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## Employment

Professor, University of Exeter. September 2016-  
Associate Professor, University of Exeter. December 2015-September 2016  
Senior Lecturer, University of Exeter. August 2013-December 2015  
Assistant Professor, Georgia State University. August 2008-July 2013.  
    ◦ Promoted to Associate Professor (with tenure), effective August 2013.  
Lecturer, Georgia State University. August 2007-July 2008.  
Assistant Professor, Loyola University Chicago. July 2005-June 2007.  
Analyst. Bennett, Petts, Blumenthal (polling firm). January 1996-July 1999.

## Education

Ph.D. (Political Science), Duke University, 2006  
    Dissertation: “Essays on Bias in Politics”  
    Committee: John Aldrich (chair), Michael Munger, John Transue, Scott de Marchi  
M.A. (Political Science), Duke University, 2002  
B.A. (Peace and Conflict Studies), Colby College, 1995

## Publications

### *Book*

Gelpi, Christopher, Peter D. Feaver, and Jason Reifler. 2009. *Paying the Human Costs of War: American Public Opinion and Casualties in Military Conflicts*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

### *Refereed Journal Articles*

1. Flynn, D.J., Brendan Nyhan, and Jason Reifler. Forthcoming. “The Nature and Origin of Misperceptions: Understanding False and Unsupported Beliefs about Politics.” *Advances in Political Psychology*.
2. Scotto, Thomas and Jason Reifler. Forthcoming. “Getting Tough with the Dragon? The Comparative Correlates of Foreign Policy Attitudes towards China in the United States and United Kingdom.” *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*.

3. Goren, Paul, Jason Reifler, Harald Schoen, and Thomas Scotto. 2016. "A Unified Theory of Value-Based Reasoning and U.S. Public Opinion." *Political Behavior* 38(4): 977-997.  
doi:10.1007/s11109-016-9344-x
4. Rathbun, Brian, Josh Kertzer, Paul Goren, Jason Reifler, and Thomas Scotto. 2016. "Taking Foreign Policy Personally: Personal Values and Foreign Policy Beliefs." *International Studies Quarterly* 60(1):124-127.  
doi:10.1093/isq/sqv012
5. Graves, Lucas, Brendan Nyhan, Jason Reifler. 2016. "Understanding innovations in journalistic practice: A field experiment examining motivations for fact-checking." 66(1):102-138 *Journal of Communication*.  
doi:10.1111/jcom.12198
6. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. 2015. "The Effect of Fact-checking on Elites: A field experiment on U.S. state legislators." *American Journal of Political Science* 59(3):628-640.  
doi:10.1111/ajps.12162
7. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. 2015. "Does Correcting Myths about the Flu Vaccine Work? An experimental evaluation of the effects of corrective information." *Vaccine* 339: 459-464.  
doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2014.11.017
8. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. 2015. "Displacing misinformation about events: An experimental test of causal corrections." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2(1): 81-93.  
doi:10.1017/XPS.2014.22
9. Clarke, Harold, Jason Reifler, Thomas Scotto, Marianne Stewart, and Paul Whiteley. 2015. "Valence politics and voting in the 2012 US presidential election." *Electoral Studies* 40:462-470  
doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2014.09.011
10. Gravelle, Timothy, Thomas Scotto, Jason Reifler, and Harold Clarke. 2014. "Foreign policy beliefs and support for Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party." *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* 20(2): 111-130.  
doi:10.1080/11926422.2014.936477
11. Franklin, Dan, Jason Reifler, and Joseph Weinberg. 2014. "Teaching Writing and Critical Thinking in Large Political Science Classes." *Journal of Political Science Education* 10(2):155-165.  
doi:10.1080/15512169.2014.892431
12. Nyhan, Brendan, Jason Reifler, Sean Richey, Gary Freed. 2014. "Effective Messages in Vaccine Promotion: A Randomized Trial." *Pediatrics* 133(4):e835-e842.  
doi:10.1542/peds.2013-2365
13. Aldrich, John, Jason Reifler, and Michael C. Munger. 2014. "Sophisticated and myopic? Citizen preferences for Electoral College reform." *Public Choice* 158(3-4): 541-558.  
doi:10.1007/s11127-013-0056-z

