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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Stony Brook University. 2013
Specialization: American Politics, Political Psychology, Methodology
Dissertation Committee: Stanley Feldman, Leonie Huddy, Matthew Lebo, Alan Abramowitz
M.A. Political Science, Stony Brook University. 2006.
B.A. Politics, Princeton University. Cum Laude. 2000. (under maiden name, Lilliana Anthony-Brown)

UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, University of Maryland, College Park, Fall 2015-present
Visiting Scholar, Rutgers University, Fall 2013-Spring 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Mason, Lilliana. (forthcoming). "Losing Common Ground: Social Sorting and Polarization." *The Forum*.

Mason, Lilliana. 2018. "Ideologues Without Issues: The Polarizing Consequences of Ideological Identities." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Online First.

Mason, Lilliana and Julie Wronski. 2018. "One Tribe to Bind Them All: How Our Social Group Attachments Strengthen Partisanship." *Advances in Political Psychology*. Online First.

Mason, Lilliana. 2016. "A Cross-Cutting Calm: How Social Sorting Drives Affective Polarization." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80 (S1): 351-377.

Huddy, Leonie, Lilliana Mason, and Nechama Horowitz. 2016. "Political Identity Convergence: On Being Latino, Becoming a Democrat, and Getting Active." *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 2 (3): 205-228.

Date: April 2018.

Davis, Nicholas T., and Lilliana Mason. 2016. "Sorting and the Split-Ticket: Evidence from Presidential and Subpresidential Elections." *Political Behavior* 38 (2): 337-54.

Huddy, Leonie, Lilliana Mason, Lene Aaroe. 2015. "Expressive Partisanship: Campaign Involvement, Political Emotion, and Partisan Identity." *American Political Science Review* 109(1): 1-17.

Mason, Lilliana. 2015. "I Disrespectfully Agree: The differential effects of partisan sorting on social and issue polarization." *American Journal of Political Science* 59(1): 128-145.

Cassese, Erin, Leonie Huddy, Todd Hartman, Lilliana Mason, Christopher Weber. 2013. "Socially-Mediated Internet Surveys (SMIS): Recruiting Participants for Online Experiments." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 46(4): 775-784.

Mason, Lilliana. 2013. "The Rise of Uncivil Agreement: Issue versus Behavioral Polarization in the American Electorate." *American Behavioral Scientist* 57(1): 140-159.

BOOKS

Mason, Lilliana. 2018. *Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity*. University of Chicago Press.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Mason, Lilliana. 2017. "Partisanship." In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. SAGE Publications, Inc, Thousand Oaks, 575-579.

Mason, Lilliana. 2015. "Party Polarization is Making Us More Prejudiced." In *Political Polarization in American Politics*, eds. Daniel J. Hopkins and John Sides. Bloomsbury Academic, 55-60.

RESEARCH GRANTS

University of Maryland Dean's Research Initiative Level 2 Seed Project Grant. 2016-2017.

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant. 2011. Grant No. SES-1065054.

AWARDS

Emerging Scholar Award. Organized Section on Political Organizations and Parties. American Political Science Association. 2017.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Edsall, Thomas B. 2018. "Opinion — The Contract With Authoritarianism." *The New York Times*. April 5, 2018, sec. Opinion. [Link](#)

Jilani, Zaid. 2018. "A New Study Shows How American Polarization Is Driven by a Team Sport Mentality, Not by Disagreement on Issues." *The Intercept*. April 3, 2018. [Link](#)

Kenny, Charles. 2018. "How Republicans Embraced Identity Politics." *The Economist*. March 22, 2018. [Link](#)

Niskanen Center. 2018. "Episode 12: Are Americans Becoming Tribal, with Identity Politics Trumping All?" *Political Research Digest Podcast*. March 14, 2018. [Link](#)

Edsall, Thomas B. 2018. "Opinion — What Motivates Voters More Than Loyalty? Loathing." *The New York Times*. March 1, 2018, sec. Opinion. [Link](#)

Coaston, Jane. 2018. "Turns out Everyone Loves 'Identity Politics' Especially Republicans." *Vox.com*. March 1, 2018. [Link](#)

