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 Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, & Public Policy
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Education

Ph.D., Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2021

Dissertation Title: Taking Perspective: A Theory of Prejudice Reduction and Political Attitudes
<https://doi.org/10.13016/5lnc-jrkq>

Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology

Committee: Antoine J. Banks and Michael J. Hanmer (co-chairs), Stella M. Rouse, Lilliana Mason, Rashawn Ray.

Zürich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology, University of Zürich (UZH), 2019

Substantive Training: Writing functions, web scraping, text analysis, simulations, advanced graphics, and social network analysis.

M.A., Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2019

M.A., Political Science, American University School of Public Affairs, 2015

Certificate in Paralegal Studies, Duke University, 2014

B.A, Political Science and History, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2013

Research

Academic Articles

- **Safarpour, Alauna C.**, and Michael J. Hanmer. *Forthcoming*. "Information about Coronavirus Exposure Affects Attitudes Towards Voting Methods." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2020.38>
- Bryant, Lisa A., Michael J. Hanmer, **Alauna C. Safarpour**, and Jared McDonald. *Forthcoming*. "The Power of the State: How Postcards from the State Increased Registration and Turnout in Pennsylvania." *Political Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-020-09625-2>
- Bayes, Robin, James N. Druckman, and **Alauna C. Safarpour**. *Forthcoming*. "Studying Science Inequities: How to Use Surveys to Study Diverse Populations." Prepared for special issue of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3917898>

Other Publications

- Artiga, Samantha, Liz Hamel, Audrey Kearney, Mellisha Stokes and **Alauna Safarpour**. “Health and Health Care Experiences of Hispanic Adults.” July 14, 2021. *Kaiser Family Foundation*.
- Hamel, Liz, Samantha Artiga, **Alauna Safarpour**, Mellisha Stokes, and Mollyann Brodie. “KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: COVID-19 Vaccine Access, Information, and Experiences Among Hispanic Adults in the U.S.” May 13, 2021. *Kaiser Family Foundation*.
- Hamel, Liz, **Alauna Safarpour**, Mellisha Stokes, and Mollyann Brodie. “KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: Vaccine Attitudes Among Essential Workers.” April 23, 2021. *Kaiser Family Foundation*.
- Weigel, David, Scott Clement, Emily Guskin, Kevin Uhrmacher, Ann Gerhart, Claudia Deane, **Alauna Safarpour** and Jocelyn Kiley. “Exit poll results and analysis for the 2020 presidential election.” November 4, 2020. *The Washington Post*.
- Deane, Claudia, Jocelyn Kiley and **Alauna Safarpour**. “What exit polls tell us about the Latino vote.” November 3, 2020. *The Washington Post*.
- Schneider, Gregory S., Laura Vozzella, Emily Guskin and **Alauna Safarpour**. “Post-Schar School poll: Majority of Virginia voters approve of Northam’s job performance.” October 23, 2020. *The Washington Post*.
- Bernstein, Lenny, and **Alauna Safarpour**. “Mask shortage for most health-care workers extended into May, Post-Ipsos poll shows.” May 20, 2020. *The Washington Post*.
- Timberg, Craig, Drew Harwell, and **Alauna Safarpour**. “Most Americans are not willing or able to use an app tracking coronavirus infections. That’s a problem for Big Tech’s plan to slow the pandemic.” April 29, 2020. *The Washington Post*.

Reports

- **Alauna C. Safarpour**, Alexi Quintana, Matthew A. Baum, David Lazer, Katherine Ognyanove, Ata Uslu, Jon Green, Kristin Lunz Trujillo, Anjuli Shere, James Druckman, Roy H. Perlis, Mauricio Santillana, Jennifer Lin, Hong Qu, and Caroline Pippert. “Report # 66: September 2021 Update on Executive Approval.” October 8, 2021. *The COVID States Project: A 50-State COVID-19 Survey*.
- Matthew A. Baum, Ata Uslu, Anjuli Shere, David Lazer, Kristin Lunz Trujillo, James Druckman, Katherine Ognyanova, Roy H. Perlis, Mauricio Santillana, Jon Green, Jennifer Lin, **Alauna C. Safarpour**, Alexi Quintana, Hong Qu, Caroline Pippert. “Report # 64: Continued High Public Support for Mandating Vaccines” October 6, 2021. *The COVID States Project: A 50-State COVID-19 Survey*.
- David Lazer, Hong Qu, Alexi Quintana, Katherine Ognyanova, Roy H. Perlis, Matthew A. Baum, James Druckman, Ata Uslu, Jennifer Lin, Mauricio Santillana, Jon Green, Matthew Simonson, Evan Simon Myers, Uday Tandon, **Alauna C. Safarpour**, Kristin Lunz Trujillo, Caroline Pippert. “Report # 65: COVID-19 Vaccine Attitudes Among Healthcare Workers.” October 6, 2021. *The COVID States Project: A 50-State COVID-19 Survey*.

Working Papers & Papers Under Review

- “EPR: A Theory of Prejudice Reduction and Political Attitudes.” Under review.
- “When Women Run, Voters Will Follow (Sometimes): Examining the Mobilizing Effect of Female Candidates in the 2014 and 2018 Midterm Elections.” With Stella Rouse, SoRelle Wykcoff Gaynor, and Michele Swers. Revise and Resubmit at *Political Behavior*.
- “Taking Perspective: Prejudice Reduction and American Politics.” Book project in preparation.

- "How Party Cues Shape Americans' Understanding of Institutional Racism." With Antoine Banks and Eric Groenendyk. In preparation.
- "What Counts as Racism? How Conceptual Disagreement Fuels Social and Political Division." With Antoine Banks and Eric Groenendyk. In preparation.
- "One of Us: Reducing anti-Latino Prejudice among White Evangelicals." With Janelle Wong. In preparation (data collection stage).
- "Participation Incentives in an Elite Survey." With Sarah Bush and Jennifer Hadden. In preparation (revising stage).