14. Aldrich, John, Michael Munger, and Jason Reifler. 2014. "Institutions, Information, and Faction: An Experimental Test of Riker's Federalism Thesis for Political Parties." *Public Choice* 158: 577-588.  
doi:10.1007/s11127-012-0040-z
15. Reifler, Jason, Thomas Scotto, Harold Clarke, David Sanders, Marianne Stewart, and Paul Whiteley. 2014. "Prudence, Principle And Minimal Heuristics: British Public Opinion Towards The Use Of Military Force In Afghanistan And Libya." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 16(1):28-55.  
doi:10.1111/1467-856X.12009
16. Cobb, Michael, Brendan Nyhan, and Jason Reifler. 2013. "Beliefs Don't Always Persevere: How political figures are punished when positive information about them is discredited." *Political Psychology* 34(3):307-326. doi:10.1111/j.1467-9221.2012.00935.x
17. Nyhan, Brendan, Jason Reifler, and Peter Ubel. 2013. "The Hazards of Correcting Myths About Health Care Reform." *Medical Care* 51(2):127-132. doi:10.1097/MLR.0b013e318279486b
18. Nyhan, Brendan, Jason Reifler, and Sean Richey. 2012. "The Role of Social Networks in Influenza Vaccine Attitudes and Intentions Among College Students." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 51(3): 302-304. doi:10.1016/j.jadohealth.2012.02.014
19. Grieco, Joseph, Christopher Gelpi, Jason Reifler, and Peter Feaver. 2011. "Let's Get a Second Opinion: International Institutions and American Public Support for War." *International Studies Quarterly* 55(2): 563-583. doi:10.1111/j.1468-2478.2011.00660.x
20. Clarke, Harold, Allan Kornberg, Thomas J. Scotto, Jason Reifler, David Sanders, Marianne Stewart, and Paul Whiteley. 2011. "Yes We Can! Valence Politics And Electoral Choice In America, 2008." *Electoral Studies* 30:450-461. doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2010.11.013
21. Reifler, Jason, Thomas J. Scotto, and Harold Clarke. 2011. "Foreign Policy Beliefs in Contemporary Britain: Structure and Relevance." *International Studies Quarterly* 55(1): 245-266. doi:10.1111/j.1468-2478.2010.00643.x
22. Scotto, Thomas J., Harold Clarke, Allan Kornberg, Jason Reifler, David Sanders, Marianne Stewart, and Paul Whiteley. 2010. "The Dynamic Political Economy of Support for Barack Obama during the 2008 Presidential Election Campaign." *Electoral Studies* 29(4):545-556. doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2010.04.002
23. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. 2010. "When Corrections Fail: The Persistence of Political Misperceptions." *Political Behavior* 32(2):303-330. doi:10.1007/s11109-010-9112-2
24. Gelpi, Christopher and Jason Reifler. 2008. "Success Still Matters: A Response to Berinsky and Druckman." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 72(1):125-133. doi:10.1093/poq/nfn007
25. Gelpi, Christopher, Jason Reifler, and Peter Feaver. 2007. "Iraq the Vote: Retrospective and Prospective Foreign Policy Judgments on Candidate Choice and Casualty Tolerance." 2007. *Political Behavior* 29(2):151-174. doi:10.1007/s11109-007-9029-6
26. Aldrich, John, Peter Feaver, Christopher Gelpi, Jason Reifler, and Kristin Sharp. 2006. "Foreign Policy and the Electoral Connection." 2006. *Annual Review of Political Science* 9:477-502. doi:10.1146/annurev.polisci.9.111605.105008

27. Gelpi, Christopher, Peter Feaver, and Jason Reifler. 2005/2006. "Success Matters: Casualty Sensitivity and the War in Iraq." *International Security* 30(3):7-46.  
doi:10.1162/isec.2005.30.3.7

### ***Book Chapters***

1. Clarke, Harold, Jason Reifler, Thomas Scotto, and Marianne Stewart. 2016. "It's Spring Again! Voting in the 2015 Federal Election" in *The Canadian Federal Election of 2015*, eds. Jon Pammet and Christopher Dornan. Toronto, Canada: Durndun.
2. Clarke, Harold, Thomas Scotto, Jason Reifler, and Allan Kornberg. 2011. "Winners and Losers: Voters in the 2011 Federal Election" in *The Canadian Federal Election of 2011*, eds. Jon Pammet and Christopher Dornan. Toronto, Canada: Durndun.
3. Wilcox, Clyde, Alexandra Cooper, Peter Francia, John C. Green, Paul S. Herrnson, Lynda Powell, Jason Reifler, Mark Rozell, and Ben Webster. "With Limits Raised, Who Will Give More? The Impact of BCRA on Individual Donors to Federal Candidates" in *Life After Reform: When The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act Meets Politics*, ed. Michael Malbin. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2003.

