

## MERI T. LONG

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer and Advisor, University of Pittsburgh, 2016-Present

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, 2016

Dissertation: *Compassion in Red and Blue: The Politics of Who Cares about Whom* Committee Members:  
Marc J. Hetherington (chair); Larry M. Bartels; Eric Groenendyk; John G. Geer

Research Interests: Public Opinion, Political Psychology, Political Communication Concentrations:  
American Politics, Comparative Politics

M.S.W. *High Honors*, University of Kentucky, School of Social Work, 2008

B.A. *Magna Cum Laude* in Political Science and Psychology, Vanderbilt University, 2006

### PUBLICATIONS

Long, Meri T., Dawe, Ryan, & Suhay, Elizabeth. (2021). "Gender Attitudes and Candidate Preferences in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Primary and General Elections." *Politics & Gender*, 1-28.

Hetherington, Marc J., Meri T. Long, and Thomas J. Rudolph. (2016). "Revisiting the Myth: New Evidence of a Polarized Electorate." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80, no. S1: 321- 350.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*University of Pittsburgh*

Women in Politics

Political Parties and Elections

Public Opinion and Political Attitudes

Introduction to American Government and Politics

Electoral Behavior and the Democratic Process

*Vanderbilt University*

Introduction to American Politics

Certificate in College Teaching Spring: Center for Teaching

Reviewer:

*Political Psychology*

*American Politics Research*

*Politics, Groups, and Identities*

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Gender Attitudes in the U.S. 2016 Primaries." Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Belfast, UK.

"Compassion and Immigration Policy Preferences." Presentation at the 2018 conference *Empathy, Sympathy, and Compassion: The Dynamics of Other Oriented Emotions* at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

"Compassion, Control, and Immigration Policy Preferences." Paper presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

"The Effect of Compassionate Rhetoric on Public Opinion." Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR.

"The Polarization in Perceptions of Presidential Candidate Traits, 1980-2012." (With Marc J. Hetherington and Thomas J. Rudolph). Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

"The Use of Compassionate Appeals in Political Rhetoric." Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of

the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“The Role of Compassion in Politics.” Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

“The Polarization in Perceptions of Presidential Candidate Traits, 1980-2008.” (With Marc J. Hetherington). Paper presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

#### OTHER INVITED TALKS

“Who is Deserving of Compassion? Elite Rhetoric and Immigration Policy Preferences.” Presentation at the 2017 Slippery Rock University Speaker Series, Slippery Rock, PA.

“Identity and Pennsylvania Politics: 2016 and Beyond.” Roundtable at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

“A Comparative Look at Refugee and Migration Policy in the Dawn of the U.S. Presidential Election.” Panelist at Facilitating Opportunities for Refugee Growth and Empowerment, Pittsburgh, October 2016.

“Election Year Rhetoric: Vitriol, Violence, and Voter Anxiety.” Panelist at the Open Door Project, Pittsburgh, September 2016.

“Compassion in Red and Blue: The Politics of Who Cares about Whom.” Presented at the University of Memphis, Department of Political Science, October 2015.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizer: University of Pittsburgh Department of Political Science Research Assistantship Program, 2016-present

Committees: Technology and Alumni Relations Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2016-present

Faculty Assembly, representing Social Sciences, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, 2017

#### AWARDS

Research on Individuals, Politics & Society Small Grant for Experimental Research 2016 Vanderbilt Graduate School Travel Grant 2015

Prestage-Cook Travel Award 2014

Vanderbilt Graduate School Travel Grant 2012

High Honors Award, University of Kentucky, School of Social Work 2008

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (NON-ACADEMIC)

CURE Childhood Cancer *Director, Patient and Family Services*  
2008- 2010 Atlanta, GA

The Ridge Behavioral Health System *Therapist*  
2007 to 2008 Lexington, KY

Nancy Jacobson Consulting *Fundraiser/Event Coordinator*  
2005, 2006 Washington, DC

#### RESEARCH TOOL PROFICIENCY

Stata, SPSS, Amazon Mechanical Turk

Qualtrics, Microsoft Excel