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EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D. in Political Science (expected in June)

Dissertation title: "Genetic Links among Ideology, Cognitive Style, Big Five Personality, and Executive Function"

Advisor: John Alford

Committee Members: John Alford, Rick Wilson, Randy Stevenson, Randi Martin, and Robert Krueger (University of Minnesota)

Rice University, Houston, Texas

2011 M.A. in Political Science

Rice University, Houston, Texas

2008 M.A. in Social Science

Thesis title: "Mapping the Frontiers of Justice: An Evolutionary Psychology Approach to Capabilities"

Advisor: Eric Oliver

Proctor: Chad Cyrenne

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

2007 B.A. with Honors in Political Science, First Class Honors

Advisor: Don Carmichael

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American politics, political psychology, political behavior, biology and politics, implicit cognitive processes and politics

PUBLICATIONS

Friesen, A. & Ksiazkiewicz, A. (forthcoming). Do Political Attitudes and Religiosity Share a Genetic Path? *Political Behavior*.

Chen et al. (forthcoming). The Minnesota Multi-Investigator 2012 Presidential Election Panel Study. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*.

Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hedrick, J. (2013). An Introduction to Implicit Attitudes in Political Science Research. *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 46(3): 525-531.

Ksiazkiewicz, A. (2013). Implicit Political Knowledge. *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 46(3): 553-555.

WORKING PAPERS

Ksiazkiewicz, A. Sophistication without Introspection: Voters May Know More Than They Know.

Ksiazkiewicz, A., & Hedrick, J. Implicit Immigrant-Skill Associations and Immigration Policy Attitudes.

Ksiazkiewicz, A., Ludeke, S., & Krueger, R. Pathways from Genes to Politics: Big Five and Cognitive Style.

Ksiazkiewicz, A., Vitriol, J., & Farhart, C. Implicit Trait Associations in the 2012 Presidential Election.

Nørgaard, A., Ksiazkiewicz, A., Dawes, C., Hatemi, P., & Klemmensen, R. The Role of Genes & Environments in the Stability of Political Interest & Ideology: Evidence from Twin Panel Studies in Denmark and the United States.

Chen, P., Housholder E., Sheagley G., & Ksiazkiewicz, A. Motivated Reasoning, Selective Exposure, and Cognitive Style in Information Search and Attitude Formation.

RESEARCH REPORTS

Loftis, M., Ksiazkiewicz, A., & Stein, R. (2011). Report on the Effects of Houston-area Red Light Monitoring Cameras. Report for James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University.

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING

Dissertation Improvement Grant from Rice University Social Sciences Research Institute (**\$5,000**), **May 2012**

Crowdfunding for dissertation research via the SciFund Challenge, (**\$2,650**), **May 2012**

Mini-Grant from Rice University Social Sciences Research Institute (with John Alford and James Hedrick), (**\$1,500**),
April 2012

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Visiting researcher, Minnesota Center for Twin and Family Research at the University of Minnesota, Fall 2012 – Present

Visiting researcher, Center for the Study of Political Psychology at the University of Minnesota, Fall 2012 – Present

Research Assistant, John Alford at Rice University, Fall 2009 – Present

Co-investigator, Minnesota Multi-investigator Panel Study at the University of Minnesota, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

Research Consultant, Houston Police Department (Robbery Division), September 2011 – April 2012

Research Assistant, Lanny Martin at Rice University, Fall 2010 – Summer 2011

Research Assistant, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre at the University of Alberta, Fall 2008 – Summer 2009

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Detecting Causal Relationships in Complex Social Science Data Short Course, American Political Science Association Conference (2014)

How to Engage Your Students Short Course, American Political Science Association Conference (2013)

Unpacking the Black Box of Causality Short Course, American Political Science Association Conference (2013)

International Workshop on Statistical Genetics and Methodology of Twin and Family Studies, University of Colorado Boulder (2012)

Dynamic Process Tracing Short Course, American Political Science Association Conference (2011)

Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University (2010)

PRESENTATIONS

Ksiazkiewicz, A., Ludeke, S., & Krueger, R. (2014, August). Two Distinct Paths from Genes to Ideology: Personality and Psychological Needs. Paper presented at the 2014 American Political Science Association Conference.

