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**Education**

Ph.D. Student, Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, (Expected 2027).  
M.A., Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 2025.  
B.A., Political Science, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, 2021.

**Research Interests**

American Politics, Disability Politics, Identity Politics, Race and Ethnic Politics, Political Psychology, Political Participation, Political Behavior

**Publications**

- Jensen, Isabelle; Colquhoun, Amber; Laird, Chryl. 2025. "Case Study: Racial Attitudes, Racial Appeals and Messaging" in Busby, Ethan, Karpowitz, Christopher, and Wong, Cara. Eds. *Handbook of Innovations in Political Psychology*

**Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement**

- Jensen, Isabelle; Novey, Sam. 2025. "[Maryland counties with fewer young drivers struggle to serve 18-year-old voters.](#)" Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement. Substack.
- Jensen, Isabelle; Novey, Sam. 2025. "[67.4% of New Jersey Democrats support Vote 16 for school board elections.](#)" Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement. Substack.

**Working Papers**

- Jensen, Isabelle. "Nothing About Us Without Trust: The Politics of Autism Disclosure"

**Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

- Mdi-CDCE Grand Challenge Award, UMD Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement (CDCE), June 2024
- Applied Social Issues Internship, The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), July 2024
- American Political Science Association Diversity Fellowship, American Political Science Association, May 2024
- Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, 2022
- Honors Thesis: High Honors Award, presented at Hofstra Undergraduate Research Day May 2021

## Conference Presentations

- Nothing About Us Without Trust: The Politics of Autism Disclosure. Southern Political Science Association. January 10, 2026.
- Rethinking Disability as a Universal Experience Roundtable. American Political Science Association, September 5, 2024
- "Mass Incarceration: Where We Are and How We Got Here Within a Theoretical Framework" Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference, March 15, 2022 (virtual)
- "Mass Incarceration: Where We Are and How We Got Here Within a Theoretical Framework" Hofstra Student Research Day, December 10, 2021

## Research and Teaching Experience

- Instructor of Record, GVPT379N: Topics in American Politics; Strange New Worlds: A Sci-Fi Exploration of American Politics, July 2026-August 2026
- Instructor of Record, GVPT 170 American Politics, January 2026
- Teaching Assistant, Dr. Kris Miller, GVPT 170 American Politics, September 2025-December 2025
- Research Assistant, Center for Civic Democracy and Engagement, and Michael Hanmer, September 2024-Present
- Graduate Assistant, Scott Kastner, Undergraduate Teacher's Assistant Program, University of Maryland, September 2022-2024
- Graduate Assistant, Amy D'Agati, TerpsEXCEED University of Maryland, September 2023-May 2024
- Research Assistant, Chryl Laird, University of Maryland, September 2022-May 2023
- Teaching Assistant, Rosanna Perotti, PSC 147 Public Opinion and Political Communication, January 2021-May 2021

## Service

- Graduate Student Association Co-chair, Government and Politics, University of Maryland, September 2024-May 2025
- Discussant and staffer for Phi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Research Conference, 2023-2026

## References

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