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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Political Science, Ph.D. Expected 2017

Committee: Joanne Miller (Chair), Paul Goren, Kathryn Pearson, Christopher Federico, Wendy Rahn

Minor: Political Psychology

Subfields: American Politics and Political Methodology

Dissertation in progress, "Look Who is Disaffected Now: Political Causes and Consequences of Learned Helplessness in the U.S."

Political Science, M.A. 2014

Committee: Joanne Miller, Paul Goren, Kathryn Pearson, Howard Lavine, Christopher Federico

Colorado State University

Political Science, M.A. 2009

Committee: Kyle Saunders, Robert Duffy, Alyssa Gibbons

Masters Thesis: "Analysis of American National Election Survey Data: Political Engagement and Political Participation (1992-2004)"

Political Science and Psychology, B.A., *Magna Cum Laude* 2007

Committee: William Chaloupka, Blane Harding, Barb Kistler

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: "Life in Context: An analysis of the theory of the tipping point as applied to social change"

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota, Graduate Instructor

POL3085, Quantitative Analysis in Political Science Summer 2016

Taught the lecture and lab components for approximately 15 undergraduate students covering research design, statistical inference, bivariate and multivariate analysis, and application of STATA 13 statistical analysis software.

University of Minnesota, Lab Instructor and Graduate Teaching Assistant

POL3085, Quantitative Analysis in Political Science for Benjamin Bagozzi Spring 2015

POL3085, Quantitative Analysis in Political Science for Joanne Miller Fall 2014

POL3085, Quantitative Analysis in Political Science for Benjamin Bagozzi Spring 2014

As lab instructor, taught two sections each semester of approximately 30 undergraduate students about research design, hands-on data analysis, and application of STATA 13 statistical analysis software; created workbook, practice, and lecture materials. As graduate teaching assistant, supported course and syllabus design; graded papers and exams.

*\*Recipient of the 2015 Minnesota Student Association (MSA)/Council of Graduate Students (COGS)*

*Graduate Student Teaching Award that recognizes the best graduate student instructors across the University.*

- University of Minnesota, Graduate Teaching Assistantships
- PA5973 Strategic Management of Election Administration for Lawrence Jacobs Fall 2016  
For a graduate level course of 6 graduate students, graded and facilitated online discussions.
- POL4315W State Governments: Laboratories of Democracy for Andrew Karch Spring 2016  
For a writing intensive course of approximately 35 undergraduate students, regularly met with students; graded papers and exams; guest lectured on research design and analysis.
- POL3310 Conspiracies, Rumors, and Misinformation for Joanne Miller Fall 2015  
Guest lectured on partisan/ideological motivated reasoning; facilitated discussion sections for a class of approximately 80 undergraduate students; compiled and graded papers and exams; assisted with course and syllabus design.
- POL3739, Politics of Race, Class and Ethnicity for August Nimitz Fall 2013  
Facilitated discussion sections; guest lectured on research methods and paper construction; compiled and graded papers and exams for a class of approximately 80 undergraduates.
- Colorado State University, Graduate Teaching Assistantships
- PO131 Current World Problems for Pamela Duncan Fall 2008
- PO101 American Government for William Chaloupka Spring 2008
- PO131 Current World Problems for Marni Berg Fall 2007  
Facilitated discussion sections; guest lectured on terrorism, immigration, and American foreign policy, as well as research methods, paper construction, and plagiarism; compiled and graded papers and exams for a class of approximately 200 undergraduate students in each course.

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Political Psychology, Public Opinion, and Political Behavior  
Political Polarization and/or Political and Social Networks  
American Politics/Government  
Research Design, Quantitative and/or Qualitative Political Science  
Election Administration  
Political Rumors, Misinformation, and Conspiracy Theories

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Ksiazkiewicz, Aleksander, Joseph A. Vitriol, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2017 "Implicit candidate trait perceptions in political campaigns." *Political Psychology*. doi:10.1111/pops.12398

Sheagley, Geoffrey, Phillip G. Chen, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2017. "Racial Resentment, Hurricane Sandy, and the Spillover of Racial Attitudes into Evaluations of Government Organizations." *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*. doi:10.1111/asap.12130

Miller, Joanne M., Kyle L. Saunders, and **Christina E. Farhart**. (2016). "Conspiracy Endorsement as Motivated Reasoning: The Moderating Roles of Political Knowledge and Trust." *American Journal of Political Science*, 60(4): 824-844.

