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### EDUCATION

- 2004 to 2006 Postdoctoral Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research, Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2000 to 2001 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey
- 1995 to 2000 Ph.D., Political Science, Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois
- 1989 to 1993 A.B., Government (*cum laude*), High Honors in Major, Jeffrey L. Pressman Prize, Rufus Choate Scholar, Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire

### EMPLOYMENT

- Fall 2019 Interim Chair, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University
- 2015 to 2020 Professor & Director of M.A. in Public Policy (MAPP) Program (in 2017), Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University
- 2013 to 2015 Associate Professor & Director of Graduate Recruiting, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University
- 2006 to 2013 Assistant to Associate Professor & Director of Graduate Admissions, Department of Political Science, Florida State University
- 2001 to 2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University
- 1993 to 1995 Dunn Fellow, Issues Director, & Assistant to the Governor (for Economic Policy), Springfield & Chicago, Illinois

### PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

#### Public Policy, Political Knowledge, and the Information Environment

- [22] Gaskins, Benjamin, **Jason Barabas**, and Jennifer Jerit. 2020. "Qualitative Quotes: The Prevalence and Effects of Survey Respondent Exemplars in Political News Coverage." *International Journal of Press/Politics* 25 (1): 96-114.
- [21] Jerit, Jennifer, and **Jason Barabas**. 2017. "Revisiting the Gender Gap in Political Knowledge." *Political Behavior* 38 (December): 817-38.
- [20] **Barabas, Jason**. 2016. "Democracy's Denominator: Reassessing Responsiveness with Public Opinion on the National Policy Agenda." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80 (2): 437-59.
- [19] **Barabas, Jason**, Jennifer Jerit, William Pollock, and Carlisle Rainey. 2014. "The Question(s) of Political Knowledge." *American Political Science Review* 108 (November): 840-55.

- [18] Jerit, Jennifer, and **Jason Barabas**. 2012. "Partisan Perceptual Bias and the Information Environment." *Journal of Politics* 74 (July): 672-84.
- [17] **Barabas, Jason**, and Jennifer Jerit. 2009. "Estimating the Causal Effects of Media Coverage on Policy-Specific Knowledge." *American Journal of Political Science* 53 (January): 73-89.
- [16] **Barabas, Jason**. 2009. "Not the Next IRA: How Health Savings Accounts Shape Public Opinion." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 34 (April): 181-217.
- [15] **Barabas, Jason**. 2008. "Presidential Policy Initiatives: How the Public Learns about State of the Union Proposals from the Mass Media." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 38 (June): 195-222.
- [14] Jerit, Jennifer, **Jason Barabas**, and Toby Bolsen. 2006. "Citizens, Knowledge, and the Information Environment." *American Journal of Political Science* 50 (April): 266-82.
- [13] **Barabas, Jason**. 2006. "Rational Exuberance: The Stock Market and Public Support for Social Security Privatization." *Journal of Politics* 68 (February): 50-61.
- [12] Jerit, Jennifer, and **Jason Barabas**. 2006. "Bankrupt Rhetoric: How Misleading Information Affects Knowledge about Social Security." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 70 (Fall): 278-303.
- [11] **Barabas, Jason**. 2004. "How Deliberation Affects Policy Opinions." *American Political Science Review* 98 (November): 687-701.
- [10] **Barabas, Jason**, and Jennifer Jerit. 2004. "Redistricting Principles and Racial Representation." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 4 (Winter): 415-35.
- [9] **Barabas, Jason**. 2002. "Another Look at the Measurement of Political Knowledge." *Political Analysis* 10 (Spring): 209.
- [8] Cook, Fay Lomax, **Jason Barabas**, and Benjamin I. Page. 2002. "Invoking Public Opinion: Policy Elites and Social Security." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 66 (Summer): 235-64.
- [7] Page, Benjamin I., and **Jason Barabas**. 2000. "Foreign Policy Gaps between Citizens and Leaders." *International Studies Quarterly* 44: 339-64.

