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## Education

### **PhD in Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

American Politics; Political Theory; Methodology

2000-8

### **BA in Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

High Honors in Political Science; Distinction in History and Political Science

1991-5

## Academic Appointments

### **Associate Professor, Government, School of Public Affairs**

American University

2018 – present

### **Assistant Professor, Government, School of Public Affairs**

American University

2014 – 2018

### **Assistant Professor, Government & Law**

Lafayette College, Easton, PA

2009 – 2014

## Administrative Positions & Research Affiliations

### **Vice-Director, Science Policy Fellows Program**

American University

2022 – present

### **Graduate Program Director, Political Science**

American University

2019 – present

### **Fellow, Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies**

American University

2017 – present

## Visiting Scholar

### **Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions**

Vanderbilt University

Fall 2023

### **Annenberg School for Communication**

University of Pennsylvania

2012 – 3

## Edited Volumes

David Barker and **Elizabeth Suhay**, eds. 2021. *The Politics of Truth in Polarized America*. Oxford University Press.

**Elizabeth Suhay**, Bernard Grofman, and Alex Trechsel, eds. 2020. *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*. Oxford University Press.

**Elizabeth Suhay** and James N. Druckman, eds. 2015. The Politics of Science: Political Values and the Production, Communication, and Reception of Scientific Knowledge. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 658.

## Research Articles

Daniel Steiman and **Elizabeth Suhay**. Forthcoming. Conducting Interview Projects in the U.S. Congress: Analyzing the Methods of Experts in the Field. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

**Elizabeth Suhay**, Aparna Soni, Claudia Persico, and Dave E. Marcotte. 2022. Americans' Trust in Government and Health Behavior during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8(8): 221-244.

**Elizabeth Suhay**, Mark Tenenbaum, and Austin Bartola. 2022. Explanations for Inequality and Partisan Polarization in the U.S., 1980-2020. *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 20(1): 5-36.

Meri Long, Ryan Dawe, and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2021. Gender Attitudes and Candidate Preferences in the 2016 US Presidential Primary and General Election. *Politics & Gender*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X21000155>

**Elizabeth Suhay**, Marko Klasnja, and Gonzalo Rivero. 2021. Ideology of Affluence: Explanations for Inequality and Economic Policy Preferences among Rich Americans. *The Journal of Politics* 83(1): 367–380.

Winner 2018 APSA Class & Inequality “best paper” award

Karen L. Akerlof, Taryn Bromser-Kloeden, Kristin Timm . . . **Elizabeth Suhay** [multi-author publication]. 2021. Categorizing Professionals' Perspectives on Environmental Communication with Implications for Graduate Education. *Environmental Communication* 15(4): 447-464.

Sarah Croco, **Elizabeth Suhay**, Rachel Blum, Lilliana Mason, Hans Noel, Jonathan Ladd, and Michael Bailey. 2019. Student-Run Exit Polls 101. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 52(2): 361–366.

Benjamin Toff and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2018. Partisan Conformity, Social Identity, and the Formation of Policy Preferences. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 31(2): 349–367.

**Elizabeth Suhay** and Cengiz Erisen. 2018. The Role of Anger in the Biased Assimilation of Political Information. *Political Psychology* 39(4): 793–810.

**Elizabeth Suhay** and Jeremiah Garretson. 2018. Science, Sexuality, and Civil Rights: Does Information on the Causes of Sexual Orientation Change Attitudes? *The Journal of Politics* 80(2): 692–696.

**Elizabeth Suhay**, Emily Bello-Pardo, and Brianna Maurer. 2017. The Polarizing Effects of Online Partisan Criticism: Evidence from Two Experiments. *International Journal of Press/Politics* 23(1): 95–115.

Alexandre Morin-Chasse, **Elizabeth Suhay**, and Toby Jayaratne. 2017. Discord over DNA: Politically Contingent Responses to Scientific Research on Genes and Race. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 2(2): 260–299.

**Elizabeth Suhay**, Mark Brandt, and Travis Proulx. 2016. Lay Belief in Biopolitics and Political Prejudice. *Social Psychological and Personality Science* 8(2): 173–182.

Jeremiah Garretson and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2016. Scientific Communication about Biological Influences on Homosexuality and the Politics of Gay Rights. *Political Research Quarterly* 69(1): 17–29.

**Elizabeth Suhay**, Brian Calfano, and Ryan Dawe. 2016. Social Norms, Dual Identities, and National Attachment: How the Perceived Patriotism of Group Members Influences Muslim Americans. *Politics, Groups, & Identities* 4(1): 63–83.

