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INFORMATION

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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor   2019 to present
    Department of Political Science
    University of Alabama

Assistant Research Scientist   2017 to 2019
    Public Policy Research Institute
    Texas A&M University

Lecturer   2017 to 2019
    School of Government and Public Policy
    University of Arizona

AFFILIATIONS

Principal Investigator   2021 to present
    Democracy and Open Science (DEMOS) Lab
    University of Alabama

Faculty Affiliate   2022 to present
    Office of Politics, Communication, and Media
    University of Alabama

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Louisiana State University   2017

B.A. Political Science, Taylor University   2010

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Public opinion, ideology and the structure of belief systems, democratic attitudes

BOOKS

[1] **Davis, Nicholas T.**, Kirby Goidel, and Keith Gaddie. 2022. *The Meanings of Democracy: How Americans Think About Democracy and Why It Matters.* University of Michigan Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

[20] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2023. "The (racial) implications of 'special favors'." *Research & Politics.*, 10(2), 1-7. [paper, replication]

[19] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2023. "The Psychometric Properties of the Christian Nationalism Scale." *Politics and Religion.*, 16, 1-26. [paper, replication]

[18] White, Mark H., Christian S. Crandall, and **Nicholas T. Davis**. 2021. "Vicarious Justifications for Prejudice in the Application of Democratic Values." *Social Psychological and Personality Science.* [paper, replication]

[17] Katherine Clayton[†], **Nicholas T. Davis**, Brendan Nyhan, Ethan Porter, Timothy J. Ryan, and Thomas J. Wood. "Elite rhetoric can undermine democratic

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norms." 2021. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(23). [paper, replication]

- Research summary submitted as testimony to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, U.S. House of Representatives
- Press coverage in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Independent*, *Vox*, *The Washington Post*

[16] Fishman, Nic* and **Nicholas T. Davis**. 2022. "Change we can believe in: Structural and content dynamics within belief networks." *American Journal of Political Science*, 66(3), 648-663. [paper, replication]

[15] Miller, Steven V and **Nicholas T. Davis**. 2021. "The effect of white social prejudice on support for American democracy." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 6(2), 334 - 351. [paper, replication]

- Press coverage in *The New York Times*, *NBC News: Think*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Washington Post: The Daily 202*, *Maclean's*, *ThinkProgress*

[14] Goidel, Kirby, **Nicholas T. Davis**, and Spencer Goidel. 2021. "Changes in perceptions of media bias." *Research & Politics*, 8(1): 1-9. [paper]

[13] **Davis, Nicholas T.**, Kirby Goidel, and Yikai Zhao. 2020. "The meanings of democracy among mass publics." *Social Indicators Research*, 153(3): 849-921. [paper, replication]

[12] **Davis, Nicholas T.**, Samara Klar, and Christopher R. Weber. 2019. "Affective consistency and sorting." *Social Sciences Quarterly*, 100(6): 2478 - 2494. [paper, replication]

[11] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Christopher M. Federico. 2019. "Constructing images of the divine: Latent heterogeneity in Americans' impressions of God." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 58(1): 47 - 66. [paper, replication]

[10] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2019. "Identity sorting and political compromise." *American Politics Research*, 47(2): 391 - 414. [paper]

[9] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2018. "Religion and partisan-ideological sorting, 1984-2016."*Social Science Quarterly*, 99(4): 1446 - 1466. [paper, replication]

[8] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2018. "Elite cues and (asymmetric) sorting." *Research & Politics*, 5(2): 1-8. [paper]

[7] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Matthew P. Hitt. 2017. "Winning, losing, and the dynamics of external political efficacy." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 29(4): 676-689. [paper, replication]

[6] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Johanna Dunaway. 2016. "Party polarization, media choice, and partisan-ideological sorting." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 80(S1): 272-297. [paper]

[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. [paper, replication]

[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. [paper]

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[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. [paper]

[2] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2015. "The role of indifference in split-ticket voting." *Political Behavior*, 23(1): 67-86. [paper]

[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. [paper]

EDITOR
REVIEWED
ARTICLES

[3] Goidel, Kirby, **Nicholas T. Davis**, and Keith Gaddie. Forthcoming. "Review / Critical Dialogue: Frustrated Majorities: How Issue Intensity Enables Smaller Groups of Voters to Get What They Want." *Perspectives on Politics*.