McRaney, David. 2018. "How Our Unchecked Tribal Psychology Pollutes Politics, Science, and Just about Everything Else." *You Are Not So Smart (Podcast)*. February 26, 2018. [Link](#)

Taub, Amanda, and Max Fisher. 2018. "Russian Meddling Was a Drop in an Ocean of American-Made Discord." *The New York Times*. February 18, 2018, sec. Europe. [Link](#)

Taub, Amanda. 2017. "Canada's Secret to Resisting the West's Populist Wave." *The New York Times*. June 27, 2017, sec. Canada. [Link](#)

Taub, Amanda. 2017. "Why Americans Vote Against Their Interest?: Partisanship." *The New York Times*. April 12, 2017, sec. The Upshot. [Link](#)

Foran, Clare. 2016. "Why Can't Hillary Clinton Lock Up the Nomination?" *The Atlantic*. May 11. [Link](#)

"Why are Americans so angry this election season? Here's new research that helps explain it." *Washington Post: Monkey Cage Blog*. March 10, 2016.

"Donald Trump attracts poor voters with multiple Republican social identities." with Nicholas Davis. *Vox.com, Mischiefs of Faction Blog*. March 9, 2016.

"Why Victory Trumps the Greater Good in American Politics." *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*. February 18, 2015.

"Why People vote Republican but support liberal policies." *Washington Post: Monkey Cage Blog*. November 21, 2014.

Guest on CNN's Smerconish show, discussing polarization. September 27, 2014.

"Party Polarization is Making Us More Prejudiced." *Washington Post: Monkey Cage Blog*. January 28, 2014. (recommended read by Bloomberg News and BillMoyers.com on January 29)

Jacobs, Tom. 2012. "American Politics Go Tribal." *Salon.com*, November 6, 2012.

INVITED TALKS

Speaker. Conference on Symbolic and Material Dimensions of Contemporary Political Behavior in the U.S.; *University of Minnesota*. April 27, 2018.

"Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity." *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI. February 1, 2018.

"Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity." *University of Virginia*, Charlottesville, VA. October 16, 2017.

"Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity." *Center for the Study of Democratic Politics*. *Princeton University*, Princeton, NJ. October 5, 2017.

“It’s All Identity Politics: How Social Identities Have Polarized the American Electorate.” *Keynote speech at University of Maryland Psychology Department Annual Diversity Conference*. College Park, MD. June 22, 2017.

“The Populist Moment: Understanding Citizens Frustration with American Democracy” (Panelist). 2017. *James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Conference at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. Washington, DC. June 15, 2017.

“The Identity Election: The Power of Social Identities and Polarization in 2016.” *College of William and Mary*, Williamsburg, VA. February 10, 2017.

“Clashing Identities: Social Polarization and the 2016 Election.” *Constitution Day Speech, Hood College*, Fredrick, MD. September 30, 2016.

“The Great Divide: Elections in a Polarized America.” *Institute for Democracy Research Lecture Series: The Battle for the White House*. University of Goettingen, Germany. June 1, 2016.

“Ideological Teams: The Polarizing Consequences of Ideological Identities.” *The Georgetown American Government Seminar*, Washington, DC. December 5, 2015.

“A Broader Approach to Identity Politics: Socio-Partisan Sorting and the Deepening Partisan Divide.” Paper presented at the *Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI. November 18, 2015.

“Socio-Partisan Sorting and Polarized Identity Politics.” Paper presented at the *Center on American Politics Speaker Series, Indiana University*, Bloomington, IN. November 5, 2015.

“Distinguishing the Polarizing Effects of Ideology as Identity, Issue Positions, and Issue-Based Identity.” Paper presented at the *Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Conference on Political Polarization: Media and Communication Influences*. Princeton University. May 1, 2015.

“The Political Power of Partisan Identity: On Being Latino and Becoming a Democrat.” With Leonie Huddy and Nechama Horwitz. Paper presented at *Russell Sage Foundation Conference on Public Opinion and Political Involvement among Latinos*. May 8-9, 2014.

“Social polarization: How Partisan Sorting Trumps Policy Opinion in Driving Political Behavior.” Paper presented at *Rutgers University Emerging Trends Lecture Series*. December 5, 2013.

