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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2023-Current.
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2018-2023.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2014-2018.
Postdoctoral Fellow, Duke Initiative on Survey Methodology, Duke University, 2012-2014.

EDUCATION

Ph. D., Political Science, Florida State University, 2013
M.S., Political Science, Florida State University, 2009
B.A., Philosophy and Political Science, Western Washington University, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Jung, Jae-Hee, and Scott Clifford. "Are All Values Moral Values?" Conditionally accepted at the *American Political Science Review*.

Clifford, Scott, and Carlisle Rainey. "Estimators for Topic-Sampling Designs." Accepted at *Political Analysis* pending replication.

Clifford, Scott, D.J. Flynn, Brendan Nyhan, and Kasey Rhee. "Decider in Chief? Why and How the Public Exaggerates the Power of the Presidency." Forthcoming at *Political Research Quarterly*.

Sheagley, Geoffrey, and Scott Clifford. "No Evidence That Measuring Moderators Alters Treatment Effects." Forthcoming at the *American Journal of Political Science*.

Clifford, Scott, Carlisle Rainey, and Thomas J. Leeper. "Increasing the Generalizability of Survey Experiments Using Randomized Topics: An Application to Partisan Cues." Forthcoming at *Political Behavior*.

Clifford, Scott, and Elizabeth N. Simas. 2024. "Moral Rhetoric, Extreme Positions, and Perceptions of Sincerity." *Political Behavior* 46: 523-542.

Kirkland, Justin H., Elizabeth N. Simas, and Scott Clifford. 2024. "Perceptions of Party Incongruence and Nascent Political Ambition." *Political Behavior* 46: 257-276.

Clifford, Scott, and Brian Sullivan. 2023. "Do Survey Questions Spread Conspiracy Beliefs?" *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 10(2): 231-241.

Clifford, Scott, Cengiz Erisen, Dane Wendell, and Francisco Cantu. 2023. "Disgust Sensitivity and Support for Immigration Across Five Nations." *Politics and the Life Sciences* 42(1): 65-80.

Wright, Jamie M., Scott Clifford, and Elizabeth N. Simas. 2022. "The Limits of Issue Ownership in a Polarized Era." *American Politics Research* 50(5): 694-706.

Archer, Allison M. N. and Scott Clifford. 2022. "Improving the Measurement of Hostile Sexism." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 86(2): 223-246.

Khoudary, Maria, Eleanor Hanna, Kevin O'Neill, Vijeth Iyengar, Scott Clifford, Roberto Cabeza, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, and Felipe De Brigard. 2022. "A Functional Neuroimaging Investigation of Moral Foundations Theory." *Social Neuroscience* 17(6): 491-507.

Clifford, Scott. 2022. "How Moral Motives Link Party Stereotypes." *Political Behavior* 44: 705-724.

Clifford, Scott, Geoffrey Sheagley, and Spencer Piston. 2021. "Increasing Precision Without Altering Treatment Effects: Repeated Measures Designs in Survey Experiments." *American Political Science Review* 115(3): 1048-1065.

Clifford, Scott, Elizabeth Simas, and Justin Kirkland. 2021. "Do Elections Keep the Compassionate Out of the Candidate Pool?" With Justin Kirkland and Elizabeth Simas. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 85(2): 649-662.

Kennedy, Ryan, Scott Clifford, Tyler Burleigh, Phil Waggoner, Ryan Jewell, and Nick Winter. 2020. "The Shape of and Solution to MTurk's Quality Crisis." *Political Science Research and Methods* 8(4): 614-629.

Marques, Lucas Murrins, Scott Clifford, Vijeth Iyengar, Graziela Vieira Bonato, Patricia Moraes Cabral, Rafaela Barreto dos Santos, Roberto Cabeza, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, and Paulo Sergio Boggio. 2020. "Translation and Validation of the Moral Foundations Vignettes (MFVs) for the Portuguese language in a Brazilian sample from São Paulo." *Judgment and Decision Making* 15(1): 149-158.

Simas, Elizabeth, Scott Clifford, and Justin Kirkland. 2020. "How Dispositional Empathy Fuels Partisan Polarization." *American Political Science Review* 114(1): 258-269.

Smith, Brianna, Scott Clifford, and Jennifer Jerit. 2020. "How Internet Search Undermines the Validity of Political Knowledge Measures." *Political Research Quarterly* 73(1): 141-155.

Clifford, Scott. 2020. "Compassionate Democrats and Tough Republicans: How Ideology Shapes Partisan Stereotypes." *Political Behavior* 42(4): 1269-1293.