#### Experimental Methods, Research Design, and Statistical Analysis

- [6] Kane, John V., and **Jason Barabas**. 2019. "No Harm in Checking: Using Factual Manipulation Checks to Assess Attentiveness in Experiments." *American Journal of Political Science* 63 (1/January): 234-49.
- [5] Banducci, Susan, Martijn Schoonvelde, Daniel Stevens, **Jason Barabas**, Jennifer Jerit, and William Pollock. 2017. "Model Selection in Observational Media Effects Research: A Systematic Review and Validation of Effects." *Political Science* 69: 227-46.

- [4] Jerit, Jennifer, **Jason Barabas**, William Pollock, Susan Banducci, Daniel Stevens, and Martijn Schoonvelde. 2016. "Manipulated vs. Measured: Using an Experimental Benchmark to Investigate the Performance of Self-Reported Media Exposure." *Communication Methods and Measures* 10 (2-3): 99-114.
- [3] Pollock, William, **Jason Barabas**, Jennifer Jerit, Martijn Schoonvelde, Susan Banducci, and Daniel Stevens. 2015. "Studying Media Events in the European Social Surveys Across Research Designs, Countries, Time, Issues, and Outcomes." *European Political Science* 14: 394-421.
- [2] Jerit, Jennifer, **Jason Barabas**, and Scott Clifford. 2013. "Comparing Contemporaneous Laboratory and Field Experiments on Media Effects." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77 (Spring): 256-82.
- Winner, Best Paper Award, Experimental Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011.
  - Winner, Roberta Sigel Award for Best Paper at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2012.
- [1] **Barabas, Jason**, and Jennifer Jerit. 2010. "Are Survey Experiments Externally Valid?" *American Political Science Review* 104 (May): 226-42.
- Winner, Roberta Sigel Award for Best Paper at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2009.

## EDITED BOOK CHAPTERS

- [9] "Media, Electoral Accountability, and Issue Voting," with Jennifer Jerit in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia* (2016), DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.135.
- [8] "Social Security Knowledge," in *Consumer Knowledge and Financial Decisions*, ed. Douglas Lambdin. New York: Springer (2012): 217-38.
- [7] "Public Opinion, the Media, and Economic Well-Being," in *Oxford Handbook of Public Opinion and the Media*, eds. Robert Y. Shapiro and Lawrence C. Jacobs. New York: Oxford University Press (2011): 589-604.
- [6] "Exposure Measures and Content Analysis in Media Effects Studies," with Jennifer Jerit in *Oxford Handbook of Public Opinion*, eds. Robert Y. Shapiro and Lawrence C. Jacobs. New York: Oxford University Press (2011): 139-55.
- [5] "Political Knowledge," with Jennifer Jerit in *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*, eds. S. Best and B. Radcliff. Westport, CT: Greenwood (2005): 538-43.
- [4] "Virtual Deliberation: Knowledge from Online Interaction versus Ordinary Discussion," in *Democracy Online*, ed. Peter Shane. New York: Routledge (2004): 239-52.
- [3] "Social Security," in *Public Opinion and Polling around the World*, ed. John G. Geer. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2004): 344-52.

- [2] "Health Care," with Jennifer Jerit in *Public Opinion and Polling around the World*, ed. John G. Geer. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2004): 260-67.
- [1] "Policy Elites Invoke Public Opinion: Polls, Policy Debates and the Future of Social Security," in *Navigating Public Opinion: Polls, Policy, and the Future of American Democracy*, with Fay Lomax Cook and Benjamin I. Page, eds. Jeff Manza, Fay Lomax Cook, and Benjamin I. Page. New York: Oxford University Press (2002): 141-70.

## GRANTS & RECOGNITIONS

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Grant, "Advancing Understanding in News Information: Political Knowledge and Media Systems," with Susan Banducci, Dan Stevens, and Jennifer Jerit, 2012 (£199,412 or approximately \$319,275).

Florida Dept. of Transportation Grant, "Customer Survey Research Analysis: Improving Representation in FDOT Customer Surveys," with Mary Stutzman, 2012 (\$30,800).

