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### EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2018-present.  
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

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. "Translation and Validation of the Moral Foundations Vignettes (MFVs) for the Portuguese language in a Brazilian sample from São Paulo." Accepted at *Judgment and Decision Making*.

Kennedy, Ryan, Scott Clifford, Tyler Burleigh, Phil Waggoner, Ryan Jewell, and Nick Winter. "The Shape of and Solution to MTurk's Quality Crisis." Accepted at *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Simas, Elizabeth, Scott Clifford, and Justin Kirkland. "How Dispositional Empathy Fuels Partisan Polarization." Accepted at the *American Political Science Review*.

"How Internet Search Undermines the Validity of Political Knowledge Measures. With Brianna Smith and Jennifer Jerit. Accepted at *Political Research Quarterly*.

Clifford, Scott, Yongkwang Kim, and Brian Sullivan. "An Improved Question Format for Measuring Conspiracy Beliefs." Accepted at *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

Clifford, Scott. "Compassionate Democrats and Tough Republicans: How Ideology Shapes Partisan Stereotypes." Accepted at *Political Behavior*.

Clifford, Scott, Justin Kirkland, and Elizabeth Simas. "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* 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**

"How Moral Motivations Link Issue Ownership and Trait Ownership."

"Disgust Sensitivity and Support for Immigration Across Five Nations." With Francisco Cantu, Cengiz Erisen, and Dane Wendell.

"Increasing the Generalizability of Survey Experiments Using Randomized Topics: An Application to Partisan Cues." With Thomas Leeper and Carlisle Rainey.

## **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**

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, National Science Foundation, 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, (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
- 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, 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*, *Communication Research Reports*, *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*, *National Science Foundation*, *Nature: Human Behaviour*, *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*

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