**Elizabeth Suhay**, Allyson Blackwell, Cameron Roche, and Lucien Bruggeman. 2015. Forging Bonds and Burning Bridges: Polarization and Incivility in Blog Discussions about Occupy Wall Street. *American Politics Research* 43(4): 643–679.

**Elizabeth Suhay**. 2015. Explaining Group Influence: The Role of Identity and Emotion in Political Conformity and Polarization. *Political Behavior* 37(1): 221–251.

**Elizabeth Suhay** and Toby Jayaratne. 2013. Does Biology Justify Ideology? The Politics of Genetic Attribution. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77(2): 497–521.

Marc Hetherington and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2011. Authoritarianism, Threat, and Americans' Support for the War on Terror. *American Journal of Political Science* 55(3): 546–560.

Ted Brader, Nicholas Valentino, and **Elizabeth Suhay**. 2008. What Triggers Public Opposition to Immigration? Anxiety, Group Cues, and Immigration Threat. *American Journal of Political Science* 52(4): 959–978.

Reprinted in Howard Lavine, ed. 2010. *Political Psychology, Volume II: Public Opinion and Mass Political Behavior*. Sage.

### **Chapters, Commentaries, & Encyclopedia Articles**

**Elizabeth Suhay**. 2022. Human interaction, politics, and democratic reform: Integrating political science with an interpersonal systems approach. *Cognition and Emotion* 36(8): 1485–1490.

**Elizabeth Suhay**, Bernard Grofman, and Alex Trechsel. 2020. A Framework for the Study of Electoral Persuasion. In Suhay, Grofman, and Trechsel (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*. Oxford University Press.

**Elizabeth Suhay**. 2017. The Politics of Scientific Knowledge. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Communication*, Jon Nussbaum, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Elizabeth Suhay.** 2017. Genetic Essentialism. In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. Fathali M. Moghaddam, ed. Sage Publications: 323–325.

**Reports, Reviews, & Other Publications** Dave E. Marcotte and **Elizabeth Suhay.** 2021. An Initial Evaluation of the Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN) 2020-2021. School of Public Affairs, American University.

**Elizabeth Suhay,** Emily Cloyd, Erin Heath, and Erin Nash. 2019. *Recommended Practices for Science Communication with Policymakers*. School of Public Affairs/American University and American Association for the Advancement of Science.

**Elizabeth Suhay** and Brianna Maurer. 2018. Authoritarianism in the Public. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, Sandy Maisal, ed.

**Elizabeth Suhay.** 2017. Review of *Anxious Politics: Democratic Citizenship in a Threatening World* by Bethany Albertson and Shana Kushner Gadarian. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 81(1): 196–198.

**Elizabeth Suhay.** 2016. Review of *The Hidden Agenda of the Political Mind: How Self-Interest Shapes Our Opinions and Why We Won't Admit It* by Jason Weeden and Robert Kurzban. *Perspectives on Politics* 14(1): 36–38.

Toby Jayaratne and **Elizabeth Suhay.** 2015. Genetic, environmental, and choice causal attribution survey measures. Published in PsycTESTS database.

**Elizabeth Suhay.** 2011-12. Review of *Behind the Backlash: Muslim Americans After 9/11* by Lori Peek. *Political Science Quarterly* 126(4): 708–710.

Scott E. Page and **Elizabeth Suhay.** 2006. *A Decision-Making Guide to the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan.

**Webinars** “Recommendations for Science Communication with Policymakers Based on a U.S. Research Study.” Science Communication online course, CampusIL (Israel), 2021.

“Evidence-based Science Communication with Policymakers” (with Emily Cloyd, Erin Heath, & Erin Nash). Sage Webinar, July 2019.

“Politics in Science/Science in Law: Consuming Science Responsibly in the Courtroom, Legislature, and Public Sphere” (with Dan Kahan & Francis Shen). Sage Webinar, May 2015.

**Book Manuscript** Debating the American Dream: How Explanations for Inequality Polarize U.S. Politics

**Working Papers** Evaluating Societal Use of New Technologies: The Promise of Public Consultation via Surveys (with Meredith Dost and Jennifer Hochschild)

Under review *Public Opinion Quarterly*

How and Why Scientists Communicate with Policymakers (with Erin Fitz, Dominik Stecula, Michael Heseltine, and Emily Cloyd)

Bridging the Scientist-Policymaker Divide: Congressional Perspectives on Science Communication (with Kristen Munnely, Erin Heath, and Erin Nash)

Seeking a Land of Opportunity: Immigrants' Beliefs in the American Dream (with Mark Tenenbaum and Wali Rehemam)

The Strategic Selection of Qualified Contrarians in Congressional Testimony (with Nathan Lee, Sara Yeganeh, and Erin Nash)

Unemployment, Benefits, and Trust in Government (with Claudia Persico, Dave E. Marcotte, and Aparna Soni)

## **External Grants**

Trust in Science Project/Harvard University grant for "Protesting Expert Authorities: Autonomy and the Democratic Challenge to Evidence-Based Policy" (\$100,000), with Jennifer Hochschild (PI). 2022.

