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Current Position

Graduate Student, The Belief Systems Lab, Department of Psychology, Michigan State University

Research Interests

Ideology, Belief Systems, Attitude Moralization, Survey Research, Observational Causal Inference

Education

2021 MA in Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2019 B.A. in Political Science and Psychology, University of North Carolina at Asheville

Grants, Honors & Awards

2022-2023 MSU Graduate Merit Assistantship
2019 2024 UNC Chapel Hill Department of Political Science Thomas Uhlman Fellowship (declined 2022-2024)
2019 UNC Chapel Hill Graduate School Doctoral Merit Assistantship Award
2019 UNC Asheville Department of Psychology Nominee for Valedictorian of the Graduating Class
2019 UNC Asheville Department of Political Science Outstanding Research Award
2018 UNC Asheville Conference Travel Grant

Publications

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 Cox, Keith S., Katherine J. Hanek, and **Abigail L. Cassario**. "Redemption in a Single Low Point Story Longitudinally Predicts Well-Being: The Incremental Validity of Life Story Elements." *Journal of Personality* 87 (5) (2019) 1009-1024.
- 2020 **Cassario, Abigail L.**, Keith S. Cox, and Joshua Wilt. "Investigating the Cross Racial Measurement (In?)Variance of the Right Wing Authoritarianism Scale." *Journal of Psychological Inquiry*

EDITOR REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 Brandt, Mark J., and **Abigail L. Cassario**. "Distinguishing Between Worldview Conflict and Shared Alliances: Commentary on Pinsof, Sears, and Haselton." *Psychological Inquiry* (Forthcoming)

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

- 2023 **Cassario, Abigail L.**, Jordan L. Thompson, Alejandro Carillo, Prachi Solanki, Shree Vallabha, Samantha A. Gnall, Sada Rice, Geoffrey Wetherell, Mark J. Brandt. "Cognitive Ability, Cognitive Reflection, and Attitudes Towards Ideological Groups" *British Journal of Social Psychology* (Revise and Resubmit)
- 2023 **Cassario, Abigail L.**, "Perceived Vulnerability to Infectious Disease Reduces Partisan Biases Surrounding COVID-19." *Politics and the Life Sciences*
- 2023 Sada Rice, **Abigail L. Cassario**, Prachi Solanki, Samantha A. Gnall, Jordan L. Thompson, Alejandro Carillo, Shree Vallabha, Mark J. Brandt, Geoffrey Wetherell. "(National) Pride Predicts Prejudice Towards a Variety of Social Groups." *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*
- 2023 Geoffrey Wetherell, Jordan L. Thompson, Mark J. Brandt, **Abigail L. Cassario**, Sada Rice, Prachi Solanki, Shree Vallabha. "Do Mismatches Between Individual and Target Group Personality Predict Prejudice?" *Collabra: Psychology*

UNDER REVIEW

- 2023 Jordan L. Thompson, Sada Rice, Samantha A.Gnall, **Abigail L. Cassario**, Alejandro Carillo, Prachi Solanki, Shree Vallabha, Mark J. Brandt, Geoffrey Wetherell. "Registered Report: Stress Testing Predictive Models of Ideological Prejudice." *Plos One*

Current Projects

- 2023 Cook, Edgar, and **Abigail L. Cassario**. "Belief in a Just World, Social Dominance Orientation and Racial Resentment"

- 2023 **Cassario, Abigail L.**, and Mark J. Brandt. “What is Central to Within Subjects’ Political Belief Systems”
- 2023 **Cassario, Abigail L.**, and Mark J. Brandt. “Can Conceptualizing Belief Systems as Networks Help Us Understand the Process of Attitude Moralization?”
- 2023 Finkel, Eli J., Catherine Garton, Alexander Landry, Ben Annandappa, and **Abigail L. Cassario**. “A Meta-Analysis of Partisan Misperceptions”
- 2023 Vallabha, Shree, Alejandro Carillo, **Abigail L. Cassario**, Jordan L. Thompson, Sada Rice, Samantha A. Gnall, Prachi Solanki, Geoffrey Wetherell, Mark J. Brandt, “Social Psychological Predictors of Democratic Backsliding in the USA.”

Conference Presentations

- 2023 “What is Central to Within Subjects Political Belief Systems?” With Mark J. Brandt., Paper Presented at the ISPP Annual Conference 2023, Montreal, Canada.
- 2023 “What is Central to Within Subjects Political Belief Systems?” With Mark J. Brandt., Paper Presented at the Midwest Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2023 “What is Central to Within Subjects Political Belief Systems?.” With Mark J. Brandt., SPSP Political Psychology Pre-conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 “Do Distinct Emotions Reliably Predict Political Engagement? Testing Predictions from Affective Intelligence Theory, Basic Emotions Theories, Causal Appraisal Theories and Psychological Constructionism.” International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Annual Meeting 2022. Athens, Greece.
- 2022 “Not all Motivated Reasoning is Partisan: Personality and Harm Perceptions Limit the Influence of Partisanship in Shaping Citizens’ Perceptions of COVID-19” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2022. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 “Not all Motivated Reasoning is Partisan: PVD and Perceived Harm Limit Partisan Motivated Reasoning About COVID 19.” International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Annual Meeting 2021. Montreal QC, Canada (Virtual due to COVID 19)
- 2020 “Moral Partisan Stereotypes vs. Policy Stereotypes in Candidate Evaluation.” NC Cognition Society 2020 Meeting. Durham, NC. (Canceled due to COVID 19.)
- 2018 “Does the Right Wing Authoritarianism Scale Function Differently in White American and African American Samples? Maybe So”. Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Political Psychology Preconference. March 2018. Atlanta, GA

Teaching

Introduction to Social Psychology (MSU)

Introduction to American Politics (UNC)

Introduction to R Programming and Statistics (UNC, Undergraduate, Grader)

Race, Innocence and the Death Penalty (UNC)

Reviewer

Legislative Studies Quarterly

Political Behavior

American Journal of Political Science (co-review with advisor)

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology (co-review with advisor)

Computer Skills

R (Advanced)

Qualtrics (Advanced)

SAS (Intermediate)

SPSS (Intermediate)

MATLAB (Beginner)

Python (Beginner)

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