 2011)

6. “The Social Origins of Adult Political Behavior,” with Robert M. Bond and Justin Levitt, *American Politics Research* 39(2): 239-263 (March 2011)
7. “Correlated Genotypes in Friendship Networks,” with James H. Fowler and Nicholas Christakis, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 108(5): 1993-1997 (1 February 2011)
8. “Friendships Moderate an Association Between a Dopamine Gene Variant and Political Ideology,” with Christopher T. Dawes, Nicholas A. Christakis, and James H. Fowler, *Journal of Politics* 72(4): 1189-1198 (October 2010)
9. “The Heritability of Partisan Attachment,” with James H. Fowler and Christopher T. Dawes, *Political Research Quarterly* 62(3): 601–613 (September 2009)

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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10. “Games, Genes, and Political Participation,” with James H. Fowler, Peter John Loewen, and Christopher T. Dawes. Eds. Rose McDermott and Pete Hatemi. *Man is by Nature a Political Animal*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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1. “Day-to-Day Political Engagement Partially Mediates the Effect of Competition on Voting” with Robert M. Bond, Lorenzo Coviello, Christopher J. Fariss, James H. Fowler, Jason J. Jones, Adam D. I. Kramer, and Cameron Marlow. ***Conditionally accepted at Political Science Research and Methods***
2. “Genes, Anxiety, and Turnout: A Field Experiment,” with Christopher Dawes, Peter J. Loewen and Costas Panagopoulos. ***R&R at Political Behavior***
3. “Social Endorsement Cues and Political Participation in an Experiment Involving 61 Million Facebook Users,” with Robert M. Bond, Christopher J. Fariss, James H. Fowler, Jason J. Jones, and Cameron Marlow. ***Under Review***
4. “The Stress Ball(ot): The Differential Effects of Stress on Voter Turnout,” with Hans J.G. Hassell ***Under Review***
5. “Social Network Influences on Political Campaign Volunteerism” with Margaret J. Schwenzfeier ***Under Review***
6. “Quantifying Political Discussion from the Universe of Facebook Status Updates,” with Robert M. Bond, Lorenzo Coviello, Christopher J. Fariss, James H. Fowler, Jason J. Jones, Adam D.I. Kramer, and Cameron Marlow.
7. “Pour Your Heart Out: How Political Competition Influences Political Engagement” with Christopher J. Fariss, Lorenzo Coviello, Robert M. Bond, James H. Fowler, Jason J. Jones, Adam D.I. Kramer, and Cameron Marlow.
8. “Political Chameleons: An Exploration of Conformity in Political Discussions” with Taylor N. Feenstra
9. “Partisan Heterogeneity and 5HTT Interact to Depress Voter Turnout,” with Peter J. Loewen
10. “The Intersection of Genetic and Contextual Determinants of Political Behavior,” with Christopher

Weber, Erin Cassese, Ashley Kirzinger, Martin Johnson, and Christopher J. Fariss

## **INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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1. “Political Chameleons: An Exploration of Conformity in Political Discussions” with Taylor N. Feenstra
  1. International Society for Political Psychology, July 2014
  2. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2014
2. Authors Meet Critics Roundtable on *Predisposed: Liberals, Conservatives, and the Biology of Political Differences*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2014
3. “Explaining Disengagement from Contentious Political Interaction: The Moderating Role of Individual Differences”
  1. College of William & Mary Government Department Colloquium, February 2014
  2. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 2014
4. “Political Discussion on Social Media: Civil Discourse or Uncivilized Behavior?”
  1. Kingsmill Democrats and Independents Dinner Association, February 2014
  2. The Forum Adult Learners Association (Tucson, AZ), July 2014
5. “Integrating Psychology into Our Understanding of Political Behavior,” Christopher Wren Association, Town & Gown Noon Lecture Series, November 2013
6. “Avoiding Politics: The Effects of Social Anxiety on Political Discussion,” with Hans J.G. Hassell, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2013
7. “How ‘Voters’, ‘Voting’, and Social Influence Affect Turnout,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2013
8. “Social Data in Academic Research,” invited panelist at Big Boulder 2013, sponsored by Gnip, June 2013
9. “[Inducing] Emotional Discussion about Politics,” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2013
10. “Filling in the Gaps: What Can Social Media Add to Our Understanding of the Dynamics of Public Opinion About Health Care Reform?” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2013
11. “Innate, Individual Differences in Emotional Response to Political Contention,” Synthesizing the Evolutionary and Social Science Approaches to Human Cooperation: A NESCent Catalysis Meeting (April 2013)
12. “Contentious Politics in the Era of Social Media”
  1. College of William & Mary Psychology Department Colloquium, November 2012
  2. Monroe Scholars Faculty Lecture Series, September 2012
13. “[Studying] Politics in the Era of Social Media”
  1. College of William & Mary Young Democrats, October 2012
  2. College of William & Mary Family Weekend Faculty Lecture, September 2012
  3. James City County Democratic Party, August 2012
14. “Pour Your Heart Out: How Political Competition Influences Political Engagement”
  1. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2012
  2. Southwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2012
  3. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2011