Ksiazkiewicz, A., Vitriol, J., & Farhart, C. (2014, April). Implicit Processes in the 2012 US Presidential Election. Paper presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

Norgaard, A., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Dawes, C., Hatemi, P., & Klemmensen R. (2014, April). The Role of Genes & Environments in the Stability of Political Interest & Ideology: Evidence from Twin Panel Studies in Denmark and the United States. Paper presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

Chen, P., Housholder E., Sheagley G., & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2013, April). Motivated Reasoning, Selective Exposure, and Cognitive Style in Information Search and Attitude Formation. Invited to talk at The Blake School in Minneapolis, MN and at the Symposium on the 2012 Minnesota Multi-Investigator Panel Study at the University of Minnesota.

Ksiazkiewicz, A., Vitriol, J., & Farhart, C. (2013, April). Stability, Reliability, and Unique Effects of Implicit and Explicit Political Attitudes in the 2012 Presidential Election. Invited to talk at The Blake School in Minneapolis, MN and at the Symposium on the 2012 Minnesota Multi-Investigator Panel Study at the University of Minnesota.

Ksiazkiewicz, A., Krueger, R., & Alford, J. (2013, April). The Genetics of Political Attitude Change. Paper presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

Ksiazkiewicz, A., Krueger, R., & Alford, J. (2013, January). The Genetics of Political Attitude Change. Poster presented at the 2013 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Political Psych Pre-Conference.

Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Krueger R. (2012, August). Genetic Variation in Political Participation: A Replication and Extension. Poster prepared for 2012 American Political Science Association Conference.

Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hamilton C. (2012, August). Telling Left from Right: The Implicit Association of Directions and Colors with Parties. Poster prepared for 2012 American Political Science Association Conference.

- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hedrick, J. (2012, June).** Implicit Attitudes Toward Highly Skilled and Low-skilled Immigration. Paper presented at the 2012 Canadian Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. (2012, April).** Sophistication without Introspection: Voters May Know More Than They Know. Paper presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. (2012, January).** Sophistication without Introspection? Poster presented at the 2012 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Political Psychology Pre-Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hedrick, J. (2012, January).** Getting Answers without Asking Questions: The Practicality of an Auditory IAT. Paper presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. (2011, April).** Partisan Hearts, Biased Minds: The Implicit Associations Underlying Partisanship and Sophistication. Paper presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hedrick, J. (2011, April).** Getting Answers without Asking Questions: The Practicality of an Auditory IAT. Paper presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. (2011, March).** Partisan Hearts, Biased Minds: The Implicit Associations Underlying Partisanship and Sophistication. Paper presented at the 2011 Southwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hedrick, J. (2011, March).** Getting Answers without Asking Questions: The Practicality of an Auditory IAT. Paper presented at the 2011 Southwest Political Science Association Conference.

TEACHING INTERESTS

American government, political psychology, political behavior, public opinion, parties and elections, biopolitics, political cognition, research design, undergraduate research methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Introduction to Political Science, Brown College Mendota Heights, Winter II (February) 2014
- Instructor, Introduction to Political Science, Brown College Brooklyn Center, Winter II (February) 2014
- Instructor, Introduction to Political Science, Brown College Brooklyn Center, Winter I (January) 2014
- Instructor, Introduction to Political Science, Brown College Brooklyn Center, Spring I (April) 2013
- Instructor, Introduction to Political Science, Brown College Brooklyn Center, Winter I (January) 2013
- Guest Lecturer, Biological Foundations of Politics, Rice University, Fall 2009, Spring 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Editorial Assistant, American Journal of Political Science, Fall 2009 – January 2014
- Co-editor (with James Hedrick), Symposium on Implicit Attitudes in Political Science Research in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 46(3): 525-555, July 2013
- Newsletter Co-Editor (with G. Scott Morgan 2011-12, Oriane Sarrasin 2012-13), International Society for Political Psychology Junior Scholars Committee, Fall 2011 – Spring 2013
- Co-organizer (with James Hedrick), Working Group on Implicit Attitudes in Political Science Research, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2011
- Co-Organizer (with Matt Loftis and Jaclyn Kettler), American and Comparative Politics Workshop at Rice University, Fall 2010 – Fall 2011
- Co-Organizer (with Matt Loftis), Political Science Research Cooperation Internship Program at Rice University, Fall 2010 – Fall 2011

MEDIA COVERAGE

- Edsall, T. (2014). How much do our genes influence our political beliefs? *The New York Times*, July 8, 2014. <http://nyti.ms/1mxhC29>

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association

International Society of Political Psychology
Society for Personality and Social Psychology

REFERENCES

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