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- APPOINTMENTS **The University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill, NC
Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Professor July 2024–June 2029
Professor of Political Science July 2023–present
Associate Professor of Political Science July 2018–June 2023
Assistant Professor of Political Science July 2014–June 2018
- EDUCATION **The University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI
Ph.D., Political Science August 2014
M.A., Political Science May 2010
- Tufts University**, Medford, MA May 2006
B.A., Political Science, *summa cum laude*
Phi Beta Kappa; Highest thesis honors
One academic year abroad at Pembroke College, Oxford University
- BOOKS Ryan, Timothy J. and J Ehlinger*. 2023. *Issue Publics: How Electoral Constituencies Hide in Plain Sight*. Cambridge Elements in Political Psychology, Cambridge University Press.
- Glaser, James M. and Timothy J. Ryan. 2013. *Changing Minds, if Not Hearts: Political Remedies for Racial Conflict*. University of Pennsylvania Press.
- ARTICLES Naunov, Martin*, Carlos Rueda*, and Timothy J. Ryan. “Who’s Persuasive? Understanding Citizen-to-citizen Efforts to Change Minds.” (Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*)
- Larsen, Bradley, Timothy J. Ryan, Steven Greene, Marc J. Hetherington, Rahsaan Maxwell, and Steven Tadelis. 2023. “Counter-stereotypical Messaging and Partisan Cues: Moving the Needle on Vaccines in a Polarized U.S.” *Science Advances* 9:29: eadg9434.
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*UNC Graduate Student

- Pandemic” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 55(1) 7–12.
- Ryan, Timothy J. and Jeff Spinner-Halev. 2022. “Who Gives Credence to Whom?: Exploring Status and Relational Equality with Empirical Tests” *Journal of Politics* 84(2) 1118–1131.
- Ryan, Timothy J. and Yanna Krupnikov. 2021. “Split Feelings: Understanding Implicit and Explicit Political Persuasion.” *American Political Science Review* 115(4):1424–1441.
- Clayton, Katherine, Nicholas T. Davis, Brendan Nyhan, Ethan Porter, Timothy J. Ryan, and Thomas J. Wood. 2021. “Elite Rhetoric Can Undermine Democratic Norms.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 118(23):1–6.
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- Honorable mention, Lupia-Mutz Outstanding Paper Award (for best paper using Timesharing Experiments for the Social Sciences data, published in 2019, 2020, or the first half of 2021).
- Delton, Andrew W., Peter DeScioli, and Timothy J. Ryan. 2020. “Moral Obstnacy in Political Negotiations.” *Political Psychology* 41(1): 3–20.
- McDonald, Maura* and Timothy J. Ryan. 2019. “Moral Conviction and Immigration Attitudes in America.” *The Forum* 17(1): 69–95.
- Ryan, Timothy J. 2019. “Actions Versus Consequences in Political Arguments: Insights from Moral Psychology.” *Journal of Politics* 81(2): 426–440.
- Wells, Matthew and Timothy J. Ryan. 2018. “Following the Party in Time of War? The Implications of Elite Consensus.” *International Interactions* 44(5): 919–935.
- Matchett, Gerald, Timothy J. Ryan, Mary C. Sunna, Simon C. Lee, and Paul E. Pepe. 2018. “Measuring the Cost and Effect of Current Community Consultation and Public Disclosure Techniques in Emergency Care Research.” *Resuscitation* 128(1):37–42.
- Ryan, Timothy J. 2017. “How Do Indifferent Voters Decide? The Political Importance of Implicit Attitudes.” *American Journal of Political Science* 61(4): 892–907.
- Ryan, Timothy J. and Ted Brader. 2017. “Gaffe Appeal: A Field Experiment on Partisan Selective Exposure to Election Messages.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 5(4): 667–687.
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- Karl, Kristyn L. and Timothy J. Ryan. 2016. “When Are Stereotypes about Black Candidates Applied? An Experimental Test.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 1(2): 253–279.
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- Ryan, Timothy J. 2012. “What Makes Us Click? Demonstrating Incentives for Angry Discourse with Digital-Age Field Experiments.” *Journal of Politics* 74(4): 1138–1152.
- IN-PROGRESS Anderson, Sarah E., Barry C. Burden, Daniel M. Butler, Laurel Harbridge-Yong, and Timothy J. Ryan. “Information and Perceptions of Electability in Primary Elections.” (Revise and resubmit, *Political Behavior*)
- Anderson, Sarah E., Barry C. Burden, Daniel M. Butler, Laurel Harbridge-Yong, and Timothy J. Ryan. “Sources of Candidate Fundraising Affect Perceptions of Electability.” (Revise and resubmit, *American Politics Research*)
- SERVICE RESEARCH Ryan, Timothy J., Andrew M. Engelhardt, Jennifer Larson, and Mark McNeilly. 2022. “Free Expression and Constructive Dialogue in the University of North Carolina System.” (Funded report to UNC System Board of Governors.) Available online at <https://fecdsurveyreport.web.unc.edu/>
- Larson, Jennifer, Mark McNeilly, and Timothy J. Ryan. 2020. “Free Expression and Constructive Dialogue at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.” Available online at <https://fecdsurveyreport.web.unc.edu/>
- OTHER ESSAYS Ryan, Timothy J. and David E. Broockman. 2012. “Facebook: A New Frontier for Field Experiments.” *The Experimental Political Scientist* 3(2): 2–10.
- Fortier, John C. and Timothy J. Ryan. 2011. “Swing States and Electoral College Strategy.” In Meena Bose, ed., *From Votes to Victory: Winning and Governing the White House in the 21st Century*. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, pp. 156-186.
- Ryan, Timothy J. 2008. “Trusting the Vote: Public Confidence in Elections.” In Morgan Elizabeth Felchner, ed., *Voting in America*. Westport, CT: Praeger Press, pp. 167–175.
- HONORS 2024 Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Professorship (Five-year term)