University Undergraduate Teaching Award, Florida State University, 2012.

Pepper Institute for Aging and Public Policy, Faculty Development Grant, 2011 (\$5,000).

National Science Foundation Grant, "Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Supplement for Studying Media Effects with a New Approach and Improved Data," with Jennifer Jerit, 2010-2011 (\$55,674).

National Science Foundation Grant, "Studying Media Effects with a New Approach and Improved Data," with Jennifer Jerit, 2008-2010 (\$239,700).

Florida State University, Council on Research and Creativity, Cornerstone Grant, "Laboratory, Survey, and Field Experiments Testing Voter Turnout Mobilization Messages" with J. Jerit, R. Jackson, C. Barrilleaux, R. Crew, C. Maestas, J. Grosser, and C. Schmertmann, 2008-2010 (\$100,000).

Associate Faculty Member, The Pepper Center on Aging and Public Policy at Florida State University, 2008.

Elected to be a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, 2007.

Florida State University, Committee on Faculty Research Support (COFRS), 2007, "The Effects of the Fairness Doctrine on Media Broadcast Diversity," (\$13,000 with student support).

Florida State University, First Year Assistant Professor Award, "The Policy Feedback Effects of Health Savings Accounts," 2006, (\$16,000).

Time-sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS), 2006, National Science Foundation funded project to field survey questions on a Knowledge Networks multi-investigator data collection platform (approximate value of data collection: \$15,000) for "Exploring the External Validity of Treatments in Survey-Based Experiments."

Florida State University, Planning Grant, “A Pilot Study to Test Theories of Information Updating and the External Validity of Survey-Based Experiments using the 2007 Medicare Trustees Report,” 2006-2007 (\$12,000).

Co-Winner, Heinz Dissertation Award, National Academy of Social Insurance, 2001.

## **PENDING GRANT PROPOSALS**

Principal Investigator, “Development and Delivery of Evaluation Learning Programme,” for the United Nations and UN System Staff College to train UNICEF staff worldwide in social science program evaluation methods, \$3,509,781 proposal submitted in September 2019, currently in second stage of proposal review process as of January 2020.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of *American Insecurity: Why Our Economic Fears Lead to Political Inaction* by Adam Seth Levine with John V. Kane for *Journal of Politics* (2016).

*American Public Opinion, Advocacy, and Policy in Congress: What the Public Wants and What It Gets* by Paul Burstein for *Perspectives on Politics* (2015).

*Propensity Score Matching: Statistical Methods and Applications* by Shenyang Guo and Mark W. Fraser for Sage Publications (2011).

*Degrees of Democracy: Politics, Public Opinion, and Policy* by Stuart N. Soroka and Christopher Wlezien in *Public Opinion Quarterly*. (2011) Vol. 75 (Spring): 192-200.

*How Do You Know? The Economics of Ordinary Knowledge* by Russell Hardin in *Political Psychology* (2010) Vol. 31 (Sept.): 789-92.

*Hearing the Other Side: Deliberative versus Participatory Democracy* by Diana C. Mutz in *Journal of Politics* (2007) Vol. 69 (Nov.): 1210-11.

## **RECENT & UPCOMING ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Analyzing the Attentive, Bypassing Bias: Using Mock Vignettes in Survey Experiments,” with John V. Kane and Yamil R. Valez. Paper to be presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Analogical Reasoning in Politics: Does Health Care Insurance  $\approx$  Car Insurance?,” with Kevin Shan and Benjamin Carter. Paper presented at the 2019 International Society for Political Psychology, the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Currently being revised for resubmission to *American Politics Research*.

“No Harm in Checking: Using Factual Manipulation Checks to Assess Attentiveness in Experiments,” with John V. Kane. Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association & International Society for Political Psychology.