Clifford, Scott, Yongkwang Kim, and Brian Sullivan. 2019. "An Improved Question Format for Measuring Conspiracy Beliefs." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 83(4): 690-722.

Clifford, Scott, Justin Kirkland, and Elizabeth Simas. 2019. "How Dispositional Empathy Influences Nascent Political Ambition." *Journal of Politics* 81(3): 1043-1056.

Clifford, Scott. 2019. "How Emotional Frames Moralize and Polarize Political Attitudes." *Political Psychology* 40(1): 75-91.

Clifford, Scott. 2018. "Reassessing the Structure of Presidential Character." *Electoral Studies* 54: 240-247.

Clifford, Scott and Jennifer Jerit. 2018. "Disgust, Anxiety, and Political Learning in the Face of Threat." *American Journal of Political Science* 62(2): 266-279.

Thomas, Kyle A. and Scott Clifford. 2017. "Validity and Mechanical Turk: An Assessment of Exclusion Methods and Interactive Experiments." *Computers in Human Behavior* 77: 184-197.

Clifford, Scott. 2017. "Individual Differences in Group Loyalty Predict Partisan Strength." *Political Behavior* 39(3): 531-552.

Clifford, Scott and Spencer Piston. 2017. "Explaining Public Support for Counterproductive Homelessness Policy: The Role of Disgust." *Political Behavior* 39(2): 503-525.

Clifford, Scott and Jennifer Jerit. 2016. "Cheating on Knowledge Questions in Online Surveys: An Assessment of the Problem and Solutions." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80(4): 858-887.

Clifford, Scott, and Ben Gaskins. 2016. "Trust Me, I Believe in God: Candidate Religiosity Signals Trustworthiness." *American Politics Research* 44(6): 1066-1097.

Clifford, Scott, and Dane G. Wendell. 2016. "How Disgust Influences Health Purity Attitudes." *Political Behavior* 38(1): 155-178.

Clifford, Scott, Ryan Jewell, and Philip Waggoner. 2015. "Are Samples Drawn from Mechanical Turk Valid for Research on Political Ideology?" *Research & Politics* (December): 1-9.

Clifford, Scott, Vijeth Iyengar, Roberto Cabeza, and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong. 2015. "Moral Foundations Vignettes: A Standardized Stimulus Database of Scenarios Based on Moral Foundations Theory." *Behavior Research Methods* 47(4): 1178-1198.

Clifford, Scott and Jennifer Jerit. 2015. "Do Attempts to Increase Respondent Attention Increase Social Desirability Bias?" *Public Opinion Quarterly (Research Note)* 79(3): 790-802.

Clifford, Scott, Jennifer Jerit, Carlisle Rainey, and Matt Motyl. 2015. "Moral Concerns and Culture War Attitudes: Investigating the Influence of Elite Rhetoric." *Political Communication* 32(2): 229-248.

Clifford, Scott and Jennifer Jerit. 2014. "Is There a Cost to Convenience? An Experimental Comparison of Data Quality in Laboratory and Online Studies." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 1(2): 120-131.

Clifford, Scott. 2014. "Linking Issue Stances and Trait Perceptions: A Theory of Moral Exemplification." *Journal of Politics* 76(3) 698-710.

Clifford, Scott and Jennifer Jerit. 2013. "How Words Do the Work of Politics: Moral Foundations Theory and the Debate over Stem Cell Research." *Journal of Politics* 75(3): 659-671.

Jerit, Jennifer, Jason Barabas and Scott Clifford. 2013. "Comparing Contemporaneous Laboratory and Field Experiments on Media Effects." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77(1): 256-282.

Clifford, Scott. 2012. "Reconsidering the Unequal Representation of Latinos and African-Americans." *Journal of Politics* 74 (3): 903-916.

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

Clifford, Scott, and Carlisle Rainey. "The Limits of Single-Topic Designs." Revise and resubmit at *Political Analysis*.

Clifford, Scott, Elizabeth Simas, and JeongKyu Suh. "The Policy Basis of Group Sentiments." Revise and resubmit at *Political Science Research and Methods.*

Clifford, Scott, and Lucas Lothamer. "How Strong Policy Attitudes Activate Support for Aggressive Political Action."

"Moralizing Politics: A Systematic Examination of What Gets Moralized by Whom." With Ryan Kennedy. Under review.

"How Acquiescence Bias Can Mislead Researchers: Assessing the Consequences of Item Alignment, Scale Balance, and Off-the-Shelf Correction Efficacy." With Andrew Engelhardt. Under review.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Winners and Losers: The Psychology of Foreign Trade*, by Diana Mutz. 2022. *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

Review of *Anxious Politics: Democratic Citizenship in a Threatening World*, Bethany Albertson and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2016. *Journal of Politics* 78(4) E15-E16.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Mutz-Lupia Award for Best Publication Using TESS Data in 2023. "Moral Rhetoric, Extreme Positions, and Perceptions of Candidate Sincerity." With Elizabeth Simas.