### ***Briefing Papers and Reports***

1. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler 2015. "Estimating Fact-checking's Effects: Evidence from a long-term experiment during campaign 2014." American Press Institute (Fact-Checking Project Report).  
<http://www.americanpressinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Estimating-Fact-Checkings-Effect.pdf>
2. Graves, Lucas, Brendan Nyhan, and Jason Reifler. 2015. "The Diffusion of Fact-checking: Understanding the growth of a journalistic innovation." American Press Institute (Fact-Checking Project Report).  
<http://www.americanpressinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/The-Growth-of-Fact-Checking.pdf>
3. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. 2013. "Which Corrections Work? Research results and practice recommendations." New America Foundation Media Policy Initiative Research Paper.  
[http://newamerica.net/publications/policy/which\\_corrections\\_work](http://newamerica.net/publications/policy/which_corrections_work).
4. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. 2013. "The Effects of Fact-checking Threat: Results from a Field experiment in the states." New America Foundation Media Policy Initiative Research Paper.  
[http://www.newamerica.net/publications/policy/the\\_effects\\_of\\_fact\\_checking\\_threat](http://www.newamerica.net/publications/policy/the_effects_of_fact_checking_threat)
5. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. 2012. "Misinformation and Fact-checking: Research Findings from Social Science." New America Foundation, Media Policy Initiative.  
[http://newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/policydocs/Misinformation\\_and\\_Fact-checking.pdf](http://newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/policydocs/Misinformation_and_Fact-checking.pdf)
6. Scotto, Thomas, Jason Reifler, Harold Clarke, Julio Amador Diaz Lopez, David Sanders, Marianne Stewart, and Paul Whiteley. 2010. "Attitudes towards British Involvement in

Afghanistan.” University of Essex, Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution.  
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### ***Book Reviews***

1. Review of *In Time of War: Understanding American Public Opinion from World War II to Iraq* by Adam Berinsky and *Democracy at Risk: How Terrorist Threats Affect the Public* by Jennifer Merolla and Elizabeth Zechmeister. *Perspectives on Politics* 8(3):949-951.

### ***Non-refereed articles***

1. Gelpi, Christopher and Jason Reifler. 2006 “Casualties, Polls, and the Iraq War.” 2006. *International Security* 31(2): 194-198. [Rejoinder to Louis Klarevas published in letters section; not peer reviewed.]

### ***Guest Editorials (Op-eds and blog posts)***

1. “What does the public really think about NATO?” (with Thomas J. Scotto, Harold D. Clarke, and Paul Whiteley). Guest blog post at *The Conversation (UK)*, September 4, 2014.
2. “Public backs removing citizenship from Britons fighting abroad — even for a good cause” (with Thomas J. Scotto, Harold D. Clarke, and Paul Whiteley). Guest blog post at *The Conversation (UK)*, August 28, 2014.
3. “Fact-checkers can help keep ACA debate honest” (with Brendan Nyhan). Guest editorial in *Politico*, October 7, 2013.
4. “The Casket Dilemma of War: Focus on Victory, Not Optics” (with Peter Feaver and Christopher Gelpi). Guest editorial in the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, March 2, 2009. Also published (under different titles) in the *Seattle Times* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.
5. “Speakout: What the public really thinks of Iraq” (with Christopher Gelpi). Guest editorial in the *Rocky Mountain News*, December 12, 2005. Column was syndicated and published in the *Newark Star-Ledger*, *Raleigh News & Observer*, and other newspapers.
6. “Iraq Messages Need Honing” (with Peter Feaver and Christopher Gelpi). Guest editorial in *Newsday*, September 23, 2004.

### **Manuscripts under review**

1. Scotto, Thomas, Jason Reifler, Jennifer Hudson, and David Hudson. “We Spend How Much? Framing Foreign Aid in the United States and United Kingdom.” Revised and resubmitted at *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.
2. Gravelle, Tim, Jason Reifler, and Thomas Scotto. “The Structure of Foreign Policy Attitudes in Transatlantic Perspective: Comparing the United States, United Kingdom, France, and Germany.” Invitation to revise and resubmit at the *European Journal of Political Research*.
3. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. “Answering on cue? How corrective information can produce social desirability bias when racial differences are salient.” Invitation to revise and resubmit at *SAGE Open*.

4. Sanders, David, Thomas Scotto, and Jason Reifler. “The Consequences of Authoritarian Populism in Britain.” Invitation to revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.
5. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. “The roles of information deficits and identity threat in the prevalence of misperceptions.” Under review at the *Political Behavior*.
6. Nyhan, Brendan and Jason Reifler. “Estimating the effect of fact-checking on citizens: A field experiment during the US election campaign 2014.” Under review at the *American Journal of Political Science*.

