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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois *Expected 2026*

Dissertation: Fact-Opinion Differentiation Among Citizens: The Role of Partisan Identity, Media Cues, and Cognitive Interventions.

Committee: Jeffery Mondak (Chair), Damarys Canache, Brian Gaines, and Thomas Rudolph

M.A. International Relations, University of South Dakota 2019

B.S. Political Science, South Dakota State University 2013

RESEARCH

Publications

Kennedy McClinton, **Matthew Mettler**, and Jeffery Mondak. "Conceptualizing and Measuring Structural Overlap in the Political Attitudes and Orientations of Multidimensional Groups," *Social Science Quarterly*, vol. 106(3), May 2025. View online

Pagán-Márquez, Alondra, Paul A. Djupe, **Matthew Mettler**, and Jeffery Mondak. 2024. "Was There an Enthusiasm Gap? Examining Support for Donald Trump Among Evangelicals and Nonevangelicals." *Politics & Religion* 17(3): 410–430. View online

Mettler, Matthew, and Jeffery J. Mondak. 2024. "Fact-Opinion Differentiation." *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*, 5(2). View online

Working papers

“Indigenous Quotas and Symbolic Representation in Latin America.” With Damarys Canache, Nathan Knoll, and Jeffery Mondak, *Revise and resubmit*.

“A Multidimensional Approach to Measuring Misinformation.” With Jane Betchley, Alesha Lewis, and Jeffery Mondak.

”Elites Cues and Americans’ Support for Authoritarian World Leaders.” With Damarys Canache, and Jeffery Mondak.

“A Targeted Lie Detection Approach to Political Misinformation.” With Jane Betchley, Alesha Lewis, and Jeffery Mondak.

”When to Tolerate Immorality of Elected Officials and when not to.” With Yeowon Lim.

”Court Perceptions: Do Police Experiences Affect Court Views?” With Emma Henderson, Jeffery Mondak, and Mark Peffley.

Working book manuscript

”(Mis)Understanding the Other Side: How Americans Explain Opposing Views” With Matthew Hibbing Jeffery Mondak, and Isaiah Raynal. Under Review

Policy reports

Gaines, Brian J., Jason Mazzone, **Matthew Mettler**, and Robin Fretwell Wilson. 2023. “Eviction Expectations in the Aftermath of the Pandemic Moratoria.” *University of Illinois College of Law Legal Studies Research Paper 24-06*.

Gaines, Brian, Jason Mazzone, **Matthew Mettler**, and Robin Fretwell-Wilson. 2022. “Race and Eviction During the Pandemic.” *Institute of Government and Public Affairs - Policy Spotlight*.

Gaines, Brian, Jason Mazzone, **Matthew Mettler**, and Robin Fretwell-Wilson and Andrea Miller. 2022. “The Impact of COVID-19 on State Court Proceedings: Five Key Findings.” *Institute of Government and Public Affairs - Policy Spotlight*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

”Don’t Blame Us: The Impact of Interactions with Police on Assessments of Courts” 2025. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Vancouver, CA. With Emma Henderson, Jeffery Mondak, and Mark Peffley.

“Elite Cues Can Induce the Erosion of Democratic Support: Evidence from Two U.S. Surveys.” 2025. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Prague. With Damarys Canache and Jeffery Mondak.

“Fostering Political Lie Detection.” 2025. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. With Jane Betchley, Alesha Lewis, and Jeffery Mondak.

“Measuring and Modeling Misinformation: A Strategy for Assessing the Relative Prevalence of Partisan and Residual Error.” 2025. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. With Jane Betchley, Alesha Lewis, and Jeffery Mondak.

When to Tolerate Immorality of Elected Officials and when not to.” 2025. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. With Yeowon Lim.

“Elite Cues and Americans’ Support for Authoritarian World Leaders.” 2025. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan. With Damarys Canache and Jeffery Mondak.

“Indigenous Quotas and Perceived Representation in Latin America.” 2024. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Cologne, Germany. With Nathan Knoll, Damarys Canache, and Jeffery Mondak.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Instructor Media and Politics	Fall 2026
Co-Instructor Introduction to American Politics	Spring 2025
Instructor Introduction to Politics	Fall 2024
Teaching Assistant Strategic International Relations	Spring 2024
Teaching Assistant Junior Honors Thesis	Fall 2023
Teaching Assistant Introduction to Political Behavior	Fall 2023
Research Assistant Institute of Government and Public Affairs	2021-2022

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Dissertation Completion Fellowship University of Illinois	2025
Summer Dissertation Fellowship (\$3,000), University of Illinois, Department of Political Science	2025
MPSA Travel Grant, University of Illinois, Department of Political Science	2025

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Instructor Political Science Math Camp, University of Illinois	2023-2025
Graduate Representative Faculty Search Committee, University of Illinois	2024
Graduate Mentor Undergraduate Senior Thesis, University of Illinois	2023–2024
Public Engagement Interviews with WTAX (Illinois statewide radio), WCIA (Champaign, Illinois TV), CBS Chicago Morning Show, and the 21st Show (Illinois Public Media radio),	2023-2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)