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, 2022. With Jae-Hee Jung.

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, 2020. With Elizabeth Simas.

Research Progress Grant ($6,600), University of Houston, 2018. With Elizabeth Simas.

Research Progress Grant ($9,000), University of Houston, 2016. With Justin Kirkland and Elizabeth Simas.

New Faculty Research Grant ($6,000), University of Houston, 2014.

National Citizens Panel, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway, "How Feelings of Disgust Influence Health Policy Attitudes." With Dane Wendell and Richard Matland, 2014.

APSA Political Psychology Distinguished Junior Scholars Award, 2014.

APSA Lawrence Longley Award for Best Article on Representation and Electoral Systems, 2012.

Duke Initiative on Survey Methodology, Research Opportunities in Surveys and Experiments (ROSE) Grant, "Linking Issue Stances and Trait Perceptions," 2013.

Best Paper presented on an Experimental Politics panel at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Jennifer Jerit and Jason Barabas, 2011.

National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, "Do Attempts to Increase Respondent Attention Increase Social Desirability Bias?" With Jennifer Jerit, 2012.

Roberta Sigel Award for the Best Paper by a Junior Scholar at the annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology Meeting, with Jennifer Jerit and Jason Barabas, 2011.

INVITED TALKS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"Moral Values Are Uniquely Polarizing" (with Jae-Hee Jung), Models, Experiments, and Data (MEAD) Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 29, 2023.

"Candidate Rhetorical Strategy and Perceptions of Sincerity" (with Beth Simas), Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL), University of Toronto, June 23, 2022.

"Disgust." Guest speaker in "Peace sells, but who's buying it? Sound and fury in politics," graduate course at UC Davis taught by Brad Jones, Feb. 2, 2021.

"How Political Cynicism Incentivizes Extreme, Moralized Position-Taking" (with Beth Simas), Texas American Politics Symposium, Rice University, Oct. 12, 2019.

"How Declining Trust Incentivizes Extreme, Moralized Position-Taking" (with Beth Simas), Southern Political Psychology Workshop, University of Georgia, March 8, 2019.

"Perceptions of Moral Character are Central to Evaluations of Politicians." Conference on Personality, Party Leaders, and Election Campaigns, St. John's, Newfoundland, Oct. 14-15, 2016.

"The Surprising Effects of Disgust on Political Attitudes." Assistant Professor Excellence talk, University of Houston, Sept. 28, 2016.

"Crowdsourcing Respondents for Online Surveys." Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, March 24-25, 2016.

"Linking Issue Stances and Trait Perceptions: A Theory of Moral Exemplification." Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University, October 21, 2013.

"Linking Issue Stances and Trait Perceptions: A Theory of Moral Exemplification." American Politics Research Group, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 20, 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses
- Political Psychology
- Experimental Design

Undergraduate Courses
- Political Parties
- Political Psychology
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Introduction to American National Government
- Morality and Politics

Workshops
- Crowdsourcing Respondents for Online Surveys
- Introduction to Survey Experiments
- Best Practices in Survey Question Design
- Introduction to Survey Research
- Introduction to Qualtrics Survey Software
- Analyzing Experimental Data in Stata
- How to Be a Successful Graduate Student
- How to Write a Quantitative Paper
- How to Publish in a Peer-Reviewed Journal

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Editor, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 2023-2026.

Editorial Board, *American Political Science Review*. 2023-current.

Treasurer, Political Psychology Section of the American Political Science Association, 2023-

Committee Chair, Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Roberta Sigel Best Paper Award, 2019

Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Section Head for Public Opinion and Political Communication, 2018

Program Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, Section Head for Experimental Research, 2015

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Applied Psychology: An International Review, British Journal of Political Science, Communication Research Reports, Comparative Political Studies, Computers in Human Behavior, Environment & Behavior, Group Processes & Intergroup Relations, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Health, Politics, Policy and Law, Journal of Health Psychology, Journal of Information Technology & Politics, Journal of Politics, Journal of Social and Political Psychology, Legislative Studies Quarterly, National Science Foundation, Nature: Human Behaviour, New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development, Personality and Individual Differences, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Policy Studies Journal, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Politics and the Life Sciences, Politics & Gender, Psychological Assessment, Public Opinion Quarterly, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Research & Politics, Review of International Political Economy, SAGE Open, Social Psychological and Personality Science, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*