Conference Papers

- "How Party Cues Shape Americans' Understanding of Institutional Racism." With Antoine Banks and Eric Groenendyk. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA, Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2021.
- "Incentivizing Vaccines: The Efficacy of COVID-19 Vaccination Appeals by Pre-existing Intent and the Drivers of Vaccine Resistance." With Ashley Kirsinger (KFF). Presented at the APSA Political Communication Pre-Conference. Seattle, WA. Sept. 29, 2021.
- "The Impact of Perspective Taking on Prejudice Reduction and Political Attitudes." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2019.
- "A Field Experiment to Examine States' Efforts to Increase Registration & Turnout." With Lisa A. Bryant, Michael J. Hanmer, and Jared A. McDonald. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2018.

Honors, Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

- Summer Centennial Center Research Grant
Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs,
American Political Science Association (APSA) 2021
- Shorenstein Center Research Grant
Shorenstein Center for Media, Politics, and Public Policy.
Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government. 2021
- George M. Phillips Public Service Initiative Award
College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland 2021-2022
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
American Political Science Association (APSA)/ National Science Foundation (NSF) 2020-2021
- Conley H. Dillon Memorial Award (Dissertation Award)
Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland 2020-2021
- Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship
The Graduate School, University of Maryland 2020-2021
- Graduate Student Award
Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland 2020
- Public Opinion Polling Fellowship
The Washington Post and Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement 2020

- The Roger H. Davidson Award (Best Paper in American Politics)
Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland 2019-2020
- Summer School Fellowship
Department of Political Science (IPZ), University of Zürich (UZH), Switzerland 2019
- Dean's Research Initiative
College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland 2019
- Summer Research Fellowship
The Graduate School, University of Maryland 2019
- Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award
Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland 2018
- BSOS College Award
College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland 2018, 2019
- Dean's Fellowship
The Graduate School, University of Maryland 2017, 2019
- Graduate Assistantship
Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland 2016-Present

Research Experience

Postdoctoral Fellow

Harvard University and Northeastern University

September 2021-Present

Conducted public opinion research in support of the COVID States Project. Pursued individual research projects on prejudice reduction and civic participation.

Survey Researcher

Kaiser Family Foundation

Spring 2021-Present

Contracted to provide analytic support to KFF's public opinion and survey research program. Analyzed data, wrote reports based on polling data, number-checked reports in preparation for public release. Consulted on questionnaire design and sampling.

Fellow in News Polling

The Washington Post

Spring 2020, Fall 2020

Contributed to *The Washington Post* polls through questionnaire design, data preparation, data analysis and writing. Conducted data analysis in support of stories, wrote blogs and stories based on poll results, number-checked polling stories, and produced charts based on polling data. Worked on the 2020 presidential election night team evaluating exit polling. Co-authored or contributed to 20 polling articles on issues concerning the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Presidential election, and state politics (list and additional details available on request).

Research Assistant

Dr. Stella Rouse, University of Maryland

Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020

Collected U.S. congressional committee bill and member data. Collaborated on co-authored research. Performed analysis using the BSOS high performance computing cluster ("super-computer"). Provided support for NSF sponsored research project "ADVANCE Partnership: #MeTooPoliSci Leveraging A Professional Association to Address Sexual Harassment in Political Science." Assisted ADVANCE team in conducting focus groups.

Research Assistant

Dr. Jennifer Hadden (UMD) and Dr. Sarah Bush (Yale)

Spring 2019

Designed and analyzed survey research: Drafted pre-analysis plans, conducted power analyses, programmed conjoint experiment in Qualtrics using Javascript and HTML, and analyzed conjoint experiment.

Research Assistant

Dr. Michael J. Hanmer, University of Maryland

Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017

Managed and analyzed large state voter files; assisted in the design, implementation, and interpretation of large scale field experiments; co-authored reports.

Research Assistant, Center for American Politics and Citizenship

Dr. Stella M. Rouse and Dr. Michael J. Hanmer, University of Maryland

Spring 2018, Fall 2018

Provided support for undergraduate student research assistants in the CAPC internship program. Provided research and analytic support for Dr. Hanmer and Dr. Rouse.

Research Assistant, Critical Issues Poll

Dr. Shibley Telhami and Dr. Stella M. Rouse, University of Maryland

Fall 2018

Designed and analyzed public opinion surveys.

Research Assistant

Dr. N. Stephen Kane, U.S. Department of State (retired)

April 2015- September 2017

Conducted qualitative and archival research and copy-editing for N. Stephen Kane's (2018) book *Selling Reagan's Foreign Policy*.

Teaching

Instructor

GVPT 388: Research Assistantship Program

Spring 2019, Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant, Dr. Antoine J. Banks

GVPT 289O: Race and Ethnic Politics in the Obama Era

Fall 2017

Service

University of Maryland

- Graduate Student Representative, Senate Special Committee on University Finance 2020-2021
- Member, GVPT Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion 2020-2021
- Department Representative, Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DGSAC) 2019-2020
- Discussant, Comparative Politics Workshop 2020
- Discussant, American Politics Workshop 2018-2021
- Co-Chair, Women's Initiative Network Development Graduate Advisory Council (WGSAC) 2018-2021
- Co-Chair, GVPT Graduate Student Association 2018

Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- American Association for Public Opinion Research

Skills

- Quantitative research methods, experimental social science, public opinion research.
- Software: R, Stata, \LaTeX , Qualtrics, SPSS, Datawrapper. Moderately proficient in HTML and Bash scripting.