[2] Goidel, Kirby, **Nicholas T. Davis**, Christine Lipsmeyer, Guy Whitten, and Cliff Young. 2019. "Economic vulnerability, cultural decline, and nativism: Contingent and indirect effects." *Social Science Quarterly*, 100(2), 430 - 446.

[1] **Davis, Nicholas T.**, Kirby Goidel, Christine Lipsmeyer, and Guy Whitten. 2019. "The political consequences of nativism: The impact of nativist sentiment on party support." *Social Science Quarterly*, 100(2) 466 - 479

SELECTED
MANUSCRIPTS
IN-PROGRESS

[3] Measuring symbolic and operational Christian nationalism (with Drew Cagle, *Data collection ongoing*)

[2] Norm-breaking and political accountability (with Drew Cagle, *Under review*)

[1] How voters think about the electoral relevance of the Supreme Court (with Matthew P. Hitt, *Under review*)

BOOK PROJECTS
IN-PROGRESS

[3] Level Up: An introductory guide to designing, writing, and presenting academic research (with Paul Musgrave). Planned completion: 2024.

[2] Not my neighbor: Social prejudice and support for democracy (with Steven V. Miller). Prospectus submission: Fall 2023. [Introduction, Chapter 1]

[1] The public and the Court: How partisan loyalty undercuts democratic values (with Matthew P. Hitt). Planned completion: Summer 2024. [Project introduction, Project website]

PUBLIC-FACING
WRITING

[9] Paul Musgrave and **Nicholas T. Davis.** February 2023. "Thesis Statement:" A weekly Substack on academic writing for students and faculty.

[8] Goidel, Kirby, Keith Gaddie, and **Davis, Nicholas T.** November 8, 2023. "Calls to "save democracy" won't work if there is little agreement on what democracy is" *London School of Economics: US Centre Blog.*

[7] **Davis, Nicholas T.** April 2, 2019. "When push comes to shove, well-sorted partisans don't like to compromise" *London School of Economics: US Centre Blog.*

[6] **Davis, Nicholas T.** January 29, 2019. "Millennials are more likely to oppose racism." *Data for Progress.*

[5] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Jon Green. November 14, 2018. "Nativism isn't going away: Immigration attitudes continue to predict vote choice" *Data for Progress.*

[4] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Steven Miller. July 2, 2018. "Racism and authoritarianism go hand in hand." *Vox: Mischiefs of Faction.*

[3] **Davis, Nicholas T.** February, 22, 2018. "When government fails." *Jacobin.*

[2] **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.*

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

GRANTS & AWARDS

Extramural
- National Science Foundation RAPID: Four-wave panel study to create Supreme Court and Democracy (SCD) dataset (with Matthew P. Hitt) **Funded: $92,693**

Intramural
University of Alabama
- 2022 ASPIRE Semester research sabbatical
- 2019-2020 ORED Small Grant Program Award **Funded: $6,000**

Texas A&M University
- 2018 College of Liberal Arts Seed Grant **Funded: $5,000**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Alabama
PSC101 - Introduction to American Government
PSC321 - Voting & Participation
PSC321 - Media & Politics
PSC411 - Public Opinion
PSC421 - Political Psychology
PSC511 - Public Opinion (Graduate)
PSC616 - Political Psychology (Graduate)
PSC616 - Media and Politics (Graduate)

University of Arizona
POL201 - Introduction to American Government

Louisiana State University
PS2051 - Introduction to American Politics

SERVICE

Disciplinary
- *2023 International Society of Political Psychology*, Section chair
- *2021 Midwest Political Science Association*, Discussant

University
- Reviewer: Arts & Sciences Support for Undergraduate Research (ASSURE) Program   2021-present

Departmental
- Dissertation advising:
  - 2023 - Drew Cagle (College of Coastal Georgia), *Committee chair*
  - [Expected 2024] - Patrick Tate, *Committee member*
  - [Expected 2024] - Marci Turner, *Committee chair*

REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, American Politics Research, Political Behavior, Electoral Studies, Journal of Communication, Research and Politics, Election Law Journal, Psychological Review, Politics & Religion, Politics Groups, and Identities, TESS: Time-sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences, National Science Foundation, Social Currents, Perspectives of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Politics, Ideology, and Religion, Nature Human Behavior, Race and Social Problems

REFERENCES   Available upon request.