professorship to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching).

2015 American Political Science Association Award for Best Dissertation in Political Psychology.

2014 University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Outstanding Research Mentor Award. (Separately, nominated for the 2013 award.)

2011-12 Departmental Nominee, Rackham Graduate College Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (university-wide).

2012 John W. Kingdon Award for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science.

2011 Samuel Eldersveld Best Paper Award (Annual University of Michigan Political Science Department award for best student-written paper presented at a professional conference. Shared with co-author Kristyn L. Karl).

2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention.

2006 Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society) Award for Best Undergraduate Thesis in political science, nationally.

2006 Tufts University James Vance Elliot Political Science Prize (Awarded to senior who best combines academic excellence with active participation and effective leadership in campus and civic affairs).

GRANTS, AND
FELLOWSHIPS

2022 Lenovo Instructional Innovation Grant (with Lucy Martin [PI] and Santiago Olivella, \$19,772).

2021 Vaccine Confidence Fund: Targeted Vaccine PSAs Based on Political Science and Economic Insights (Co-investigator, \$250,000).

2021 Free Expression and Constructive Dialogue at the University of North Carolina (PI, \$173,000).

2021 UNC Summer Collaboration Grant (\$5,000).

2020 Policy in Polarized Times (UNC Collaboratory COVID-19 research proposal) (Co-PI, \$73,000).

2018 Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences: Are Losers Gullible? A New Test of Ideological Asymmetry in Conspiracy Beliefs

2018 Craver Faculty Leadership Fund.

2017 University of North Carolina Junior Faculty Development Award.

2017 Institute for Arts and Humanities Schwab Academic Excellence Award.

2013 Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences: "Attitudes, Rhetoric, and Acceptance of Political Compromise."

2013-2014 Gerald R. Ford Research Funds.

2013-2014 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship.

2012-2013 Gerald R. Ford Fellowship.

2013, 2012, 2011 Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Research Fellowship.

2012 Rackham Centennial Spring/Summer Fellowship.

2012 Gerald R. Ford Center for Public Policy in Diverse Societies Research Grant:
“The Impact of Disconfirming Stereotypes on Support for Group-Centric Policies”
(with Kristyn L. Karl).

