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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 / psychology, public opinion, 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

- Religion and Partisan-Ideological Sorting, 1982-2014 [pdf]  
– *revise & resubmit at Social Science Quarterly*
- Elite Polarization, Group Memberships, and Identity Sorting [pdf]
- Identity Sorting and Political Compromise [pdf]
- Linking Elite Polarization to Congressional Approval (with Joshua Hostetter and Liz Lebron)
- Emotions and Partisan Sorting (with Christopher R. Weber and Samara Klar) [pdf]

Book Manuscripts in preparation

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

Journal articles in preparation

Attitudes / Ideology

- 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? (with Kirby Goidel)
- Democracy's Meanings (with Kirby Goidel)
- Race, Kneeling, and Nationalism (with Christopher R. Weber)
- Ideological Proximity and the Vote Choice

Judicial system / Courts

- Validating a New Metric of Judicial Efficacy (with Matthew P. Hitt and Michael Zilis)
- What's the Difference? A DID Approach to Studying the Relationship between Risk-Assessment and Recidivism (with George Naufal)

ESSAYS

Carmichael, Dottie, Heather Caspers, Nicholas T. Davis, Trey Marchbanks, George Naufal, and Steve Wood. September 28, 2017. "The money bail system places undue burden on the incarcerated poor – but risk informed release can change that." *London School of Economics*, [US Centre – USAPP](#).

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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