“Smells Like Team Spirit: How Partisan Sorting and Identity Polarize Political Behavior” Paper presented at the *New York Area Political Psychology Workshop*. November 16, 2013.

WORKING PROJECTS

“Stagnant America: Self-Esteem, Downward Mobility, and Social Polarization” with graduate student Jared McDonald.

“When Attitudes Make Identities: Identity-Based Motivations Behind Issue Activism”

“Contagious Conflict: How Social Out-Group Hatred Magnifies Partisan Bias” with Julie Wronski.

“Lethal Partisanship and the Effects of Partisan Threat” with Nathan Kalmoe.

“Political Nostalgia: A Politically-Consequential Concept”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Behavior: partisanship, polarization, voting behavior, activism and participation

Political Psychology: social identity, emotion and political cognition

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland, College Park

Fall 2017: GVPT 420 The Logic and Practice of Measuring Political Behavior

Fall 2016: GVPT 429E Problems in Political Behavior: Public Opinion and Partisanship

Spring 2016, Fall 2016: GVPT 422 Quantitative Political Analysis;

Spring 2016: GVPT 771 (Graduate): Seminar in American Political Behavior

Fall 2015: GVPT 423 Elections and Electoral Behavior

Rutgers University

Fall 2014: PS 790:300 Research Methods in Political Science

Stony Brook University, 2007-2008, 2010 POL 102 Introduction to American Government and Politics; POL 318 Voters and Elections

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY: Faculty Advisor to CAPC Undergraduate Research Assistant 2018 (Patrick Meade)

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2015-2017;

Member of Mentorship Committee 2016, 2017 (Robert Campana, Kevin Castellanos, Michael Coates);

Member of Methods Examination Committee 2015, 2016 (Heather Hicks, Jared McDonald);

Member of American Politics Examination Committee 2017 (Michael Coates)

Member of Political Psychology Examination Committee 2017 (Kevin Castellanos)

Member of Dissertation Prospectus Committee 2016 (Jared McDonald, Julian Wamble);

Member of Dissertation Committee 2017, 2018 (Heather Hicks, Julian Wamble);

Member Jean Elizabeth Spencer Committee 2016, 2017;

Undergraduate Honors Thesis advisor: Erica Turner: 2016-2017

Organizer and Speaker “What to Make of the Election: Perspectives from Political Scientists”

Panel discussion for the GVPT department and students. December 6, 2016.

Speaker “(Alternative) Fact vs. Myth- Trump’s First 100 Days.” GVPT Speaker Series, February 15, 2017.

Speaker “White Supremacy: Ideology, Presence, and Impact.” Panel discussion hosted by GVPT Department. October 23, 2017.

REVIEWER: American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; American Politics Research; British Journal of Political Science; Journal of Communication; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Politics; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Political Research Quarterly; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Presidential Studies Quarterly; PS: Political Science and Politics; Public Opinion Quarterly; Research and Politics; Swiss National Science Foundation; US National Science Foundation - Time-Sharing

Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

DISCUSSANT and CHAIR: Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology

FIELD/PUBLIC:

2018: Participant on Symposium: "The Politics of Truth." American University School of Public Affairs. March 28, 2018.

2018: Panelist on Symposium: "Crisis of Confidence: Why Americans Have Lost Faith in our Institutions" at Georgetown's McCourt School. March 18, 2018.

2018: Co-Chair of the Political Psychology Section of the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

2018: Participated in Hewlett and Ford Foundation Disinformation Research Convening. January 25-27.

2017: Participated in Facebook and Stanford University Global Digital Policy Incubator Symposium on Polarization. November.

2017-2018: Offered professional commentary to Christian Science Monitor; New York Times; Vox.com

2016: Offered professional commentary on 2016 election to ABC 7 News (video), The Atlantic, Monkey Cage Blog, Newsweek, Portland Press Herald, Washington Post, WRKO Boston (radio)

2016: Recorded video lectures for SAGE Video Tutorials on "Political Behavior" and "Social Identity in Political Behavior."

