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Education

University of California, Los Angeles
Ph.D., Political Science, 2012
Major Fields: American Politics and Quantitative Methods
Minor Field: Race and Ethnic Politics
M.A., Political Science, 2008

Stanford University
M.A., International Policy Studies, 2001
Major Field: Economic Development
Graduate Certificate in Asia Area Studies, 2001

George Mason University
Graduate-level coursework in the Department of Statistics, 2003-2004

University of California, Santa Cruz
B.A., Politics and Economics, 2000
Highest Honors in Politics
Highest Honors in Economics

Meiji Gakuin University, Yokohama, Japan
Global Security & Economic Development Program (UC study abroad), 1999

Dissertation/Book Project

Political Alignments in America, Committee: John Zaller (chair), Jeff Lewis, Lynn Vavreck, Keith Poole
(University of Georgia)

Publications

Atkinson, Matthew D., Christopher Mann, Santiago Olivella, Arthur Simon, and Joseph Uscinski. 2014. "(Where) Do Campaigns Matter? The Impact of National Party Convention Location." *Journal of Politics* 76(4).

Uscinski, Joseph, Casey Klofstad, and Matthew D. Atkinson. Forthcoming. "What Drives Conspiratorial Beliefs? The Role of Informational Cues and Predispositions." *Political Research Quarterly*.

Atkinson, Matthew D., Maria Deam, and Joseph Uscinski. 2014. "What's a Dog Story Worth?" *PS: Political Science and Politics* 47(4).

- Maria Deam was my undergraduate research assistant at the University of Miami.
- This article was the subject of a segment on *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams*:
<http://www.nbcnews.com/watch/nightly-news/study-reveals-a-newspaper-bias-toward-dogs-361071683567>

Atkinson, Matthew D. and Anthony Fowler. 2014. "Social Capital and Voter Turnout: Evidence from Saint's Day Fiestas in Mexico." *British Journal of Political Science* 44(1).

Atkinson, Matthew D., Ryan D. Enos, and Seth J. Hill. 2009. "Candidate Faces and Election Outcomes: Is the Face-Vote Correlation Caused by Candidate Selection?" *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 4(3).

Invited to Revise & Resubmit

Atkinson, Matthew D. and Darin DeWitt. “Snubbing Seth Rogen: Does celebrity testimony increase congressional hearing attendance?” Granted R&R at *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

Atkinson, Matthew D. and Darin DeWitt. “Celebrity Political Endorsements Matter.” Granted R&R at *Celebrity Studies*.

Under Review

Atkinson, Matthew D. and Darin DeWitt. “Does Celebrity Issue Advocacy Mobilize Issue Publics?”

Atkinson, Matthew D. and Darin DeWitt, “Informational Cascades and Conspiracy Theories.” In *Conspiracy Theories and the People Who Believe Them*, ed. Joseph E. Uscinski, currently under consideration at Oxford University Press

Working Papers (available upon request)

“Senator Time Allocation Across the Election Cycle: Balancing Governance and Electoral Responsibilities in the Era of the Permanent Campaign” (with Darin DeWitt)

“The Bigger Sort: Partisanship, Residential Choice, and Political Polarization” (with Michael Tesler)

“Political Generations in America”

“What’s Wrong with Our Politics?: Ideological Constraint, Retrospective Voting, and Political Dysfunction in America”

“The Party (Alignment) Keeps On Going: Abortion and the Civil Rights Realignment”

“The Structure of Conflict and Cooperation in American Politics: The Electoral College and Its Implications”

“The Mutual Accommodation Premise of Political Parties”

“Partisanship and Economic News Reporting”

Other Work

Atkinson, Matthew and Darin DeWitt (September 2015), “If Republicans Nominate a Strong Conservative, It Could Hurt Them on Election Day. A Lot.” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/09/25/if-republicans-nominate-a-strong-conservative-it-could-hurt-them-on-election-day-a-lot/>
– This article presents political science analysis, not political advocacy.

Atkinson, Matthew and Darin DeWitt (October 2015), “If conservatives want the most conservative president, they should get behind Jeb Bush” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/10/09/if-conservatives-want-the-most-conservative-president-they-should-get-behind-jeb-bush/>
– This article presents political science analysis, not political advocacy.

Conference Presentations

Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Las Vegas 2015
“Celebrity Testimony in Congress,” with Darin DeWitt.

Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles 2013
“Why Do People Believe in Conspiracy Theories?,” with Joseph Uscinski.

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago 2013
“Conspiratorial Beliefs during the 2012 Election,” with Joseph Parent and Joseph Uscinski.

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago 2011
“The Effect of Social Capital on Voter Turnout: Evidence from Saint’s Day Fiestas in Mexico,” with Anthony Fowler.

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago 2008
“Race and Realignment: A Southern Story Goes North”

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago 2007
“Why Does Macropartisanship Vary Substantially from Cohort to Cohort?”

Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research Conference, Washington DC 2003
“A Computational Routine for Disaggregating Industry Margin Data to Estimate Product Margin Rates”

Teaching and Research Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, Miami University (August 2015 to Present)

POL 358: Political Parties (Fall 2015)

POL 241: American Government (2 sections) (Fall 2015)

Lecturer, California State University, Maritime (August 2014 to May 2015)

GMA 215: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2014)

GMA 300: US Foreign Policy (Fall 2014)

GMA 100: Introduction to International Relations (2 sections) (Spring 2015)

Research Associate, UCLA Center for the Study of Campaigns (August 2013 to June 2014)

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Miami (August 2012 to May 2013)

POL 352T: Political Parties (Spring 2013)

POL 550R: The Citizen (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

POL 550S: The Politician (Fall 2012)

POL 599C: Experts, Politics, and Public Policy (Fall 2012)

POL 599U: Political Alignments in America (Spring 2013)

Instructor, UCLA Undergraduate Education Initiatives

Coalition Change in the 1960s (Spring 2009)

Teaching Fellow, UCLA Undergraduate Education Initiatives

America in the 1960s: Politics, Society, and Culture, 1954–1974 (Fall 2008, Winter 2009)

Teaching Assistant/Associate, UCLA Department of Political Science

Introduction to American Politics (Winter 2008)

The Presidency (Fall 2006, Winter 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008)

Congress (Winter 2006)

Mass Media and American Politics (Spring 2006)

Public Opinion and Voting Behavior (Fall 2005 and Spring 2007)

Research Assistant, Polimetrix (Summer 2007)

Research Assistant, Stanford Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society (Summer 2001)

Non-Academic Work Experience

Economist, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Washington DC, 2001–2004