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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Pittsburgh, Lecturer and Academic Advisor, 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. *With Honors*, G.P.A. 4.0, University of Kentucky, School of Social Work, 2008

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

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

(See website for links to pdfs of papers)

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

"The Effect of Compassionate Rhetoric on Public Opinion."

"The Role of Compassion in Politics."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"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.

"Asymmetric Effects of Compassion on Partisans' Views." Poster 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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor:

Introduction to American Politics Fall 2015
Introduction to American Politics Summer 2015

Certificate in College Teaching Spring 2015
Vanderbilt University, Center for Teaching

Teaching Assistant:

The Judicial Process Spring 2015, with Carrie Russell
Introduction to American Politics Fall 2014, with Suzanne Globetti
Introduction to American Politics Spring 2014, with Bruce Oppenheimer
Introduction to American Politics Fall 2013, with Jennifer Selin
Introduction to American Politics Fall 2013, with Marc Hetherington
Public Opinion Spring 2013, with Monique Lyle
Introduction to American Politics Fall 2012, with Suzanne Globetti
Ethics and Public Policy Fall 2011, with Brooke Ackerly
Introduction to American Politics 2011, with Marc Hetherington
Human Biology 2005, with Carl Johnson

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to John Geer 2011 and 2012
Research Assistant to Judy Garber, Department of Psychology and Human Development 2004

RESEARCH TOOL PROFICIENCY

Stata, SPSS, Amazon Mechanical Turk, Qualtrics, Microsoft Excel

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Political Science Graduate Student Council
President 2011-2012
Political Science 2012 Election Night Watch Party
Organizer
Political Science Graduate Student Council
Secretary 2010-2011

AWARDS

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

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/Third Way *Fundraiser/Event Coordinator*

2005: 2006 Washington, DC