2012 Michael and Andrea Leven Humane Studies Fellowship.

2011 Roy Pierce Fellowship, Center for Political Studies.

2010 Rackham Summer Collaboration Grant.

2010 Horace Rackham Graduate School Precandidate Research Grant.

2008 Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society) Howard Penniman
Scholarship for Graduate Study in Political Science.

SERVICE

Philip E. Converse Book Award Committee (for APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and
Voting Behavior Section).

UNC Political Science Subject Pool Administrator, 2020-2022.

UNC American Politics Subfield Chair, 2020-2022.

Member, Center for Moral Understanding Advisory Board.

Faculty fellow, UNC Applied Epistemology Project.

Faculty affiliate, UNC Program for Public Discourse.

Doctoral committee (chair or co-chair): Leah Christiani; Serge Severenchuk; Andrew
Tyner.

Doctoral committee (member): Brice Acree; Apu Chakraborty; Alessandro Del Ponte
(Stony Brook University); Kristin Garrett; Gabe Madson (Duke); Chelsea Schein (Psy-
chology); Amy Sentementes; Kelsey Shoub; Tyler Steelman.

Senior Thesis Committee (chair): Elijah Cole Stanley; Tisha Martin, Miya Salmeron,
J.J. Tolentino.

Senior Thesis Committee (member): Nicole Divers, David Garrett, Brenée Goforth;
Ronald C. Inglehart; Arvind Krishnamurthy; Cameron Lofton, Caitlin Young, Wesley
Price.

University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Poster Judge,
April 2013.

Co-President, University of Michigan Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics,

2011-2012.

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Cambridge University Press*; *Electoral Studies*; *European Journal of International Relations*; *European Political Science Review*; *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *Fibreculture Journal*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Journal of Information, Technology, and Politics*; *Journal of Politics*; *Nature Human Behavior*; *Party Politics*; *Political Analysis*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Communication*; *Political Psychology*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Presidential Studies Quarterly*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Research & Politics*; *Social Influence*; *Social Problems*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Timesharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*.

PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT

“President Trump’s Rhetoric Undermined Confidence in Elections Among His Supporters.” Written testimony submitted to the United States Congress Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, March 28, 2022 (with Katherine Clayton, Nicholas T. David, Brendan Nyhan, Ethan Porter, and Thomas J. Wood).

“Moving Past Free Expression Theater.” *Inside Higher Ed*, June 14, 2022 (with Andrew M. Engelhardt, Jennifer Larson, and Mark McNeilly).

“The Hidden Consensus on Free Expression.” *Heterodox: The Blog*, February 20, 2020.

“What Liberals and Conservatives Get Wrong about Free Expression on College Campuses.” *The Conversation*, February 19, 2020 (with Mark McNeilly).

“The Shutdown Took So Long to End Because it Became a Moral Issue.” *The Conversation*, January 28, 2019 (with Andrew W. Delton and Peter DeScioli).

“There Might Be Another Solution for Silent Sam.” *The News & Observer*, November 8, 2018 (with Marc J. Hetherington).

“Voters Aren’t Talking to the Other Party’s Politicians. Here’s Why That Matters.” *The Monkey Cage*, February 9, 2016 (with David E. Broockman).

“What Happened the Last Time South Carolina Debated the Confederate Flag? Hate, but Also Hope,” *The Monkey Cage*, June 29, 2015 (with James M. Glaser).

“Cheated of a ‘Real Carolina Education,’ ” *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (The Conversation Forum), October 24, 2014.

“On the Ethics of Facebook Experiments,” *The Monkey Cage*, July 3, 2014.

“Preferences Will Always Play a Part in Admissions,” *The Houston Chronicle*, June 7, 2013, p. 25 (with James M. Glaser).

“How ‘Race Neutrality’ Can Save Affirmative Action.” *Washington Monthly*, November, 2013, pp. 11-12 (with James M. Glaser).

“A Damaging Paper Chase in Voting,” *The Washington Post*, September 8, 2007, p. A15.

“A Digital Education,” *The American Magazine*, July 20, 2007.

“Billions and Billions,” *The American Magazine*, March 7, 2007.

“Primary Calendar Serves Few,” *The Washington Post Online*, January 29, 2007.

“Making the Most of our Faculties,” *The American Magazine*, January 22, 2007.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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