*\*An earlier version of this paper was awarded the Paul Lazarsfeld Award, which recognizes the best paper on political communication selected for the previous year's (2014) Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.*

Chen, Philip G., Jacob Appleby, Eugene Borgida Timothy H. Callaghan, Pierce Ekstrom, **Christina E. Farhart**, Elizabeth Housholder, Hannah Kim, Aleksander Ksiazkiewicz, Howard Lavine, Matthew D. Luttig, Ruchika Mohanty, Aaron Rosenthal, Geoff Sheagley, Brianna A. Smith, Joseph A. Vitriol, and Allison Williams. (2014). "The Minnesota Multi-Investigator 2012 Presidential Election Panel Study," *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 14: 78-104.

### **PAPERS IN PREPARATION AND UNDER REVIEW**

**Farhart, Christina E.**, Joanne M. Miller, Kyle L. Saunders, and Marissa Theys. (invited book chapter). "It Was the Best of Plots, It Was the Worst of Plots: Why Do People Believe Conspiracy Theories? A Tale of Two Motives." Oxford University Press.

Vitriol, Joseph A., Aleksander Ksiazkiewicz, and **Christina E. Farhart**. (in preparation). "On the consequences of implicit and explicit attitudinal incongruence in political contexts.

**Christina E. Farhart**. (in preparation). "Who Said Voting Wasn't Racialized? Framing Effects, Racial Cues, and Support for Contemporary Voting Restrictions"

Ekstrom, Pierce, Aleksander Ksiazkiewicz, **Christina E. Farhart**, and Rafael Aguilera. (in preparation). "Cold-Hearted Republicans and Soft-Headed Democrats: Affective and Political Consequences of Negative Partisan Stereotypes"

Bagozzi, Benjamin E. and **Christina E. Farhart**. (in preparation). "Double Peaked Preferences."

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS RECIEVED**

Early Career Scholars Travel Grant, International Society of Political Psychology (\$500)

To attend the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Scotland, June 29-July 2, 2017.

American Political Science Association Travel Grant (\$160)

To attend the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1-4, 2016.

University of Minnesota

Center for the Study of Political Psychology Travel Award (\$800)

To attend the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Scotland, June 29-July 2, 2017.

Center for the Study of Political Psychology Travel Award (\$600)

To attend the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 7-10, 2016.

Graduate Student Teaching Award

Spring 2015

2015 Minnesota Student Association (MSA)/Council of Graduate Students (COGS)

Center for the Study of Political Psychology Travel Award (\$1000)

To attend the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 16-19, 2015 and the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, April 2-4, 2015.

Center for the Study of Political Psychology Travel Award (\$1000)  
To attend the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Rome,  
Italy, July 2-5, 2014

Center for the Study of Political Psychology Travel Award (\$750)  
To attend 6th Annual Political Networks Workshops and Conference in Bloomington,  
Indiana, June 26-29, 2013

6th Annual Political Networks Workshops & Conference, Travel Fellowship Summer 2013

Graduate Research Partnership Program (GRPP) Fellowship Summer 2013  
Advisor Joanne Miller, "Survey of Current Events Attitudes"

Center for the Study of Political Psychology Research Award (\$990) Spring 2013  
With Aaron Rosenthal, Brianna Smith, and Hannah Kim

Ueland Fellow Fall 2012-Spring 2013  
First-year Graduate School Fellow, Department of Political Science

Colorado State University  
Distinguished Scholars Award, University Honors Program Fall 2003-Spring 2007

Outstanding Senior, Political Science Department Fall 2006-Spring 2007

Lang Political Science Scholarship Fall 2005-Spring 2006  
Dean's Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts Fall 2005

Speaking Engagements  
Liberal Arts Development Council September 2008  
Graduation, University Honors May 2005-2007  
Professor of the Year Fireside Chat Fall 2004-2006

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

University of Minnesota, Graduate Research Assistantships  
Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs for Lawrence Jacobs Fall 2016-Spring 2017  
Election Academy, Center for the Study of Politics and Governance

Department of Political Science Spring 2016  
PhD Candidate Research Assistantship for Howard Lavine, Carlson Chair

Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs Spring, Fall 2015  
Election Academy, Center for the Study of Politics and Governance  
MacArthur Foundation Grant, PIs Doug Chapin and Lawrence Jacobs  
[http://www.eac.gov/testing\\_and\\_certification/voting\\_technology\\_procurement.aspx](http://www.eac.gov/testing_and_certification/voting_technology_procurement.aspx)

Summer Research Assistantship for Joanne Miller and Benjamin Bagozzi Summer 2014  
Redesigned course materials, POL3085, Quantitative Analysis in Political Science