2016: Participated in a Washington State Symposium on Political Polarization in Olympia, WA, at the statehouse, in order to help legislators cope with polarization in the legislature and electorate.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Mason, Lilliana and Julie Wronski. 2018. "The Dark Side of Sorting." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Banda, Kevin, John Cluverius, Lilliana Mason, Hans Noel. 2018. "How the Progressive Label Affects Citizens' Views of Themselves and Others." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Mason, Lilliana. 2017. "Guns and Abortion: How the Identities Behind Issues Polarize American Politics." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 31-September 3. San Francisco, CA.

Mason, Lilliana. 2017. "Identities and Attitudes: How Issue-Based Identities Motivate Political Behavior in American Politics." Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. June 27-July 2. Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom.

Mason, Lilliana. 2017. "Measuring Political Nostalgia: The Roots and Results of a Politically Consequential Concept." Visions in Methodology. May 31-June 2. Stony Brook, NY.

Mason, Lilliana. 2016. "The Despairing Electorate: The Role of Self-Esteem in Driving American Partisanship, Partisan Sorting, and Polarization." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 1-4. Philadelphia, PA.

Mason, Lilliana. 2016. "Doggone It, People Don't Like Me: An examination of the self-esteem based roots of social sorting and polarization in American politics." Yale University Center for the Study of American Politics Conference. June 17. New Haven, CT.

Mason, Lilliana. 2016. "They Cling to Their Parties or Groups: The Role of Self-Esteem in Driving American Partisanship and Partisan Sorting." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Mason, Lilliana and Nick Davis. 2015. "A New Identity Politics: How Socio-Partisan Sorting Affects Affective and Ideological Polarization in American Politics" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.

Mason, Lilliana. 2015. "A Many-Headed Monster: The Polarizing Effects of Ideology as Issues, Identity, and Issue-Based Identity." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Mason, Lilliana. 2015. "A Volatile Bunch: How socio-partisan sorting drives affective polarization." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Mason, Lilliana. 2014. "Partisan Prejudice or Motivated Reasoning: Political Identities and Biased Evaluations." Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. Rome, Italy.

Mason, Lilliana. 2014. "Partisan Prejudice: Political Identities versus Policy Attitudes in Driving Party Evaluations" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Mason, Lilliana. 2013. "The Polarizing Effects of Partisan Sorting." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. [SSRN Top Ten Downloaded Papers on September 3, 2013]

Mason, Lilliana. 2013. "Unhinged: How political identity sorting separated political behavior from issue positions." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Mason, Lilliana. 2012. "Unhinged: How political identity sorting created behavioral polarization without issue position polarization." Northeast Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA.

Mason, Lilliana. 2012. "Partisan sorting and behavioral polarization in the American electorate." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. Meeting cancelled but manuscript posted online.

Mason, Lilliana. 2012. "I Disrespectfully Agree: Sorting, Issues and Behavioral Polarization." Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. Chicago, IL.

Mason, Lilliana. 2011. "Political Identity Alignment and Polarized Political Behavior." Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. Istanbul, Turkey.

Mason, Lilliana, Leonie Huddy and Lene Aaroe. 2011. "The Power of Partisan Identity in Active Political Times." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Mason, Lilliana and Stanley Feldman. 2011. "Religion, Fundamentalism and Political Intolerance." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Huddy, Leonie, Lilliana Mason and Lene Aaroe. 2010. "Measuring Partisanship as a Social Identity, Predicting Political Activism." Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. San Francisco, CA.

Huddy, Leonie and Lilliana Mason. 2009. "Heated Campaign Politics: An Intergroup Conflict Model of Partisan Emotions." New York University Center For Experimental Social Sciences Conference on Experimental Political Science. New York, NY.

Huddy, Leonie and Lilliana Mason. 2008. "Heated Campaign Politics: An Intergroup Conflict Model of Partisan Emotions." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA.

Huddy, Leonie and Lilliana Mason. 2008. "Political Emotion as a Function of Group-Based Threat and Reassurance." Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. Paris, France.

Mason, Lilliana and Naser Javaid. 2008. "Party Power and Moral Issues in Congress: A Realignment of Party Interests." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Huddy, Leonie and Lilliana Mason. 2007. "Seeing Red, Feeling Blue: The Emotional Basis of Partisan Polarization." Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. Portland, OR.

Mason, Lilliana and Stanley Feldman. 2007. "Religion, Fundamentalism, and Political Intolerance." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

REFERENCES

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