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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Saint Michael's College</b> Assistant Professor of Political Science Affiliated Faculty in the Criminology & Gender Studies Programs	<i>August 2020 - present</i> Colchester, VT
<b>University of California, Davis</b> Associate Instructor of Political Science	<i>January 2018-June 2020</i> Davis, CA

## EDUCATION

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<b>University of California, Davis</b> Ph.D. in Political Science	<i>June 2020</i>
<b>University of California, Davis</b> M.A. in Political Science	<i>June 2017</i>
<b>Weber State University</b> B.S. in Political Science, <i>summa cum laude</i> University and Departmental Honors, English minor	<i>April 2014</i>

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Policing policy, state & local politics, public opinion, public policy, political psychology, survey research methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Polarized Perceptions: How Time and Vaccination Status Modify Republican and Democratic COVID-19 Risk Perceptions.” with Evan W. Sandlin. *Forthcoming at Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*.

“Incentivizing COVID-19 Vaccination in a Polarized and Partisan United States.” with Carlos A. Algara. *Forthcoming at Journal of Health Politics, Policy, & Law*.

- “As Little As \$20 in Cash Might Persuade The Reluctant to Get Vaccinated, Our Research Shows.” with Carlos Algara. 2021. *Washington Post*: Monkey Cage blog.

“Assessing the Effectiveness of COVID-19 Vaccine Lotteries: A Cross-state Synthetic Control Methods Approach.” with Carlos A. Algara, Samuel J. Fuller, and Sara Kazemian. 2022. *PLoS ONE*. 17(9): e0274374.

“Unworthy Victims and Threatening Adversaries: Islam, Muslims, and United States Foreign Policy.” with Evan W. Sandlin. 2022. *Social Science Quarterly*. 103(5): 1019-1031.

“Police Violence and Public Opinion after George Floyd: How the Black Lives Matter Movement and Endorsements Affect Support for Reforms.” with Cheryl Boudreau & Scott A. MacKenzie. 2022. *Political Research Quarterly*. 75(2): 497-511.

“Police Violence and Public Perceptions: An Experimental Study of How Information and Endorsements Affect Support for Law Enforcement.” with Cheryl Boudreau & Scott A. MacKenzie. 2019. *The Journal of Politics*. 81(3): 1101-1110.

## RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

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## WORKING PAPERS & ONGOING PROJECTS

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“Partisanship and Public Perceptions of the Police.” with Cheryl Boudreau & Scott A. MacKenzie

“Public Opinion of Local Redirect Policies and Police Funding.” with Cheryl Boudreau & Scott A. MacKenzie

“Polarized Pandemic Politics: How Endorsements & Attributes Affect the Likelihood of COVID-19 Vaccination in the U.S.” with Carlos A. Algara

“Israel, Palestine, and U.S. Public Opinion.” with Evan W. Sandlin

“Democratization, Partisan Elites, and the Mass Public’s Interest.” with Carlos A. Algara and Isaac D. Hale

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**Saint Michael’s College** July 2020 - present

- Introduction to U.S. Politics, Research Methods, Politics of Cities, U.S. Constitutional Law: Government Power, U.S. Constitutional Law: Rights & Liberties, Law & Social Change, Criminal Justice

**University of California, Davis** January 2018 - June 2020

- American National Government, Urban Public Policy

**Center for Educational Effectiveness Summer Workshop Series** Summer 2015  
*Workshop Participant* Davis, CA

- Six-week interactive series in which course design using the backward design model, focusing on learner-centered teaching, was examined.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION & INVITED TALKS

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“Police Violence and Public Opinion after George Floyd: How the Black Lives Matter Movement and Endorsements Affect Support for Reforms.” with Cheryl Boudreau & Scott A. MacKenzie. Presented at the **University of California Center Sacramento**, October 2021.

“Policing and Politics: An Experimental Examination of the Political Effects of Officer-involved Shootings.” Presented at the **Experimental Political Science Workshop** in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Davis, October 2019.