“Exploring Causal Effects in Laboratory, Survey, and Field Experiments with Nonrandom Study Participation,” with Jennifer Jerit and Carlos Paez. Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association and the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

“Democracy’s Denominator: Reassessing Responsiveness with Public Opinion on the National Policy Agenda.” Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

## **INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES**

“Using Factual Manipulation Checks to Assess Attentiveness in Experiments” with John V. Kane. To be presented at the 2020 Experimental Social Sciences Institute (WESSI), New York University (NYU) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

“Causal Inference in Social Science Research: Progress and Challenges,” Keynote address delivered at Xiamen University in Xiamen, China at the School of Public Affairs & Public Policy conference on “New Trends in Public Policy and Public Management Research: Behavior, Experiment, Prediction and Data Driven,” Fall/October 2019.

“Are Statistical Power Calculations Useful in Planning Experiments? Evidence from Replications,” Address delivered at Xiamen University in Xiamen, China at the School of Public Affairs & Public Policy, Fall/October 2019.

“Analogies in Public Policy Debates: Comparing Health Care Insurance to Automobile Insurance” with Kevin Shan and Benjamin Carter. Presented at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences at Dartmouth College, Winter 2019.

“Do Causal Effects Generalize Despite Biased Participation in Experiments?,” University of Vienna, Summer 2017, and the National University of Singapore, Summer 2016, Dartmouth College, Spring 2016, and University of Vienna, Summer 2017.

“Poll Proliferation,” with Nechama Horwitz. Presented at the University of Konstanz, 2016.

“How Policies Politicize the Public: Attitudinal Feedback Effects from Medicare and Social Security in America,” University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Fall 2015.

“Informed Consent: Roll-Call Knowledge, the Mass Media, and Political Representation,” University of Michigan, Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars, Winter 2012.

“The Information Environment, Citizens, and Democracy.” Keynote address at the Georgia State University Graduate Research Conference, Winter 2011.

“Partisan Perceptual Bias and the Information Environment,” American Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Winter 2011.

## **STUDENT COMMITTEES**

Dissertation Committee, Chair, John Kane (Ph.D., Stony Brook University; Assistant Prof. NYU)

Dissertation Committee, Chair, Benjamin Carter (ABD, Stony Brook University)

Dissertation Committee, Chair, Ryan Cotter, (ABD, Stony Brook University)

Dissertation Committee, Chair, Ben Gaskins (Ph.D., Florida State; Assist. Prof., Lewis and Clark)

Dissertation Committee, Member, Andy Beger (Ph.D., FSU; Duke Univ. Postdoctoral Fellow)

Dissertation Committee, Member, Scott Bokemper (Ph.D., Stony Brook University; Yale Postdoc)

Dissertation Committee, Member, Scott Clifford (Ph.D., FSU; Associate Professor, U. Houston)

Dissertation Committee, Member, Alessandro Del Ponte (Ph.D., Stony Brook; NUS Postdoc.)

Dissertation Committee, Member, Matthew Duell (ABD, Stony Brook University)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, Tracy Goodwin (ABD, Stony Brook University)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, Karen Halprin Cyphers (Ph.D., FSU; Ron Sachs Comm.)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, Patrick Lown (Ph.D., Stony Brook; University of Essex)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, Adam Ozer (ABD, University of Houston)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, JoEllen Pederson (Ph.D., FSU; Assistant Prof., Longwood)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, William Pollock (Ph.D., Stony Brook; North Carolina St.Univ.)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, Carlisle Rainey (Ph.D., FSU; Associate Prof., Florida State)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, Yamil Velez (Ph.D., Stony Brook; AP Columbia University)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, Meredith Whiteman (Ph.D., FSU; Charter Schools USA)  
 Dissertation Committee, Member, Joe Young (Ph.D., FSU; Associate Prof., American University)  
 Master's Thesis, Member, Toby Bolsen, (M.A., SIU; Associate Professor, Georgia State Univ.)  
 Master's Thesis, Member, Joseph Wachtel, (M.A., FSU; Senior Data Engineer at Cirium)  
 Senior Honor's Thesis, Chair, Rachael Clark (B.A., Stony Brook University)  
 Senior Honor's Thesis, Chair, Samantha Sanfilippo (B.A., Florida State University)  
 Senior Honor's Thesis, Chair, Wondeok Seo (B.A., Stony Brook University)  
 Senior Honor's Thesis, Chair, Kevin Shan (B.A., Stony Brook University)

