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EMPLOYMENT

Texas A&M University

Assistant Research Scientist, Public Policy Research Institute 2017-present

University of Arizona

Lecturer, School of Government and Public Policy 2017-2018

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University

PhD. Political Science – 2017

Fields: (1) American Politics, (2) Comparative Politics

Dissertation: “Partisanship, Ideology, and the Sorting of the American Mass Public”

M.A. Political Science – 2015

Taylor University

B.A., Political Science – 2010

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics: Political behavior and public opinion, political psychology, party sorting and polarization, religion and politics

Methodology: Research design, focus group evaluation, experimental social science, content analysis

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

7. Davis, Nicholas T. and Matthew P. Hitt. Forthcoming. “Winning, Losing, and the Dynamics of External Political Efficacy.” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*. doi: 10.1093/IJPOR/edw013
6. Davis, Nicholas T. and Johanna Dunaway. 2016. “Party Polarization, Media Choice, and Partisan-Ideological Sorting.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 80(S1), 272-297.
5. McCarthy, Angela, Nicholas T. Davis, James C. Garand, and Laura R. Olson. 2016. “Religion and Attitudes toward Redistributive Policies among Americans.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 69(1), 121-133.
4. Davis, Nicholas T. and Lilliana Mason. 2016. “Sorting and the Split-Ticket: Evidence from Presidential and Sub-Presidential Elections.” *Political Behavior*, 38(2), 337-354.
3. Dunaway, Johanna L., Nicholas T. Davis, Jeremy Padgett, and Rosanne M. Scholl. 2015. “Objectivity and Information Bias in Campaign News.” *Journal of Communication*, 65(5), 770-792.
2. Davis, Nicholas T. 2015. “The Role of Indifference in Split-Ticket Voting.” *Political Behavior*, 23(1), 67-86.
1. Davis, Nicholas T. 2014. “Responsiveness and the Rules of the Game: How Disproportionality Affects Winners’ and Losers’ Perceptions of External Efficacy.” *Electoral Studies*, 36, 129-136.

WORKING
PROJECTS

Journal articles under review

- Elite Polarization, Group Memberships, and Identity Sorting [[pdf](#)]
- *revise & resubmit at Politics, Groups, and Identities*
- Religion and Partisan-Ideological Sorting, 1982-2014 [[pdf](#)]
- *revise & resubmit at Social Science Quarterly*
- Identity Sorting and Political Compromise [[pdf](#)]
- Linking Elite Polarization to Congressional Approval (with Joshua Hostetter and Liz Lebron)

Book Manuscripts in preparation

- Democracy and Its Meanings (with Kirby Goidel – primary data collection complete; monograph draft expected late 2018)

Journal articles in preparation

Polarization / Sorting

- Emotions and Partisan Sorting (with Christopher R. Weber and Samara Klar)
- States, Polarization, and Sorting (with James C. Garand)

Attitudes / Ideology

- Validating a New Metric of Judicial Efficacy (with Matthew P. Hitt and Michael Zilis)
- Are Values Immutable? Uncovering Order Effects in Value Dispositions (with Kathleen Searles and Matthew P. Hitt)
- What Does Limited Government Mean to the Average Citizen?
- Democracy's Meanings (with Kirby Goidel and Keith Gaddie)
- Ideological Proximity and the Vote Choice

Methodology

- Real-time Surveys in a Focus Group Setting: How Computers Combat Self-monitoring (with Trey Marchbanks and Stephanie Brown)
- What's the Difference? A DID Approach to Studying the Relationship between Risk-Assessment and Recidivism (with George Naufal and Dottie Carmichael)

ESSAYS

Nicholas T. Davis and Matthew P. Hitt. June 23, 2016. "No, disgruntled primary losers won't vote for the other party in November. Here's why." *The Washington Post's* [The Monkey Cage](#)

Lilliana Mason and Nicholas T. Davis. March 9, 2016. "Donald Trump attracts poor voters with multiple Republican identities." *Vox*: [Mischiefs of Faction](#).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<u>Instructor of Record</u>	
	University of Arizona	
	POL 201 – American National Government	2017–2018
	Louisiana State University	
	POLI 2051 – Intro to American Politics	2016, 2017
	<u>Teaching Assistant</u>	
	Louisiana State University	
	POLI 4001 – Intro to Quantitative Methods (graduate)	2012, 2013
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Referee / Reviewer: <i>American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, American Politics Research, Political Behavior, Electoral Studies, Journal of Communication, Research and Politics</i>	
EXTERNAL FUNDING	Co-PI, Evaluating Texas Indigent Defense Costs, \$139,992	2017
HONORS & AWARDS	Outstanding Graduate Paper Award, LSU	2012, 2013, 2014
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Modeling (EITM) Travel Award	2012
	LSU Graduate School / HSS Travel Award	2013, 2016
CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	Midwest Political Science Association: 2014, 2016, 2017	
	Southern Political Science Association: 2014, 2015, 2017	
	American Political Science Association: 2014, 2015, 2016	

References

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