“Police Violence and Public Perceptions: An Experimental Study of How Local Law Endorsements Affect Support for Black and White Candidates” with Cheryl Boudreau & Scott A. MacKenzie. Presented at the **Politics of Policing Virtual Conference**, sponsored by the Conflict Consortium’s Virtual Workshop series, January 2019.

“Police Violence and Public Perceptions: An Experimental Study of How Local Law Endorsements Affect Support for Black and White Candidates” with Cheryl Boudreau & Scott A. MacKenzie. Presented at the **Race & Law Enforcement Symposium at the University of Southern California**, October 2018.

“2014 Legislative Agenda Issues” Polling data presented on behalf of the Olene S. Walker Institute for Politics and Public Service at the **Utah Legislative Policy Summit**, January 2014.

**Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association** 2021-22, 2019, 2017

**Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association** 2021-22, 2020\*, 2018

\*Canceled due to COVID-19

**Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association** 2019, 2017

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

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“Crisis in Ukraine” panel presenter on how individuals can mobilize in defense of democracy and democratic norms and ideals. *Saint Michael’s College*. March 2022.

“Mirror Justice: The Redemption Court and the Roberts Court.” Presentation for the *Saint Michael’s College Alumni Association* faculty speaker series. January 2022.

[Interview on the impact of Senators Sanders and Leahy chairing the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committees](#) with Scooter MacMillan of *Shelburne News*. January 2021.

[Interview on the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett to the US Supreme Court and potential impact on 2020 elections and LGBTQ+ rights](#) with Sarah Knickerbocker of *The Defender*. November 2020.

“Democracy in Crisis” panel presenter on how individuals can mobilize in defense of democracy and democratic norms and ideals. *Saint Michael’s College*. October 2020.

[“Factors of Political Behavior, Expectation in our Political Climate, Objectives in the Polls”](#) episode of *The Mike Exchange* podcast series with Patrick Walsh and Margaret Taylor. September 2020.

[Interview on the 2020 U.S. presidential debates](#) with Jolie Sherman of *Local 22 & 44 News* in Colchester, VT. September 2020.

[Interview on the 2020 U.S. presidential debates](#) with Liz Strzepa of *NBC5 News* in Colchester, VT. September 2020.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### College

<b>Pre-Law Advisor</b> <i>Saint Michael's College</i>	March 2021 - present <i>Colchester, VT</i>
<b>Steering Committee Member</b> <i>Criminology Program</i>	September 2020 - present <i>Colchester, VT</i>
<b>Steering Committee Member</b> <i>Gender Studies Program</i>	March 2022 - present <i>Colchester, VT</i>
<b>Faculty Development Committee Member</b> <i>Saint Michael's College</i>	July 2021 - present <i>Colchester, VT</i>
<b>History Department Faculty Search Committee Member</b> <i>Saint Michael's College</i>	October 2022 - January 2023 <i>Colchester, VT</i>
<b>Student and Peer Evaluation Committee Member</b> <i>Saint Michael's College</i>	August 2021 - December 2022 <i>Colchester, VT</i>
<b>Secretary</b> <i>SMC Chapter of American Association of University Professors</i>	September 2020 - January 2021 <i>Colchester, VT</i>

### Department

<b>Dual Enrollment Coordinator</b> <i>Saint Michael's College</i>	June 2021 - present <i>Colchester, VT</i>
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### Discipline

<b>Reviewer</b> <i>American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, Political Behavior</i>	Recurring
<b>Conference Panel Chair/Discussant</b> <i>APSA, MPSA</i>	Recurring

## CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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<b>Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative</b> <b>Social &amp; Behavioral Research - Basic/Refresher IRB Certification</b>	valid until: October 2023
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### **American Political Science Association**

Section Member: Civic Engagement - Elections, Public Opinion, & Voting Behavior - Experimental Research - State Politics & Policy - Urban & Local Politics

### **Midwest Political Science Association**

### **Pi Sigma Alpha & Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies**

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Bulgarian (conversational fluency), English (native language)

**Programming:** R, Stata, z-Tree, Qualtrics, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Canvas, Cidi Labs Design Tools