National Science Foundation grant for "Societal Trust and Health amidst COVID-19, and an Evaluation Framework for the Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN)" (\$200,000). 2020.

National Science Foundation grant for "Developing Approaches to the Study of Information" (\$40,500), with David Barker. 2018.

National Academy of Sciences (with support from Rita Allen Foundation) grant for "Evidence-Based Science Communication to Policymakers" (\$37,500). 2017.

Russell Sage Foundation grant for "The Politics of Genetic Explanations for Social Inequality" (\$40,800). 2016.

Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Sciences (TESS) award, with Jeremiah Garretson. 2013.

Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Sciences (TESS) award, with Ted Brader & Nicholas Valentino. 2003.

## **Internal Grants**

Excellence with Impact grant for "Improving Science Communication with Policymakers" event, School of Public Affairs, American University. 2019.

Junior Faculty Research Grant, School of Public Affairs, American University. 2017 & 2018.

Excellence with Impact grant for "Politics of Science" event, School of Public Affairs, American University. 2015.

Academic Research Committee Grant, Lafayette College. 2012 & 2013.

Thesis Grant, Political Science & Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan. 2006 & 2007.

## **Awards & Fellowships**

Outstanding Teaching by a Tenured Faculty Member, School of Public Affairs, American University. 2020.

Excellence with Impact Faculty Award, School of Public Affairs, American University. 2015.

Richard King Mellon Research Fellowship, Lafayette College. 2010.

Roberta Sigel Early Career Scholar Paper Award, Int'l Society of Political Psychology. 2008.

Rackham Graduate School One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan. 2008.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Political Science, University of Michigan. 2006.

Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, Political Science, University of Michigan. 2005–7.

Connelly Award Fellowship, Political Science, University of Michigan. 2004.

Summer Awards for Faculty/Student Collaboration, with Professor Donald R. Kinder, Political Science, University of Michigan. 2003 & 2004.

Angus B. Campbell Research Fellowship, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. 2002–3.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention. 2002.

Horace H. Rackham Regents Fellowship, University of Michigan. 2000–2.

## Invited Talks

Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina, Nov 2023

How People Think About the Economy Conference, University College London, April 2023

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, Washington, D.C., April 2023

Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering (CASE) Workshop, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C., March 2023

American Political Science Congressional Fellows Program, Washington, DC, Nov 2022

Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, Yale University, Sept 2021

Thinking Morally about Genetics & Agency Conference, Columbia University, Dec 2019

Reconceptualizing the Challenges of Direct-to-Consumer Health Products, Banbury Center, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, Oct 2019

School of Media & Public Affairs, George Washington University, April 2019

Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University, April 2019

Communicating Science Seminar, American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Feb 2019

Stem Cell Research Center, University of California, Irvine, Jan 2019  
Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, Nov 2018  
Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, McGill University, Nov 2018  
National Academy of Sciences Sackler Colloquium, Washington, D.C., Nov 2017  
Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, May 2017  
Center for Neuroscience & Society, University of Pennsylvania, Jan 2017  
Consortium for Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science and Engineering, University of Texas, Dallas, May 2016  
AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, Washington, D.C., Feb 2016  
Political Psychology Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, Jan 2016  
Political Persuasion Conference, University of California, Irvine, Laguna Beach, CA, Jan 2016  
Department of Government, Georgetown University, Feb 2015  
Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 2012

**Conference Papers & Presentations**

American Political Science Association 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023  
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, 2022  
Cooperative Congressional Election Study 2017  
European Consortium for Political Research 2015  
International Society of Political Psychology 2012, 2015, 2020, 2021, 2022  
Midwest Political Science Association 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019  
National Capital Area Political Science Association workshop 2017, 2023  
New York Area Political Psychology Workshop 2010  
NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference 2015  
Penn-Temple Philadelphia Region American Politics Conference 2013

**External Workshops**

Trust in Science Project Workshop, Program on Science, Technology & Society and Harvard Data Science Initiative, Harvard University, Sept 8-9, 2022 (by invitation)

What is Belief? An Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Nature of Belief, Princeton University, June 13-15, 2022 (by invitation)

Social and Political Impact of Covid-19 in the United States, Russell Sage Foundation, June 10-11, 2021 (by invitation)