## Grants and Awards

### *External Awards*

1. ERC Consolidator Grant: “DEBUNKER: The Problem of European Misperceptions in Politics, Health, and Science: Causes, Consequences, and the Search for Solutions.” (2016-2021, PI, €1,931,730 [approx \$2,189,616/£1,498,917 at time of award])
2. Democracy Fund/American Press Institute “Research to improve fact-checking” (2014-2015, Co-PI with Brendan Nyhan and Lucas Graves, \$193,000).
3. Economic and Social Research Council (United Kingdom) ES/L011867/1 “Public Opinion and the Syrian Crisis in Three Democracies” (2013-2014, £196,314 [approx. \$320,000 at time of award], co-PI with Thomas J. Scotto, Harold Clarke, and Paul Whiteley)
4. Democracy Fund “Experiments to Promote Media Reform and Government Transparency” (2012, \$388,367, Co-PI with Lucas Graves, Brendan Nyhan, and Talia Stroud).
5. University of Michigan/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars Small Grant Program (“Messages to improve MMR vaccination” 2011, \$23,410, Brendan Nyhan PI) [Internal award for the PI]
6. TESS: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences Grant “Race and the Obama Muslim Myth” (2010-2012, Co-PI with Brendan Nyhan, approximate value \$10,000)
7. NSF SES-1104007 “Assessing Voter Strategic Behavior in the 2010 Midterm Elections” (2010-2011, \$34,335, PI)
8. NSF SES-1003254 “Perpetual Minority Government in Canada? Electoral Choice in the Midst of Political and Economic Crises in a Contemporary Mature Democracy” (2010-2011, \$72,562, PI)
9. International Studies Association Venture Grant “Integrating Research on Domestic and Foreign Policy Opinions” (2009, \$24,875, Co-PI with William O. Chittick)
10. British Academy “The Structure and Depth of British Internationalism: Balancing Foreign Policy Ideals with Human and Financial Costs” (2007-2009, £5,918 [approx. \$12,000], co-PI with Thomas J. Scotto)
11. NSF SES-0424085 “Small Grant for Exploratory Research: Casualties, Expectations of Victory, and Public Support for Military Operations” (2004-2005, \$20,000, Co-PI with Peter Feaver and Chris Gelpi)

### ***Internal Awards***

1. Georgia State University Technology Fee Grant “Software for a Political Psychology lab.” (2008, \$4,500, with Sean Richey)
2. Faculty Research Support Grant, Loyola University Chicago (2005, \$1,000)

### ***Fellowships and Other Awards***

1. ‘Rewarding Excellence’ Gold Award, University of Exeter (2016)
2. Robert K. Steel Family Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University (2004, \$4,000)
3. Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) MPSA Travel Grant (2004)
4. EITM Summer Fellowship, University of Michigan (2003)

## **Service**

### ***University Service***

- Member, University of Exeter, Lecture Capture Policy Board, 2015-2016.
- Member, Georgia State University Institutional Review Board, June 2012- July 2013.

### ***Department Service***

#### **University of Exeter**

- Director of Education (Politics), May 2014-July 2016
- Director of Admissions (Politics), 2013-2014

#### **Georgia State**

- Member, Department of Political Science Executive Committee.
  - Fall 2012-Spring 2013
  - Fall 2010-Spring 2011
- Member, Department of Political Science Graduate Program Committee.
  - Fall 2010-Spring 2011
  - Fall 2009-Spring 2010
  - Fall 2008-Fall 2009
- Member, Search Committee
  - American Politics/Methodolgy, Fall 2010-Spring 2011. [Search resulted in accepted offer from Michael Fix].
  - American Politics, Fall 2009-Spring 2010. [Search resulted in accepted offer from Toby Bolsen].

- American Politics, Fall 2008-Spring 2009. [Search resulted in accepted offers from Lakeyta Bonnette and Michael Evans].
- American Politics (Lecturer), Spring 2008. [Search resulted in accepted offer from Charles Moore].
- International Politics, Fall 2007-Spring 2008. [Search resulted in accepted offer from Kai He].
- Member, Department of Political Science ad hoc Grant Policy Committee. Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

### *Service to the Discipline*

- Editorial Boards
  - *Political Behavior*
  - *Electoral Studies*
  - *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*
- Treasurer, Political Psychology APSA section 2013-2015
- Chair, 2012 Best Dissertation Award Committee, APSA Experimental Research Section.
- Member, 2011 Best Paper Award Committee, APSA Political Psychology Section.

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