15. "The Effects of Economic Hard Times on Attitudes Toward Immigration: Evidence from an Online Social Network," Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, April 2012
16. "Genes, Anxiety, and Turnout: A Field Experiment"
  1. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2011
  2. Penn State Quantitative Social Science Initiative New Faces in Political Methodology IV Conference, April 2011
  3. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2011
17. "Measuring Political Discussion in a Large Scale Network"
  1. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2011
  2. Political Networks Conference, June 2011
18. "A Massive Scale Experiment in Social Influence and Political Mobilization"
  1. Political Networks Conference, June 2011
  2. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2011
19. "The Effects of Exposure to Contention on Voting: The Moderating Role of Individual Differences," Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences, June 2011
20. "A New Approach to Studying the Influence of Electoral Competitiveness on Voter Turnout," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2010
21. "Neighborhood Contextual Influences and Individual Differences," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2010
22. "Linking Genes and Contextual Diversity: An Initial Exploration of Gene x Environment Interactions," Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences, June 2010
23. "Partisan Heterogeneity and 5HTT Interact to Depress Voter Turnout"
  1. Midwestern Political Science Association, April 2010
  2. European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions Workshop, March 2010
24. "The Social Origins of Adult Political Behavior," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2009
25. "A Genetic Basis for Homophily in Social Networks," Behavioral Genetics Association Annual Meeting, June 2009
26. "The Influence of School and Peer Networks on Social Integration and Political Trust"
  1. Political Networks Conference, June 2009
  2. Sunbelt Social Networks conference, March 2009
27. "Friendships Moderate an Association Between a Dopamine Gene Variant and Political Ideology," Poster Presentation, Networks in Political Science conference, June 2008
28. "The Heritability of Partisan Attachment," poster presentation at the Behavioral Genetics Association Annual Meeting, June 2008

## **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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College of William and Mary Thirteen Club Annual Faculty Award, 2013  
APSA Political Psychology Distinguished Junior Scholars Award, 2012  
TA Excellence Award, Department of Political Science, 2009-2010  
Pi Sigma Alpha Howard Penniman Graduate Fellowship, 2007-2008  
Omicron Delta Kappa Graduate Fellowship, 2007-2008

Worth and Dot Howard Foundation Graduate Scholarship, 2007-2011  
Delta Gamma Graduate Fellowship, 2007-2008  
Edmund G. Brown Sr. Fellowship, University of California, San Diego 2007-2008  
Phi Beta Kappa, inducted spring 2007  
University Mace Award (top graduating student in senior class), 2007  
Omicron Delta Kappa Regional Leader of the Year, Region I, 2007  
Spencer D. Albright Book Award (graduate with highest GPA in UR Political Science Department), 2007  
Westhampton College Distinguished Leadership Award, 2007  
Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, inducted spring 2006  
Mortar Board Honor Society, inducted spring 2006  
May Evans Scholarship, (top junior woman in UR Political Science Department), 2006  
Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honorary, inducted spring 2006  
Oldham Scholar (University of Richmond top merit scholarship), 2003-2007  
Worth and Dot Howard Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship, 2003-2007  
Golden Key Honor Society, inducted spring 2004  
Phi Eta Sigma, Freshman Honorary, inducted spring 2004  
National Merit Foundation Scholarship, 2003-2004