Center for Civic Design and Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs Fall 2013  
NSF Award Number NSF CNS-1301887, "EAGER: Poll Workers and Election Security"  
PIs Lawrence Jacobs and Doug Chapin  
<http://civicdesign.org/projects/pollworkers-security/>

Writing Intensive Pilot Program Fall 2013  
Department of Political Science; Research Assistantship for Andrew Karch

University of Minnesota, Graduate Research  
Center for the Study of Political Psychology Fall 2012, Spring 2013  
Minnesota Multi-Investigator 2012 Presidential Election Panel Study  
Led by Howard Lavine and Eugene Borgida

Colorado State University, Graduate Research Assistantships  
Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy, Brigham Young University Fall 2008  
"Monitoring Campaign Spending and Trends in Electioneering News"  
Research Assistantship for Kyle Saunders and Robert Duffy

STRETCH 2008 Fall 2008  
Psychology Department Behavioral Assessment Center for Dr. Alyssa Gibbons

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### Pew Charitable Trusts

Electronic Registration Information Center, Election Initiatives, *Contractor* October 2015-July 2016  
Designed, administered, and analyzed a survey of Minnesota election officials

### American Educational Research Association

Grants Program, *Grants Manager* Jan. 2012-July 2012  
Worked with Executive Director and AERA Grants Program Governing board to facilitate merit review process for dissertation and research grants submissions biannually;  
Organized workshops on propensity score matching for assistant and associate faculty, and workshops on professional development and large-scale data analysis for graduate students;  
Communicated with National Science Foundation and submitted update reports to NSF;  
AERA Grants Program was supported by NSF grant DRL-0941014

### National Science Foundation

Division of Social and Economic Sciences, *Science Assistant* Oct. 2009-Jan. 2012  
Prepared and analyzed statistics for Political Science, Sociology and Law and Social Sciences Programs, particularly regarding the Committee of Visitors external review;  
Supported the Social and Political Sciences Cluster in facilitation of merit review process through external and panel review, administratively and scientifically;  
Co-authored report "Future Investments in Large-Scale Survey Data Access & Dissemination"  
[http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/Infrastructure\\_Meeting\\_Report\\_04\\_21\\_2011\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/Infrastructure_Meeting_Report_04_21_2011_FINAL.pdf)

### Colorado State University

Office of Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement (SLiCE)  
President's Leadership Program, *Program Coordinator/Interim Director* Jan. 2006-May 2009

Constructed grant proposals; facilitated scholarship programs; designed recruitment materials;  
Served as interim director from Aug. 2007-Jan. 2008, managing 3 staff members;  
Facilitated program recruitment, opening receptions and closing banquets for over 200

United States Congress – Wheat Ridge, CO

Colorado District 7, *Congressional Intern*

Jan. 2003-Dec. 2004

Dealt with constituent questions and concerns, particularly related to Veteran's Affairs;  
Assisted staff assistants and constituent liaisons; Planned Town Hall Meetings

### **CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

**Farhart, Christina E.** 2017. "Look Who's Disillusioned Now: Political Disaffection and Polarization in the US" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.

**Farhart, Christina E.,** Kyle L. Saunders, and Joanne M. Miller. 2017. "If Trump Says It, Should I Believe It?: Elite Cue Taking and Birtherism" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.

**Farhart, Christina E.,** Kyle L. Saunders, and Joanne M. Miller. 2016. "An Experimental Test of the "Conspiracy Theories Are For Losers" Hypothesis" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4.

**Farhart, Christina E.** 2016. "Look Who's Disillusioned Now: Political Disaffection and Polarization in the US" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4.

Miller, Joanne M., Kyle L. Saunders, and **Christina E. Farhart.** 2016. "An Experimental Test of the "Conspiracy Theories Are For Losers" Hypothesis" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10.

Miller, Joanne M., Kyle L. Saunders, and **Christina E. Farhart.** 2015. "Conspiracy Endorsement as Motivated Reasoning: The Moderating Roles of Political Knowledge and Trust." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19.

Sheagley Geoffrey, Philip G. Chen, and **Christina E. Farhart.** 2015. "Racial Resentment, Hurricane Sandy, and the Spillover of Racial Attitudes into Evaluations of Government Organizations." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 2-4.

Miller, Joanne M., Kyle L. Saunders, and **Christina E. Farhart.** 2014. "The Impact of Asking Conspiracy Theory Questions on Data Quality." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31.

*\*Recipient of the Paul Lazarsfeld Award, which recognizes the best paper on political communication selected for the previous year's (2014) Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.*

Saunders, Kyle L., **Christina E. Farhart,** and Joanne M. Miller. 2014. "The Impact of Question Order on the Correlates and Consequences of Conspiratorial Thinking." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Rome, Italy, July 4-7.

