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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, August 2014-present.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Duke Initiative on Survey Methodology, Duke University, August 2012-July 2014.

EDUCATION

Ph. D., Political Science, Florida State University, 2013

- Major Fields: American Politics and Public Policy
- Dissertation: "The Moral Presentation of Self: Causes and Consequences of Perceptions of Politicians' Character Traits"
 - Committee: Jennifer Jerit (chair), Jason Barabas, Brad Gomez, Art Raney (FSU School of Communication)

M.S., Political Science, Florida State University, 2009

B.A., Philosophy and Political Science, Western Washington University, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Clifford, Scott. "How Emotional Frames Moralize and Polarize Political Attitudes." Accepted at *Political Psychology*.

Clifford, Scott. "Reassessing the Structure of Presidential Character." Accepted at *Electoral Studies*.

Clifford, Scott and Jennifer Jerit. "Disgust, Anxiety, and Political Learning in the Face of Threat." Accepted at the *American Journal of Political Science*.

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* 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.
- Best Paper presented on an Experimental Politics panel at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2011.
 - Roberta Sigel Award for the Best Paper by a Junior Scholar at the annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology Meeting, 2011.
- Clifford, Scott. 2012. "Reconsidering the Unequal Representation of Latinos and African-Americans." *Journal of Politics* 74 (3): 903-916.
- American Political Science Association Lawrence Longley Award for the Best Article on Representation and Electoral Systems, 2012.

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

“How Dispositional Empathy Influences Nascent Political Ambition.” With Justin Kirkland and Beth Simas. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Politics*.

“Compassionate Democrats and Loyal Republicans: The Moral Boundaries of Partisan Identity.”

BOOK REVIEWS

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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

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, (estimated value: \$15,000), “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

“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.

“Confirming the Worst: Character Trait Perceptions and Candidate Rumors.” Political Behavior and Identity Workshop, Duke University, April 17, 2013

“Manipulating Trait Perceptions with Moral Justifications.” Moral Attitudes and Decision-Making Lab, Duke University, January 14, 2013.

“Comparing Treatment Effects in Parallel Experiments.” New York Area Political Psychology Meeting, Columbia University, April 28, 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses

- Political Psychology, University of Houston, Spring 2017.
- Experimental Design, University of Houston, Spring 2015.

Undergraduate Courses

- Political Parties, University of Houston: Spring 2016.
- Political Psychology, University of Houston: Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Florida State University: Fall 2012.
- Introduction to Research Methods, University of Houston: Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016.
- Introduction to American National Government, Florida State University, Summer 2010.

Workshops

- Crowdsourcing Respondents for Online Surveys, Texas A&M University: Spring 2016.
- Introduction to Survey Experiments, Duke University: Fall 2013 – Spring 2014.
- Best Practices in Survey Question Design, Duke University: Fall 2012 – Spring 2014.
- Introduction to Survey Research, Duke University: Fall 2012 – Spring 2014.
- Introduction to Qualtrics Survey Software, Duke University: Fall 2012 – Spring 2014.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Applied Psychology: An International Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *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 Politics*, *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, *National Science Foundation*, *Nature: Human Behaviour*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political*

Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Politics and the Life Sciences, Psychological Assessment, Public Opinion Quarterly, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Research & Politics, SAGE Open, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences

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