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

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National Science Foundation, "Understanding the Mechanisms for Disengagement from Contentious Political Interaction," 2014-2015 (\$149,975) SES-1423788  
Suzann Wilson Matthews Summer Research Award, College of William & Mary, 2014 (\$5,000)  
Suzann Wilson Matthews Summer Research Award, College of William & Mary, 2013 (\$5,000)  
Schroeder Center for Health Policy Research, College of William & Mary, Faculty Affiliate, 2012-2014  
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, "Doctoral Dissertation Research in Political Science: Political Competition, Anxiety and Voting – The Moderating Role of Individual Differences" (with James Fowler), 2011-2012 (\$12,000) SES-1123226  
National Science Foundation, "Gene-Environment Interactions with the Political Context" (with James Fowler), 2008-2009 (\$30,000) SES-0843907  
University of Richmond, College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant, 2006-2007 (\$400)  
University of Richmond, College of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, 2005 (\$4,000)  
University of Richmond, College of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Grant, 2005 (\$800)

## **PROFESSIONAL AND METHDOLOGICAL TRAINING**

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Facial Action Coding System (FACS) Workshop, led by Erika Rosenberg; FACS-certification test passed 07/2013

Genome Wide Analysis Workshop for Social Scientists, Short Course, University of Colorado Population Center, 2011

Behavioral Genetics for Political Scientists, NSF-funded workshop at the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics, 2010

International Workshop on Statistical Genetics and Methodology of Twin and Family Studies: Beginning Course, Certificate of Completion, 2010

ESRI Training Workshop in Geographic Information Systems Technology

International Workshop on Statistical Genetics and Methodology of Twin and Family Studies: Advanced Course, Certificate of Completion, 2009

Networks in Political Science Workshop on Social Network Theory and Methods, (2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014)

Center for Teaching Development, Preparing Professional Faculty Program, 2010

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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Physiology and Behavior*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Social Networks*, *Social Science Quarterly*

Discussant: APSA annual meeting 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014; MPSA annual meeting 2013; SWPSA annual meeting 2012

Fellowship Committee for the Political Networks Meeting (Member 2012-2013; Chair 2014)

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**College of William & Mary, 2012-**

Political Behavior (GOVT 374), Introduction to American Government and Politics (GOVT 201), Social and Psychological Influences on Political Behavior (GOVT 491), R Workshops (F12, S14)

**Teaching Assistant (UCSD), 2007-2012**

Introduction to American Politics; Introduction to Comparative Politics; Political Inquiry; Latino Politics in the United States; Racial and Ethnic Politics in the United States; Railroads and American Politics; Politics in Mexico; Political Parties in the United States; Voting, Campaigns and Elections; Politics of Immigration; International Law

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## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Evaluation Committee, Government Department (2013-)

Co-Director, Government Department Omnibus Project (2013-)

Freshman Academic Advising, College of William & Mary (2013-2014)

University Teaching Project, College of William & Mary (2013-2014)

Initiator and Coordinator, UCSD Political Science Professional Development Series

Co-Founder and President, UCSD Political Science Graduate Council

Co-Chair, UCSD Women in Political Science organization

Department Representative, UCSD Graduate Student Association

Graduate Student Representative, Department Graduate Review Committee

Graduate Student Representative, UCSD Law School Exploratory Committee

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Fluent in Spanish (reading, writing, and speaking); spent fall semester 2005 abroad in San Sebastian, Spain

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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Genetics and Public Policy Center, Summer 2006: Internship included analysis of congressional legislation and national and international legal precedents relating to human genetics policy

Virginia House of Delegates, Spring 2006: Legislative internship

Pew Initiative for Food and Biotechnology, Summer 2004: Internship included analysis of international and national genetically modified food policies