Vitriol, Joseph A., Aleksander Ksiazkiewicz, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2014. Implicit candidate trait perceptions in political campaigns. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Rome, Italy, July 4-7.

Ksiazkiewicz, Aleksander, Joseph Vitriol, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2014. "Implicit processes in the 2012 US presidential election" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6.

Miller, Joanne M., Kyle L. Saunders, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2014. "If You Ask Me If I'm a Birther You Must Be Crazy: The Impact of Asking Conspiracy Theory Questions on Data Quality." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6.

Miller, Joanne M., Kyle L. Saunders, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2014. "If You Ask Me If I'm a Birther You Must Be Crazy: The Impact of Asking Conspiracy Theory Questions on Data Quality." Paper presented at the American Politics Proseminar, University of Minnesota, March 28.

Miller, Joanne M., Kyle L. Saunders, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2014. "If You Ask Me If I'm a Birther You Must Be Crazy: The Impact of Asking Conspiracy Theory Questions on Data Quality." Paper presented at the Political Psychology Proseminar, University of Minnesota, March 28.

Geoff Sheagley, Philip G. Chen, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2014. "Racial Resentment, Hurricane Sandy, and the Spillover of Racial Attitudes into Evaluations of Government Organizations." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 9-11.

**Farhart, Christina**, 2013. "Political & Social Network Analysis: Truly, the Basics." Presentation for Political Psychology Proseminar, University of Minnesota September 27.

Sheagley Geoffrey, Philip Chen, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2013, "Racial Resentment, Hurricane Sandy, and the Spillover of Racial Attitudes into Evaluations of Government Organizations," Political Psychology Symposium: The Minnesota Multi-Investigator 2012 Presidential Election Panel Study, University of Minnesota.

Ksiazkiewicz, Aleksander, Joseph Vitriol, and **Christina E. Farhart**. 2013, "Stability, Reliability, and Unique Effects of Implicit and Explicit Political Attitudes in the 2012 Presidential Election," Political Psychology Symposium: The Minnesota Multi-Investigator 2012 Presidential Election Panel Study, University of Minnesota.

Sheagley Geoffrey, **Christina E. Farhart**, Aaron Rosenthal, Brianna Smith, Hannah Kim, Jake Appleby, Pierce Ekstrom, and Allison Williams, "Candidate Trait Evaluations in the 2012 Presidential Election," Political Psychology Symposium: The Minnesota Multi-Investigator 2012 Presidential Election Panel Study, University of Minnesota.

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

University of Minnesota, Preparing Future Faculty Course	Fall 2015
GRAD 8101 Teaching in Higher Education	
University of Minnesota, Political Science Teaching Conference	July 2014
6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Political Networks Workshops and Conferences (PolNet)	Summer 2013, 2015

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Discussant, 82-326. “Poster Session: Gender Politics in the U.S.” Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.

Panel Chair, Division 37: Public Opinion. “Keeping the Faith: Resistance to Facts and Effects of Misinformation,” Saturday, September 3, 2016 at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4.

Panel Chair, Fr3.8 6-2: Assessments of political candidates, Friday, July 4, 2014 at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Rome, Italy.

University of Minnesota

Graduate Student Coordinator and Co-Founder, Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium Spring 2014- Spring 2016

Co-Lecturer with Matthew Motta, “Introduction to STATA and R”  
Graduate Advisor, She’s the First UMN Spring 2014-Spring 2016

Graduate Student Life Committee

Co-Chair Fall 2014-Fall 2015  
Ph.D. Support Committee Fall 2015-Fall 2016  
Community Outreach Committee Fall 2013-Fall 2014  
Elections Committee Fall 2013-Fall 2014  
Event Planning Committee Fall 2013-Fall 2014

Colorado State University

Honors Student Association, President Fall 2004-Spring 2007  
Colorado State Campus Step Up Multicultural Retreat, Committee Member Spring 2006, 2007  
Colorado State Campus Step Up Multicultural Retreat, Facilitator Spring 2006, 2007

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
International Society of Political Psychology  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association

**PEER REVIEWER**

American Journal of Political Science  
Journal of Politics  
Political Behavior  
Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

**LANGUAGE AND SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY**

Arabic (near fluent) and Spanish (fluent)  
STATA, R, SPSS, JAGS, Winbugs, Python, LaTeX  
Adobe Acrobat Pro/Creative Suite, Nuance PDF Professional 5, Microsoft Publisher