Encountering Science in Everyday Life, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Cambridge, MA, June 1-2, 2017 (by invitation)

Integrating Biopolitics and Political Psychology, UC Merced, June 20, 2016

St. Louis Area Methods Meeting, American University, Washington, D.C., April 20, 2016

Understanding Science Denialism, Wake Forest, Winston-Salem, NC, July 9-10, 2015 (by invitation)

Methodology of Twin and Family Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder, March 1-5, 2010 (competitive/NSF funded)

## Teaching

### Courses

*American University:*

Politics in the U.S. (BA)

Inequality in the U.S. (BA/Complex Problems)

Introduction to Political Research (BA)

Political Opinion in the U.S. (BA & MA)

Introduction to Survey Research (BA & MA; team taught)

Capstone in Political Communication (MA)

U.S. Politics Proseminar (PhD)

Political Behavior (PhD)

Research Design (PhD)

*Lafayette College:* Introduction to American Government; Campaigns & Elections in the U.S.; Political Parties and the Electoral Process; Political Opinion and Participation in the U.S.; Emotions and Politics

*University of Michigan:* Campaigns and Elections (Lecturer); Contemporary Issues in American Politics (GSI); Introduction to Political Theory (GSI)

### Dissertation Committees

Marcus Johnson (Chair); Em Bello-Pardo (Chair); William Jorgeson (Co-Chair); Michael Heselfine; Simon Heuberger; Cassandra Tai (Iowa); Sara Yeganeh (Stony Brook)



## Service

### Association Leadership Roles

Conference Co-Chair, Midwest Political Science Association (2024)

Chair, Nominating Committee, ISPP (2023-4)

Program Chair, Social Inequality, Social Change, and Civic Development, ISPP annual conference (2022)

Member, Governing Council, ISPP (2020-3)

Section Chair, Class & Inequality, APSA (2020-2)

Program Chair, Public Opinion, APSA annual conference (2021)

Chair of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Class & Inequality, APSA (2019-20)

Program Chair, Political Psychology, MPSA annual conference (2013)

### Association Committees

Class & Inequality Best Paper Chair, APSA (2023)

Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Award Chair, APSA (2021)

Warren Miller Prize, APSA EPOVB (2019)

Nominations Committee, SPSA (2019, 2022)

Program Committee, Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference (2017)

Best Dissertation, APSA Political Psychology (2016)

Roberta Sigel Chair, ISPP (2014)

Best Poster, MPSA (2014)

Best Dissertation, APSA Experiments (2012)

### Editorial Boards

Journal of Experimental Political Science (2022-)

Science, Values, and the Public series, University of Pittsburgh Press (2019-)

Political Behavior (2019-)

### Conference Panel Discussant

APSA (2008, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022); MPSA (2010, 2011, 2013, 2015); ISPP (2012); NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (2011, 2013)

### Peer Reviewer

Journals: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *British Journal of Social Psychology*; *British Journal of Sociology*; *Climatic Change*; *Cognition & Emotion*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Economics & Politics*;

*Information, Communication, & Society; European Journal of Social Psychology; European Political Science Review; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Journal of Communication; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Journal of Homosexuality; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Policy; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Journal of Risk Research; Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy; Latin American Research Review; Nature Climate Change; Nature Human Behaviour; Personality & Social Psychology Bulletin; Perspectives on Politics; PLOS ONE; Political Behavior; Political Science Research & Methods; Political Psychology; Political Research Quarterly; Political Studies Review; Politics, Groups, & Identities; Politics & Gender; Politics & Religion; Polity; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS); Public Opinion Quarterly; Research & Politics; Royal Society Open Science; Social Problems; Social Science Quarterly; Social Science Research; Sociological Forum*

Book Publishers: Oxford University Press; Princeton University Press; Routledge

Funders: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research; NSF; Russell Sage Foundation; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences

### **American University Committees**

Faculty Search Committee, Government (2023)

Gill Scholarship Committee, SPA (2019, 2021, 2023)

Methods Field Committee, Government (2018–20)

Academic Core Socio-Historical Subcommittee, AU (2018–9)

Assessment, Government (2017–9)

Faculty Development Leadership Cohort, AU (2017–8)

Excellence with Impact, SPA (2017–8)

Teaching Evaluation, SPA (2015–6)

Honors Capstone Conference Selection, SPA (2015)

Academic Integrity, SPA (2014–5)

### **Lafayette College Committees**

Task Force on Integrated Student Experience (2013–4)

Faculty Academic Policy (2013–4)

Curriculum & Educational Policy (2011–2)

Student Life (2010–1)

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