## **CLASSES TAUGHT**

### Ph.D. Courses

Causal Inference  
 Multilevel Models  
 Public Opinion  
 Political Behavior  
 Political Deliberation  
 Information, the Media, and Democracy  
 Linear Statistical Models  
 Maximum Likelihood Estimation  
 Experimental Methods <sup>a,b</sup>

### Undergraduate & M.A. Courses

Advanced Research Methods  
 Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior  
 Politics of Investing and Privatization  
 Politics and the Mass Media  
 Politics and Public Policy  
 Health Care Statistics and Policy Analysis  
 Survey Research Methods for Public Policy  
 Political Psychology and Public Policy  
 Research Design

<sup>a</sup> Co-Taught Class on Experimental Methods in Singapore (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) at the IPSA-NUS Summer School for Social Science Research at the National University of Singapore, [http://methods-school.nus.edu.sg/c\\_experiments2.html](http://methods-school.nus.edu.sg/c_experiments2.html)

<sup>b</sup> Faculty Mentor in 2020 at the Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (WESSI) at New York University (NYU) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, <https://nyuad.nyu.edu/en/research/centers-labs-and-projects/social-science-experimental-laboratory/winter-institute/wessi-2020.html>

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMEBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association, Member (Lifetime)  
 International Society for Political Psychology (Lifetime)  
 Midwest Political Science Association, Member (Lifetime)  
 National Academy of Social Insurance, Member

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### Editorial Board

*American Journal of Political Science*, March 2014 to June 2018

Journal Reviewer

*American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Political Analysis; American Politics Research; Public Opinion Quarterly; Political Communication; Political Psychology; Political Behavior; British Journal of Political Science; State Politics and Policy Quarterly; International Journal of Press/Politics; Health Affairs; American Politics Quarterly; Social Science Quarterly; Political Research Quarterly; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, Social Science Quarterly; Policy Studies Journal; Political Science Quarterly; Journal of Elections, Parties, and Public Opinion; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Political Studies; Journal of Health Politics, Policy, & Law; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Communication; Gender & Politics; PS: Political Science & Politics; Economics of Governance; Political Studies Quarterly; and others.*

Grant/Fellowship/Proposal/Book Reviewer

National Science Foundation  
 National Academy of Social Insurance  
 Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS)  
 Sage Publications  
 University of Chicago Press

Conference Discussant/Chair

American Political Science Association,  
 Canadian Political Science Association  
 International Society for Political Psychology  
 Midwest Political Science Association  
 Southern Political Science Association  
 Western Political Science Association

Book/Dissertation Award Committee

National Academy of Social Insurance, Heinz Dissertation Award, 2014-2019  
 Southern Political Science Association, Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award, 2011, Chair  
 American Political Science Association, Experimental Methods, Dissertation Award, 2015  
 American Political Science Association, Political Psychology Dissertation Award, 2010, Chair  
 American Political Science Association, Political Psychology Dissertation Award, 2009

Departmental/University Service

Hiring Search Committee, Department of Economics, Stony Brook University, 2019-2020  
 Director of M.A. in Public Policy (MAPP) Program, Stony Brook University, 2017-2019  
 Director of Graduate Recruitment, Stony Brook University, 2013-2017  
 Graduate Studies Committee, Stony Brook University, 2013-2017  
 Political Economy Search, Chair, Stony Brook University, 2016-2017  
 Big Data Cluster Hiring Committee, Member, Stony Brook University, 2013-2014  
 Methodology Course Planning Committee, Stony Brook University, 2013-2018  
 Director of Graduate Admissions, Florida State University, 2009-2013  
 Executive Committee, Florida State University, 2009-2011; 2007-2008  
 Graduate Studies Committee, Florida State University, 2009-2011  
 Policy Field Representative, Florida State University, 2009-2013  
 Methods Field Representative, Florida State University, 2012-2013